

DATE OF MEETING: December 14, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Lauri Taylor
Commissioner Burweger
Commissioner Stephen Pezzella
Commissioner Arthur Guzzo
Commissioner Phil DeRosa

MEMBERS ABSENT: Commissioner James Schmitt, Commissioner Jerry Locascio
Town of Pawling Alternate, Jim McCarthy

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Rich Kane, Waste Water Treatment Plant, in person &
Joe Eriole of Van DeWater & Van DeWater via phone-in

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.

Chairperson Lauri Taylor announced that this Meeting was the Public Hearing for the 2024 Pawling Joint Sewer Commission Budget and asked for a Motion to open the Public Hearing. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger **SECONDED** by Commissioner Guzzo. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor said we had worked on the Budget and you could see on the Budget marked in red where we had short-falls, and so we have done our best to predict what might be in the future for 2024, and as everybody knows with the cost of everything increasing, so our fuel and electric & our O&M has been going up tremendously. Chairperson Taylor asked if anybody had any questions regarding the Budget. There were no questions from the Commission. Chairperson Taylor then opened up the floor to Public Comment. Harvey Matcovsky of Holmes, NY addressed the Commission - saying his background in budgeting is that he is a certified financial planner, and said that Mrs. Snow who was in attendance of the Meeting will verify that when he was a member of the School Board for ten years, that he would always ask questions about the Budget and they were all properly answered. Mr. Matcovsky continued, that he always looks at the big items and he was looking at the personnel & administrative line and asked if that line included the \$40,000.00 in Stipends for elected officials. Chairperson Taylor answered saying that there was a second sheet - Mr. Matcovsky interrupted saying he was looking at the first page where there is \$115,000.00 and asked if that includes the \$40,000.00 in Stipends. Chairperson Taylor asked if Mr. Matcovsky if he had looked at the second page where that line is broken out. Mr. Matcovsky thanked Chairperson Taylor and said he was sorry - Chairperson Taylor said that breaks out the entire \$115,000.00. Mr. Matcovsky said there is a total of \$43,604.00 in Stipends and these were non-salaried people. Chairperson Taylor said these were the Commissioner's sitting at the table, and repeated that all of the people sitting at the table were Commissioner's. Mr. Matcovsky interrupted and said you call them Commissioners, Chairperson Taylor responded yes. Mr. Matcovsky continued, saying there was a Town Board, and there's a Zoning Board of Appeal and they have the same thing in the Village and to call them by other than who they are and citizens, and you know you call them Commissioners so they get \$5,500.00. He

again asked if everyone was a Commissioner. Chairperson Taylor said for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission – Mr. Matcovsky interrupted again, saying they are all Commissioners. Chairperson Taylor answered saying Mr. Matcovsky was correct – for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission, & our Board is considered a Commission and so they are Commissioners that sit on the Commission. Mr. Matcovsky said Chairperson Taylor used the word considered, they are not members, they are not Trustees, but Commissioners so that entitles them to get a Stipend of \$5,500.00 to hopefully put in what work. Chairperson Taylor answered saying by overseeing the operations of the Joint Commission, she continued – reviewing all of this we have on the Agenda, doing research & homework, voting, coming to monthly meetings. Commissioner Burweger added being involved in the design & construction of the Sewer Plant – Chairperson Taylor added, making decisions on how money is spent – just like a Town Board or a Village Board would do. Mr. Matcovsky said he looked at it different. Chairperson Taylor said just like on a School Board. Mr. Matcovsky said to ask Mrs. Snow who's been the School Board President, they didn't get any salaries. Chairperson Taylor started to respond, Mr. Matcovsky interrupted and so the Stipends are arbitrary. Mr. Matcovsky continued that he was trying to equate them to the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeal who get \$1,000.00 in Stipends and he assumed that they come once or twice a month and he assumed they do their homework and do a lot of work. Mr. Matcovsky said this should be a citizen Commission. Chairperson Taylor began to speak and Mr. Matcovsky interrupted again asking why they were only elected officials. Chairperson Taylor attempted to speak again when Mr. Matcovsky interrupted yet again saying he had made his point. Chairperson Taylor addressed Mr. Matcovsky saying the Sewer Commission is similar to a Village Board or a Town Board, not necessarily a Planning Board or a Zoning Board if you're going to make comparisons. Mr. Matcovsky said he respectfully disagreed. Chairperson Taylor said that was OK, & he could.

Mr. Matcovsky then went on saying that he saw a \$10,000.00 increase in Legal Fees and asked without getting specific and he knew Chairperson Taylor couldn't, why did the Legal Fees go up 50%. Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Matcovsky if he could see in the middle column in red that we are short \$7,800.00 in the current Budget due to Legal Fees – so when you plan on the next Budget, you don't want to have a short-fall again. Mr. Matcovsky interrupted again saying we had unexpected Legal Fees – Chairperson Taylor started to answer but was again interrupted by Mr. Matcovsky who said so last year there was a Budget and the expenses exceeded the Budget from a year ago, so there were unexpected Legal Fees. Chairperson Taylor responded that Mr. Matcovsky was right. Mr. Matcovsky said he didn't want to get more specific other than accountant terms, but still wanted to know if there was an explanation as to why the Commission was off by the \$8,000.00 or \$10,000.00. Chairperson Taylor said we had some lawsuit issues that needed to be addressed and that was probably the brunt of it, a lawsuit that was against the Sewer Commission and that was the brunt of the Legal Fees. Mr. Matcovsky said that it was disturbing that these lawsuits come – Chairperson Taylor agreed and said we have no control over that. Mr. Matcovsky then went on to address Commissioner DeRosa, saying he is always the guy that looks at finances and money on the Town Board, and he hoped that he would do his job, and Mr. Matcovsky was convinced of that because he has seen him get into the nitty-gritty in details on the Town Board and he hoped that Mr. DeRosa would continue as a Trustee. Mr. Matcovsky continued, saying there are seven Commissioners and asked if that was correct. Chairperson Taylor answered yes. Mr. Matcovsky then asked if there really was a need for seven as there are only five Town Board members and five Village Trustee's and wanted to know why there were seven Commissioners. Chairperson Taylor explained that we need both representation from the Village and the Town, and if you go back in history, the Sewer Plant used to be just the Village, it was in complete Village control & the sewer used to be only in the Village and when we branched out into the Town it became a Joint Sewer Commission with Town representatives. Mr.

Matcovsky interjected saying the Commission was just adding two more arbitrarily, and wouldn't it have made as much sense to instead of having the five, it is his understanding that every one of the five Village Trustees are also members of the Sewer Commission. Chairperson said that was correct. Mr. Matcovsky asked if it wouldn't have been better to have two Town members and he thought that made a hell of a lot more sense because the Sewer Commission has Developments like Cedar Valley that even though they are part of the Town legally, they aren't part of the Village they pay sewage fees. Chairperson tried to speak, however Mr. Matcovsky continued to talk, saying wouldn't it have made as much sense to, rather than adding two members from the Town, and you just added one, to have three members instead of five, the point is very simple, if the Town could work, and respectfully disagreed that the Town & Village Trustees put in more as much or not any more work than the Town than the Sewage Commissioners then why there should there be a need for seven. If the Town & Village can get by with five, than how much more work is there, it just seems logical. The point I'm trying to make at great lengths is other Towns and they have sewage Commissions and they don't get Stipends of \$5,000.00 - \$6,000.00 and I think that's arbitrary and considering the 10% approximately double digit increase in fees that may be justified by other means, I don't want to get into that, I'm not versed to that, I don't know what the details are. If you want to save some money and take the burden off the people using these sewers and the water, reduce. How long has the fee been at \$5,500.00. Chairperson Taylor said it was increased last year, and it was not increased this year. Mr. Matcovsky asked if there was any research into what other Sewage Commissions get in Dutchess County because he has seen figures that they are getting substantially lower Stipends. Christine asked Mr. Matcovsky what places so she could look then up. Mr. Matcovsky didn't answer Christine and asked again if the research had been done, and then said they may have different jobs to do and their responsibilities may be greater so that might account for it, but somehow, somewhere somebody's got to give in and take the burden off of the people using the sewer and the water in this Village. We are fortunate that we have our own well out in Holmes, we have water Districts there and people pay for it, but one other point and I'll let go because you are being solicitous I'm being solicitous of your time. Would it not make sense to have a citizen vs. just the elected officials on the Sewer Commission, is there anything in the bi-laws of the Commission that – Chairperson Taylor interjected & said we could look into that and consider it. Mr. Matcovsky asked if Mr. DeRosa could stay on even though he's not fortunately, unfortunately no longer – Chairperson Taylor interjected again and said Phil was going to be a big loss for all of us at the Town level and at the Commission. Mr. Matcovsky asked if it had to be a loss to us. Chairperson Taylor said at the moment it does – Mr. Matcovsky interrupted and said Chairperson Taylor had just told him that the Bi-laws don't specifically say – Chairperson Taylor said that was not what she said. Mr. Matcovsky said that he had misspoke then – Chairperson Taylor said she would consider it and look into it, but she didn't know if the bi-laws did or not, she would have to ask legal counsel to look into that. Again, Mr. Matcovsky said so it's not specifically stated in the bi-laws. Chairperson Taylor told Mr. Matcovsky she didn't know off the top of her head, but she said she would look into it. Mr. Matcovsky said that was something he would think Chairperson Taylor would know, who is eligible, that there would be certain eligibilities he would assume. Chairperson Taylor said as of right now as far as she knows, its elected officials only but she would look to see if it allowed for something different. Mr. Matcovsky then asked does anybody legally appoint the five members of the Village Board as Commissioners or do they get it by de facto. Chairperson Taylor tried to answer Mr. Matcovsky, however he continued to speak asking in the bi-laws does it state that all Village Trustees – Chairperson Taylor spoke and said in our IMA it currently states the five Village Trustees and two representatives from the Town at the Supervisors choice. That is how our IMA reads. Joe Eriole was joining the meeting via phone asked if he could speak for a minute, Chairperson Taylor said yes. Mr. Eriole then began to introduce himself to Mr. Matcovsky, however Mr. Matcovsky began speaking over Mr. Eriole

saying he wasn't a Commissioner. Chairperson Taylor then motioned to Mr. Matcovsky and said let him talk. Mr. Metcovsky apologized. Chairperson Taylor said to Mr. Matcovsky, that Mr. Eriole was our attorney. Mr. Eriole said he just wanted to say that the Inter-Municipal Agreement set forth the composition of the Board, and it is set forth the way that it is constituted now, and the Commissioners, just like with any Agreement can consider as the Mayor said – Mr. Eriole corrected himself and said as the Chairperson said can consider modifications to that Agreement and in fact later in the Agenda we are going to mention the fact that there are, there's always things to discuss about the content of that Inter-Municipal Agreement, so nothing is impossible to do and it will be a consideration of the entire Commission, and it's a comment period on the Budget so I don't know that it's fair to get into a full dialog on all of the aspects of that and what would need to be done, but as you've been told, it's certainly something that could be considered and the entire Commission will consider it. Mr. Metcovsky said he was going to leave with just this one statement – he appreciated what Mr. Eriole said and would hope that the seven members of the Commission makes changes that he thinks are appropriate instead of the substantially increased costs on the people using the services here and reduce the number to five and substantially reduce the Stipend as we are all supposed to be volunteers as this is not our primary job and he thinks it's the right thing to do and he would really hope even though this doesn't affect him financially in any degree, but in terms of fairness & transparency and he hopes this will be considered. Mr. Metcovsky thank everyone for their time.

Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone else would like to speak – Carol Glennon of 5 Spruce Street came forward & introduced herself. Ms. Glennon said she would support Harvey's comments, but would say them differently, and she had some questions. Her first question asked what the quote salary unquote of a Village Board Member. Chairperson Taylor asked what that had to do with the Sewer Commission, the Village Board and explained the Village Board salaries have nothing to do with the Sewer Commission Budget. Ms. Glennon said she would have to find that out from the Village Board. Ms. Glennon continued when we wondered if there were any other Towns we could look at for comparisons for Stipends for the Commissioners she would suggest that we look at Wappingers, Amenia & Dover Plains as a fair comparison. Ms. Glennon then asked who represents the Town Board among the body of Commissioners – Chairperson Taylor responded saying it is James Schmitt, Phil DeRosa & Jim McCarthy as the alternate. Ms. Glennon asked if that was the plan for the coming year. Chairperson Taylor responded saying that is what is in the current IMA and until the IMA is changed, that is currently where it stands. Ms. Glennon asked how does information from the Sewer Commission get translated back to the Town Board. Chairperson Taylor said that Ms. Glennon's two Town Representatives should be bringing information back to the Town Residents, it should also be brought and discussed at a Town Board Meeting. Chairperson Taylor continued, if you are a Sewer user in the Town anything that goes out to our users would come from Christine who is our staff member for the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. Ms. Glennon said it only stands to reason that if the Commission is operating in the red and everything is going up and is going to continue to go up, it just stands to reason that nothing would be lost among the work among the Commissioners if it was a downsized group – if for example it could be a five member group instead of a seven member group, that's \$10,000.00 or \$11,000.00 right there. Ms. Glennon said she would really strongly encourage the Commission to rethink if it's possible to do the same with fewer bodies because of course, what's going to pay these bills are you and my tax dollars. Ms. Glennon said that \$5,000.00 seems like a lot to her especially when she looks at other Towns and she was glad to hear that we were going to do some research & consider it. Ms. Glennon then thank the Commission.

Chairperson then asked if there were any other comments or questions, hearing none, Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to close the Public Hearing. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to close the Public Hearing. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor asked if any of the Commission Members had any questions regarding the proposed 2024 Budget. There were no questions.

Chairperson Taylor ask for a motion to approve the 2024 proposed Budget. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Pezzella. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to approve the November Meeting Minutes. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Guzzo. **SECONDED** by Commissioner DeRosa. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion regarding the November 2023 Treasurer's Report. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Guzzo. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to approve the 2023 Vouchers & Pre-paid Vouchers as presented. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

MOTIONED by Chairperson Taylor to approve a transfer in the amount of \$97,871.57 from O&M Account to Checking Account to pay November 2023 Vouchers. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor announced that Dan Stone of LaBella was retiring, and explained we will still continue with the Contracts we have with them. Chairperson Taylor added she would like to bring on another Engineering firm, Cedarwood Engineering. The Commission has met with them, and has gone over what they've offered for our services here. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions regarding Cedarwood Engineering. There were no questions. Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to appoint Cedarwood Engineering as another engineering firm for the Sewer Commission. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Guzzo to make Cedarwood another engineering firm. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor opened the discussion of Ref. # 76.23 – regarding the Generac Generator and asked Commissioner Burweger for any updates. Commissioner Burweger said he didn't really have an update on the generator and explained that it apparently needs a control panel that is obsolete and he is just waiting to get a photo of it because he found a company that rebuilds them, but they need to see a photo of the panel first. Commissioner Burweger asked if the generator was back in our possession, Rich Kane responded that he would be picking up the following day. Rich said he would ask H.A Schreck to identify the exact control board when he picks up the generator. Chairperson Taylor asked if Rich would just snap a picture once the board is identified and share that with Commissioner Burweger.

Chairperson Taylor opened up the discussion of Ref. # 77.23 – 79.23 Lead Agency for the Pawling Commons – the Village Planning Board is asking for Lead Agency on Pawling Commons wanting

to expand their parking in an undeveloped portion of the property. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions or concerns. No questions were asked, Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to approve the Village Planning Board as Lead Agency. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to approve the Village Planning Board as Lead Agency. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Pezzella. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor opened the discussion of Ref. # 80.23 – Quote from H2o for the installation of the safety ladder and the motor for the mixer in the amount of \$2,800.00. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions regarding the quote. There were no questions. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to approve the quote. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Guzzo. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor opened the discussion of Ref. # 81.23 – Quote from H.A. Schreck & Lippolis Electric for the tune-up and installation of the repurposed generator for the Greenlawn pump station. Chairperson Taylor asked Rich Kane to explain what was going on at the Greenlawn pump station. Rich explained they were having problems with the generator at that pump station, so they took the generator that was at the West Main St. pump station that was recently replaced by a new generator to H.A. Schreck to have it tuned up and confirm that it was usable. That generator will replace the old generator at Greenlawn along with a new transfer switch. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Guzzo to approve the quote from H.A. Schreck. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor & motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor opened the discussion of Ref. # 82.23 – RFQ for repair of Reservoir Road sewer line. Chairperson Taylor explained that a few months ago it was identified that the top of a pipe was cracked and needs to be repaired and it's approximately 10 ft. down. Dan Stone of LaBella spoke on the subject & explained that during the course of the 2023 I&I study, that there was a significant breach in this pipe. Mr. Stone felt that it will require significant work, however it would be under the \$35,000.00 where it would have to go to a formal bid process under the procurement rules of the Village & Pawling Joint Sewer, and would need to be paid by the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. One could think of this break as being in Sewer District Number One, in the Town, but it's still part of the collection system that Pawling Joint Sewer Commission has responsibility for and in our current practices, Pawling Joint Sewer Commission has taken responsibility for and paid for these kind of repairs. Mr. Stone continued, that he might note as a side comment that the Village & the Town are in discussion about revisions to the Inter-Municipal Agreement creating Pawling Joint Sewer Commission and part of some of those discussions and some of the folks on the Town side are suggesting that the cost of a repair like this should be borne by only those who use the sewer in the vicinity, meaning if this came to pass under the Agreement this would become an obligation of Town Sewer District Number One, not a general obligation of Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. Mr. Stone said he strongly recommends that both parties in the discussions of the IMA consider the potential impact of a modification that ascribes that dollar costs for repairs to individual parts of the system, he feels it's an anathema of what Pawling Joint Sewer was created to do and he would hope that they could find a way to discussing that potential change and hopefully not allow it to happen. Mr. Stone finished his remarks, saying he recommends that the Commission get this on the street and get quotes for the work and all of the Contracts could be arranged over the winter with the construction taking place in either April or May or as the season allows. Chairperson Taylor added to the discussion saying maybe it could be done over the summer when school is out. Mr. Stone agreed. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions about the subject and said basically it's just for us to put it out there and see who will responds and give us quotes for doing the job that we can then review and figure out a plan, a path forward. Chairperson Taylor asked

for a motion to approve the acceptance of the RFQ and getting it sent out. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Guzzo to approve the RFQ. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor then called upon Mr. Stone to discuss Sewer District Number Two. Mr. Stone said that the Committee that is reviewing the Inter-Municipal Agreement and attempting to make fixes to it as discussed earlier with the gentleman that commented identified a situation that exists for Town Sewer District Number Two. That was created to serve the Cedar Valley and Townhouse area development. Mr. Stone continued, that the records that he has seen and the Town attorney has provided to that working group would indicate that not all of the paper work was done completely when the Sewer District Number Two was formed and potential a separate transportation corporation for the Townhouse immediate area. This is a defect that puts the Town and to some extent to the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission at risk of contravening State regulations with respect to how these kind of services can be provided within Towns in New York State. The Town has indicated that it intends to correct the deficiency, and it remains to be seen when and how that will happen. Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had any questions regarding that. There were no questions.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Eriole if he would give an update on the IMA discussion. Mr. Eriole said as it was eluded to a couple of times, the existing Inter-Municipal Agreement is a little dated at this point. There are issues that have been identified by both the Town & Village legislative bodies and the Joint Sewer District itself about how to best address both a number of operation and management issues and also the question of rates that was eluded to earlier in the public comment. The structure of the entire thing is probably in need of a refresher and there has been a lot of effort on the part of all parties – there has been a working group put together as Dan mentioned that has met several times & has circulated some drafts back and forth of how to handle those things while those things are still a part of an ongoing negotiation I don't think it would be fruitful to layout in half measures where we are, although I am happy to answer questions from the Commission, but I think as the Commission is aware that there is this working group that's trying to work through some of these issues and I think there's going to be a meeting of the principles that will then advise the consultants of what our next steps should be to get closer to an updated IMA. Chairperson Taylor thanked Mr. Eriole and asked if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

Chairperson Taylor said since Commissioner Schmitt wasn't in attendance, she would ask Mr. Stone if he had any updates regarding Castagna. Mr. Stone said the new development is moving along, the project manager had reached out to him and Mr. Stone then reached out to Christine this week, they are asking for the water meters that will be used that will calibrate and bill for wastewater services, so they are getting close, the water meters are going in. Mr. Stone continued to the next item on the Agenda which was for an update on the ASPCA Project. Mr. Stone said he was not able to contact the engineer at the ASPCA that day to get an update.

Chairperson Taylor moved on to asking for any consulting reports and started with Mr. Eriole if he had anything to report. Mr. Eriole said clearly the IMA is the focus of our efforts at the moment and obviously if any of the Commission as a whole have any particular issues, they would be at the ready, but the IMA essentially our report at the moment.

Chairperson Taylor asked Mr. Stone for an engineer's report. Mr. Stone said the SPEDS Permit requires the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission to do an inflow & infiltration of the collection system and report that to the DEC by the end of each calendar year and Christine made a hard

copy of that report and is available to the Commissioners who wish to read it. The 2023 report is similar to the 2022 report that showed that the inflow component is still very high on the East side of Route 22. This area of Town Sewer District one & Trinity Pawling. The infiltration component of the 2023 study showed that the 2022 infiltration report was higher when in 2022 we were in a significant drought. Mr. Stone also said that he had met with the officials of Trinity Pawling to talk with them about two of the sewers that were identified on their property as having significant deterioration and we believe it is important for them to undertake a program to invest in their collection system every year and sequentially remove both inflow and infiltration because this extraneous water is costly to treat and makes it more difficult to meet our effluent limits. We had a peak flow day this year where for a 24 hour period of two million gallons a day. The plant was designed for a daily throughput of about 75 MGD and the operators did a wonderful job of keeping the water within the limits of the plant and shutting down ration processes to allow that extraneous water to go past, but it's something that really must be addressed in the years going forward, and with your permission LaBella will submit the I&I Report to DEC tomorrow, it has been through LaBella's quality control – quality assurance. Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to approve the submittal of the I&I Report by LaBella to DEC. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to approve the submittal of the I&I Report to DEC. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Guzzo. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor called upon Rich Kane for his report of the WWTP. Rich said it would be good if the Commission could get ahead and purchase replacement VFD's so we have them on hand and while they are slightly cheaper to purchase. Commissioner Burweger asked if the VFD's are re-buildable – Rich said not as far as he knows. Rich wanted the Commission to be aware that there are many motors etc. that will be reaching their end of life that will need to be replaced. Rich and Chairperson Taylor complemented Justin Kadish of the WWTP for keeping everything running in good order at the WWTP through the many storms we had over the past year.

Chairperson Taylor thanked Phil DeRosa for all of his years of service. Phil was frequently in attendance of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission Meetings working hard for the Town and for the Commission bringing his years of experience to the Commission. Commissioner DeRosa said he was part of the original construction of the plant back in the early 80's. He thanked the Commission as well saying it had been quite enjoyable. Commissioner DeRosa added that his personal feeling regarding the makeup of the Committee should consist of five members, one member from each of the Boards, the Town & the Village, and three members from the public, one member from the Commercial development, one member from the apartments, and one member from the residential. Commissioner DeRosa feels that would be a good Board make-up. Ms. Glennon added that she thought Commissioner DeRosa's suggestion was brilliant.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to close the meeting and go into visitor comments. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner DeRosa to close the regular business meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Guzzo. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried. Time: 7:55PM

Jerry Locascio, Secretary