

Date of Meeting: August 11, 2005

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Edward Hauser, Chairman  
Tracy Durkin  
Allen Rundall  
Carol Reynolds

Members Absent: Robert Liffland  
Wayne Osborn

Others Present: Bart Clark from Dufresne-Henry  
Seth Sheridan of Environmental Consultants  
Rich Kane 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 Allen Rundall to accept the minutes of July 14, 2005 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to accept the treasurer's report of July 1, 2005 through July 31, 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 July, 2005 vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to accept the Correspondence Log of August 4, 2005 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Attorney Report**

No attorney present.

**Engineers Report**

Bart Clark said D-H met with the Dutchess County Dept. of Health for the Summit/Willets project. They did their inspections and issued a letter that allows hook ups. He said he did prepare a punch list for the contractor and that there are still some issues with the Meads. Bart said he hasn't been able to speak with Mr. Mead because his job has kept him out of town. Bart said he is hoping to be able to get in touch with him by next week. Allen said Mr. Mead's concern is that the pump station is considerably higher than what they originally told him it would be. Allen asked if that was explained to the Meads. Bart said Mr. Mead also brought up the issue of the location of the electric panel, saying that it is not where it was showing on the plans, Bart said that is not true; it is within a few feet of where it was shown on the plans. Bart said needless to say, they don't have a good handle on what Mr. Meads issues are where they can move to a compromise position to get things resolved. Allen asked if the dirt level could be brought up to the level of the pump station. Bart said Mr. Mead has already been doing some of that because he's worked out with the contractor who is doing the pedestrian bridge to bring in some material to kind of raise the grid even more on that side of the drive way. Allen said that Mr. Mead was ranting and raving about the pump station sticking up out of the ground. Bart said that when they first went to talk with him they showed him pictures of other pump stations and did say the plastic top sticks up above the ground and Mr. Mead was fine with it then. Bart said they will try to talk with him within the next couple of weeks to resolve these issues.

Allen asked Bart who is responsible for back filling to the burm up at Walnut St. Allen said the road will get eroded and the way the water is flowing down it is causing some problems. Bart said the problem with the burm is strictly a result of the paving. He said it's really up to the village and PJSC to determine responsibility of fixing it. Allen said because the village did pick up the cost of the paving, the Commission should pick up the cost for the backfill. Chairman Edward Hauser said he'd like to take a walk up there to see it. He asked Allen about how much it would take. Allen said it shouldn't take more than five yards of fill.

Bart said the pump station is in at Creitoff's. He said he knows that Zarecki's office was processing the lot line change through the village office. Chairman Edward Hauser said they are scheduled to go in front of the village planning board for the adjustment. Bart said he doesn't know about the actual planned date. Chairman Edward Hauser told Bart to let the planning board know that this is a joint project between the Sewer Commission, the home owner and the town. Bart said once that is all done the Commission can get the formal easement from Creitoff.

Bart said Fastracs has been working on a pay request but didn't get it done in time for tonight's meeting. It will be coming in for next month's meeting. He said there will likely be one additional pay request beyond this one they are working on now.

Bart said that ELQ has submitted their pay request which included the five change orders. The voucher didn't make it before the treasurer's report for the month. Bart asked if the board can consider pre-approving that for payment. He said they are still checking in on some of the punch list items. One of the biggest one is Bardua issue. The grass the contractor planted turned into nothing but crab grass just because of the hot weather and

everything, it is still pretty rough looking. Bart said they will continue working with the contractor to finish up all of the items. Bart said they also have been working with the Dutchess County Water & Wastewater Authority on getting the grant money. He spoke with Scott Chase this afternoon and he said they have submitted the request for release of the grant monies from the state, so it should hopefully come within the next week or so. Bart said that over the next month they will just keep checking on the grant and the punch list items. Bart said the change orders from ELQ need signatures and also there is a notice of completion that can get signed tonight also.

Allen said that at the last meeting it was approved that all of the punch items needed to be done before the last pay request was approved.

Bart said at that time the contractor had some pretty big issues with Bardua and other issues associated with turf, like with the Kane House, which the contractor was negligent about coming back on. He said that is why they were at that point last month. Bart said at this point they feel it is appropriate to release the pay request and still hold the 5%, which comes to about \$12,000, which is a reasonable amount of money that can take care of any repairs that might need to be done.

Chairman Edward Hauser said he'll sign the application for payment and that will be the certification to pay the request.

Bart said the rest of the items on his report are pretty small. The inflow and infiltration issue with the manholes, Tom has been working on the RFP.

Bart asked if the Commission received the \$5,000 escrow money from Toll Brothers yet. Jennifer said that Linda left her a note saying that she hasn't received it yet.

### **Sewer Operator Report**

Seth said that operations at the plant are all normal and compliant. He said they worked with the highway dept. and repaired the manhole cover on East Main St. in front of the funeral home.

Seth said they are working on the aeration tank down at the plant. They are washing it, getting it ready for paint.

Seth said they did find some problems with the alarms and they have been resolved.

Seth said a couple of transformers that were out had been struck by lightning in one of the storms. He said they will be submitting bills for the repairs. He said he's not sure if the insurance will pay or not but maybe the Commission can submit it. Chairman Edward Hauser asked Seth if he knew about how much it's going to be, he said the Commission carries a pretty high deductible, \$5,000. Seth said the bill will probably be coming next week.

Seth said they submitted a quote from Mountain Machine at last month's meeting and that quote was approved for the bearing replacement at \$9,963.85. He said that in the meantime they found one of the drive unit seals leaking oil. Mountain Machine provided a quote since they were already going to be out there working on the bearings they can be all set to fix that seal. That is why the Commission received another quote with the different price. The second quote is for approx. \$3,000 more for the seal.

Chairman Edward Hauser said the flows were still pretty high. Rich Kane said it's coming down a little bit but it should be dropping more.

Chairman Edward Hauser asked Bart if Dufresne-Henry could continue looking into the inflow and infiltration project. He said he's getting concerned that they are riding at this high level all of the time; part of it has to be from infiltration. Allen said the new users that have been added are not significant enough to make a difference.

Allen said it wouldn't surprise him at all if they found a lot of water coming from right along the railroad tracks. There are wetlands there and with the trains going by all of the time it could have caused some cracks in the manholes.

Bart said right now if the Commission wants to do something, putting the camera through the lines between manholes could offer information. They would have to temporarily stop the sewage from coming in and run the camera through, they can see if there is any obvious significant inflow.

Bart said the Commission can do an I & I study. There are specialty companies that could do it. Chairman Edward Hauser asked Bart to get names of some people that do it. Bart said he would. Tracy Durkin asked Bart if this new I & I study is different than the one the Commission just had done by ST. Bart said that one was just manholes; this new one would be for all of the lines in between. Bart said they'll get names for the Commission. Allen asked if Metro North moved the debris away from the manhole by the tracks yet and how does that manhole look. Rich Kane said the manholes sit up a bit. Bart said there is only one in really bad shape but it does sit up high.

### **New Business**

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to approve the change order from Mountain Machine which increases from \$9,963.85 to \$12,273.85 because they found a bad seal they will replace when they are already there doing to bearing. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to approve transfer of \$10,644.52 from Willets/Summit Extension MMA#140054102754740 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 for engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to approve waiving the \$500 application fee for residents at the Summit/Willets Sewer Extension for one year. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Commission Member Comments**

Allen said he just would like to say the Commission needs to act on the infiltration and inflow investigation.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 8:07 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Wayne Osborn, Secretary