

Date of Meeting: September 10, 2009  
Kind of Meeting: Business  
Place of Meeting: Village Hall  
Members Present: Robert Murphy, Chairman  
Robert Liffland  
Mike Mayer for Beth Coursen  
Colette Zito  
Members Absent: Tracy Durkin  
Wayne Osborn

Consultants Present: 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 Colette Zito to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2009 meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2009 meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve the Treasurer's Report of August 1, 2009 through August 31, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve payment of the August, 2009 vouchers as presented and the September, 2009 prepaid vouchers. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Colette Zito, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to approve the Correspondence Log of September 3, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

## **Consultants: Business/Reports**

### **Attorney Report**

Chairman Robert Murphy said there is no attorney report. He said there is still dialog going on between Stew and the Village attorney.

### **Engineering Report**

Chairman Robert Murphy said there are some engineering topics to discuss further down on the agenda.

### **Sewer Operator Report**

Steve said all the operations at the plant are going well. He said the flows are down considerably.

Steve went over the monthly report.

Steve said there is a pump out at the West St. pump station. He said the pump usually runs about 15 minutes a day but with only one pump it's running about a half an hour. He said they currently have the pump at Schreck to be evaluated. Steve said he would like to get approval from the Commission to give the Chairman the authority to approve a solution to either getting it fixed or to get a new pump so they don't have to wait until next month to get the pump taken care of. Rob asked if this pump is a lot smaller than all the other pumps they have. Steve said yes, this is the only pump station that has this pump. Steve said a suggestion is, depending on the price of repairing the pump is to buy a new pump to get that in and have this pump repaired to keep for a spare. Steve said they should have the price shortly.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Colette Zito to give the Chairman the authorization to approve the cost of a new pump and then to repair the old pump if it's repairable. All were in favor and motion carried.

Steve finished going over his report.

### **New Business**

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve transfer of \$38.00 from ESP Wexford Escrow Account #15004217179503 to O&M MMA#1500421954608 for engineering fees associated with plant expansion. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve transfer of \$3,988.50 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA#1500421954608 for engineering fees associated with plant expansion. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he had plant expansion on the agenda to discuss but because they don't have a full board they will table it until next month.

Chairman Robert Murphy said everyone should have a copy of the contract agreement with Ron Gainer. (REF#353) He said they don't have to approve it tonight because they just got it. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's pretty basic and that he spoke with Ron today and told him they would probably not approve it until next month.

Chairman Robert Murphy said everyone should have a memo from Jim Fitzsimmons about the water softener issue up at the school. (REF#351)

Chairman Robert Murphy explained that there is a request from the school district where they are putting in a couple of large water softeners and they want to know if the Commission will allow them to discharge backwash from the water softener into the sewer system. He said that Jim Fitzsimmons took a look at the Sewer Use Ordinance and found that it is prohibited. Chairman Robert Murphy said this came as a surprise to them because there are so many customers in the district that have softeners. He said that Jim seems to think there wouldn't be any adverse effects to the plant and Seth agreed when they spoke. Chairman Robert Murphy said that Dave recommends that they do not create a variance for the schools and that Dave recommends that the Commission just take that out of the ordinance. Chairman Robert Murphy said he would like some feedback from the board and also for Mike Mayer to go back and report to Beth and the Town Board that they would have to amend theirs also. He said if they agree to do it he could ask Dave to do up the paperwork and then send it to the respective town and village attorneys.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he would recommend just taking it out of the ordinance. Mike Mayer asked what the attorney recommends. Chairman Robert Murphy said he recommends they don't create a variance and to just take that part out of the ordinance. Chairman Robert Murphy said Dave also recommended the Commission put in a limit per unit. He said he'll talk to the engineers about it and the sewer plant operators. Rob explained how the mechanics work pertaining to backwash. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Mike to talk to Beth about it. Mike asked what stake the Town Board has in the ordinance of the Sewer Commission. Chairman Robert Murphy explained that the town has their own sewer ordinance as the village has theirs. He said that the Commission was created by the town and the village so any thing having to do with changes have to be approved by both boards.

Chairman Robert Murphy said the last thing on the agenda is the approval for the pamphlets that Linda added some language to on the back of.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve the added language on the pamphlets. All were in favor and motion carried.

Commission Member Comments:

There were none.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Colette Zito to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:15 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Colette Zito, Secretary