

DATE OF MEETING: July 3, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Jerry Locascio
Trustee Arthur Guzzo
Trustee Stephen Pezzella

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to adopt the following resolution. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger.

**Village of Pawling
New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)
Reaffirmation of Determination of Non-Significance (Negative Declaration) In Light of
Revision to Project Plans
Village of Pawling Water Supply Project - Lower Baxter**

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling proposes a revision to project plans associated with the previously approved development of five water supply wells, a water treatment facility, and related utility line infrastructure on the Village's Water Supply lands at 50 Tyrell Road on Tax Parcel No. 6957-20-904187-0000 with remaining utility line infrastructure constructed at 50 Tyrell Road to make a connection through two parcels (134001-6957-16-937250-0000 and 134001-6957-16-868317-0000) and the New York State Electric and Gas Corporation (NYSEG) transmission corridor (by easement) to Grandview Avenue. The proposed project plan changes are: A) installing a new well BG-9 with an 8" casing immediately to supplement (and immediately adjacent to) existing well BG-4; B) removing 53 trees rather than 49 trees; C) Increasing the fill footprint from 0.31 acre (1,034 CY fill) to 0.41 acre (2,048 cy fill); and D) allowing for a combined pumping withdrawal rate of 95 GPM from wells BG-4 and BG-9 in combination rather than from well BG-4 alone.

WHEREAS, the proposed project and system improvements were classified as an Unlisted Action under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act (hereinafter "SEQRA") and the Village conducted a detailed and comprehensive environmental review of the project as a coordinated action, including preparation of a Full Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) and completed a SEQRA Evaluation including evaluation of the magnitude and importance of project impacts.

WHEREAS, the Village concluded its environmental review by adopting a SEQRA Negative Declaration and Notice of Non-Significance on April 4, 2022.

WHEREAS, the Village Board of Trustees reviewed the previous EAF along with the planned changes, and the proposed changes do not introduce any new impacts not previously evaluated.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, through a review of the previously completed Environmental Assessment Form, a review of the proposed changes, and consideration of the criteria in 6 NYCRR § 617.7(c), the Village Board of Trustees concludes the action and changes will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment and hereby reaffirms its SEQRA Negative Declaration, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that this reaffirmation will be filed with all appropriate parties in accordance with 6 NYCRR § 617.12.

Lauri Taylor, Mayor	Aye
John Burweger, Trustee	Aye
Jerry Locascio, Trustee	Aye
Art Guzzo, Trustee	Aye
Stephen Pezzella, Trustee	Aye.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to adopt the following resolution. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio.

**THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING
MTA TRUNK SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT
WIIA AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission (PJSC) proposes to replace an existing trunk sewer to eliminate ongoing maintenance issues caused by periodic blockage of the asbestos cement (AC) trunk sewer, which is seasonally affected by infiltration and exfiltration as well, and

WHEREAS, the 2,850-foot-long replacement trunk sewer will be constructed on MTA property (tax parcel 134001-7057-17-082121) in the area east of the MTA railroad and beneath the existing cemetery (tax parcel 134001-7057-17-160205 and will travel north, and then cut east across the athletic fields of the Trinity Pawling School (tax parcel 134001-7057-13-194303) to terminate in the existing WWTP Main Lift Station located at the PJSC Wastewater Treatment Plan located off Corbin Road (west of NYS Route 22) on tax parcel 134001-7057-13-224427, requiring easements, and

WHEREAS, the new trunk sewer will be constructed using directional drill techniques at depths of 6 feet minimum below ground to ensure no impact to wetlands or streams and 7 feet minimum below the cemetery. Remaining areas will be constructed using open cut techniques along the Trinity Pawling athletic fields, and

WHEREAS, a potential new connection to PJSC manhole #10, is under consideration as part of this project. Alternatively, the existing sewer main may be used for connection. The decision will be made during final design, and

WHEREAS, the replacement trunk sewer will improve the system to allow continued capacity for the existing flow as originally designed. No additional capacity is planned for as part of this project.

WHEREAS, the project requires the following approvals:

1. Village of Pawling Decision to Fund
2. Pawling Joint Sewer Commission Decision to Fund
3. NYSDEC Article 24 permit (pending); Article 11 permit (pending); WQC (pending)
4. NYSDEC Plans and Specifications for Sanitary Sewer
5. DCDBCH Plans and Specifications for Sanitary Sewer
6. NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation (NYSEFC) Water Infrastructure Improvement Act (WIIA) Loan and Grant.
7. United States Army Corps of Engineers Section 10 Rivers and 404 Clean Water (pending)

WHEREAS, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation is offering grants for clean and drinking water projects during the 2023-2024 state fiscal year to selected municipalities with infrastructure projects that protect public health and/or improve water quality; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling is seeking funding through the NYS Water Infrastructure Improvement (WIIA) Grant;

WHEREAS, NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation requires a resolution authorizing the undertaking of the project and the total funding appropriated for the project. The resolution must also designate a representative of the applicant who is authorized to sign the funding agreement with EFC and any associated documents.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Village of Pawling authorizes the undertaking of MTA trunk sewer replacement project and the estimated project cost is \$2,069,796 with SRF Issuance Costs; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Pawling proposes to meet the financial obligations necessary to fully and satisfactorily complete the project through Environmental Facilities Short Term and Long Term Financing; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Pawling authorizes and empowers Village Mayor, to sign and submit a grant application and sign the funding agreement with Environmental Facilities Corporation and any associated documents; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

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

Lauri Taylor, Mayor	Aye
John Burweger, Trustee	Aye
Jerry Locascio, Trustee	Aye
Arthur Guzzo, Trustee	Aye
Stephen Pezzella, Trustee	Aye.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to approve the appointment of Glenn Carey to the Ethics Board. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Guzzo to approve the MTA Memorandum of Understanding for the Corbin Road crossing and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to approve the MTA Memorandum of Understanding for the Main Street and South Street pedestrian crossings and to authorize the Mayor to sign any necessary documents. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to set the Public Hearing on the Cable Franchise renewal for August 7, 2023. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Locascio stated the Board decided to do away with the contract with Unifirst for the Highway department uniforms. He reported the cost was roughly \$10,000 a year for uniforms and the Board decided to purchase uniforms from Extreme Apparel at a cost of about \$2,000. Trustee Locascio said every year the Highway Department would be re-outfitted with shirts and sweatshirts. He said the only thing that would not be supplied was pants so to offset that cost the Highway Department would get a clothing allowance of \$200 a budget year - \$100 at the beginning of the budget year and \$100 after 6 months.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the Village Green and Public Assembly Events Permit Application for the Pawling Resource Center to hold its Annual Walkathon on September 16, 2023. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor reported there was an issue with the Chamber of Commerce bathroom backing up during a large event. She said she would like to talk about setting a policy for organizers of large events providing Porta-Pottys. She asked the Board to think about it and she would put it on the next agenda.

Mr. Dan Stone, a village engineer, reported on:

Connecting the Baxter Green 4 well – all approvals were received and they were working on bringing the well into the system and
Water Rates – he was working to have them set for the September billing cycle.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to approve payment of the May bills in the amount of \$69,897.36. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to adjourn the meeting and go into Public Comment at 7:24 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:24 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There were no decisions or votes made in Executive Session.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to close Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to reopen the regular meeting at 8:05 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Pezzella. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Locascio to close the meeting at 8:05 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.


Village Clerk