

DATE OF MEETING: November 12, 2015

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

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Peters
John Burweger
David Kelly
Robert Liffland
Stan Mersand
Earl Slocum

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: 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 Mersand to accept the treasurer's report for October 2015 as presented, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Commissioner Mersand to approve payment of the October 2015 vouchers as presented and the November prepaid vouchers. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

New Business

MOVED by Commissioner Mersand to approve transfer of \$5,453.65 from Castagna Escrow Acct. #811000160 to O&M MMA #811000030 for legal and engineering vouchers paid. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly to approve transfer of \$22,290.63 from BAN funds, acct#8816000500 to O&M MMA#81100030 for WWTP Expansion vouchers that were paid. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

MOVED by Commissioner Mersand to approve a refund to sewer customer #275 of \$81.33. O&M was charged in error because the water had been shut off. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Kelly. All were in favor and motion carried.

Discussion – 2016 Budget:

Chairman Peters said there is an overall increase of 7.40%. He said the large part is due to the increase in the sludge hauling. He said they are hoping to get the new plant out for bid next month and the first thing they will do is the belt press and that will help tremendously with the sludge costs.

Chairman Peters said there is also a \$25,000 which is for new billing software.

Commissioner Burweger asked if the costs are split between the sewer, water and garbage.

Chairman Peters said yes but the garbage might not take a third of the cost because it's a much simpler billing program.

There was some discussion on what portion the three utilities will be designated. Commissioner Kelly asked about the repair and maintenance line and the new line underneath it. He asked if the new line is to separate the costs of the pump station repairs and maintenance. Commissioner said yes.

Commissioner Burweger asked if there were any cost analysis done on the belt press with the sludge costs. What kind of savings are they looking at?

Mike Batz said it should be greater than 20%.

Commissioner Kelly asked if because the increase is 7.40%, that means they have to pass a local law because they exceeded the tax cap.

Chairman Peters said no because it's a service that is being provided.

He said this is a transitional year with the plant expansion, the new billing, the hope is that this will resolve itself during the year.

He said for instance, the \$25,000 is slated to come out of the fund balance so there is an increase in the fund balance.

Discussion: Route 22 Corridor:

Chairman Peters said they have been discussing having a meeting and doing a presentation for the property owners down on Route 22 about bringing the sewer system down.

They determined that the timing is not good right now with the holidays coming up and everyone is so busy; so they thought it would be best to hold off until January.

He wants everyone to look at the Power Point presentation before hand so if there are any questions they can be answered before that meeting.

Commissioner Burweger said they should be getting the presentation tomorrow by email.

They will all get a copy and they can have a meeting to discuss it.

Current Projects

- Plant Expansion – Chairman Peters said they did receive the final plans and are hoping to have a resolution for the December meeting to ask that it be put out to bid. He said they have been held up waiting for approval from the Dept. of Water.
- Croton Pump Upgrade Project – Mike Batz said they should be done tomorrow. The only item backordered is the generator.
Chairman Peters said while they are on the subject of pumps and generators, the Greenlawn pump went down during the power outage. As soon as they got there with the portable generator it went back on line.
- Generator Project – Still on hold
- Cedar Valley – No discussion
- Flow meter in SM #4 –
- Route 22 Sewer line update – Chairman Peters said they are working on the connection to the South St. line.

Chairman Kelly said that the town board is willing to accept dedication of the lines on Castagna's property. They spoke with Peter Setaro and gave him the direction to get them the resolution along with documentation for easements and access for operation and maintenance; those documents should be approved by the town attorney and the Commissions attorney. They will look at doing that on the 18th. The documents are not ready for review. It will be pushed off until the beginning of December.

Chairman Peters said that he and Commissioner Kelly also spoke about the town possibly doing this with Cedar Valley also.

Commissioner Kelly said they did talk about it but that he would like to get through this first, then the town will take that on.

- SSES and I/I – Video, cleaning, repairs – Chairman Peters said that he spoke with Joe and Joe said the last thing they need for the SSES report to be complete is the videotaping of the lines north of Pawling Corp. That is tentatively arranged for Tuesday and they are waiting for the Metro North to let him know if they can make it work.

Consultant Reports

- Attorney Report – No report
- Engineering Report – No report
- Sewer Operator Report – Nothing more.

Commissioner Member Comments

Commissioner Mersand just wants to commend everybody for the work on the budget. He said he thinks it's a fair budget and a workable budget.

MOVED by Commissioner Kelly to close the meeting and adjourn. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried. Time: 7:20 p.m.

Stan Mersand, Secretary