

DATE OF MEETING: May 11, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairperson Lauri Taylor  
Commissioner John Burweger  
Commissioner Jerry Locascio  
Commissioner Arthur Guzzo

MEMBERS ABSENT: Chairperson James Schmitt & Commissioner Tom Meyer

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: David Daniels, Esq.

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

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

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

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

**MOTION** by Commissioner Burweger to approve transfer of \$377,912.53 from O&M Acct. ending in 0030 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay April 2023 Vouchers which includes EFC Principle Payment in the amount of \$297,912.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

**MOTIONED** by Commissioner Locascio to approve transfer of \$107.00 from Capital Acct. ending in 0000 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay LaBella Vouchers for West Main Street Pump Station upgrade. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

**MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to pay LaBella Voucher in the amount of \$3,750.00 from WWTP Project #2 Acct. ending in 0500 for Septage Receiving Station Project. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

**MOTIONED** by Commissioner Locascio to pay Carmel WinWater Voucher in the amount of \$839.63 from WWTP Project No. 2 Acct. ending in 0500 for pipe that was installed at the WWTP for maintenance efficiency. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried.

Chairperson Taylor addressed Phil DeRosa who was in attendance and said it was her understanding that the Town Board had passed the second seat from the Town Board for the Sewer Commission. Mr. DeRosa responded and said two resolutions had passed yesterday – Chairperson Taylor asked about the alternate. Mr. DeRosa confirmed that the alternate position was also approved by the Town Board. Chairperson Taylor said Mr. DeRosa had been selected for the second seat and congratulated him as did the rest of the Commission, and said Jim McCarthy would be the alternate – Mr. DeRosa confirmed.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to have the Sewer Commission's attorney, Mr. Dave Daniels revise the IMA to reflect those changes. **MOTION** by Commissioner Locascio that we have an Amendment for the additional Board member as well as an alternate from the Town. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and motion carried. Chairperson Taylor commented that we were just waiting for the Town to pass the second seat and now we can revise the IMA so it reflects those changes – Commissioner Locascio asked Mr. Daniels if once the Amendment is made if it will need to be approved by all three entities again. Mr. Daniels said yes, they (the Town) will want to look at the final form. Commissioner Locascio asked if it was subject to a public hearing, Mr. Daniels responded it was not, it's a Contract, so a public hearing was not necessary. Chairperson Taylor then asked if the Commission would first review it and then pass it along to the Village & Town. Mr. Daniels said it should just be circulated around and it shouldn't be controversial and if there are comments then they can ask – I think that would be the fastest way. Mr. Daniels continued that he would send a copy to Nancy Tagliaferro, Town attorney and then send it to Chairperson Taylor, as Mayor of the Village & Chairperson of the Commission.

Chairperson Taylor called on Mr. DeRosa since Commissioner Schmitt was not in attendance for any updates on Castagna or ASPCA. Mr. DeRosa said no he didn't have any updates, but said he had attended Mike Lawlor's press conference down in Mt. Pleasant. He continued, there are fifteen projects throughout Mr. Lawlor's District that he is trying to get money for through Congress and Route 22 is one of them for 2.7 million. Mr. DeRosa went down to the press conference with some other Towns in the area and stood behind Mr. Lawlor and said it was interesting because now it just has to go to the full Congress and see if they all get passed for all fifteen projects – it was a total of 56 million dollars. Chairperson Taylor commented that this was great news and Mr. DeRosa added that it would be a big boost. Chairperson Taylor thanked Mr. DeRosa for letting us know.

Chairperson Taylor said since Jeff Liebowitz of LaBella wasn't in attendance, we didn't have any updates on the West Main Street Pump Station Upgrade, however Chairperson Taylor said she knows that we are looking into all of the needs at the pump station to make sure we are capturing everything so we will keep on top of that.

Chairperson Taylor then asked Mr. Daniels if he had any report for the Commission, he responded he did not.

Chairperson Taylor said Dan Stone was not in attendance, therefore we didn't have an Engineers Report. Chairperson Taylor said before she turned to Justin Kadish of the Wastewater Treatment Plant for his report she just wanted everyone to know that we did have another sewer backup that day, which was pretty much in the same vicinity. Justin said they had received a call that morning reporting that there was sewage coming up in the plastics factory so they popped some manholes. The manhole right next to the tracks which leads to the other one right in front of Utter Brothers was full and the one by Utter

Brothers was empty. So we figured the clog was under the tracks. There was some hard grease that we had to break up, but after that there was like this greasy slurry and it seems that since we just had all these building inspections it looked like they cleaned their grease traps and dumped their slurry down the sewer. Chairperson Taylor said after what we did Easter Sunday and then the very next week we had another backup... – Justin said all of those lines had been jetted. Chairperson Taylor continued, after having all of that done, she had the Building Inspector go out and do all of the inspections of grease traps and we think that in the cleaning of the traps instead of them going into the proper garbage pails they just dumped them down the sewer. Justin said Chairperson Taylor has seen when we get these backups we get these big clumps of hard grease – this time we only had a couple clumps of grease and the rest of it was like I said, a slurry, it was thick but it wasn't solidified, so it didn't even have enough time to solidify, so I don't know 100% sure, but it seems like that's what happened because I haven't seen something like that happen before. Chairperson Taylor said the Building Department is going to do some more inspections sooner rather than later and we found a brochure that will be sent out in the next billing cycle regarding what goes in your sewer type of thing so hopefully that will help. Commissioner Locascio agreed that this was a good idea. Chairperson Taylor asked Justin if he had anything else, he replied no. Commissioner Burweger asked Justin if the Chamber Building restrooms were working well in terms of the new sewer pipe that was installed – Justin said he hasn't heard anything otherwise.

Chairperson Taylor asked if anyone had anything else to discuss and asked Mr. DeRosa if he had anything else to add – Mr. DeRosa said regarding the grease traps, the only way to get them in line is to inspect them every month like they use to do. Chairperson Taylor agreed and added that educating people on the proper disposal of the grease. Mr. DeRosa said it will save a lot of money – Chairperson Taylor agreed and said we have now spent a lot of money on cleaning the grease out.

Chairperson Taylor asked for a motion to close the meeting and to go into public comment. **MOTIONED** by Commissioner Burweger to close the regular business meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Locascio. There was no further discussion; all were in favor, motion carried. Time 7:10 PM.

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Jerry Locascio, Secretary