

DATE OF MEETING: January 4, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Earl Slocum – via conference call**

MOTION by Trustee Peters to open the regular business meeting at 7:04 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing to consider any objections or comments concerning the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule is proposed to be set at \$938,816.00 and to consider and approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District in the amount of \$344,323.00 at 7:04 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Peters asked for any comments.

There were no public comments.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session at 7:06 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule is proposed to be set at \$938,816.00 and the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District in the amount of \$344,323.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

** Trustee Slocum logged off the conference call.

Mr. Curt Johnson, a representative for VASR, was present to discuss the Mount Tom Project. Mr. Dan Stone, a village engineer from The Chazen Companies, said in respect to the project being proposed in the village it would have to be a regimented process that everybody could look at in the light of day and follow. He stated the Board would like to do it in an orderly fashion and the belief is the best way to proceed with the Mount Tom project is for the applicant to complete a Long Form Environmental Assessment Form and attach whatever studies they feel are necessary – including a site plan sketch or map so that everybody that is reviewing it knows exactly what the applicant is proposing and where they are proposing it. He said the piecemeal basis does not provide for a comprehensive review. Mr. Stone said when the Board receives that type of application it will be circulated to agencies that may be informed and involved to make sure there is consent for the application. He said in that process the Lead Agency will be determined – that would

provide for a coordinated review which in his view would be the best way to proceed with a project such as this so all parties are equally informed and have an opportunity to comment. Mr. Stone said without the Long Form EAF and site plan there is no basis for the Village Board, or any other board, to either favor or disfavor the project because they don't have any information necessary to make any determination until more definitive information is provided for them to review. He said once that Long Form EAF is submitted the Lead Agency will be determined by all of the involved agencies and one of them will rise to the top as being the Lead Agency which cannot be opined until a Full EAF is received. He said SEQR is the guide and SEQR will provide the path of review. Mr. Johnson said that made sense and they would provide that to the Board.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the Village Green and Public Assembly Permit for the Pawling Library to celebrate the library centennial on May 22, 2021. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the annual 2021 Public Water Supply Permit Application. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the renewal of the 2021 EAP Contract. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Reports for October and November 2020. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of the December bills in the amount of \$109,073.24. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of the Metro North bills in the amount of \$1,099.29. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to close the meeting and go into Public Comment at 7:13 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to return to regular session at 7:14 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 7:14 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to close Executive Session at 7:59 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to return to regular session at 7:59 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the meeting at 7:59 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk