

Date of Meeting: December 18, 2007

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

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

Members Absent: Allen Rundall

Consultants Present: Seth Sheraden of Environmental Consultants
Rich Kane of Environmental Consultants

Others Present: Bruce Majors of Allison Close Estates
John Boyle of Allison Close Estates
Theresa Ryan of Insite Engineering

At 4:35 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 Wayne Osborn to approve the Minutes of November 8, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

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

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to approve the November, 2007 vouchers and the December, 2007 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 December 6, 2007 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Attorney Report

No attorney present.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Dave has been trying to reach out to Stew Berelson about the pump issues.

Engineering Report

No engineer present.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Jim didn't send anything along but he knows that they have been up at the plant working with Rich on the timers on the main lift station.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said all of the operations at the plant last month have been good. He went over the monthly report.

Seth said the Commission is right now with NYSEG as their electric provider. He said he, Rich and Linda went over some other providers prices and visited some websites.

He said there are some forms that need to be filled out and it is quite time consuming. Seth said he feels they are doing good, staying within the budget.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to stay with NYSEG and the variable rate that the Commission has now. All were in favor and motion carried.

Seth said they did get some prices on what it would entail and how much it would cost to put degreasing chemicals in the sewer lines. He said there are a different couple of things the Commission can do. Rob asked if there is anything that they can do to just add something into a manhole to dissolve the grease, even if it's done manually. He asked if they could try doing it that way on the line that usually has the grease problems. Seth said he can look into that.

New Business

Chairman Robert Murphy thanked the representatives from Allison Close Estates for their patience.

Theresa Ryan from Insite Engineering introduced herself. She said she is representing 2J2B, LLC. Theresa said they have a little more than 12 acres on West Main St. and for the last couple of years they have been in front of the planning board. She said they just recently got a conditional final approval on a five lot subdivision for the property. Theresa said one of the lots will be accessed directly from West Main St. and the other four lots are going to be accessed from an extension of Allison Dr.

Theresa said as part of the subdivision they are proposing public water and sewer.

She said the reason they are here tonight is because they are proposing a connection to the existing system on Allison Dr. and West Main St.

Theresa said they are proposing one pump station for the one lot that is going to be accessed through West Main St. and the other four lots will split pump stations with two of the lots going to one pump station and the other two going to another pump station and those will be connecting through Allison Dr.

Theresa said the planning board sent them to the Commission to make sure there is a possibility of connection.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the steps they need to take is to first, write a formal letter to the Sewer Commission with a request to hook up to the system. He said in order for the Commissions engineers to start to review their plans for the sewer and as far as entering into any kind of agreement with the Sewer Commission with the attorney, an escrow account will need to be set up. Chairman Robert Murphy said the sooner they set up the account, the sooner they can start talking with the engineers, and the Commission can start talking with the attorney. He asked the members what amount they thought would be good for Allison Close to start with in an escrow account. Rob said he thinks it will probably be a minimum of \$10,000.00. Chairman Robert Murphy said he agrees with the \$10,000.00. He said as soon as Allison Close gets that to the Commission, they can start talking to the consultants.

Bruce Majors said the Commission is currently holding a check for \$2,500.00 for about 4 months that wasn't deposited. Chairman Robert Murphy told him the building dept. has that. Bruce asked if the Commission wanted to use that check and he'll just give an additional check. Chairman Robert Murphy said that check will eventually be deposited and that they are basically for the application fee. He said the escrow is separate money. Theresa said they will get the formal letter together and bring in a check for the escrow. She asked if the Commission needs any additional plans. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's up to the engineers, she can ask them what they need.

Theresa thanked the Sewer Commission for having them and she, Bruce and John Boyle left.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve transfer of \$1,030.31 from Castagna Escrow MMA#15004217179503 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 for engineering and legal fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve transfer of \$10,000.00 from CD#31003918834720 to O&M MMA#15004203346918. Chairman Robert Murphy said they just needed a little more money to pay the bills. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Mike Montemarano to approve transfer of \$190,716.66 from CD#31003918834720 to new MMA#15004217179636. Chairman Robert Murphy said M&T bank is offering a rate of 5% for commercial users opening a money market account and that was a lot better than the CD rate. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve penalty credit to sewer account #760 of \$15.00. Commission waived penalty already but it was added on in error. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the regular business meeting. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to open the Public Hearing for the 2008 Sewer Commission budget. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said at the last meeting they had a tentative budget. He said the overall proposed budget calls for an increase of 1.81%. He said the increase for the sewer rents is 2.99% and the operation and maintenance portion of the budget would go up 4.91%. He said the debt portion would go down 3.12%.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the Commission approved paying off the Town BAN. It was a small note at \$22,000 and it just wasn't cost effective to keep renewing it. He said that is the only change he made to the preliminary budget they discussed at last months meeting.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked if there were any questions.

MOVED by Mike Montemarano, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to close the public hearing for the 2008 Sewer Commission budget. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to open the regular meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to accept the 2008 budget presented tonight. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments:

Chairman Robert Murphy said he would like to first make the board aware, that it has been brought to his attention that in all likely hood, Mike Montemarano is not going to be reappointed to the Sewer Commission. He said he is extremely disappointed in the action and though he appreciates that it is simply a Supervisor appointment and it does not need an approval, he is going to ask the board permission to send a letter to the supervisor and the town board requesting Mike's reappointment.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he thinks Mike did a great job, he understands the value of the sewer plant and has worked very hard on behalf of the sewer district and has been a very important member of the Commission.

Chairman Robert Murphy told Mike he appreciates all of his hard work. Mike said he has certainly enjoyed working with everyone on the Commission.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 5:15 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Tracy Durkin, Secretary