

DATE OF MEETING: August 10, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Lauri Taylor
Commissioner James Schmitt
Commissioner Stephen Pezzella
Commissioner Arthur Guzzo
Town alternate Jim McCarthy

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner Burweger
Commissioner Locascio
Commissioner DeRosa

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: David Daniels, Esq. & Dan Stone

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 Schmitt to approve the July 13, 2023 Business Meeting Minutes as presented, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

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

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

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to approve transfer of \$90,044.40 from O&M Acct. ending in 0030 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay July 2023 Vouchers, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to approve transfer in the amount of \$610.50 from Capital Account ending in 0000 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay LaBella Vouchers for West Main Street Pump Station and 2023 I&I Inflow & Infiltration Study. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Stone of LaBella to explain Ref. # 49.23 – Professional Services Agreement regarding the 2023 Inflow & Infiltration Study. Mr. Stone explained that as part of the SPEDS Permit for the WWTP we are required to submit an annual report to DEC. by Dec. 31st of each year. The intent of that report is to identify extraneous areas of clean groundwater or infiltrating surface water from roof leaders and things like that gets into the system. As discussed at our last meeting of the recent rain event of 6" or 8" or 9" here in the Village caused flows to go over two million gallons a day which the design basis for the plant is 750,000 so Justin was doing everything he could just to keep the water inside the tanks and out the outfall. It's that massive flow of inflow that we need

to address. Part of the I&I program is to look at the flow in the pump stations and flow in the sewer itself meters that Justin has installed & to look at those data & try to identify where the inflow comes in and in addition to that PJSC was able to get Rural Water at about \$300 per day to come in and televise the sewer systems July 24th & July 25th we did the area in the Town sewer district #1 and yesterday & today they were back and we did one big pipe on Trinity Pawling & some of the pipes here in the downtown area. All of those data will be rolled into the I&I Report and that's what the Proposal is that you have in front of you is for, to gather those data and present them in a form acceptable to the State. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions about the Proposal. Commissioner Pezzella asked if this was an annual report, Mr. Stone answered yes, that it is a condition of the SPEDS Permit. Mr. Stone added that he wasn't sure if every municipality gets it, but municipalities that have wide range of flows like we have, a typical day would be less than 300,000 gallons and a typical dry summer day would be just a little over 200,000 gallons, so we have a lot of extraneous water that comes through the system and it costs money & it's also harder to treat the dilute waste than it is the strong waste, so the State is making the Village and other Villages like you address it by evaluating & fixing. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any question; there were no further questions. Chairperson asked if someone would like to make a motion to approve the project. Commissioner Schmitt asked if the cost of the project was the \$38,500.00 proposal and not the original proposal amount of \$44,500.00, Chairperson Taylor responded yes. Chairperson Taylor reminded everyone that this is a requirement of our SPEDS Permit, so we really don't have an option. Commissioner Schmitt asked Mr. Stone if this is something that we would have to do each year and at similar expense. Mr. Stone responded that the reason LaBella was able to reduce the price on this proposal was because last year's report was so well organized and so robust that we can use the same format and just update it with the acquired data this year, but all of the thinking and the organizational part was already done so LaBella is passing that advantage on to the Pawling Joint Sewer. The SPEDS Permit does require that this be done every year. Mr. Stone continued that one of the advantages is that Pawling Joint Sewer has Pump Stations where we have installed Data Recording Devices so we can get duration & time of Pump operation & if we know how fast the pump pumps, we can see change in flow from each of the Pump Stations just by integrating those Data, so those Data would be analyzed every year and we would expect to look at different parts of the collection system each year so as to figure out what & where we need to make repairs. Commissioner Schmitt asked Mr. Stone if the price for this each year would continue to go down as they collect more Data. Mr. Stone responded that if the system gets fixed that price will go down or go away. Chairperson Taylor added that we have implemented inspections which allow us to get into basement and identify where so of the issues are coming from. Chairperson Taylor also said we should see if the Town Building inspector might be able to get into some of the homes that are in the Town to see if we can identify those issues as well. Town Board Member, Jim McCarthy asked Mr. Stone if the approximate 200,000 extra gallons we are seeing in flow is caused by people's gutters going into the sewer – Chairperson Taylor responded that it's numerous things. Mr. Stone then explained inflow & infiltration and what they mean when discussing sewage treatment.

MOTION by Commissioner Schmitt to approve Ref. # 49.23 – Professional Service Agreement for 2023 Inflow & Infiltration Study in the amount of \$38,500.00. **SECONDED** by Chairperson Taylor. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Ref. # 50.23 – Proposal from Aaron Associates for instrument calibrations & the SCADA update which is all of the electrical components –

Justin Kadish from the WWTP added that it's all of the sensors that are inside all of our tanks. Commissioner Schmitt asked how often will this need to happen, Chairperson Taylor & Justin said it needs to be done every year. Dan Stone added that he would like to get all of the Pump Stations online so the personnel at the WWTP would be able to monitor what each Pump Station was doing at any given time.

MOTION by Chairperson Taylor to approve Ref. # 50.23 – Dan Stone interjected and told Commissioner Schmitt and Town Board Member Jim McCarthy that Justin would be happy to give them a tour of the Treatment Plant and show them the SCADA System. Chairperson Taylor continued and asked if anyone had any questions & then asked for a **SECOND. SECONDED** by Commissioner Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Ref. # 51.23 – Evoqua quote for replacement of the motor & aerator for the WWTP in the amount of \$12,705.45. Chairman Taylor called upon Mr. Stone to explain what this was for. Mr. Stone gave a brief description of what this was for and why it was needed. Commissioner Schmitt asked if this is something that only has a three to five year shelf life – Mr. Stone said he has had motors last ten years in WWTP, but this particular one went bad after five years and the other two are chugging along. Commissioner Schmitt asked what the availability of this motor was – Mr. Stone said it's a 12-14 week lead time. Commissioner Pezzella confirmed that this price doesn't include installation. Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion for Ref. # 51.23.

MOTION by Commissioner Schmitt to approve Ref. # 51.23 in the amount of \$12,705.45. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Ref. # 52.23 – quote for Mud Sucker, Hose & Adaptors in the amount of \$5,344.86. Mr. Stone explained why this piece of equipment was so important to have and it will save the Commission money over a short period of time.

MOTION by Commissioner Schmitt to approve Ref. # 52.23 in the amount of \$5,344.86 – Justin interjected and explained a few other things that it would be used for. **SECONDED** by Chairperson Taylor. Commissioner Guzzo said he looked into the Mud Sucker and found for an additional \$77.00 the Commission could purchase one with a Honda motor as opposed to the Briggs & Stratton motor. Commissioner Schmitt asked if we could make an Amendment to the Motion to purchase the Mud Sucker with the Honda motor for the additional \$77.00. Chairperson Taylor said James has made a **MOTION** & she **SECONDED** and asked if there were any questions. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor introduced Ref. # 53.23 – Repairs/Replacements for the WWTP in priority order. Mr. Stone then went through a list of items the need to be replaced or repaired at the WWTP. These Repairs/Replacements would run about \$100,000 on the high end & about \$46,000 on the low end. Chairperson Taylor said to Commissioner Schmitt as you know we did talk about having Budget concerns and that we will have to make some Amendments to the Budget, so in preparations for us sitting down and scrutinizing everything so she had asked Dan Stone & H2o to put this list together, put it in priority order to give us some idea of what costs we are looking at. We can now sit down and scrutinize where the Budgets at & come up with a plan and how we address this. Commissioner Schmitt said even on the priority one's that are on the list it comes out to

about \$79,500 on the high end and \$37,600 on the low end. Commissioner Schmitt asked Mr. Stone why the difference was so big between those numbers. Mr. Stone said we just gave ballpark figures just for discussion & now you need to go out and get quotes. Chairperson Taylor agreed that we need to get actual quotes and this list was just a talking point. Town Board Member McCarthy asked if we go out for State bids on these things. Mr. Stone explained the procurement policy requires anything up to \$20,000 that we get three quotes, then Mr. Stone corrected himself saying anything under 35,000 for public works only requires three quotes. Commissioner Schmitt asked Mr. Stone how quickly did the immediate items on the list need to be done, Mr. Stone responded as soon as you can a source for the money and get the equipment ordered. Chairperson Taylor mentioned that we are coming up on having to put next year's budget together, so that is why she had asked what items we can budget for in the 2024 budget. Commissioner Pezzella asked how long ago did all of the stuff that has broken down, break down? Did it make it four years and then break down or are they breaking at different points Mr. Stone responded that some people didn't want to bring up money, so some of these things part of the team knew about and didn't bring it to management's attention. Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Stone if these things are breaking down before life expectancy or did they make it almost until life expectancy or are these all really bad parts. Mr. Stone responded saying that when these parts were purchased they all came with a one year guarantee and anything after that is an owner responsibility. Commissioner Schmitt said we will definitely need to work on our maintenance & repair line in the budget for next year so we can run this big plant and added that we really need to get rid of all this extra I&I coming into the plant as well. Chairperson Taylor agreed and noted it was great that we were able to get some of the camera work done and we found some sub-pumps and they are being addressed right now. Commissioner Schmitt & Chairperson Taylor agreed that all that extra water coming into the plant is taxing on the system. Chairperson Taylor said this was nothing we needed to make any decisions on, it was more of a talking point and added that she and Commissioner Schmitt would need to sit down and really go over next year's budget.

Chairperson Taylor called upon Dan Stone & Commissioner Schmitt for any updates regarding the Castagna project. Mr. Stone said he was on site that day and three of the five septic tanks are installed, one of them was installed without a cleanout and he had notified the Contractor that would need to be added. Commissioner Schmitt added that he had met with Dan a couple of weeks ago at the end of the day and there is an area that they will have to blast. Mr. Stone said he was surprised that they are doing underground storm water retention.

Chairperson Taylor asked for any updates on the West Main Street Pump Station – Mr. Stone said this was a very long dragged out project and explained that we first couldn't get a generator or a transfer switch for almost two years from the time we bid the project until the time the material came in, but it is now completely finished and LaBella will be writing a complete work certification within the next week or so at which point the project will be closed out. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any question – there were no questions from the Commission.

Chairperson Taylor then asked for an update on the ASPCA Project. Commissioner Schmitt said they had finally started work and they had met with the Town Building Inspector along with the excavation Contractor & Joanne Daley and they should be mobilizing next week. Mr. Stone spoke about ASPCA working with the Village & Town force

account in getting the Bio-filter in. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any question – there were no questions from the Commission.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Daniels if he had anything to report – he responded that he did not.

Chairperson asked Justin if he had anything to report. Justin spoke about the camera work that was done in July and mentioned that they discovered that Trunk Line on Memorial Ave. is 50% blocked with grease even though we have been jetting that line constantly and we should consider having that line really cleaned out by Cook or another company. Justin will ask H2o if they know of any other companies that we can get bids from.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Stone if he had an engineer's report – Mr. Stone said he will be speaking with Dan Tompkins, Head of Facilities at Trinity Pawling and showing him the pictures that we obtained during the camera work in July. Mr. Stone suggested we do some smoke testing at Trinity Pawling next spring and stated that from the South side of the main building all the way down to Route 22 is in really bad shape, joints are displaced & manholes are leaking. Mr. Stone told Dan Tompkins that he would put together a brief report along with the pictures explaining what should be done in order to fix the problems. Mr. Stone then spoke about the issues with the Trunk Line running along Memorial Ave. Mr. Stone added that there would be another meeting coming up in Sept. between the Town & the Village regarding sewer Rate Increases. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions for Mr. Stone – there were no questions.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to close the meeting and go into Public Comment. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Schmitt to close the regular business meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried. Time 8:08 PM.

Jerry Locascio, Secretary