

Date of Meeting: October 11, 2007

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

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

Others Present: Seth Sheraden 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 Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Minutes of September 13, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Treasurer's Report of September 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the September, 2007 vouchers and the October prepaid vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve the Correspondence Log of October 5, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Attorney Report

No attorney present. Chairman Robert Murphy said the attorney has had some correspondence with Stew Berelson about the pump station. He said the engineers reached out to Griffin Pump a couple of times but they haven't gotten back to them.

Engineers Report

No engineer present.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said all the general operations of the plant are going well. He said they were slightly over on the ammonia on the lab results. He said they believe it's due to the seasonal change using biomass. Seth said Rich did do another sample and it is within permit levels. Seth said the flows were low at 202,000 for the month.

Seth went over his report. He said they did a lot of routine things.

Seth said they got a couple of quotes for the shed and they went with Martins, who was the cheapest and they delivered it already. They have temporary electric going to it and they have the chemicals going in. He said they used 2 gallons of chemical overnight and they are going to turn it back a little more to see how that goes and what ever they have to use they will figure into the budget.

Seth said they are doing well, he figures the total cost of the chemical addition project which includes the shed should come in around \$2,000.

Seth said he has been looking at the budget and he will have some numbers together before the next meeting. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if he could get the numbers to Linda a week before so she could get together a tentative budget to put in the package and then at the November meeting they can all go over it and try to finalize the numbers so they could have it ready for the December meeting. Seth said he and Steve will probably get together next week. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth to let him know when he has everything together, he would like to go over the numbers with him. He said maybe they can meet one late afternoon.

Allen said he doesn't remember the Commission authorizing the purchase of the shed. Chairman Robert Murphy said he authorized it. He said it was part of the improvement project that has been approved. Allen said all of the members could have at least been called and asked. Allen said he wants it on record that he feels that what Chairman Robert Murphy did was wrong.

New Business

MOVED by Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve roll over of principal and interest from CD#31003918832360 to new CD for 30 days. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is a request for a penalty adjustment from sewer customer account #473 for \$838.45. He said the customer is saying that their government funding came in late, that is why they paid late. Allen asked about a letter. Linda said they didn't send a letter. Allen asked for an explanation. Linda explained how they were waiting for money from HUD to pay the bills. There was some discussion on which quarter was involved and whether or not the bill was paid to date. Rob said they changed hands and it looks like they are trying to get caught up with things. He said he wouldn't have a problem waiving the penalty if they are on time with the payment.

Tracy said if they are sincere about paying the bill on time and getting caught up then they should revisit this matter after they are paid up. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Tracy if she thought they should table this until the November meeting. Tracy said if there argument is that they want to get caught up then they have to demonstrate that by paying the bill by the due date of November 1st. Chairman Robert Murphy said they also have to think about what the Commission will do if Wartburg comes back next year and says the government was slow to get them their money. He asked if they are going to give them a waiver then too. Tracy said her feelings are that when they knew their money wasn't coming, they should have called then, instead of waiting until the next bill came out with the penalty on it. She said then, they could have asked for an extension instead of a bill adjustment.

Allen said he doesn't have any problem with waiting to next month to make a decision. Wayne asked Linda, didn't they say the same thing last year about the garbage. Linda said yes. Rob said there is new administration now. Chairman Robert Murphy said he would like to put a call in to Dave Wise to see what they can do because he doesn't want them coming back next year because their funding was late again.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to table the request until the next sewer meeting when Chairman Robert Murphy can get some information from the attorney and more information from Wartburg. Chairman Robert Murphy asked if the members wanted to table it or deny it. All were in favor and motion carried to table it.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Allen Rundall to approve the penalty adjustment of \$57.00 requested from sewer customer #006-21 as per letter REF.#95. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve the purchase of the shed from Martins for \$1,145.77. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments:

Mike Montemarano asked if he could talk about some correspondence that went to Poughkeepsie. He said he got a letter in his box, that was to the county executive, which Beth Coursen and Robert Liffland signed. He said it seems to be inviting the Dutchess County Water and Wastewater Authority to meet with both, the village and town boards relative to the development the Commission wants to do. Mike said he didn't know anything about it until after the fact when he received the letter in his box. Chairman Robert Murphy said he did speak with Beth and told her he would appreciate it if the next time she wanted to send a letter, if she would please let him know. He also asked Rob to do the same. Rob explained how it all happened. He said he brought it up at past sewer meetings about how he wanted to explore the county to see how they can help the Sewer Commission; so when he was out doing the municipal grant with Beth, Mr. Akeley asked how are they doing with the sewer. Rob said he told him they were waiting for the county to come out.

Rob said Mr. Akeley asked him if he wrote a letter to Mr. Steinhaus asking him if the DCWWA can come out to talk to him, so Beth said she will draft a letter up asking him to send DCWWA to come out to see if they could help us in any way. Rob said that is how that all got started. Chairman Robert Murphy said that is all well and good but, what should have been done is conferring through the Sewer Commission about whether the letter should have been sent and that the letter should have been sent under the cover of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. He said the fact that Mike had to send him a copy of the letter and the Chairman wasn't even consulted about whether we even needed them out here. Rob said he consulted the Chairman at a meeting. Rob said he did talk about it at a sewer meeting. Chairman Robert Murphy said he just doesn't remember that. After some discussion Mike asked if some follow up correspondence would be a good idea to basically let the DCWWA know that it is the Sewer Commission that they would be coming to meet with, that they are a stand alone entity. Chairman Robert Murphy said that is basically what he said to Beth and that he feels they should wait to see if they hear anything back from DCWWA.

Mike said he would just be more comfortable if the initial contact was through the Commission.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:45 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Tracy Durkin, Secretary