

Date of Meeting: January 8, 2009

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

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

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 Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the minutes of December 11, 2008 as presented. Beth Coursen abstained because she was not at the meeting. Colette Zito said the same. Four were in favor, two abstentions, motion carried.

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

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve payment of the December, 2008 vouchers and the January, 2009 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 January 2, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Consultants: Business/Reports

Engineering Report

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is no engineering report tonight.

Attorney Report

Chairman Robert Murphy said Dave has been in contact with Stew and they are still going back and forth with conversations.

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is supposed to be a meeting set up with Jucca but he's waiting to hear from Scott Volkman. Beth said she hasn't heard back yet from the Town bonding attorney. They both said they'll contact each other when and if they hear from anyone.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said the operations of the plant are going very well. The flows are up and they will have to fill out a flow report again this year.

Seth went over his monthly report, REF#264.

Seth said he got some prices for a new snow blower. He gave the members some pages of quotes. (Attach. I) He explained the differences in the individual snow blowers.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve the purchase of a Husqvarna snow blower as described - at the lowest possible price including freight. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth how the VFD's are working. Seth said they are working good. Chairman Robert Murphy said the electric bills are lower also.

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$1,265.05 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA#15004219514608 for engineering fees paid associated with the VFD project. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$1,357.00 from Brandt escrow acct. #15004219514658 to O&M MMA#15004219514608 for legal and engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve sewer bill adjustment of \$26.26 to sewer customer #724 due to the fact that the customer read the meter wrong which generated a higher bill than the actual use. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve sewer bill adjustment of \$51.90 to sewer customer #786 due to the fact that the customer read the meter wrong which generated a higher bill than the actual use. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to approve penalty adjustment of \$33.12 to sewer customer #240D as requested in letter referenced #262.

Chairman Robert Murphy explained to the members that the customer thought the bill was paid because she paid it online through her bank and the money was taken out of her account on a statement.

Linda said the bank never got the canceled check back but didn't even inquire about it until weeks later. All along the customer thought it had been paid. Linda explained that this customer has never been late with a payment before. Beth asked how the Commission has dealt with this in the past. Chairman Robert Murphy said he doesn't recall this ever happening before with an online payment. Beth said the penalty actually should be paid for by the bank if it was there fault. Tracy said penalty waivers do come up quite frequently and that she tends to agree with Beth, since they do sometimes give waivers to customers that sometimes don't really make a lot of sense, and if this was the electric company there wouldn't even be any discussion. But, she said, the fact is that they are local and they are neighbors and they should treat people the way they want to be treated. Tracy said Linda takes very good records on who asks for these things. Tracy said she votes to be neighborly. There was some discussion on what the customer's statement says. Linda said it sounds like the customer was concerned about it immediately, she didn't just sit back and wait for the next bill to go out, the customer kept on top of it with the bank. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments:

There were none.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to close the meeting and adjourn.. Time: 7:25 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Colette Zito, Secretary