

DATE OF MEETING: June 23, 2022

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Peters
Lauri Taylor
James Schmitt
Jerry Locascio
John Burweger

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Meyer

CONSULTANTS PRESENT:

At 7:00 p.m. the Business Meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Dan Peters with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTIONED by Chairman Peters to:

- Approve the May 12, 2022 Business Meeting Minutes as presented.
- Approve the May 2022 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Approve payment of the May, 2022 Vouchers/Bills as presented and prepaid vouchers.

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

MOTIONED by Chairman Peters to Approve transfer of \$53,657.87 from O&M Acct. ending in 0030 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay May 2022 Vouchers & Pre-Paid Vouchers. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and **Motion** carried.

Chairman Peters asked that the Commission look at Ref. # 44.22 – request for relief of sewer bill from customer # 10401. Commissioner Peters explained that the water did enter the sewer system, and therefore the water was treated. Chairman Peters **MOTIONED** to deny the request. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor, **Motion Carried.**

Commissioner Burweger **MOTIONED** to approve Ref. # 45.22 - Estimate from Putnam Handyman for enclosure at the WWTP. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor, **Motion Carried.**

Chairman Peters opened discussion with the Commission regarding Ref. # 46.22 – Request for the PJSC to pay invoice to Savarese Septic in the amount of \$756.88 for sewer work performed at customer # 10543. After discussion, Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to deny the request. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor, **Motion Carried.**

Dan Stone of LaBella Associates gave a presentation on the billing rate increase & update to the billing system. Mr. Stone recommended that the Commission review the

proposal at the July meeting, accept the proposal & schedule a public hearing at the August meeting so the public can ask any questions they may have. Hopefully we would be able to adopt the rate schedule the same night so we could have it take effect in the September 2022 billing. Commissioner Burweger asked Mr. Stone if the new program would take new users into consideration

Chairman Peters asked the Commission to look at Ref. # 47.22 – Proposed estimate from Williamson Law Book. The estimate included a one-time charge of \$3,000.00 to change the program from assessment rate system to unit consumption charge system. Commissioner Locascio made a **MOTION** to approve the estimate.

SECONDED by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor, **motion carried.**

Chairman Peters called on Dan Stone of LaBella to discuss Inflow & Infiltration study for 2022. Dan Stone started off by saying last year's Inflow & Infiltration program identified two areas where we need to do more investigating this year. One area is East of Route 22 where we are getting peak flows. We currently have our meters in place now and in addition we have installed what is known as a "Hobo meter" at the Hillview Pump Station. In doing this, we will be able to figure out where these peak flows are coming from within that branch of the collection system. The other area we identified is Charles Colman Blvd. and under the railroad tracks. We have determined that we should go into buildings in this core area and look at roof leaders, check if there are sub-pumps present and if so, if they are being pumped to the right area etc. so in our core area we will begin doing inspections in the downtown area including a little bit of the East Main Street & a little bit on West Main Street. We did our first inspection testing out this protocol to see if it makes sense at 1 Broad Street. The process is not going to be easy as we had 4 people at that location for at least a full hour if not longer. In these older buildings you are working in extremely small spaces and tracing the plumbing pipes to their proper source is difficult. Cory dyed one toilet to make sure we knew where the sanitary waste was going and then went back and put a different color dye into one of the downspout areas. Surprisingly the sewer does not go out to Broad Street, it goes South and then under another building and then comes out to Charles Colman. Cory did not get any results from the downspouts in the storm sewer and he thinks it's partially due to not having enough water to flush the dye down, so he will go back another day a re-test the downspout. The protocol that has been written is for the PJSC's use. Dan Stone recommends that we put the protocol on our website so people in the core area will know that inspections will be taking place in the near future. In addition, we should send letters to these folks and schedule times for inspection when the owner is able to be present. Commission Schmitt asked Dan Stone what they will do if owners deny access for the inspection. Dan Stone responded that our code allows us entry for inspections. Dan Stone added that at some point this summer with plenty of notice, we would do smoke testing as well. Chairman Peters asked Dan Stone if any of the previous data had been of any value. Dan Stone responded that he had not really looked at that information himself however Jeff Liebowitz of LaBella Associates has and he will speak with Jeff about that. In closing, Dan Stone said if after the Commission reviews the protocol for the I&I Study and approves it, he would suggest we post it to the website and begin to prepare letters to notice owners of our intent to inspect their properties.

Commissioner Burweger asked where we stand with Cedar Valley, if all of the I&I issues we had with them had been resolved. Chairman Peters responded that there is previous data on Cedar Valley, but we haven't done anything recently. Dan Stone

added that most everything from Cedar Valley goes through the Greenlawn Pump Station and we do have a Hobo Meter installed there, so we will be collecting new data.

Chairman Peters asked Commissioner Schmitt if he had anything to report regarding Hannaford or ASPCA, Commissioner Schmitt responded he did not, however the Town did get first round approval on the Grant money they are seeking for the Route 22 corridor and they are now actively into the second round. Chairman Peters asked if there was anything new with Castagna, Commission Schmitt said there was not.

Chairman Peters announced that we are currently working on our renewal Contract with Environmental Consultants and should have something ready for the next meeting. Chairman Peters doesn't believe there will be any real changes other than Environmental Consultants has asked for a cost of living increase which was not in our previous Contract.

Chairman Peters asked if anyone had anything else they would like to discuss, nothing further from the Commission.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting and open the meeting to public comment. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor. All were in favor, motion carried. Time 7:43PM.

Jerry Locascio, Secretary