

DATE OF MEETING: April 11, 2019  
PLACE OF MEETING: Pawling Village Hall, 9 Memorial Ave., Pawling, NY  
KIND OF MEETING: Business  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Peters  
John Burweger  
Robert Liffland  
Earl Slocum  
Lauri Taylor  
James Schmitt  
CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Mike Batz of 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 Chairman Peters to;

- Approve the March 14, 2019 Business Meeting Minutes as presented
- Approve March 2019 Treasurer's Report as presented
- Approve payment of March 2019 Vouchers/Bills as presented and the April 2019 prepay vouchers

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

#### New Business

**MOVED** by Commissioner Liffland to approve Pay Request No. 11 for \$78,636.25 to J&J Sass Electric. Ref#2319. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Slocum to approve Pay Request No. 13 for \$379,538.30 to OCS Industries, Inc. Ref.#2419. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

Discussion on moving capital funds to a CD. – Chairman Peters said Linda has been talking with Jeff Smith and Linda Hannigan. He said the commission just needs to decide on an amount and he doesn't know if they are ready to do that.

Linda said that Jeff Smith recommended the whole amount of \$660,000 as the commission cannot touch these funds. They are reserved for paying down debt.

Linda said it can be done broken up with the amount and the amount of time.

Linda said she was hoping for approval for putting the funds into CD's with highest interest rates.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Burweger to put the funds into CD's, **SECONDED** by Chairman Peters for discussion. Commissioner Burweger would like to discuss the term.

Chairman Peters said some of it should be in shorter term in case we need it as an emergency.

It was decided to get the consultants advice and do the CD's as they suggest. All were in favor and motion carried.

There was discussion about the generator maintenance contract, Ref.#2219. The Commissioners agreed that the sewer operator contract should be looked into first because some of the maintenance items on the proposal are jobs that are done by the operator and they may not be needed, but they do agree that the generators need to be serviced on a regular basis. They will also look at some competitive bids also and revisit this next month.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Liffland to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD). **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Peters introduced Town Councilman DeRosa saying that he and Supervisor Schmitt have been designated representatives from the town to have a discussion about the map, plan and report for the Route 22 sewer corridor.

Chairman Peters added that this is something the Commission has been working on as long as he's been on the board and on the Commission and getting the sewer plant up and going. There have been multiple discussions about getting the sewer down Route 22 to the Putnam County line. Over the last couple of years they've brought this project home as far as building a new updated plant with the capacity to meet the needs of the community for the next 40 years. He said the Sewer Commission has done everything in its power to make it feasible and possible for new people to hook up. They've eliminated hookup fees, temporarily, which will save new prospective people a tremendous amount of money to hookup. We've expanded the district in the village.

Chairman Peters said that the map, plan and reports the next step to be done. There is nothing further that the Commission can do and nothing else can happen until that is done.

Chairman Peters said it's all up to the town now to create the sewer district and initiate the map, plan and report.

He said that Dan Stone of the Chazen Co. has worked with the Commission through this whole process and are the right people to do it. He said they've always known up front what it's going to cost, he knows the job gets done, it comes in on time, there is always open communication, there has been no downside.

He said the Commission can help in areas of looking for funding. He said anything they can help with they are willing to do.

He said again, nothing else can happen until the town board moves ahead with a map, plan and report.

Commissioner Schmitt said that they do understand. He said that they had Hannaford in front of the Town Board last night and that's a great thing. He said the survey that was taken showed that there is a lot of interest. He asked Town Councilman DeRosa to share the information he has.

Councilman DeRosa said that part of his intent of getting the sewer down Route 22 is not just the normal concerns that people have, he looks at it from a planning perspective. He said he sat on the towns planning board for many years and developed a lot of those new buildings that are down there like Mavis, Auto Parts Store, the place across the street from there just to name a few and it was so hard to develop those properties because of the environmental situation and the town zoning codes. Councilman DeRosa talked about some of the restrictions that they were faced with and how they were able to amend some of the building codes for these properties so that they can come in and build.

He said that if the sewer was down there they would be able to develop a lot more building and bigger buildings.

He showed the members a small map of the properties in the area, what has been developed and what's available. He said this past February he went through the map and made the changes that needed to be done so it's up to date.

He asked if the other properties around Castagna's property is in the sewer district.

Chairman Peters said he believes not.

Councilman DeRosa said the reason why he wanted to come speak to the Commission is to get the discussions going so they can have the Commissions input too so they can get the map plan and report started.

He said he would like to look at this both ways, with the septic tanks and without the septic tanks.

Chairman Peters said that Dan Stone of Chazen has offered to do that.

Councilman DeRosa said he understands that but the Town Board practices have always been to get a couple of quotes from different people, not just hone in on one quote.

Commissioner Schmitt said it's professional services so they don't have to but if they could get other quotes and still get this in front of the Town Board by the next meeting, that's what's really important.

Phil said to be realistic; this isn't all going to happen in 6 months. It could take a year or so.

Chairman Peters said that the map, plan and report can be done in 3 months.

Phil said the approval will take longer.

Commissioner Schmitt said he'll keep it going on their end.

Chairman Peters said if there's anything the Commission can do just let him know.

Chairman Peters said they will arrange a meeting with Dan Stone for Councilman DeRosa to ask questions.

Councilman DeRosa said maybe they can get 2 members from the Town and 2 from the Commission to meet before the meeting.

Chairman Peters asked Mike Batz if they have a second pump yet for the main lift station and; have they gotten any reports back on either of the other two pumps.

Mike said not yet and with the pumps, one is totally re-buildable, they other he's still waiting to hear. The 3<sup>rd</sup> pump is still in service.

Commission Member Comments

Commissioner Taylor asked what is going on with the Cedar Valley water meter replacement.

Chairman Peters said Chazen has been out to Cedar Valley and they've taken pictures of 4 different types of installations. Some of them, and apparently there's 100 of them, are the easiest and in the basements. They took pictures of them.

Then the Commission will amend the current bid package and include the pictures.

He said some of the grant money they receive from Dutchess County will go towards that.

Chairman Peters said that another thing they've been discussing is the sewer line that goes under the train tracks. He said they would like to get the pipes out from under the tracks and hopefully with a portion of the grant they can do that.

There was some further discussion about that sewer line.

**MOVED** by Commissioner Liffland to Close the Business Meeting and Adjourn.

**SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. Time: 7:45 p.m. All were in favor and motion carried.

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Earl Slocum, Secretary