

DATE OF MEETING: January 5, 2015

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Stan Mersand
Trustee Brian Griffin
Trustee Daniel Peters

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence for the 2 New York City Police Officers who were killed.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing to consider any objections or comments concerning the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule is proposed to be set at \$636,878.00 (see attached) at 7:02 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Peters said it was a good budget which was approved at the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission meeting. He said there were no dramatic increases. Trustee Mersand said he agreed with Trustee Peters – it was a well developed budget and the figures work. Trustee Griffin said he wanted to reiterate about minimum use customers and how once there was newer software with better calculations it would track actual use. Mayor Liffland said that was being worked on. There was discussion about drying beds.

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close the Public Hearing to consider any objections or comments concerning the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule is proposed to be set at \$636,878.00 and return to regular session at 7:06 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Mayor Liffland to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing to consider and approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$89,080.00 (see attached) at 7:06 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

The Board discussed the debt repayment schedule. Trustee Griffin asked some questions regarding the debt amount.

Mr. Earl Slocum, a resident of East Main Street, said it was good that the Commission was paying down the debt.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to close the Public Hearing to consider and approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$89,080.00 and return to regular session at 7:09 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the rate schedule in connection with the operation and maintenance costs of the sewerage system: said rate schedule is proposed to be set at \$636,878.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve the apportionment of the debt retirement costs of the sewerage system of the Village of Pawling Sewer District No. 1 in the amount of \$89,080.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve increasing the mileage allowance from .56 to .575 per the IRS. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the renewal of the EAP Contract for 2015. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. Trustee Mersand asked if the contract amount was the same as the previous year. The Clerk responded it went up \$50. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to support Nancy Tanner's petition to trap beavers to alleviate the water problem. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion on the Tree Trimming RFP. Trustee Griffin suggested discussing the RFP while the Board was discussing the updates to the Procurement Policy. Trustee Peters said the document took into account the Procurement Policy as well as other documents of a similar nature. Trustee Griffin asked if the Board wanted to approve the document now or should they wait until the Procurement Policy was completed. He said the RFP should be a document that was attached to the final Procurement Policy as opposed to a standalone document. Trustee Peters said as time went on they were going to do the same thing with other contractors. Trustee Peters said he did not object to that but it was his opinion to get the process in motion and it could be included in the Procurement Policy later. Trustee Mersand said he did not want to see it drag on but if the Procurement Policy was going to be approved soon then they could hold off. It was decided to vote on the Procurement Policy and the Tree Trimming RFP at the February meeting or the second meeting in January if possible

Trustee Griffin said the 15 mph speed limit topic was not as simple as it going to the Senate - it needs to go before both houses. He said before that it requires applying through a TE9 form with Dutchess County Transportation who then sends it to NYS DOT who then sends staff out to analyze the streets. He said the Village Board would need 2 separate home rule resolutions. Mr. Ian MacDonald, a village attorney, said the Board needs to adopt a resolution initiating the process to be sent to the County. Mr. MacDonald said he would have the Resolution ready for the next meeting.

Ms. Beryl Mertz, a resident of 14 Dutcher Avenue, complained to the Board that 16 Dutcher Avenue was in the R1 district and was being used as a taxi depot and a business and she was upset about it. Mayor Liffland said this was an issue the Code Enforcement Officer would need to handle and he had been informed about it. Mayor Liffland strongly suggested that Ms. Mertz get in touch with the Code Enforcement Officer.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment for the January bills in the amount of \$126,535.38. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve payment for December 15, 204 prepaids in the amount of \$5,000.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Griffin to approve payment of Metro North bills in the amount of \$1,538.45. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 P.M. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to go back into regular session and close to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation at 7:53 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Griffin to close Executive Session and return to regular session at 8:51 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Mersand. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close the meeting at 8:51 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Griffin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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