

DATE OF MEETING: May 13, 2021
PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall
KIND OF MEETING: Business
MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Daniel Peters
Vice Chairman James Schmitt
Lauri Taylor
John Burweger
Earl Slocum

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jerry Locascio

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dan Stone of Chazen Engineers, via phone
Cristen Rescigno, Daniels, Porco & Lusardi, via phone
Richard O'Rourke, Keane & Beane, LLP, via phone

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.

MOVED by Chairman Peters to;

- Approve the April 8, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes as presented.
- Approve the April 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Approve payment of the April, 2021 Vouchers/Bills as presented and prepay vouchers.

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

New Business:

MOVED by Chairman Peters;

- Approve transfer of \$2,480.00 from Capital Acct. #081 1000000 to O&M Money Market Account #081 1000030 to pay Vouchers for EPG Grant
- Approve transfer of \$56,340.63 from O&M Money Market Account #081 1000030 to Checking Acct. #881 6000190 to pre-pay Voucher for Principal & Interest Bond #3 – Final Payment.
- Approve transfer of \$287,982.00 from O&M Money Market Acct. #081 1000030 to Acct. #881 6000190 to pre-pay Voucher for EFC Loan Principal.
- Approve Transfer of \$6,169.00 from Capital Account #081 1000000 to O&M Money Market Acct. #081 1000030 to pay Vouchers for Cedar Valley & District 1 water meters and couplings.

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

MOVED by Commissioner Burweger to approve 2020 Annual Financial Report Update Document (AUD) Ref. # 46.21

SECONDED by Commissioner Taylor. All in favor and **Motion** carried.

Chairman Peters discussed the significant Veolia price increase in the removal of the cake sludge, Ref. # 37.21. Advised the Commission that we will be looking at other haulers & pricing. Other options include further investigation into composting the cake on site. Commissioner Burweger agreed with that idea.

Chairman Peters announced the Resolution before the board regarding the ASPCA Sewer Connection Agreement and asked if Cristen Rescigno of Daniels, Porco & Lusardi had any comments regarding the Resolution, her response was "I do not". Chairman Peters asked Richard O'Rourke of Keane & Beane if he had any comments regarding the same, Richard responded by thanking everyone and said they are delighted that we have reached an agreement.

RESOLUTION OF THE PAWLING JOINT SEWER COMMISSION

The following Resolution was proposed by Chairman Peters;
MOVED by Commissioner Burweger **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt.

Identifier: Resolution Approving Connection Agreement with ASPCA

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Daniel Peters and the following were:

P R E S E N T:

- __ Chairman Daniel Peters
- __ Commissioner Gerald Locascio
- __ Commissioner John Burweger
- __ Commissioner Earl Slocum
- __ Commissioner Lauri Taylor
- __ Commissioner James Schmitt

The following Resolution was proposed by Commissioner _____, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Commissioner _____.

WHEREAS, the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission ("Commission") from time to time contracts with individual and corporate owners of real properties that are not located in the service area of the Sewer System managed by the Commission to provide sewer service; and

WHEREAS, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals ("Owner") is the owner of real property located in the Town of Pawling which is comprised of approximately 79.18 acres and is listed on the tax map of the Town of

Pawling as parcels #134089-7056-00-257503 and 110487 (“Property”) and is outside the service area of the Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, Owner desires to enter into an agreement with the Commission which will provide the Property with a connection to the Sewer System; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has investigated the Property and concludes that the provision of sewer service to the Property would be beneficial for the Owner and the Commission, and would increase use of the Sewer System to the public; and

WHEREAS, an agreement for connection to the Sewer System has been presented to the Commission in the form annexed hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit “A” (Connection Agreement”).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approves the Connection Agreement and authorizes the Commission Chairman to execute the same, as well as such other documents as referenced therein, including an easement agreement, and to take such action and execute such other instruments as he may deem necessary or advisable in order to effectuate this Resolution.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, the Commissioners voting as follows:

Chairman Daniel Peters	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Gerald Locascio	<u>Absent</u>
Commissioner John Burweger	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Earl Slocum	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner Lauri Taylor	<u>Aye</u>
Commissioner James Schmitt	<u>Aye</u>

MOTION carried.

Current Projects

- WWTP Improvement Project – Change order 10 approval. Dan Stone announced this will formally close out the project.
- West Main Street Pump Station Upgrade – Chairman Peters announced Stacey Kurian of Chazen Engineer should have the Bid Documents ready to go out sometime next week. Dan Stone commented that Stacey is on top of it.
- Pump Station Fences – Chairman Peters announced we are waiting for a price quote from Frasier Fence for the Baxter Green fencing, to be a cedar stockade fence. In addition, Frasier Fence has suggested a black mesh to be installed on the Greenlawn Pump Station in order to better “hide” the pump station at a cost of \$1,200.00. Chairman Peters asked for a motion to approve the quote of \$1,200.00 for the Greenlawn Pump Station. **MOVED** by Commissioner Burweger **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All in favor and motion carried.
- Cedar Valley Water Meter Installs – Eight of the nine residents have scheduled their appointment for water meter install beginning on Monday, May 17, 2021.
- District 1 Water Meter Installs – Eleven of the twenty residents have scheduled their appointments to begin on Wed. May 19, 2021.

Chairman Peters asked if Dan Stone of Chazen had anything further to add. Dan Stone announced that he will be in town next week from May 17th – May 20th and would like to set up a meeting with Dan Peters and James Schmitt to discuss the expansion project for the Route 22 corridor. Commissioner Schmitt and Chairman Peters responded that they would be available and would be in contact to set up the meeting.

Dan Stone informed the Commission that Cory of EC has installed the meters for the I&I study and they will be able to start collecting data.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to close the meeting and open the meeting to public comments. **MOVED** by Commissioner Burweger, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor, all in favor motion carried. Time 7:17 PM.

Public Comments

There were 5 residents in attendance from District 1 with questions regarding the water meter install to their homes with private wells. Each resident expressed they didn't feel it was fair that the PJSC would be installing these meters in order to obtain a more accurate reading of the sewer output from their homes. They feel it's not an accurate way to measure the output since the meter would be registering water used for watering gardens, lawns, filling pools and washing cars. One resident was quite angry and informed the Commission that he would not allow the PJSC to install the meter in his house. Chairman Peters explained that this is how all of the people in the Village & Town are currently billed for sewer usage including those with private wells. This includes Cedar Valley & Castagna. Chairman Peters told the residents this project was delayed due to Covid and the company that is installing the meters (S&O) agreed to do the work of these remaining 20 meters at the original price quoted, however they would need to be completed in the last two weeks of May of 2021

Commissioner Schmitt suggested that perhaps the Commission could look into the matter further. Commissioner Schmitt cited that we have customers that request credit back on their sewer bills when they experience a broken hose bib and have been issued credits.

One of the residents asked what type of work would be involved with installing the meter and how the meter would be read quarterly. Chairman Peters explained how it would be installed, and Commissioner Schmitt added that the meter itself is a remote read and very modern.

Another resident asked what will happen if she refuses to have the meter install and she was answered by another resident saying that PJSC will double her sewer bill.

The resident that refuses to allow PJSC to install the meter asked why when the system was first designed, effluent meters weren't installed. Commissioner Schmitt answered, saying we don't have effluent meters. The resident continued to say that effluent meters should have been installed years ago and could have been done at the owner's expense. He feels this would be the only true measurement of what is going into the sewer system. Commissioner Schmitt responded by saying the cost would be a huge financial burden to the Village if they were to install effluent meters to all of the homes in the Town & Village. The resident continued to say that when Cedar Valley was first being built, the infrastructure was not upgraded along with Deerfield Ponds. Commissioner Schmitt responded by saying Deerfield Ponds is not connected to the water or sewer system and are completely self-sufficient.

Another resident asked if she goes through with having the meter installed, will her bill keep going up. Commissioner Schmitt suggested the Commission could put together some numbers and provide the residents with the information. Chairman Peters stated that Christine would do that and speak with the people looking for this information. Christine added that the residents could call her and she would be happy to provide that information. Chairman Peters explained that the 20 residents have been paying a basic sewer bill from the beginning which is currently \$158.34 per quarter. The basic bill is based on 8,000 gallons of usage.

Chairman Peters ending the meeting by thanking those who came out to the meeting.

Earl Slocum, Secretary