

Date of Meeting: June 11, 2009  
Kind of Meeting: Business  
Place of Meeting: Village Hall  
Members Present: Robert Murphy, Chairman  
Beth Coursen  
Tracy Durkin  
Robert Liffland  
Wayne Osborn  
Colette Zito

Consultants Present: Seth Sheridan 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 Tracy Durkin to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2009 meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to approve the Treasurer's Report of May 1, 2009 through May 31, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Wayne Osborn, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the payment of the May, 2009 vouchers as presented and the June, 2009 prepaid vouchers. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Correspondence Log of June 4, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

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

#### **Attorney Report**

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is no attorney report for tonight. He said everyone should have a copy of a piece of correspondence that Dave sent along to Stew Berelson suggesting that Stew contact the Village attorney so they could move along with the pump station at Baxter Green.

#### **Engineering Report**

Chairman Robert Murphy said there are actually a couple of things for the engineers report. He said a couple of things came last minute so if the board wants to table some things that would be fine.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the first thing he wants to bring up is that just today they received the draft RFP for I/I work from Stantec. He said Jim Fitzsimmons sent over a copy to Dave's office but Dave hasn't had a chance to review it. He said it's pretty long, about 130 pages. Chairman Robert Murphy said a lot of it is boiler plate and there is a hard copy up in the office for the board to review. He asked the board what they wanted to do. He said they could table it until next month or if they want they can approve it contingent upon attorney approval. Chairman Robert Murphy said he asked Seth to review it also. Beth Coursen said she is comfortable with moving this forward.

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve the issuance of the RFP subject to final review and approval by David Wise and Chairman Robert Murphy. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the other thing that came in last minute is a call from Jim Fitzsimmons. Jim received correspondence from the DEC via fax, REF#324. Chairman Robert Murphy said it says the DEC does not wish to be lead agency so that allows the Commission to move forward in declaring themselves lead agency and then moving forward with SEQRA. He said again, if the board wants time to review this they can do it next month, this is last minute. Beth said now that they've heard back from the DEC the motion now would be... Chairman Robert Murphy said he thinks the first thing they need to do is declare themselves lead agency. Beth asked if the Commission usually does that by simple motion or resolution. Tracy said she believes for the declaration of lead agency it's just a simple motion but for the SEQRA it would be a resolution.

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to declare the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission lead agency in the SPDES modification application. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the SEQRA is all filled out. REF#318.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to declare a negative declaration on the modification of the SPDES Permit. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he thinks the board is already aware that Ron Gainer is no longer associated with Stantec. He said Jim Fitzsimmons is now the project manager. Jim has always worked closely with Ron so he is up on things. Chairman Robert Murphy said they are in the middle of a lot of stuff right now and he really doesn't want to make any rash decisions, and his feeling is they should just continue to move forward with Stantec. Chairman Robert Murphy said he will reach out to Ron to see if he is going to do any consulting work. He said Ron was a very valuable resource, a great negotiator and he worked very hard on behalf of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission over the last sixteen years.

Beth said she is in favor of the direction that Chairman Robert Murphy is going in. She said Jim Fitzsimmons has been doing a lot of the work so it makes sense to stay with Stantec but it also makes sense to reach out to Ron Gainer to see if he'll do some consulting work. She said the towns planning board will take action at their meeting on Monday to appoint Ron Gainer to represent that board and the town board is going to take similar action for planning and zoning. Chairman Robert Murphy asked if anybody has any other comments. Rob said they will have to check to make sure Ron doesn't have a contract with Stantec. Chairman Robert Murphy said that all needs to be considered.

**Sewer Operator Report**

Seth said the samples and things are good for the month. He said flows are already down within permit limits within the annual average which is a good sign. He said they did put a little more manhole inserts in and they will finish up what they have this month.

Seth said they replaced one of the impellers at Greenlawn pump station and they had to order a couple of new impellers for the outside pump station.

Seth said they found that the problems they have been having over at the Sheraden pump station had to do with check valves. They ordered a couple check valves to replace them. Seth said there was a sewer backup, though not a big one, it was down by Utter Brothers. He said Rich Savarese was on vacation so Rich Kane knew how to operate the truck so he came and took care of the blockage.

Seth said he did a spread sheet that will include inspections on the rest of the pump stations. Seth said it will cost about \$100 per pump station per year. Seth said it might be a good idea to get some degreaser, bag it and give it to the homeowners. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if there will be any additional cost as far as Environmental Consultants services. Seth said no, it will be all a part of the general operations.

Seth said they pulled one of the pumps out down at the main pump station for repair or replacement. He said he has a price quote from Pump Service at \$3,600 to rebuild and \$4,500 for a new one. Seth said he'll get a couple of other prices on a new pump. He said it's hard to get a price on a rebuild.

Seth said they had a problem a couple of days ago with the pump station over at Baxter Green. He said it wasn't that bad, that they had to clean it out. He said Savarese came and cleaned out quite a bit of grease. Chairman Robert Murphy said he did speak to David Wise about authorizing Environmental Consultants to go over to check things out when the alarm was going off. He said Dave said he feels comfortable with Environmental Consultants going over there to see what needs to be done. Seth said the pump wasn't working and this pump is different than all the other pumps they have. Seth said luckily it turned out to be just a wash cloth or a towel that was wrapped up into the impeller. They were able to pull it and clean it out. Seth said the pump is working for now. Seth said one of his concerns is if there was a problem and they had to replace the pump, it would not be compatible to what they will be putting into the pump station when they do the upgrade. He said he knows all of the easements aren't finished yet but, he is wondering if the Commission can give them approval to buy the pump and things they need in anticipation that if there is a problem and the pump needs to be replaced and the easements being done soon. He said it would be a waste of money for them if they had to buy a pump that is compatible only to replace it when the easements are done. It makes more sense to him to go ahead and order the right pump to have it in case something happens. Chairman Robert Murphy asked how long it would take to get a pump. Seth said it's not really a question of time, it's more a waste of money if the pump needs to be replaced, they'd rather replace it with the kind of pump that will be there permanently than have to buy just a replacement that will come out when the permanent pump is installed.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll talk with Mike Hayes and Dave to see where they are at. Colette said if that's the case, can they put a motion forward to let the Chairman move forward on what he finds out in the phone calls so that if it is that the easement and the legal process has moved further along; can they put a motion forward? Beth said she is comfortable with that.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Beth Coursen to authorize Chairman Robert Murphy to move forward on the pump station once the legal issues are taken care of. Rob said he thought there were two pumps in there. Seth said they will have two new pumps with the repair but that right now there is only one pump. All were in favor and motion carried.

Colette said she is in favor of sending any bills the Commission incurred the other day directly to Stew Berelson. If not for full payment, at least for some consideration for half. Beth said she agrees as long as it doesn't jam up the larger issues like the legal ones.

### **New Business**

MOVED by Beth Coursen, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve transfer of \$960.00 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA#15004219514608 for engineering fees. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said everyone should have a copy of the contract from Welsh Sanitation and a copy of the email sent over from Mike Hayes office. He said Mikes email explains that the regulatory totals are kind of large so it wouldn't be worth it for the Village to do the garbage pick up at the plant.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Welsh Contract for the garbage pick up at the plant. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the issue with the plant expansion is whether to move forward with traditional expansion or look at the Zenon or the Pall microfiltration systems. He said Colette did have some questions regarding the system by Pall and she actually did get in contact with them. Chairman Robert Murphy said eventually Pall did talk with the Commissions engineers and Jim sent over a brief memo via email indicating that they have come to some sort agreement that the type of system Pall was offering is not compatible. He said he did tell Colette to reach out and talk to Jim for a little more detailed information and if any other Commission members want to reach out to Jim to expand on the memo they certainly can. Chairman Robert Murphy said they could gather as much information so they can make a decision sooner rather than later, perhaps next month with what direction they want to take.

Commission Member Comments:

Beth said in regards to the stimulus request there is three components. The Town Board will take action next week on the Route 22 component, specifically they will give notice of their intent to declare lead agency and the Sewer Commission will get circulated on it as well. She said she thinks there are about five other agencies involved. Beth said there is a need to move the SEQRA process forward, the stimulus request will be looked upon more favorably further along the SEQRA process. She said one thing she would like to ask the Chairman about is, is there interest in the part of the Commission to move the SEQRA process forward for the other two components, the plant expansion and the trunk line. Beth said if all three components are through SEQRA or at least pretty far into the process, they stand a better chance of getting the stimulus money. Rob said they already passed out 5% of the stimulus money so it needs to roll. Beth agreed. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll call Jim tomorrow and talk to Dave. He said he wanted to talk to Jim anyway about setting up some sort of process and time line about moving forward with the plant expansion. He said one of the ideas about deciding what type of expansion they want to do at the plant is to try to get a lot of the design work done so regardless of the stimulus money, they kind of want to be one step ahead of the developer when it comes along. He said at the very least they can do it for Route 22. Beth said what she envisions in terms of the design process on the Route 22 is that it's not going to be two separate projects, it's going to just be one project. She said there probably is need for legal involvement here saying the village board authorizes the town to do the work on behalf of it's municipality. She will have Lou get in touch with Mike Hayes.

Chairman Robert Murphy asked if there were any other Commission member comments and there were none.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:33 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Colette Zito, Secretary