

DATE OF MEETING: June 5, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Arthur Guzzo

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

Mayor Taylor stated at the last meeting the Board appointed Stephen Pezzella to the Board because Tom Meyer had resigned verbally prior to that meeting and the Board thought it was just a formality to receive his resignation in writing which they thought was on its way. She said it did not arrive until the past Friday so to clean things up she said she would like to reappoint Steve Pezzella to the vacancy on the Board and she would like the Board to approve that.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to appoint Stephen Pezzella to the Village Board.
SECONDED by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

NOTICE OF INTENT TO SERVE AS SEQR LEAD AGENCY

MTA TRUNK SEWER REPLACEMENT PROJECT ENVIRONMENTAL (SEQRA) REVIEW

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 Plant located off Corbin Road (west of NYS Route 22) on tax parcel 134001-7057-13-224427, requiring easements, and

WHEREAS, the 50 Tyrell Road parcel is currently occupied by three existing and operational bedrock wells (known as the Baxter wells), existing test wells (whose permanent operation is part of this environmental analysis), existing Baxter Green Water Treatment Plant and associated structures, 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, a Full Environmental Assessment Form (FEAF) Part 1 has been prepared as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6 to aid in the environmental review prescribed by the State Environmental Review Act (SEQRA) for the proposed project; and

WHEREAS, this resolution will initiate the SEQRA process for the Action contemplated by the Village as set above; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees has undertaken an initial review of the Action as required by 6 NYCRR §617.6 of the SEQRA; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees has reviewed the SEQRA list of Type I actions and is of the opinion the project does not exceed any Type I thresholds as identified in 6 NYCRR Part 617.4; and

WHEREAS, the NYSEFC State Environmental Review Process requires all 'unlisted' SEQR actions to undergo a coordinated review under SEQR; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees desires to act as Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED, that the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees hereby makes a preliminary classification of the Action as an "Unlisted Action" as such term is defined in 6 NYCRR §617.2; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees hereby declares its intention to be Lead Agency for the purpose of conducting the SEQR review of the Action; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Village Board authorizes and directs the prompt transmission of Part 1 of the Full EAF with respect to the Action to all involved agencies, together with a Lead Agency Intent Notice for the purpose of conducting a coordinated SEQR review with respect to the Action and notifying such involved agencies that a lead agency must be agreed upon within 30 calendar days of the date the Full EAF is transmitted to them; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of the Village are each individually authorized to execute such documents and take such lawful actions as either such officer may deem convenient, necessary or advisable in order to effectuate the foregoing resolutions, which actions may include without limitation seeking consents from other involved agencies to the designation of the Village as lead agency with respect to the Action.

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	Absent
Arthur Guzzo, Trustee	Aye
Stephen Pezzella, Trustee	Abstain.

****Trustee Pezzella abstained from all voting that evening. ****

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the purchase of a used asphalt recycler for a price of \$35,500.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor announced the Highway Department received a grant/gift for safety equipment.

MOTION by Mayor Taylor to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for April 2023. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.


Mr. Dan Stone, a village engineer, reported the Lower Baxter project was moving forward and he hoped to review pre-purchase items that the Board could buy in anticipation of construction later which would expedite the long lead items. He said he hoped to go out to bid on the Water Treatment Plant Project later in the month with bids being returned in July with an anticipated award in early August. He said if all went well that meant the village can take beneficial occupancy of the new treatment plant before the end of the year. Mr. Stone said Umscheid is close to being done – Rooney Electric needs to make one connection at which point LaBella could certify the project as being complete and would be able to close that grant and loan program with EFC. He said it had been his expectation that they would be presenting rates for both water and wastewater to the Village Board and the Pawling

Joint Sewer Commission with the hope of starting those new rates in September. He explained they ran into some snags and it looked like that would not happen and he recommended they bifurcate the rate changes with the Village Board moving forward with the water rates between now and August and the issues with the sewer rates could be worked on.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve payment of the May bills in the amount of \$312,528.12. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Guzzo to approve payment of the Metro North bills in the amount of \$333.28. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to close the meeting and go into Public Comment at 7:11 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Guzzo. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.


Village Clerk