

DATE OF MEETING: November 10, 2021  
PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall  
KIND OF MEETING: Business  
MEMBERS PRESENT: Daniel Peters  
Jerry Locascio  
John Burweger  
Earl Slocum  
  
MEMBERS ABSENT: Lauri Taylor, James Schmitt  
CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Dan Stone & Jeff Leibowitz via phone

At 5:30 p.m. the Business Meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Peters with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOTION** by Chairman Peters to:

- Approve the October 14, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes as presented.
- Approve the October 2021 Treasurer's Report as presented.
- Approve payment of the October, 2021 Vouchers/Bills as presented and prepaid vouchers.

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

**MOTION** by Chairman Peters to:

- Approve transfer in the amount of \$2,250.00 from Capital Acct. # 0000 to Checking Acct. # 0190 to pay Chazen Voucher for West Main Street Pump Station. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and **Motion** carried.
- Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,419.75 from Capital Acct. # ending in 0000 to Checking Acct. # ending in 0190 to pay Chazen Voucher for MTA Trunk line. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor and **Motion** carried.
- Approve transfer in the amount of \$1,566.00 from Capital Acct. ending in 0000 to Checking Acct. ending in 0190 to pay Chazen Voucher for I&I Study.
- Approve transfer in the amount of \$522.28 from O&M Acct. ending in 0300 to Capital Acct. ending in 0000 for I&I Study.

### **2022 Proposed Budget Discussion:**

- Chairman Peters – The proposed 2022 Budget was presented in draft form at last meeting months meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission. Since that meeting, the proposed budget has been revised. Christine Brown has been working with the consultants over the last month and it is now pretty much in its final stage. The proposed budget is pretty straight forward in what we think it is going to take to operate the sewer system for the year 2022. One of the things that was questionable from the previous draft, was the estimated sewer rents and between Dan Stone, Jeff Smith and Christine, they have come up with a more accurate number than previously presented. The items that have had significant increases in the 2022 budget are the electricity costs, sludge removal, & the need to hire another full time person for the WWTP. Based on how the

budget is drafted, there would be no increase to Village residents in their sewer charges at this time. Chairman Peters asked if anyone had any comments regarding the 2022 draft budget. There were no comments. Chairman Peters announced the Public Hearing regarding the 2022 Budget is scheduled for December 9, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

**Municipal Sludge and Septage Receiving Station Statement of Basis and Purpose:**

- Chairman Peters stated that this topic has been discussed previously, setting up a receiving station for sludge that is pulled from our pump stations and processed at the WWTP. Currently we are doing this, however this needs to be set up in an efficient & safer manner. Chairman Peters called on Dan Stone of Chazen to discuss the topic in more detail. Dan Stone stated that the Statement of Basis and Purpose that was submitted to the Commission about a month ago discusses the probable cost, along with how a revenue stream would off-set the costs. There are some environmental issues with how we are doing this now, and this would correct those issues. This would also allow us to open up the station to Septic Companies in the area and charge a fee to those who utilize the station. Chairman Peters agreed with Dan Stone that this is something he feels needs to be done, and stated that he would like to table the discussion to the December meeting when all of the Commission is present and able to give their input. Commissioner Burweger stated he was under the impression that this would have been a much bigger revenue generator than what is being presented. Dan Stone commented that it should be about \$25,000.00 per year net positive based on 7,500 gallons per day septage.
- **Castagna** – The Pawling Joint Sewer Commission received a hard copy of the Sanitary Sewer Extension for The Woods at Pawling – an 80 unit construction. Dan Stone & Dave Daniels will be reaching out to Castagna to discuss with them exactly what they are looking for.
- **West Main Street Pump Station Upgrade** – Jeff Leibowitz of Chazen is going to deliver the fully executed contract to Foremost Electric and will get a start date from them once delivered.
- **ASPCA** – Dan Stone had not heard anything lately, but is under the assumption that they are moving forward as planned.
- There was no one in attendance from the public. Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger – all were in favor, motion carried. Time 5:45PM.

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Earl Slocum, Secretary