

Date of Meeting: December 14, 2006

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Chairman Robert Murphy  
Tracy Durkin  
Robert Liffland  
Wayne Osborn  
Allen Rundall  
Mike Montemarano

Others Present: Seth Sheridan of Environmental Consultants  
Rich Kane of Environmental Consultants

At 7:00 p.m. the regular business meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Robert Murphy with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to accept the minutes of November 9, 2006 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to accept the treasurer's report of November 1, 2006 through November 30, 2006 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the November, 2006 vouchers and the prepaid vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to accept the Correspondence Log of December 7, 2006 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Attorney Report**

There was no attorney present. There was some discussion about Dave working with Mr. Berelson about repairing the pump station at Baxter Green.

### **Engineering Report**

There is no engineer present tonight. Chairman Robert Murphy said the permit from Metro North finally came through and they could start doing the manhole repair work.

**Sewer Operator Report**

Seth said the general operations of the plant were pretty normal and the flows were within permit. He went over the monthly report.

Seth said they will start distributing the grease trap inspection sign off sheets so they can start keeping track. They'll put the sheet in a page protector.

Seth said they had a leak in the water line going down to the main pump station, a 2" galvanized line. He and Rich dug it up and repaired it last week. Allen Rundall asked if anybody was notified of the leak. Seth said they did tell Doug Warren but that they've had the water shut off so it has not been running. Allen said he wasn't notified and he is the head of the water dept. Seth said he didn't think it was an issue because they were able to turn the water off until Doug could fix it. Seth said Doug has been too busy so he and Rich fixed it.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Rich Kane to refresh his memory on the meeting Rich had with the school about the grease traps. Rich said the school will cooperate with no problem. Rich said he spoke with Bob Hamilton who is the head of maintenance. He said as soon as they learned that small traps under the sink would be sufficient he was more than happy to do it.

Seth said Rich did do some work with the TV camera over at Charles Colman Blvd. He said for the most part, the section he looked at looked pretty good. He said there was a section of the pipe that appeared to have a dip down. Seth said it is where the problems have been in the past. Rich said there are no breaks but what happens is as soon as it gets almost to the curb, it dips down and then it comes back up just before the Chinese Restaurant. Rich said it's not a tremendous dip but you can see it. There was some discussion on what can be done about correcting it. Allen suggested the engineers look into it. Chairman Robert Murphy said they can look into seeing what would be more cost effective.

**New Business**

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the renewal of the Town BAN in the amount of \$24,200 at 4.09% with M&T Bank.

Chairman Robert Murphy said if there are any additional attorney's fees incurred they will be sent over to the Town. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the regular meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer commission. Time: 7:23 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

**Public Hearing**

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to open the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission public hearing. Time: 7:24 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy referenced the correspondence from NET LLC about the sludge cost increase. (REF#255) He said the cost is going up to .095 per gallon as of January 1<sup>st</sup> and then on July 1<sup>st</sup> it's going up to .1085 per gallon. Chairman Robert Murphy said this translates into a 12% increase January 1<sup>st</sup> and then on top of that a 14% increase on July 1<sup>st</sup>. He said this is essentially a 20% increase in the sludge hauling costs. Seth said they can probably use the green houses more often, especially in the summer time.

They also can look into getting a salamander for the colder months. There are a couple of things they can look into.

Chairman Robert Murphy said they can probably squeeze a little bit more out of interest. Allen said it would be good if they put the contingency back to \$18,000, taking the \$2,000 out and putting it into sludge. Chairman Robert Murphy did that and changed the appropriated surplus to \$28,000. He said there is \$1,500 Seth built in, then he added \$1,500, then they took \$2,000 from contingency and \$2,000 from interest and also \$2,000 from appropriated surplus. He said that comes to \$9,000 they can add to sludge. Seth said he comes up with different numbers than the Chairman. Tracy said the Chairman is counting the increase on the total line amount and Seth is counting it onto the actual gallons.

Allen asked if going out to bid on the sludge hauling is a good idea. Chairman Robert Murphy said yes, he had been thinking about that. He said they need to settle on the budget for now, then after they can discuss going out to bid.

Tracy recommends lowering the interest back to \$6,000. Chairman Robert Murphy said that will put the increase to sludge at \$7,000 which is OK, they'll leave it at that. He said the lines that will change are the contingency to \$18,000, the appropriated surplus at \$27,000, the interest will stay at \$6,000 and the sludge line will increase to \$50,500.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked if there are any other questions. He said the total sewer rents will increase by 3.97%, O&M increased by 4.98% and the debt reduction by 0%. The overall budget increases only by about 3%.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the Public Hearing and go back into the regular business meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. Time: 8:44 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to adopt the 2007 Budget for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission, with the corrections made during the public hearing tonight. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy told Mike Montemarano that Linda will have a clean copy to fax over to the Town Hall for approval at their January meeting. It's just a formality that has always been done.

The Village Board will adopt the budget in their January meeting.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he will be having a meeting with David Wise and Ron Gainer to talk about some of the prospective companies and property owners that are interested in hooking up to the sewer. He said Elm Street partners called again, they want to sit down with the Commission after the first of the year. Chairman Robert Murphy wants to get some guidelines on how they can charge the commercial properties and things like that. He would like to talk about it at the January meeting.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Mike if he'll be able to make the meeting because the property is in the Town. He said Linda will contact him to let him know when the meeting is set for.

Commission Member Comments:

Robert Liffland asked who will be going for the sludge bids. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if they can call some companies. He said they don't have to do anything real formal. Seth said he'll do that.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 8:46 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Tracy Durkin, Secretary