

DATE OF MEETING: July 9, 2015

PLACE OF MEETING: Pawling Village Hall, 9 Memorial Ave., Pawling, NY

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Peters  
John Burweger  
Robert Liffland  
Stan Mersand

MEMBERS ABSENT: David Kelly

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Brain Morgan, Daniels, Porco & Lusardi  
Joe Zarecki, Zarecki Associates  
Michael Batz, Severn Trent Services

At 7:00 p.m. the Business Meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Daniel Peters with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Liffland to approve the minutes of June 11, 2015 Business Meetings as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersand. All were in favor and motion carried.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Mersand to approve the June 2015 Treasurer's Report as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Liffland to approve the June 2015 Vouchers/Bills as presented and the July prepaid vouchers. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

#### New Business

**MOTION** by Commissioner Burweger to approve transfer of \$9,562.50 from Castagna Escrow #811000160 to O&M MMA#0811000030 for legal and engineering fees when they replenish the account. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersand. All were in favor and motion carried.

Cedar Valley: There was discussion about the water consumption at Cedar Valley used for the sewer billing.

Chairman Peters asked the representatives to please take action on the situation that the Commission is not getting correct and accurate water readings for their sewer billing.

## Current Projects

- Plant Expansion Project – no report
- Croton Pump Upgrade Project – Mike Batz said he submitted a new proposal, Ref. #101.15. The original quote submitted by Severn Trent was for a pump station; they took the specifications from Joe Zarecki who designed the upgrade. The package pump station alone would have cost \$65,000, for the pump station alone, plus the generator, plus the installation and ect.... Mike said this proposal is higher than the original proposal. He said the difference in the two proposals is the control system. He said in the original price quote it was basically a relay control system which is not the system that Joe had in the proposal and approved by the DEC. Mike said he recommends Alliance, as they are the lowest price vendor for the materials for the pump station at \$51,516.00 which would put the Commissions total at about \$63,000. They are also local and will complete the onsite set up of the control panel.  
**MOVED** by Commissioner Burweger to approve the upgrade to the Croton Pump Station with the proper control system not to exceed \$63,516.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Mersand. All were in favor and motion carried.
- Generator Project – no report
- Cedar Valley – discussed earlier
- Flow meter in SM #4 – Joe reported that the flow meter is in but it's going to take a few months to get readings and to do reports.
- Route 22 Sewer line update – Joe said they are moving along and DOT is involved.
- SSES and I/I – Video, cleaning, repairs – Joe said the 2015 SSES Report was approved after he addressed the concerns of the DEC and there are two contingencies he will have to address in the 2016 report.  
Joe explained that the video investigation along the railroad tracks, there were some difficulties getting onto the track. They will continue to keep trying to get those lines done.  
Chairman Peters asked if there are other lines that they could do in the meantime. He said it would be favorable to be organized ahead of time.
- Local Law prohibiting certain sump pumps and other discharges into the sanitary sewer system. Ref.#63.15 tabled at the May 14, 2015 meeting – No discussion at this time.

## Consultants: Business / Reports

Attorney Report – Brian didn't have anything further to report on.

Engineer Report – Joe said there is a fuel tank at the treatment plant that needs to be removed. He suggests that they remove the tank before the expansion gets underway.  
Chairman Peters asked who would do it and how much is it going to cost.

Joe said it's hard to identify a cost. It all depends on if there is contamination below the tank and how much there is. He said he knows of a firm that does this and he can get a price from them.

Commissioner Liffland asked if the highway crew can take the tank out.

Mike Batz doesn't recommend it because there are too many things involved in it.

Sewer Plant Operator – Mike said he has just a couple of quick notes.

First off, they had a surprise visit from the DEC and got a good report on the inspection.

Second, in his monthly report under miscellaneous category, they are doing a lot of process control monitoring in house. He said the regular process control testing show a normal range of ammonia.

There is spikes that have reached as high as 76mg/1 of ammonia. He said there is no question that someone is dumping chemicals into the collection system on a regular basis.

There was some discussion about the local law for the I/I and sump pump regulations and the fact that it had been sent to the town and the village for approval or questions. They cannot take action pertaining to the ammonia being dumped into the system without this local law being passed. The resolution was tabled at the May PJSC meeting.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Mersand to take the resolution off the table and to act on it by sending it again to the village and the town for review and hopefully approval. Commissioner Liffland asked if it will go to each board member. Chairman Peters said yes. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweiger. All were in favor and motion carried.

#### Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Liffland asked Brian Morgan if there is a bond from Castagna for when they start working on the village streets.

Brian said no, they don't have one yet. He said he sent a note to their attorney a couple of days ago to take the number \$25,000. He said he's sure they are working on it.

Chairman Peters said he wanted to just go back to the previous discussion about the resolution. He said they need the law on the books in order to address the ammonia issue. He asked Brian if they should go ahead and approve it or are they supposed to wait for the town.

Brian said the village can go ahead and pass the law but the whole point of the exercise is that you don't want the village and the town adopting different ordinances, that it could just be a complication that they don't want. But if they have to wait so long for the town then the village can go ahead and adopt it based on the fact that it is recommended by the Sewer Commission.

Commissioner Liffland said they have been waiting months now for the sewer expansion down Route 22, for letters to be sent out asking the property owners if they are interested in connecting to the system. He said they've been waiting for the town to do it but it's not being done so he thinks the Commission should take over, get the letters out and see who's interested.

Chairman Peters said that his thought is that they talked about it on June 23<sup>rd</sup> and they were going to have a meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> and then there was conflict of schedules.

Commissioner Liffland said that nobody has received a letter. He said they were told that the letters went out but nobody has received one.

Chairman Peters asked is there harm in waiting three weeks or is this something they feel should be done right away.

Commissioner Liffland asked why wait three weeks? He asked Brian Morgan if the Commission can send the letters out.

Brian said yes, the Commission can't close any deals or make any promises but they certainly can send a letter out to see how much interest there is.

Commissioner Liffland said he would like to see letters go out to everyone from the Putnam County line all the way up Route 22 to the sewer plant, including the roads that shoot off Route 22. He wants letters sent out with a return envelope to find out about interest. He said it's just dragging on. He wants the Commission to do it.

There was some discussion about where the sewer district is and who to send letters to.

Commissioner Burweger said that if they are going to do it they should do a professional presentation using power point and so they need to find the resources to do it.

Commissioner Liffland said Dan Stone of Chazen Companies can do it.

Chairman Peters asked who will do the rest of the list.

Linda said she can do the rest of the list.

They discussed where they can hold the meeting, when they would like it to be and how they want to present it. They will have to get all of this together.

Peter Cris said he can check to see if the Commission can use Brady Brook.

Commissioner Burweger said they should have refreshments and a professional presentation.

Chairman Peters said he'll reach out to Dan Stone, Linda will get the list together and draft the letter.

They will come up with a place and dates.

MOVED by Commissioner Mersand to close the meeting and adjourn. SECONDED by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried. Time: 8:04 p.m.

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Stan Mersand, Secretary