

Date of Meeting: February 8, 2007
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 Allen Rundall to accept the minutes of January 11, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to accept the treasurer's report of January 1, 2007 through January 31, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the January, 2007 vouchers and the February, 2007 prepaid vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to accept the Correspondence Log of February 2, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Attorney Report

There was no attorney present. Chairman Robert Murphy said there is a small attorney report which he will talk about under new business. He said Dave Wise sent along an email and he had a conference call with him in reference to the Bed & Breakfast and the Allison Close project.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Dave also tried to contact Stuart Berelson about Baxter Green but has had some difficulty in doing so. This also will be discussed under new business.

Engineering Report

There was no engineer present. Chairman Robert Murphy said the only item of interest from the engineers is they are ready to go with the manhole repair but that it is too cold now. He said it looks like they will have to put it off until probably the middle of March.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said things are all going well down at the plant. The flows were down significantly. He said the meter was calibrated. He said the meter will most likely have to be replaced this year and they did budget for it.

Seth said there was a sewer back up at the laundry mat again. They had to get Savarese to bring in the electric snake. He said they just couldn't get it with the jetting.

Seth said Steve Mance did some research about the rebate with shutting down the electric. He handed out copies of the rundown on the savings and such.

Allen Rundall asked if it would be to the Commissions advantage to put a check valve in the basement of the laundry mat. Chairman Robert Murphy said the only problem with that is if the sewer doesn't back up in that basement, they don't know where it will come up and the owner of the laundry right now is being very nice about the whole thing as long as the Commission cleans it up.

Allen asked where the well is and where the water meter is. Linda said the meter is in back of the machines in a little hall way. Seth said they will look to see where the well is.

Allen said the meter has been broken there for quite some time. He said the village has sent Tom Sawyer letter after letter to get a new meter in there. Tom just keeps ignoring the letters. Robert Liffland thinks the Commission should send Tom Sawyer a letter giving him a certain amount of time to replace that meter or the Commission will have to do it and Tom will be charged for it. Chairman Robert Murphy said he will run it by Dave to see what the Commission can do.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that maybe in the future when there are serious backups like this one was, a few less times with the water jet and just have the electric snake, it would greatly cut down the amount of time spent.

New Business

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve roll over of principal and interest of CD#31003916474015 and transfer of \$4,000.00 from MMA#15004203346926 to open new CD for 90 days. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve roll over of principal and interest of CD#31003916231415 plus a transfer from O&M MMA#15004203346918 to open a new CD at \$260,000.00 for 30 days. All were in favor and motion carried.

Discussion on Toll Brothers report and hook up fees; Chairman Robert Murphy said he knows the senior citizen housing is still being reviewed, but he wants the Commission to try to come up with a hook up fee, or do they just want to negotiate it when the time comes. He said the engineers gave the Commission a pretty big range, \$6,000 to \$9,000. Chairman Robert Murphy really just wants some input from the Commission on how they want to move forward. Robert Liffland said he thinks \$6,000 is a fair hook up fee. He also said that they can create districts where there are none now. He said the Commission can start getting some money that way by charging the new districts operation and maintenance. Chairman Robert Murphy said it would be debt they pay and he's not sure if they could do that. Allen said they should expand the district to include the whole entire village. Chairman Robert Murphy said he believes they need approval from the residents to do something like that.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that it cost's a lot more money to create a district than to do a tenancy agreement.

There was some discussion on plant expansion and what developments are looking to connect. Allen asked if there is a motion or something they should do. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'd like to see more than \$6,000. The members agreed that they should stay somewhere in the middle around \$7,500.

Chairman Robert Murphy said because Allison Close and the Bed & Breakfast are not in the district it poses some unique circumstances for the Sewer Commission. He said they all are going to require pump stations. Chairman Robert Murphy said he had a conference call with David Wise and Scott Volkman of Gellert & Klein to see what the Commission should do. He said that the homes that have the pump stations now that the Sewer Commission paid for are properties that are in the district and have been paying sewer tax. These new properties are not in the district so Chairman Robert Murphy discussed these things with David. He said Dave sent over an email, REF#16. Chairman Robert Murphy said his feeling on it is the developer should pay for the pump stations since they are not in the district and then turn it over to the Sewer Commission for maintenance. He said there also could be another fee charged to the developer that Dave explained in his email, so that future maintenance can be paid for by the developer. Chairman Robert Murphy said there would be a tenancy agreement with the developers. Rob Liffland said one thing they need to do is make sure the developer puts the pumps in that are compatible with the rest of the pumps they have. Rich Kane said he believes there is only a 2" main going down Allison Dr. Chairman Robert Murphy said the engineers for Allison Close did say they may ask to put in one pump station at the bottom of the road. Rob said they won't be able to pump through a 2" line. They need to check it out to see if it is a 2" or 4" main. Rich said he'll check the manhole and look to see what size pipe is there.

Tracy read Dave's memo as the Commission has to collect fees from the developer, that there is no choice. Chairman Robert Murphy said his understanding is that the Commission has the choice to charge or not to charge the extra fees. He will talk to David about it.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the last item on the Agenda for discussion is the Baxter Green escrow balance. He said Dave has been contacting Stuart Berelson by mail and there has been no reply to date. Chairman Robert Murphy said Stew might be confused with thinking some of the engineering fees are associated with the pump station when they are not.

Rob Liffland asked if anything has been done yet with the pump station. Chairman Robert Murphy said no. He said all the pump information was sent to Stew and he was in agreement with putting the pump in. We just haven't heard anything back from Stew. Chairman Robert Murphy said Dave suggested holding back C.O.'s until all fees are paid. Linda said there are only two houses left and they were in the building dept. today to get the C.O. for one of them and Mary wouldn't give it to him telling him she needs to look further into whether she should give them or not because of all the fees outstanding.

Rob said that pump is way overdue. Rich said he has stopped up there just to nose around and saw the generator was humming. He called L.C. who is in New York and L.C. said he will get someone there to take care of it.

Rob asked Chairman Robert Murphy if he wants him to call Stew about the pump. Chairman Robert Murphy said yes, he has to do the pump but they also have to sit down and finalize the whole balance owed to the Village and Stantec. He said this needs to be resolved now. Chairman Robert Murphy said he thinks the Village Board is going to have to take some action on this issue.

Commission member comments:

There were none.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to close the meeting.

Linda reminded Chairman Robert Murphy he wanted to reschedule the March meeting.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that Linda has to take some time off for a family matter. He request's they change the March meeting to a week later than scheduled which will bring it to the 15th.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to reschedule the March 8th meeting to March 15th due to Linda being away. All were in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned. Time: 8:00 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Tracy Durkin, Secretary

