

Date of Meeting: October 9, 2008

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Robert Murphy, Chairman  
Tracy Durkin  
Robert Liffland  
Beth Coursen  
Wayne Osborn

Members Absent: Colette Zito

Consultants Present: Seth Sheraden of Environmental Consultants  
Steve Mance 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 Robert Liffland to approve the minutes of September 11, 2008 as presented. Five were in favor, Beth Coursen abstained because she wasn't at that meeting, motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve the Treasurers Report for September 1, 2008 through September 30, 2008 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve payment of the September, 2008 vouchers and the October, 2008 prepaid vouchers as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the Correspondence Log of October 3, 2008 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

### **Consultants: Business/Reports**

#### **Attorney Report**

No attorney was present. Chairman Robert Murphy said there was not a lot of movement with Castagna and Elm Street. He said he understands they are still talking.

**Engineer Report**

No engineer was present. Chairman Robert Murphy said Jim Fitzsimmons sent over a brief summary of some of the projects they are working on. He said the VFD project is done down at the plant. Chairman Robert Murphy said as far as the Baxter Green pump station is concerned, the bid opening is on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup>. He said he'll touch base with Dave to see if he's heard anything from Stew yet.

**Sewer Operator Report**

Seth Sheraden said the general operations at the plant are normal and flows did go down slightly. Seth went over his monthly report.

Seth said he has some new alarm proposals for the pump stations and the main plant. He said he thought it would be worth while to see if the Commission could save some money. Seth gave Linda a copy. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Linda to put in what the current cost is when she passes them out to the members. There was discussion on the different costs. Seth still has some questions. He'll do some more research.

Seth said they did receive the manhole inserts and they will start installing them next week. Seth said the torque controller that he spoke about at last meeting for the clarifier, they've been having a lot of problems finding a reasonable replacement part. He said they've spent a lot of time researching this. He said they can not just get the one piece replaced, they have to get the whole gear box with the torque controller. He said they do have to do some more research. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if he touched base with the engineer about this and Seth said yes. There was some discussion on the different options.

Seth said the VFD is on line and working extremely well. He said they are very happy with it. Seth said he is happy with Delco Electric.

**New Business**

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve a transfer of \$140,000.00 from Capital Improvement CD at maturity to a new MMA at Putnam Savings Bank with 2.50% interest. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve a transfer of \$22,607.17 from Capital Improvement CD at maturity to the Capital Improvement MMA#15004203346926. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$381,707.67 from O&M MMA#15004219204522 to a new MMA#15004219514608 bearing a higher interest rate at 3.50%. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve penalty adjustment for sewer customer #020D as explained in REF#226. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said next month they will be talking about the 2009 budget. He said he'll meet with Seth and Steve to get some numbers together. He said he'll have a tentative budget for November's meeting and he'll try to have it for the November meeting packet.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he received a call from Jeff Jones of Wind Rose. He said Jeff just wanted Chairman Robert Murphy know that they are going to start the application process for an onsite plan. He said it was just really a courtesy call.

Chairman Robert Murphy said Mr. & Mrs. Brandt of 24 Dutcher Ave. was here last month to talk with the Commission about hooking up and the hook up fee. Chairman Robert Murphy said he made some phone calls to places like the DEP to see if there are any grants or anything out there for the Brandt's.

Commission Member Comments:

Beth said that on the Creitoff property, the town board took action last week. She said before they move forward with a land swap or sale they are going to do a phase two environmental assessment. They are going to do it in house with a highway crew. The reason is because there is a big sink hole on the property and it appears there might be some hazardous material there. Beth asked if the Sewer Commission has any infrastructure across that area.

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is a pump but it doesn't go through that area. There is nothing there.

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

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Colette Zito, Secretary