

Date of Meeting: May 14, 2005

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Edward Hauser, Chairman
Robert Liffland
Tracy Durkin
Wayne Osborn
Allen Rundall

Members Absent: Carol Reynolds

Others Present: Bart Clark of Dufresne-Henry
Seth Sheraden of Environmental Consultants

At 7:30 p.m. the business meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Edward Hauser with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to accept the minutes of April 14, 2005 Organizational Meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to accept the minutes of April 14, 2005 Business meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to accept the Treasurer's Report of April 1, 2005 through April 30, 2005 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the prepaid vouchers and the March, 2005 vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to accept the Correspondence Log of May 6, 2005 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Attorney Report

No attorney present and no report submitted.

Engineers Report

Bart went over the monthly status report that he submitted to the Commission members when he came in tonight. He said the Willets/Summit sewer project was started this week, actually today was the first real construction day. Chairman Edward Hauser asked if the people up there know there will be blasting and Bart said yes, Fastracs had a pre-blast survey done.

Bart said that Rob Liffland was able to get the easement from the Meads for the pump station and the bridge. They are finalizing the paper work but they need the survey to file with the land records. He said there is no survey yet but because they did get a signed easement agreement with the Meads they can go ahead in and install the pump station. Bart asked if there is any word on how things are going between the Town Hall and the Creitoff's on Summit Ave. Chairman Edward Hauser said the Town Board has approved having a survey done and he spoke to Joe Zarecki this morning asking him to get going on it. Chairman Edward Hauser said if they are far enough along in agreement, they can probably proceed with the work.

Bart said Fastracs has submitted their first pay request for the project. Linda said it was on the voucher list and approved.

Bart reported that the project on East Main St. is substantially complete. There are some punch list items that they need to complete. He said that all of the homes are hooked up and are active and everything seems to be OK.

Bart said there were some discrepancies on the drawings as to where the water lines were placed on East Main St. and this caused a significant amount of trouble for the contractor. He said it required some sewer manholes to be relocated, some water line relocated to get around the manholes and they actually did have to relocate one large stretch of water line, about one hundred feet, because of interference with the sewer line location.

Bart said he asked the contractor to give some understanding of what the costs are associated with the extra effort that he needed to put into the work. The contractor gave some preliminary numbers as of late last night. Bart said he started looking at them and the contractor hasn't summarized them to a point where there is a final number. He said they'll try to negotiate with them and once he receives a summary he wants to meet with the Commission members so that everybody understands what the additional costs are before they say yes or no to anything.

Bart said they did negotiate a change order with the contractor for paving the entire width of East Main St. He's in the process now of finalizing the forms and will bring it to the Commission for consideration. He said at the last village board meeting the board approved the expense up to \$18,000 and it came in at \$15,000. The Commission's share will end up to be around \$14,000.

Bart said as soon as they receive a pay request they will start the paper work for the \$100,000 grant reimbursement with Dutchess County Water and Waste Water Authority.

Allen Rundall said Mr. Malone up on Quaker Hill Rd. had a tremendous amount of problems with his water. There was a lot of lime in his lines and he had to let his water run to clear it all out of his lines. Mr. Malone was very happy with how things were handled. Allen said Mr. Malone is appreciative of what the guys did for him. He took readings before letting the water run and then after so when he's billed that water can be deducted out.

Bart said at the last meeting the Commission wanted him to put together a letter about the pump station with some legal jargon in it from the attorney. Bart heard from the attorney this morning and he was looking for the original contract that the Sewer Commission has with Baxter Green Associates. The attorney is working on putting the letter together. Bart said the inflow and infiltration study they did, they presented it to the Commission last month with their recommendations. Bart said it is a good time now to talk about what actions the Commission wants to take at this point in regards to the repairs. Bart said Dufresne-Henry's summary memo had two sets of repairs; things that can be done with a local contractor and then things that need specialty contract work. Bart brought a brochure for the Commission to look at about how sealing the inside of a manhole is done. Chairman Edward Hauser said there is no question really about doing the repairs, they do need to be done. He asked Bart if he thought contracting with the village crew would work with the topside work. Bart said yes, using the village crew would be the least expensive way to go. Chairman Edward Hauser said the next step would be to draw up specifications. Bart said the specs for the things the village crew can do, there really isn't any need for specific specs because it's very simple paving & resetting. Bart said there are 10 or 12 of those. Allen Rundall said this is something the Commission could get a local contractor to do also. Chairman Edward Hauser said specs will be needed then if they want to get proposals.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to move forward on written specifications and then putting them out for quotes to three local contractors to do the topside work on the manholes. All were in favor and motion carried.

Bart said there are three of those that are in the Metro North right of way and it would be better for the village crew to do that because a contractor would have to work with Metro North and that would require union workers and flagman and all those kind of things. So those manholes will be kept out separate for only the village crew to do.

Bart said there is one manhole, No. 18 that is just full of debris from Metro North maintenance. It needs to be moved in order to gain access to the manhole. Robert Liffland said he is having a meeting with Metro North scheduled for the first Wednesday of the month. He will address this matter at that meeting.

Bart said the last thing on his list is the Calagna sewer situation. He said after a number of excavations and test's it has been determined that the house is connected to the septic tank and there is no chance there is a sewer lateral that goes down to the existing sewer main. Bart said now it is a matter of the property needs to hook up. Mr. Calagna is in the audience and Chairman Edward Hauser asked him if he has been paying a sewer bill all these years. Mr. Calagna said yes, he's paid \$3,026.

Tracy Durkin asked Mr. Calagna when he bought the house. Mr. Calagna said he bought it in 1999.

Allen Rundall said his thoughts are, if the Commission was to reimburse Mr. Calagna the monies that he's paid while not being hooked up, then he hires a contractor to hook up to the sewer line, is it going to cost him \$3,000 to tie in to the sewer line or would the Commission be better off to tie him into the sewer line at their expense and leave it that way. Chairman Edward Hauser asked Bart if he put a number to what the cost would be for Mr. Calagna. Bart said \$2,000 to \$3,000 would be a typical number. Chairman Edward Hauser said because of the trouble that has been had by everybody, at this point for bookkeeping reasons it would be probably better if the Commission just does the work. Linda said that part of the bills that Mr. Calagna has been paying is a part that everyone else has to pay also whether they are hooked up or not. It is the \$68 debt charge that everyone pays every quarter and that part can not be refunded. That comes out to be about \$1,500 so he really has paid closer to \$1,800 in Operation and Maintenance charges. Chairman Edward Hauser asked Mr. Calagna who has done all of the excavating up to this point to discover all of the pipe ends. Mr. Calagna said he hired somebody to do that. Chairman Edward Hauser asked about having Fastracs go up there and do the connecting as an extra on the Willets/Summit project. He said it's going to be the cheapest way because they will be in and out quickly and they are basically already here in the village.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to instead of refunding the monies that the Mr. Calagna has paid in error, the Commission authorize Fastracs to go up and connect Mr. Calagna at 7 Prospect St. to the system as an extra to the project they are doing now at the Sewer Commissions expense. Robert Liffland asked Bart to have Savarese pump the tank out. Bart said in order to abandon the tank that will need to be done, yes. Allen said he'll include the pump out in the motion, to authorize the Sewer Commission to pay for Savarese to pump out the tank. Chairman Edward Hauser asked Mr. Calagna if this is OK with him. Mr. Calagna said yes, that's terrific, no problem. Chairman Edward Hauser asked if the board is comfortable with it. All were in favor and motion carried.

Bart will talk to Jerry from Fastracs. Chairman Edward Hauser will confirm with Jerry that it's OK to go ahead with the job.

Tracy asked if there is also a connection fee that needs to be waived.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to waive the \$500 application to hook up fee. All were in favor and motion carried.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said that as far as the general operations are, everything looks good.

They have been doing some spring cleaning and maintenance.

There was a high level at Haight St. due to a bad impeller so they need to replace that.

The back flow preventor was checked and is good.

Seth said that Electrical Maintenance finished installation of all the pump station lights including the main pump station at the plant.

Seth said he'll get a price from the contractor who has done the three RBC's to get a price quote for them to do the 4th one.

Chairman Edward Hauser said he noticed on the monthly report the average daily flows were pretty high. He asked if there are any issues there with the DEC. Seth said it's good to see that the manhole work is progressing and they do have to submit a noncompliance report to the DEC when the permit level is exceeded.

New Business

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to table the request for an adjustment of \$171.84 to sewer customer #046. Robert Liffland said the reason it was denied at the Village Board meeting was because they still want to do further investigation on it. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Allen Rundall rescinded due to a misunderstanding on which request this was. The SECOND was rescinded by Wayne Osborn.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to deny requested adjustment of \$171.84 to sewer customer account #046 due to this is a new buyer and it the board believes the additional water was used due to cleaning. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to table the request for an adjustment of \$292.13 for sewer customer account #310 so that further investigation can be done. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve penalty adjustment of \$18.19 for sewer customer account #367 due to customer did not receive the bill and she has never been late. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Edward Hauser said the BAN was closed and the monies are now in an account so the bills for the 2 projects can be paid when they come in.

Allen Rundall said he wants to say just one more thing about the 7 Prospect St. situation. He said the septic tank is directly under an area that has been black topped. He said that when Charles Colman Blvd. gets paved can the Commission repave the area that will be dug up. Chairman Edward Hauser said it will basically need to be done. Robert Liffland asked Bart how they did the pumping and the testing without disturbing the black top. Bart said they went in on the side. Rob asked if there is any way they can fill the tank without disturbing the black top. Bart said they might be able to, he'll talk to Fastracs.

Chairman Edward Hauser said the next item of business is the June 9th meeting. There is a scheduling conflict and he would like to reschedule the meeting to have the meeting on the same day, just to do it earlier like at 5:00.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to reschedule the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission business meeting on Jun 9, 2005 to 5:00 p.m. instead of 7:30 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments

Robert Liffland said that he spoke to the new supervisor down at Baxter Green about the pump station. The supervisor said that he knew nothing about what went on with that sewer pump and he was asking if he could have information on the pump and he'll do whatever needs to be done to get it fixed. Bart said he'll put together some information and correspondence and get copies to him. Then they can sit down with him and go over things.

Chairman Edward Hauser said he would like to thank Linda, Bart, Seth and everybody that has been working on the projects, handling problems as they come in has helped things to run smooth.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn. All were in favor and motion carried. Time: 8:20 p.m.

Wayne Osborn, Secretary