

Date of Meeting: October 8, 2009

Kind of Meeting: Business

Place of Meeting: Village Hall

Members Present: Robert Murphy, Chairman
Tracy Durkin
Robert Liffland
Mike Mayer for Beth Coursen
Wayne Osborn
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 Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009 meeting as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Tracy Durkin to approve the Treasurer's Report of September 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

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

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the Correspondence Log of October 2, 2009 as presented. All were in favor and motion carried.

Consultants: Business/Reports

Attorney Report

No attorney present. Chairman Robert Murphy said they will have something to discuss under the new business.

Engineering Report

Chairman Robert Murphy said he put a call in to Jim Fitzsimmons. He said the TV work is done. Chairman Robert Murphy said they should be receiving a report pretty soon. He asked Seth if he had a chance to talk to Jim about the results of the work. Seth said he has reports from the company that did the work and they are putting together a DVD. Seth said the reports are very detailed. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if he could give the members a summery when he does his report. Seth said yes.

Chairman Robert Murphy said that Jim Fitzsimmons informed him that the application for the SPDES permit increase has been sent over to Village Hall for signature. He said he hopes by the end of the year they can find out about the increase.

Sewer Operator Report

Seth said the general operations of the plant are good. Seth went over his monthly report. Seth said the reports from the company that did the TV work are very nice and detailed. He said he'll get them over to Linda. There was some discussion about results at different areas.

Seth said the school will tour the plant in the spring.

Seth continued going over his report.

Steve Mance asked if there is anything new with the pump situation over at Baxter Green. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll have to call Mike Hayes.

Rob asked if the Commission should just go ahead and order the pumps so they'll be here when we get the go ahead to do the work. Other wise they'll have to wait the 4 to 6 weeks for the pumps. Chairman Robert Murphy said he'll put a call in to Mike to see where they are at. Chairman Robert Murphy asked how the members feel about going ahead and ordering the pumps. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth if they can use the pumps somewhere else in the event the Baxter Green project doesn't go through. Steve said they are the same pumps that are in there now so at the very least they would have a spare pump. Chairman Robert Murphy said he thought they were a different pump. Steve said they are the same pump but with the rails. The one that's there now doesn't have the railing. Rob asked if the Commission has the money now. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's not something that was budgeted. He said they will probably take it out of contingency.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Colette Zito to authorize Environmental Consultants to purchase the pumps for the Baxter Green pump station.

All were in favor and motion carried.

New Business

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve transfer of \$1,332.00 from Castagna Escrow Acct. #15004217179503 to O&M MMA #15004219514608 for engineering fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Mike Mayer, SECONDED by Robert Liffland to approve transfer of \$804.50 from Capital Improvements MMA#15004203346926 to O&M MMA #15004219514608 for engineering fees associated with plant expansion. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve transfer of \$60.00 from Lanman & DeWinter (B&B) MMA#15004214220515 to O&M MMA #15004219514608 for legal fees paid. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he went up and spoke to the Town Board about an amendment to the sewer use ordinance and they all basically and formally agreed and that they did ask for something in writing that would say that the water softener won't have an impact on the treatment plant. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth & Steve if they could draft a memo indicating that they are comfortable with the Commission taking out the prohibition on the backwashing from water softeners from the ordinance and to send a copy up to the Town Board and also to the Village Clerk Jennifer Osborn.

MOVED by Robert Liffland, SECONDED by Mike Mayer to authorize Sewer Commission's attorney to draft amendment to the sewer use ordinance to allow backwash from water softeners. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Colette Zito to approve penalty waiver for sewer customer #463. The amount being \$20.88. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve penalty waiver for sewer customer #813. The amount being \$31.97. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve penalty waiver for sewer customer #414. The amount being \$26.08. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve penalty waiver for sewer customer #410A. The amount being \$37.01. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said it has been a while since the Commission talked about plant expansion. He said a few months ago they were talking about newer more modern types of expansion as oppose to traditional expansion. Chairman Robert Murphy asked the members if they have any input, have they gotten any more information they want to discuss or do they want to give it more thought and wait. Rob said he would like to take action now. He said there basically was the two types of expansion that they discussed and the engineers did a lot of research. He said Ron Gainers opinion was to do the traditional expansion. Rob said he wants to go with what Ron said. Chairman Robert Murphy said the traditional expansion is basically expanding components at the plant and the other one is a newer technology which is really much more expensive. Mike Mayer asked how much technology is changing. Seth said with computer technology there are a lot of changes there. There was some discussion on the difference in the types and what components will need to be expanded. Mike Mayer asked about future developers coming in and Chairman Robert Murphy said all of that has been accounted for in the plant expansion plans.

Tracy Durkin said with what they have now, while it's a little bit aged, is certainly proven reliable and there is something to be said for that. She said also during the traditional expansion there would be fewer chances of problems. Tracy said it's not to say that down the road when newer technologies come on line they might be less expensive than they are now. She said a lot of the new technology that are in use now are in the DEP and they received lots of money to incentivize their development, whereas the Commission would not have that. Tracy said when you discuss the cost of this being the developers cost, you don't want to ask them for a Cadillac when a Chevy will do and if you're trying to encourage them, you don't want to stick them with a couple extra million price tag for their plant expansion. Tracy said having said all this, she is in favor of the traditional method.

Colette said with the advanced technology she doesn't think she saw enough of the comparison of the sludge costs. Chairman Robert Murphy asked Seth is he could comment no that, if there would be any cost savings in sludge. Seth said if anything there would be a little more cost. He said also, if they went with the microfiltration, there is cost involved because they would basically have to have a temporary plant put online while they were retrofitting the existing equipment.

Mike Mayer asked if the DEP has higher standards. All the members said yes. Colette said that is one of her concerns. She said why wouldn't you prepare for the future DEP standards. Rob asked Seth what is the standard now. Seth said the difference between our plant and someone who's in the watershed is; right now our SPDES permit has a 5 BOD, which is the bacterial organisms discharge, we have a 10 TSS, Total Suspended Solids, we have an ammonia limit of 2 parts per million and we don't have a phosphorus limit. In the watershed they have those same basic numbers with a phosphorus limit of .5 and they have to meet microfiltration reduction. Seth said if we go ahead now and do the traditional expansion and in 10 years from now DEC says we have to meet these guidelines now, it would be an "add on" to what we already have. He said that if we did go with the microfiltration expansion, we would still need to do the "add on" because today we would only do what the standards are for today. If those standards change in 10 years, we would have to change with it.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED Wayne Osborn to direct the engineers toward a traditional plant expansion system. Mike Mayer said there is no cost listed. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's all in the paper work. He said the RBC is listed at a little over a million. Mike said no, the cost of the study. He said what is the cost of the motion on the floor. Mike said it's not the building of the expansion, it's not the engineering of it, therefore, what are they formalizing. Chairman Robert Murphy said they just want to give the engineers some direction on which avenue the Commission is going to take. Mike asked what will this cost. Chairman Robert Murphy said it's not going to cost anything until the board directs and starts to do engineer drawings. Mike said he is looking at holding that engineering drawing phase off as long as possible. Chairman Robert Murphy said the reason the Commission started to look at the expansion is because they wanted to try to move forward with some of the design work so they can be ready to move when they need to. He said by the time you do the drawings and deal with the DEC, it's a very, very long process. He said the one thing he doesn't want to do is get behind a developer, he wants to stay in front of them. Chairman Robert Murphy said right now they are not spending any money on this. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said all the members have had a chance to review the contract with Ron Gainer.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to approve the contract with Ron Gainer for furnishing professional engineering services. . All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Robert Murphy said he would like to meet with Seth and Steve to go over budget numbers around Nov. 6th or 7th , a week before the next meeting. He said Linda will have a worksheet with the October bills so they can put a preliminary budget together and then at the November 12th meeting they'll have a budget workshop and have the public hearing and approve the budget in December.

Rob asked how many years were left on the sewer bonds. Chairman Robert Murphy said they have four bonds. The town has one and the village has three. The town bond will be paid off in 2012. For the village, bond number two has nine years left, and bond number three has eleven years.

MOVED by Tracy Durkin, SECONDED by Wayne Osborn to close the meeting and adjourn. Time: 7:53 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

Colette Zito, Secretary