

Date of Meeting: February 4, 2008
Kind of Meeting: Business
Place of Meeting: Village Hall
Members Present: Chairman Robert Murphy
Beth Coursen
Tracy Durkin
Wayne Osborn
Allen Rundall
Members Absent: Robert Liffland

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

At 7:05 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 Beth Coursen to approve the Minutes of January 10, 2008 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Treasurer's Report of January 1, 2008 through January 31, 2008 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the January vouchers and the February prepaid vouchers as presented. Beth Coursen asked what the procedure is with them, are they kept here at the Village Hall and do they need two or three signatures. Chairman Robert Murphy said yes they are up in the office and they are generally ready the Friday before the monthly meeting if anyone wants to review them before hand. He said they need two members to sign off on them. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve the Correspondence Log of February 7, 2008 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Old Business

Attorney Report

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is no attorney report other than he will be reaching out to Dave tomorrow or Monday to try to restart the whole issue with the pump at Baxter Green.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Griffin Pump has backed out of the project and Environmental Consultants said they might be able to do the work. Allen asked why Griffin backed out. Chairman Robert Murphy said the father is sick and the son can't do it.

Engineering Report

Chairman Robert Murphy said the Bid documents just came in for the improvements to the Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) project. He said the documents are ready to go. The engineer did give an extra copy for the attorney to review. Chairman Robert Murphy said they can do one of two things; they can authorize putting it out to bid pending the attorney's approval or they can wait until March in case the Commission members want to review the bid documents. Beth asked if Environmental Consultants has reviewed the bid documents. Chairman Robert Murphy said it would be a good idea for them to review them, even though they did work with the engineers on it. He said they should take a final look through.

Tracy asked what the time frame is. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's not something they need to do immediately, they would like to get the work done but there is nothing falling apart or anything like that so waiting to March would be fine.

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve going out to bid for the VFD project pending approvals from Dave Wise and Environmental Consultants. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Linda will mail the documents to Dave and let Dave know they will wait until he signs off on it.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said the daily operations are fairly normal. He said the flows were up a little bit due to some precipitation but that is to be expected.

Seth said they are waiting on the rebuilt pump for the main pump station and that they should be getting it any day.

Seth said there was another small sewer back up over on Broad St. He said Savarese was out for about an hour cleaning up grease and stuff.

Seth said they did receive the order for the degreaser and enzymes for the pump stations. He said they haven't started them yet. He said they want clean the pump station walls and then start.

Seth said they did some preliminary inquiries into the cost of motor replacement for the main pump station and it doesn't look like replacement motors will have a big cost savings for the Commission due to the cost of the actual motor replacement. Seth said what they were looking at doing is replacing the existing motors in kind, which the 20 year old motors, performance wise, weren't that much more efficient than the brand new motors unless you switch over to different electrical service. Seth said right now they have 208 service and they would need 480 for the new motors. He said it is not cost effective.

Seth said they have been having some trouble with the alternator for the three pumps at the plant. He said they replaced the actual alternator that switches between the pumps a couple of times now and it is burnt up. He said they put a surge suppresser in thinking that was the problem but it wasn't, they are still having problems with it.

Seth said it's not affecting the basic function of the pump station right now but it is something they definitely want to get resolved.

Seth said they put a rebuilt pump in the Greenlawn pump station and there are rails that go up and down on the actual pump itself, and they sit on a base that sits down under the water within the pump station. He said they noticed a couple of times now dealing with that pump that it's not sitting with the cup link for the pipe. He said numerous times they noticed the base on the slide rail is not right. Seth said they do have a spare rail at the plant they can cut. They will put that in.

New Business

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve transfer of \$2,762.34 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA#15004203346918 for engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve adjustment to sewer account #410A of \$132.23 due to broken meter. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said all the members have a copy of the new contract from Environmental Consultants. He said it is basically the exact same contract as five years ago, even the labor rates haven't changed.

MOVED by Allen Rundall, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve the Environmental Consultants contract for them to continue being the operators of the sewer treatment plant. Steve Mance said just to clarify the labor rates, they are the same as they were last year. He said they do have CPI increases every year. Steve said as an incentive to continue with Environmental Consultants they did waive the CPI for the first year of the contract. Chairman Robert Murphy said they also did the same five years ago. He asked if there were any other questions. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Beth asked him to put on the agenda to discuss having Murrow Park hook up to the sewer system.

Beth said the subsurface facility at Murrow Park was damaged in the Nor'easter. She said having it looked at, it turns out that there was more damage than they originally thought, that the laterals were exposed in the stream bed. Beth said the town is looking at engaging engineering services to look further into this to see exactly how much damage there is. She said she just wanted to bring up for discussion here; what would be the process if the town wanted to connect the facility to the sewer system.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the biggest hurdle they would have is getting to the nearest line. The lines end at Dykeman St. and West Main. He said there is nothing closer, not even on Lakeside. Beth asked if the process would be the town putting in the infrastructure improvement and that everyone between Murrow Park and Dykeman St. is not in the district. She asked if there is any desire on the part of the Commission to expand the district for arrangements other than tenancy. Chairman Robert Murphy said he would certainly open it up for discussion but he said his only concern is bringing people in that have perfectly good septic systems, they have a tendency to not want it because if you expand the district simply because a lateral goes by their house, they will have to connect to it. He said he prefers to bring it to people if they need it. Allen said there aren't a lot of homes out there and the connection would require a pumping station because Murrow Park is lower than the existing manhole.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the residents down there could come to the Commission if they start having problems or if they preferred to have the sewer. He said his personal feeling is that he is reluctant to require them to hook up simply because the Commission is running a line by their house. Tracy said she doesn't think they could even compel them to do so if they are not in the district. Chairman Robert Murphy said a tenancy agreement is easier and a lot cheaper than expanding the district.

Allen said another thing the town will have to think about is there is a lot of ledge. When they brought the sewer to Dykeman St. they found this out.

There was some discussion on the use of the park and the system that is there now and how they can improve the stream situation.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:30 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Tracy Durkin, Secretary