

Date of Meeting: November 8, 2007

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

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

Members Absent: Robert Liffland  
Allen Rundall

Others Present: Seth Sheraden of Environmental Consultants  
Steve Mance 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 Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve the Minutes of October 11, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve the Treasurer's Report of October 1, 2007 through October 31, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

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

MOVED by Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Correspondence Log of November 2, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

## **Old Business**

### **Attorney Report**

No attorney present. Chairman Robert Murphy said David Wise sent over an email in regards to the request from sewer customer account #473 about waiving their penalty. He said it was tabled last month basically because there were concerns about them coming back to the Commission on a continuing basis for the same reason.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he spoke with Dave and Dave felt it would be OK for the Commission to waive this penalty as long as the Commission makes it clear to the customer that this is a one time waiver and Dave would write a letter saying as much. He asked the members to keep the email handy because they will discuss this under new business.

### **Engineers Report**

Chairman Robert Murphy said the engineers sent over an email giving the Commission an update on the Baxter Green pump station. Chairman Robert Murphy said he didn't realize that the pump that's there now is too small and the DOH will not accept it. Seth said he's right. Chairman Robert Murphy said Stew is probably upset because he has to buy two pumps instead of one. He said he has a feeling the Commission will wind up paying for the two pumps. He asked the members to just consider that, once the engineers get back to them with Specs and the plant operators and engineers approve it, that maybe perhaps the Commission buys the two new pumps. Chairman Robert Murphy said he just would like the members to think about it and consider it. He said he doesn't want to make any decisions tonight without Rob and Allen here. Tracy asked if it would constitute a gift. Chairman Robert Murphy said the Commission already agreed on splitting the costs as far as modifying the pumps are concerned. He said one of the reasons they are willing to split the cost of the work at the pump station is Dave basically felt that wouldn't constitute a gift. Tracy asked if the Commission will be letting Stew off the hook for all the escrow money he still owes. Chairman Robert Murphy said no, they will have to discuss that with Stew.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he got a call from Ron Gainer today. Ron told him he got a call from one of the engineers from the proposed Golf Course on West Dover Rd. The engineer told Ron he was in the Carmel office today and he wanted to get together with Ron just to get some background on the sewer. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll ask Ron to send a brief email on how the meeting went and he'll get a copy to all the Commission members.

### **Sewer Operator Report**

Seth said the general operations at the plant are all normal and good. He said the flows at the plant over the past couple of months has gone down significantly and well under permit and it is lowering the yearly average to under 260,000.

Seth said they need to discuss the portable generator at the plant. He said there is a leak in the radiator and they can take it out to get it repaired fairly cheap but, that will leave them without a unit. He said Rich is investigating a temporary rental in the event there is a power outage. It will be needed for a couple of days. Seth said they could just get a hold of somebody to just have a unit available in the event they needed it.

Seth said based on the testing at the plant, they got 150 gallons of chemical delivered and they fed it as they normally do, starting with a small dose working up to the actual dose needed. He said basically what the DEC is saying is that if you modify the permit to bring the plant up to a half million gallons a day you're still going to have to put out the same amount of phosphorus that you do now at 280,000 gallons a day.

Seth said basically what they will have to do is take out half of the phosphorus that will be coming in at a half million gallons a day to stay at the same level they are at now.

Seth said the chemical they use performs extremely well but it is also an expensive chemical. They will try some others to see if they could go a cheaper route.

Seth said the price of the chemical they tried at the plant comes out to about \$60,000 a year. He said that is estimated on a half million gallons.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if he has gotten any prices on the cost of grease reduction for the lines. Seth said he's doing that now.

### **New Business**

MOVED by Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$540.19 from Lanman & DeWinter escrow account #15004214220515 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 for reimbursement of engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$1,145.70 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 for reimbursement of shed purchase. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said this next adjustment is explained in REF#100 where the calculation in the computer was incorrect.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve adjustment to sewer account #473 for \$596.90 as explained in REF#100. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said this next adjustment needs to be discussed. He asked the members how they feel about this adjustment. Tracy said they are waiting a month for the water adjustment. Chairman Robert Murphy said yes, Allen wanted to check with Mike, the village attorney. Chairman Robert Murphy said he checked with David Wise to see if the Commission has the ability to waive this penalty and Dave said yes. Chairman Robert Murphy said it is his feeling, because the customer is making a good faith effort and are all caught up with their payments he would like to give them the adjustment.

MOVED by Chairman Robert Murphy, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve waiving the penalty for sewer customer #473 for \$241.55 as explained in REF#100, tabled at last months meeting. Tracy said she would like it made clear to the customer that this is not something they can expect again. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Linda to let Dave know so he can draft a letter.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve transfer of \$47,512.73 from CD#31003918832360 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 to open a new CD for \$200,000.00 for 30 days. All were in favor and motion carried.

Budget Discussion:

Chairman Robert Murphy said he will go down the budget lines and if anyone has any comments they can discuss it as they go.

Chairman Robert Murphy went over the budget sheet for operation and maintenance revenues and expenditures. At the end he said the total appropriations for operation and maintenance is \$459,940 which represents a 4.91% increase in operation and maintenance. Chairman Robert Murphy asked if anyone had any questions about the O&M. Tracy asked if \$20,000 for chemicals will be enough for this year. Chairman Robert Murphy said yes because the phosphorus chemical they talked about earlier, they won't need until they do the plant expansion. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if they will be getting prices from other chemical companies and Seth said yes. Seth said they are not happy with Duso Chemical at all.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the debt part of the budget is basically all fixed except for the Town of Pawling BAN. He said this represents a decrease of 1.79% over last year. Chairman Robert Murphy said one of the things he wants to talk about is the town BAN. He said it's a small BAN and after the \$2,200 payment it's only going to have a base value of \$22,000. He said he thought that if there was a good cash flow at the end of this year they might consider paying it off. Chairman Robert Murphy said he checked with Scott Volkman and Scott said there is no reason why the Commission can't pay it all off. He said he mentioned it at the town board meeting last night and they seemed fine with it. Chairman Robert Murphy said he did a quick cash flow analysis and it looks like at the end of the year the Commission is going to end up with \$153,000 in the bank. He said if you look at it, the bonding costs are almost as much as the interest payment. Another advantage to paying it off is the Commission will know exactly what the debt costs will be each year. Chairman Robert Murphy said he would like to make a recommendation that the Commission pay off the town BAN.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve paying off the Town BAN in the amount of \$22,000.00. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the public hearing for the budget is scheduled for the next sewer meeting on December 13, 2007 and then the formal approval will be at the village's and the towns January meetings.

Commission Member Comments:

Mike Montemarano told Chairman Robert Murphy he did a nice job.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:40 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Tracy Durkin, Secretary