

DATE OF MEETING: July 13, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Lauri Taylor
Commissioner James Schmitt
Commissioner John Burweger
Commissioner Jerry Locascio
Commissioner Stephen Pezzella
Commissioner Arthur Guzzo

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: David Daniels, Esq.

At 7:00 p.m. the Business Meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairperson Lauri Taylor with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Commissioner Locascio to approve the June 8, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Commissioner John Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Commissioner James Schmitt to approve the June 2023 Treasurer's Report as presented, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Commissioner Schmitt to approve the June 2023 Voucher's Report as presented, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to approve transfer of \$34,931.25 from O&M Acct. ending in 0030 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay June 2023 Vouchers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to approve payment in the amount of \$2,500.00 from WWTP Project #2 Account ending in 0500 to pay LaBella Voucher for Septage Receiving Station Project, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Commissioner Burweger to move \$200.00 from Repairs & Maintenance Line # 13043.3 to Collection System Maintenance & Repair Line # 13043.4 – **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to move \$5,000.00 from Repairs & Maintenance Line # 13043.3 to Collection System Maintenance & Repair Line # 13043.4 – **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to move \$300.00 from Telephone & Internet Line # 13041.4 to Collection System Maintenance & Repair Line # 13043.4 – **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Reference # 41.23 – Draft IMA Amendment Agreement and explained that the IMA was amended in order to move forward with second Town seat on the Commission and asked if everyone had a chance to review it. All members acknowledged that they had reviewed the draft. Chairperson Taylor said she had reviewed the draft and did find one thing that she felt should be changed. On page two of the draft it has the reorganizational meeting being held in April, but we normally have that meeting in January. Mr. Daniels acknowledged that he knew the date would need to be changed, but he was under the impression that we were going to be making several changes to the draft. Chairperson Taylor said it would need to be changed to the second Thursday of January. Chairperson Taylor asked the Commission if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the draft; there were no questions. Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Daniels if the Commission could approve the draft so it could then be sent to the Town & Village Boards for their approval. Commissioner Schmitt said the Town had approved the draft at their meeting the night before and added that their attorney has reviewed the draft and said if minor changes needed to be made, it wouldn't be a big deal. Commissioner Locascio made a **MOTION** to approve the Amendment to the IMA which would allow the Town to have two seats on the Board and one alternate with the one change of the date to be January for the reorganizational meeting and recommend that it go before the Town & Village Board for their approval. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor moved on to Ref. # 45.23 – Customer # 20098 requesting penalty waiver on sewer bill in the amount of \$47.30. Commissioner Locascio asked if Christine could refresh his memory as he was out of Town over the past weekend. Christine explained that this customer had purchased their home in March of 2022 and didn't realize that they should have called to set up a sewer account so nothing was ever changed on the billing system. The bills were sent in the previous owners name to the address, however the bills were then being forwarded to the previous owner's new address. Chairperson Taylor asked if they hadn't paid their sewer bill at all in 2022, Christine said the bill went unpaid and the account was re-levied in November of 2022. From that point a December 2022 bill was sent, a March 2023 bill was sent and Christine believed that the previous owners daughter had called and tipped her off that there were new owners. The June 15, 2023 was mailed to the new owners. The Commission felt that since the customer wasn't receiving the bills that the Commission would waive the penalty fees. Commissioner Schmitt made a **MOTION** to waive the penalty fees in the amount of \$47.30 Commissioner Burweger **SECONDED** the motion. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson introduced Ref. # 46.23 – an invoice from LaBella in the amount of \$16,500.00 for Grant preparation for the Trunk Line Sewer Replacement. Chairperson Taylor said she was uncomfortable because it was a large amount of money in order to apply for a grant & Chairperson Taylor didn't want to ask the Commission for their support on it so she spoke with Dan Stone about it and asked if it was possible for them to wait for payment if and when we receive the grant and they have agreed to do that, so that is why this was on for a discussion point. Chairperson Taylor is hopeful that we will be approved for the grant so all of the work that went into these preparation documents can be paid at that time. Chairperson Taylor added that we have used Jennifer Vaughn with

LaBella quite a few times with our grants and everything she touches turns to gold and she hopes that her track record continues with this because this is a much needed effort since we have had nothing but constant problems with this trunk line backing up & in fact we had to have Savarese come back out the other day. Commissioner Locascio gave a re-cap of what Chairperson Taylor just said. Chairperson Taylor thanked Dan Stone for helping.

Chairperson Taylor asked Commissioner Schmitt if he had anything to report regarding the Castagna Project, Commissioner Schmitt said he had nothing. Dan Stone said he and Jeff would be visiting the site the following week when Dan is in Town, but it seems to be moving along. Commissioner Schmitt asked Dan Stone to let him know what day he would be going out to the site and he would meet him there.

Chairperson Taylor asked Dan Stone if he had any updates regarding the West Main Street Pump Station upgrade – Mr. Stone said there was an issue with integrating the old alarm system with the new, but believes it was worked out between Foremost & Automatic Alarm. It was a wrinkle that wasn't expected, but we are still within the overall budget of the project.

Chairman Taylor asked Commissioner Schmitt if he had anything to report regarding the ASPCA project. Commissioner Schmitt said he hadn't heard anything from them in a while and they were supposed to have started construction about a month ago. Dan Stone said he would reach out to the engineer for ASPCA because he had an agreement with him that ASPCA would pursue the occupational permits from the DOT so we (PJSC) could coordinate the construction of the odor control system on that property. Mr. Stone said he would work on getting that straightened out with them in the following week. Commissioner Schmitt said he would follow up with the building department the next day as well.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Daniels if he had anything to discuss, Mr. Daniels did not.

Chairperson Taylor asked Dan Stone if he had anything to report or discuss, Mr. Stone did not.

Chairperson Taylor asked Justin Kadish from the WWTP if he had anything to report, Justin said during the rain event that happened they were processing about 1,300 gallons per minute when the plant design is only for about 550 gallons per minute. The storm required Justin to stay at the plant for the whole night. Commissioner Locascio thank Justin on behalf of the Commission for all of his hard work.

Chairperson Taylor told Commissioner Schmitt that she would like to schedule a meeting with him, the Towns attorney, Deputy Supervisor McCarthy, & the Town's engineer for the following week to discuss the proposed sewer rates while Dan Stone is in town. Commissioner Schmitt agreed.

Commissioner Locascio asked Justin what happened with the trunk line just after the storm. Justin explained that he could see that the line was backing up again so he had Savarese come out to jet the line again.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to close the meeting. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Schmitt to close the regular business meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried. Time 7:32 PM.

Jerry Locascio, Secretary