

DATE OF MEETING: December 09, 2021

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

KIND OF MEETING: Business

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

CONSULTANTS PRESENT: Jonathan M. Bardavid of Daniels, Porco & Lusardi

At 7:06 p.m. the Business Meeting of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission was called to order by Chairman Dan Peters following the Organizational Meeting.

MOVED by Chairman Peters to close the Regular Business Meeting to open the Public Hearing for the PJSC 2022 Budget, **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor and motion carried.

Chairman Peters commented that the Commission had the opportunity to review the proposed 2022 Budget previously, and nothing had been changed since last presented. The slight increase in the Budget was due to increased operational & material costs over the last year and asked if anybody had any comments or questions. Commissioner Locascio said he appreciated all of the work that went in to preparing the Budget and knows it's not an easy task. Chairman Peters commented that it was Christine's first year in working on the Budget, and Commissioner Burweger thanked Christine. There was no one present from the Public.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to close the Public Hearing and go back into Regular Session. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Schmitt. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to approve the 2022 Budget as presented. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to:

- Approve the November 10, 2021 Business Meeting Minutes as presented;
- Approve the November 2021 Treasurers Report as presented;
- Approve payment of November 2021 Vouchers/Bills as presented and pre-pay vouchers.

SECONDED by Commission Locascio. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** for the transfer of \$5,918.72 from O&M Acct. ending in #0300 to Capital Acct. ending in # 0000 to checking Acct ending in # 0190 to pay Chazen Voucher for I&I Study. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to approve transfer of \$700.00 from Capital Acct. ending in # 0000 to Checking Acct. ending in # 0190 to pay Chazen Voucher for MTA Trunk Line Sewer Alignment. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Burweger. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters reminded the Commission that the following Budget Modifications were just moving monies from one line in the Budget to another line to cover bills where we didn't have enough money due to increases in the lines where they had been assigned.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to:

- Move \$8,000.00 from Pump Station Repairs & Maintenance Line 13043.3 to Repairs & Maintenance Line 13043.2 to cover additional expenses related to the SCADA System Repairs.
- Move \$167.79 from Engineering Line 13042.3 to Postage Line 81104.2
- Move \$6,000.00 from Engineering Line 13042.3 to Administration, Personnel Line 81101.1

SECONDED by Commissioner Locascio. All were in favor, motion carried.

Current Project – Discussion & Updates.

Chairman Peters asked for a **MOTION** to approve himself as the Chair to sign the Dutchess County DOH for the sewer collection extension designed by Castagna's engineer. Chairman Peters called upon Dan Stone for his comments. Dan Stone stated that the Castagna Engineer has responsibility for the design, and LaBella would review the design, and since it is an extension of the Public Work, it would be appropriate for the PJSC to make the Application to DOH on behalf of the Applicant who is the actual designer.

Commissioner Burweger made the **MOTION. SECONDED** by Commissioner Locascio. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters called upon Jeff Leibowitz of LaBella for an update regarding the West Main Street Pump Station Electrical Upgrades. Jeff said he reviewed the submittals about 2 or 3 weeks ago and approved them for the generator and automatic transfer switch, and he will continue to work with the Contractor to figure out what their availability is to start work. There were no questions from the Commission.

Chairman Peters spoke about a price quote received from Earth Care for sludge hauling and disposal. The quote was approximately \$70.00 more per ton than we are currently paying with Veolia. Chairman Peters called upon Kenny Sabia for any updates. Kenny said he talked with Earth Care and asked if we were able to get our percent solid number up if it would change the pricing, but had not heard back from them as of yet. Kenny also said we were at 16% previously, however since we had repairs to the press, we are up around 19%. Commissioner Taylor commented that we are still making adjustments to the press and that should bring our numbers up even more.

Chairman Peters talked about the price quote we received for an Ohaus moisture analyzer and asked Kenny Sabia for his opinion on the benefit of purchasing the device. Kenny explained that having this piece of equipment would enable them to test and get results back within two hours where right now it's taking a full day to get results. Getting the results in a shorter period of time, would allow

them to make necessary adjustments to the press during a run to bring the percent solids up.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to approve the purchase of the Ohaus MB27 moisture analyzer in the amount of \$2,425.00. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Locascio. All were in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Peters asked for an update regarding the Hillview Pump Station Fence, Commissioner Burweger said Putnam Handyman would be starting the installation of the fence the following week.

Chairman Peters asked Dan Stone for an update regarding ASPCA – Dan spoke with the designer earlier in the week, and was told that there has been some delay because the program building had been changed, however it will be moving forward after the 1st of the year. Dan believes they have been through the DEP process, and then they will be coming back to the Town Planning Board with the building changes. They have also purchased the property. Commission Schmitt added that the ASPCA just posted a bond with the Town in November to start the tree clearing.

Dan Stone mentioned that he had talked with Hannaford being on a dual track, basically they are looking at a sub-surface system, and are hopeful that a public sewer disposal option will become available. Dan advised Hannaford's that they don't necessarily need to wait for a sewer district to be created before starting discussions, as it could be handled as an out of district user and they should be reaching out to Chairman Peters to schedule some dates to begin talking about it. Chairman Peters asked if Chazen had already given Hannaford's a cost analysis previously, Dan Stone responded by saying yes, they had given them a ballpark for a septic tank on their property with a small diameter line with a pump to get over to the Castagna Pump Station. Dan Stone said Hannaford has also said if they are able to connect as an out of district user, they would like to explore the option of connecting the existing Hannaford as well.

Chairman Peters called on Jeff Leibowitz to comment on the Sanitary Sewer Capacity Report. Jeff said that they looked at the working capacity of the Croton Pump Station data collected through the Hobo Data Logger. Once they reviewed that Data. Once they were able to determine what the working capacity was, they looked at future flows based on the sewer district 3 and sewer district 4 map final report. They looked at a few solutions for balancing the flows. They looked at installing an EQ tank at Castagna, but found that upgrading the pumps at the Croton Pump Station would be the most cost effective solution. Chairman Peters asked Jeff if the increase flow would be covered in the flow estimates in the map plan report. Jeff responded that it would be covered and it would be a significant increase. Commissioner Schmitt asked if that meant we have the line capacity to cover to Route 22 Corridor, but just need to increase the actual pumps. Jeff responded yes.

Phil DeRosa asked what the estimated cost would be to upgrade the pumps. Dan Stone responded to Phil saying it would require two new pumps to handle the capacity, and his recollection was between \$7,000 & \$8,000 per pump. Mr. DeRosa asked if it would be necessary for an additional tank to be installed at

Castagna, Dan Stone responded there would be no need for any additional tanks, however the Castagna Pumps would also need to be upgraded as they can currently only produce about 57 gpm and would need to be upgraded in order to pass through all of the water from future expansion of the sewer district.

Chairman Peters asked if anyone else had anything to discuss, there were no more comments.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** at 7:24pm to close the public meeting and go into Executive Session. Commissioner Taylor **SECONDED**. All were in favor, and motion carried.

Chairman Peters made a **MOTION** to close Executive Session and return to the regular session at 7:45PM. **SECONDED** by Commissioner Taylor. All were in favor, motion carried.

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 7:46PM.

Jerry Locascio, Secretary