

MINUTES BOOK TOWN OF COEYMANS**

December 17, 2014 – Joint Town Board and Village Board Workshop Meeting-6:00PM

A Joint Town Board and Village Board Workshop was held Wednesday 17, 2014, at 6:00pm at Village Hall, 15 Mountain Road, Ravena, New York

VILLAGE BOARD: William Misuraca, Mayor
Bill Bailey, Trustee
Nancy Warner, Trustee
Keith Mahler, Trustee
Joel Coye, Trustee

TOWN BOARD: Stephen D. Flach, Supervisor
Thomas E. Dolan, Councilman
Peter E. Masti, Councilman
Kenneth Burns, Councilman
George Langdon, Councilman

ALSO PRESENT: Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk
Laverne Conrad, Sewer Administrator

The following Notice was posted by Town Clerk Millious:

**NOTICE
TOWN OF COEYMANS
AND
VILLAGE OF RAVENA
JOINT WORKSHOP MEETING**

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Coeymans and the Village Board of Ravena has scheduled a special Workshop for Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 6:00 pm. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss sewer issues. The meeting will be held at Town of Coeymans Town Hall, 18 Russell Avenue, Ravena, New York.

**By Order of the Town Board
of the Town of Coeymans
Diane L. Millious
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

- Sewer Issues

Sewer Issue Discussion

Supervisor Flach stated that the meters seem to be working with a glitch here and there and the Town has to set the Sewer Rates and have a Public Hearing scheduled for December 29th and currently the rate is 60/40%, which goes back a little over a year.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it has been a little over a year and a half when they set the rates in April 2013.

Supervisor Flach stated that basically they have another ½ year before they have a full two years of meter readings and then asked if they can change the rate somewhat even though they don't have a full year and when the full year has come, they can check the meters again to see what they read at that point. He continued by saying that they discussed 70/30 and after talking about it a bit he feels as though it would be doable and fair.

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Mayor Misuraca stated that they need to get the meters working properly and when June 1st comes along they will do 70/30% for now because it is closer to most likely what it is and he thinks that it is a little high because of some bad readings and if it turns out to 50/50, good, if it turns out to be 90/10, it's just as well and they will pay the difference either way or vice-versa. He added that another thing that they briefly talked about was the wording in the existing contract, which is somewhat confusing and he thinks, which is up for discussion, that they should read the meters by the year and do it by the year as far as he is concerned and it will give both municipalities incentive to clean up their I&I, which is only for the benefit of both.

Trustee Bailey asked if he could ask a question and continued by saying that the November reading can't be because it makes no sense at all. He continued by saying that he could understand if it was close to 80/20 but with 90/10 there is no way that those meters are valid with 1.74 inches of rain during the month and the lowest monthly total because the meters were not working correctly from January to June, which they knew. He added that in August there was 1.75 and they got 54, in September there was 1 and they got 49 and in November when it was 1.74 they are down to 36 and reiterated that there is something wrong.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can only put what meter numbers come up and it is what he is given.

Trustee Bailey stated that to him the meters aren't working and in looking at the figures, there is no way that month can be right, there was a drought going on in August with very little rain for this area and the totals are much higher and all of the sudden for the Town, the total goes way down at 1.74.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that he knew that the one meter wasn't working and they discussed it.

Trustee Bailey stated that for the 90/10 in November, he will have to look at the individual daily numbers.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the one meter at the south of 9W location, it only has 5 days of data and it is why the numbers are fluctuating and he talked to him about that previously and based on those 5 days the flow rate was only 5.42 when that meter is usually around 15 gallons average. He continued by saying that he is not disputing the fact but it wasn't a meter problem, it was a glitch of one of the employees who just happened to leave it unplugged the last time and reiterated that he is not disputing it.

Trustee Bailey interjected that he is looking at 90/10 and that is impossible.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that he put the numbers down based on what was there and he doesn't challenge or change them but he did point out to him that they only had 5 days of data.

Trustee Bailey stated that he does recall now that he mentioned the person reading the meters forgot to hit the switch.

Councilman Dolan stated that putting Supervisor Flach in charge of that was a good idea.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that Supervisor Flach had nothing to do with it.

Councilman Dolan stated that he was only kidding.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that unfortunately it wasn't discovered until they went back to read the meters and they all learned together because they thought it was an extra plug for the battery back-up but it happened to be a protection plug for the actual meters so if there are any surcharges it won't be zapped but it only lasts one day without it being plugged in and reiterated that he pointed it out.

Trustee Bailey agreed that he did point it out but at that time when they discussed it, they didn't have the months reading total and then asked how they factor in 90/10.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if you take the average of that meter for the previous 5 months and use that figure, which he asked at the time how they might want to handle that situation because that meter averages between 12-15 gallons a minute as a regular and on this particular occasion it is only at 5 so if they increase the flows to an average of what that meter usually does, it could give them a better indication but he is not changing figures without everyone in the same consensus of how they are going to do it or if they even want to.

Trustee Bailey stated that every time they get a big flow the meter at the point doesn't work.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is working and what happens is it gets a glitch in there where it shows 3 hundred and some million gallons going through there, which is obviously not right.

Trustee Bailey interjected that to him it means it isn't working.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is only a glitch for that one day so what they have been doing is knocking that day out and using the remaining 28 or 29 days and last month it didn't happen and they are hopeful that it doesn't happen to much more again. He added that he is not sure how to fix it or what is even causing it and it is only the meter at the point, the other meters function all the way through and they haven't had a problem with the other two meters, other than one being unplugged. He continued by saying that they admit and as Supervisor Flach had said, they know that there are issues and they are not claiming it as a perfect process but they are trying to come up with a reasonable solution.

Trustee Bailey stated that when he saw the 90/10, he knew it was not right.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he had to put in what was there.

Trustee Bailey interjected that it can't be anywhere close to valid.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that if he uses an average of that meter, he thinks they will see it come closer to the 80/20, more than likely when they start to increase the gallons a minute up to where it belongs and other than that he is only putting the numbers down.

Supervisor Flach stated that they can certainly take a look at that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can knock out November if they don't like it.

Trustee Bailey stated that it is overall details and not what they hoped to accomplish at that meeting.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that if they want they will knock off November and push it off until July and get 12 months of readings. He added that ultimately they are looking to set a rate somewhat and as they discussed they hoped that it would be retro back to January because they have been doing them on yearly rates.

Trustee Bailey stated that he agrees that they should do that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that they have been doing them on yearly rates and the contract is a little ambiguous when you read it because when you read it, it looks like it is supposed to be 2 years beginning in 2011 and as it worked out, they didn't even get the meters up and running until later in 2012. He added that this is why they were a year behind when they started in April for the first set of readings and they have been modifying the contract as they go along and quite frankly most of it is impertinent at this point and the previous balance owed and all of that is really a matter of history and doesn't really need to be there. He continued by saying that they should probably look at, when they discuss it again in June or July, a couple of the paragraphs that deal with past due debt to be eliminated from the contract because he does not see that they need to keep rehashing that and paragraph 12 covers how they deal with meters now, so paragraphs 3 & 6 are kind of ambiguous at this point too. He concluded by saying that they can get together and work something out to amend the contract in general to suit both parties.

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Trustee Bailey stated that he agrees that the \$356,000.00 is over and done with and it was a point in time when it was a figure and everything was even and its past history.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can do another amendment to the contract or a new contract, they have done an amendment already and quite frankly the only time that they really messed up is when they pushed the 60/40 due to the fact that the meters had some kind of a glitch and blew up. He added that they didn't really do an amendment, both Boards agreed to leave it at 60/40 but they really never did an amendment to the contract so that is lacking and it should be reiterated someplace that they did push the 60/40 for the 2014 year so there is something saying what and why and they did it.

Trustee Bailey stated that they left it where it was because they didn't really have anything to go on.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that going down the road, someone could ask why it was 60/40 for 2014 and it would be helpful to see that the meters weren't working and they pushed to 60/40 to another year until they could get them working and now they are pushing it to July 2015 to see how it is doing and it is where it stands.

Supervisor Flach asked how other Board members felt.

Councilman Dolan stated that he wanted to bring up the issue of changing it every year because it seems like it is going to be a difficulty every year if they are having problems reading the meters to come up with a new rate each year.

Trustee Bailey stated that they are making an assumption that the meters are working.

Councilman Dolan stated that he would rather, if they can agree on a percentage that makes sense, which 90% does not make sense, if they get a number that reflects what really is going on and sticking with it for a little while, which might be to everyone's best interest. He added that it is a lot easier for planning than trying to figure that they are going to meet in June to come back and retroactively change them because who knows what is going to happen in the next few months as far as the meters go.

Mayor Misuraca interjected that they hope to see a pattern with some decent readings unless something radically changes like most of the problems solved with Oak Brook Manor and then they can go back and do a little check-up but for the most part they seem to be within the 60/40 or 80/20, which they can narrow down over the years.

Trustee Bailey asked the last time the meter at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was calibrated.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is re-calibrated once a year and it was done in February or March.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is looking at the gallonage at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which has nothing to do with percentages, and it looks like in January it is 513, February is 396 and in looking at the rain total in April, which was 2.2 it was 527 but in October there was 1.51 inches of rain and they only got 319 down there.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was dry up to a point and it depends on how the rain comes too, and whether it is a deluge causing I&I or a slow impact. He added that the meters are calibrated and the Sewer Plant is the least likely problem because they have two meters down there, one coming in direct and one going out to the river and both are running within the normal range of being almost equal. He continued by saying that this is why they knew the one at the point was the one not functioning well because it was showing more gallons going through than either one of the ones at the Sewer Plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that he understands what Sewer Administrator Conrad is saying but he is also seeing some really weird things at the Waste Water Treatment Plant such as .50 inches of rain for the whole month of February and they have 368, and there is 1.75 inches, three times as much and there is only 219 and 291, double that in September and it is only 250 and in October there was eight times the amount of rain, but it is still less than February.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can look at the daily reports.

Trustee Bailey asked how much it costs to recalibrate the meters.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is \$1,800.00 and reiterated that it is done once a year and it is required.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that it looks weird.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that those are the ones that are running the closest to the influent and effluent and you have to go back to the daily sheets to see how the rainfall comes and he has just a summary of the sheets. He continued by saying that they can look on a daily basis like in November, on November 2nd there was .1 inch of rain, on the 7th there was 1.5 inches of rain and on the 8th there was .16 and generally speaking when you get the rain over a period of time where it is spread out is not when they are getting the I&I problems. He added that he knows as well as he does, it is the same time that the meter gives them a hard time at the point when they get the deluge of 2 inches in an hour that is causing their problems, which drives the numbers.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is looking at it and sees a rapid drop-off of what is being counted at the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad reiterated that it is read daily down there and posted on the sheet that he gets.

Trustee Bailey stated that he will look at them in more detail.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the sheet also shows the influent and effluent so he can compare one with the other.

Trustee Bailey asked if he saw what he was talking about.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he has seen it over the years but he is also trying to explain that it is really about how they get the rain.

Councilman Masti asked if the Sewer System is a closed system.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is.

Councilman Masti asked why there is such a focus on the rain.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is because of the I&I issues that they have had over the years.

Trustee Bailey interjected that it isn't a closed system truthfully, theoretically it is but it is not a closed system.

Councilman Masti stated that it is all dependent on how much rain they get and it actually alters their numbers.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that was true.

Councilman Dolan interjected that there are other factors.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that there are other factors such as Westerlo Street, there are cross connection problems.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that those are not contributing because they are going into the river directly and the cross connections are into the storm water and not hooked up to the Sewer Plant. He added that they put them back into the Sewer when they find them and it is going to increase those.

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Trustee Bailey stated that they used to have houses where the waste went into the storm water and the storm water went into the sewer system.

Sewer Administrator Conrad interjected that it was corrected.

Trustee Bailey stated that the sewer system part was corrected, now they have a problem where the waste goes in the storm system and is not being treated by the Sewer Plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are aware of that.

Councilman Masti stated that if they can factor out and repair all of leaks coming into the sewer system, the meters are inaccurate and the best they can do is a guesstimate.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is calculated in the flow.

Councilman Langdon stated that the metes are treating what is coming through and it is not all sewage that is going through there.

Councilman Dolan interjected that they still have to treat it, it is still going through the system and it still counts toward the amount that you can process on a daily basis and it still contributes to what could be an overflow and they could get fined for it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is where the overflows come.

Councilman Dolan stated that there is no taking into account what the percentage of sewage in the overflow is, it is just that there is an overflow.

Trustee Bailey stated that they know for a fact, and they have done some work on it, that all of the gutter lines from the roofs in the Hamlet are fed into the sewer system.

Councilman Masti stated that all of these factors need to be repaired.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Village has their share of it too, mostly on Woodlawn Drive, Ridge Road, Western Avenue, and McCulloch Avenue.

Trustee Bailey stated that on Central Avenue, when they rebuilt it, they happened to luckily have some storm water lines going perpendicular to there so they put down under the curve when they fixed the road, lines that fed into those storm water drains and then they told everyone in that area to take their sump pumps and roof gutters and put it into there. He added that they were tearing up the whole street so they could do it fairly cheap but when you go to VanBuren and Pulver, you have to have a place to put the water. He continued by saying that it is the same in the Hamlet, when your lot is only 40 foot by 80 foot with a house on it, you can't dump it on the property because all you would be doing is putting it at the next person's house window. He went on by saying that they know that there have been studies both in the Town and Village since the 80's, and whenever they can, they try to take it and put it in the storm water and it is a known problem but the solution is not good.

Councilman Burns stated that the solution is easy, it just has to be done and when Westerlo Street was torn up, including the sidewalks, they asked about putting in a storm sewer line for people to put their sump pumps line into.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there are some there but they are old and need to be replaced on Westerlo.

Councilman Burns stated that there are places that literally to this day pump their sump pumps out into the road and they have to salt it.

Trustee Bailey stated that they had one but corrected it.

Councilman Burns stated that the answer is that when they, either the Town or the Village, does a new road over, they need to put an extra pipe in so people can put their sump pumps into it.

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Trustee Bailey stated that by doing that they are already overwhelming their existing storm sewers that they are feeding into so they would have to expand those because everything funnels down from the hill, there are always log jams at the thruway and railroad. He continued by saying that they already have pipes that are overwhelmed in the storm system and the more they put into it, the quicker they get overwhelmed and whenever they can, they do it, but it is not cheap, especially now when you have electric and natural gas underneath the ground, which makes it more complicated and the solution is to correct them but it is at a cost.

Councilman Burns stated that they have talked about having new auguring underneath the road and rail road tracks with a bigger pipe because they had to go in there after every flood and clean out all of the debris.

Mayor Misuraca stated that they applied for a grant, but it won't be until April, to have FEMA come down and open up those pipes.

Trustee Bailey stated that they cannot just decide to do it, they have to have the railroad and thruway to say that they can do it, which is another issue and it is not just a matter of wanting to fix it. He added that the Town did a lot of work on Westerlo Street and Colvin Avenue and then asked Sewer Administrator Conrad what was spent.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that Westerlo was done years ago.

Trustee Bailey stated that they knew they had a problem on Colvin and then asked what was spent to fix it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they didn't spend a dime.

Trustee Bailey stated that he was talking about the connection.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was about \$25,000.00.

Trustee Bailey stated it's not like when they find things that they don't fix them and on Western Avenue they had a cross connection, the pond that used to exist where the diner they hooked into the sewer instead of the storm water and reiterated that whenever they find it, they do it but it's all money.

Councilman Dolan stated that regardless of how much rain you get or people's sump pumps, etc., the sewer lines themselves are not compromised and the water won't get into it.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is minimal leakage from the sewer lines and the I&I is from the cracks and stuff in the pipes and inflow, which is the direct cross connection, catch basins, storm water gutter and sump pump and it is those things doing most of the damage. He added that they can study it all they want and worry about all the storm sewage that they want, but it is what it is and they have to treat it and it has to be done today, tomorrow and the next day. He continued by saying that it will take 20 years to weed out all of the problems and the best thing they can do is to forget about the I&I and deal with it and they are making headway at Oakbrook and there was another fix by Mountain Road, which was a good thing as well as shutting water off that was running into the system and the flows have started to show a response from it. He added that they know that the Frangella Drive area is heavily populated with storm water and every house they have dug up with a permit, had footing drains, sump pumps and floor drains, which all run into the sewer and they have done the best that they can to disconnect them. He went on by saying that all of the roof drains on Little Feet Daycare were discovered and they unhooked them all, which was 5,000 square feet of roof area and all of the little things are good changes but only a small percentage at a clip and it goes unnoticed. He concluded by saying that he understands what Trustee Bailey is saying about the dry months and wanting to see some wet month totals and if they can agree on 70/30 so they have a budget that they can work with and then look at it again in July and the numbers are what they are and they will have to deal with it and it is simple mathematics to him.

Supervisor Flach asked how everyone feels about the 70/30 until July and then read the meters.

Mayor Misuraca interjected that he would vote yes.

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Trustee Warner asked what he had said about retro.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they had talked about making it retro for the full year.

Trustee Bailey stated that the first time they did meters, 10-25 years ago, it was a big to-do and there was a committee of, 2 members from the Village Board, 2 members from the Town Board and one independent, Tom Dolan, who was on neither Board. He added that the Town expected one answer and it came in as 60/40 and the members of the Board said that's what it is, it was a good reading and they went with 60/40 at that time and what it is, is what it is going to be as long as he is comfortable with the meters. He continued by saying that 90/10 was ridiculous but other than that he would not question the other ones.

Supervisor Flach asked if they needed to do a motion and added that he knows each Board will have to do their own thing.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that there has to be resolutions and basically they are there to come to an agreement on a rate, set the period of time and come back in July for a Joint Meeting as soon as they have the full six months or seven if they want to throw out November or he and Trustee Bailey can look at November and come up with an average for the meter.

Supervisor Flach stated that Mayor Misuraca said yes and he says yes.

Mayor Misuraca asked if anyone objected.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will read the meters and it will be retro for the whole year for whatever the meters say.

Supervisor Flach stated that it will be back to January 2015.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will make it a motion from the floor at their next meeting.

Supervisor Flach stated that they will do the same and continued by saying that was the main thing that they wanted to discuss but they also have something else to talk about.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he and Trustee Bailey have disagreed but they are only 2 people and he wanted to discuss the Consent Order and as everyone is aware, DEC has released the Town of Coeymans from the Consent Order that has been in place since 2001, however there was a caveat that carried with it, which is that the Town sticks to the plan to upgrade the trunk sewer from the sewer plant up to the Village manhole 38 at VanHoesen. He added that the District cannot afford it because they are trying to pay down debt and then asked Trustee Bailey what the total cost of the project was.

Trustee Bailey stated that the whole project is 1.8 million but there are parts that they would not do so it is approximately 1.2 – 1.5 million.

Supervisor Flach asked if they can deal with just the manholes that are right out of the plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he is leaning toward that and the biggest problem is the manholes up through manhole 5 and actually up through 10 where it hits James Drive at Rte. 144, which was the part that everyone looked at and then asked why they weren't doing that. He continued by saying that from manholes 6,7,8,9, the pitch is the reason why they didn't look at them with so much concern and manhole 5 down into the plant is over 1,200 feet of pipe and has less than ½ percent, which is bogus, so the line actually becomes surged with water and if can't carry itself through with the air, you can't run the pumps more than 80% full and expect them to carry the full maximum flow because as soon as you surge them, they lose their flow capacity. He added that this is why the big urgency was to try and fix up through man hole 5 at this point with a 2 foot diameter pipe, which will hopefully give them the air capacity that they need to get everything running to the plant and is really the critical spot and they felt that once they fixed it, they could really get a better handle on the rest of the system to see just how much it will handle.

Mayor Misuraca stated that if it is repaired, it might alleviate a whole lot of other issues upstream.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that as they know, they wanted to relocate it so they are taking out a lot of the 45's by the school and Civic Center and when it comes out of Blaisdell it makes a 90 and a 90 onto Westerlo and goes to the bottom of Westerlo and makes a 90 at Main Street, which are the manholes that take the pounding and overflow. He continued by saying that there is a whole litany of things that he does not want to go into at this point but they had to make a plan with DEC, which he didn't agree with putting everything into a timeframe because they really wanted to do more of a step by step basis and analyze the set-up. He added that he knows the engineers are good but they thought they were good in the 60's too, but they didn't do so good with the system and he doesn't have a PE but he does have common sense and he personally thinks that they need to ease into it a little bit, they have been like this for 40 years and he doesn't see City of Troy or any of the other ones fixing their problems any faster and they have a lot more budget than the Town to deal with as a smaller community. He reiterated that he thinks they should ease into it, to what they can and work toward a common goal and the more of the overflows they stop, the better off they will be.

Mayor Misuraca asked what the Town is looking for from the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are looking for an agreement to share, along with the plan, a piece of the trunk sewer at least up to manhole 5.

Mayor Misuraca asked if it is an in-house job or if it has to be subcontracted and bid.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are looking to do an in-house job and hire an employee to come in and do it, and it will be sewer payroll and they don't want to get into the big forecasting of payrolls and certified payrolls. He added that they were hoping to rent a machine for a period of time and it is a shallow dig of 3 feet in the ground and on the Sewer Plant Road, which is private and it's advantageous to do it at their own pace and they will continue that line dry all the way out to manhole 5 where it exists now and once at that point they have the by-pass pump for the time period when they hook it back in the main trump system and then they would abandon that section and stop using the section that is there currently.

Mayor Misuraca asked if he had an estimate roughly of what kind of numbers he is looking at.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he can prepare an estimate and it is basically 1,200 feet of 24 inch pipe, 4 more manholes, equipment rentals, stone and backfill material and they can talk about it at some point down the road.

Supervisor Flach asked if he has any kind of idea because he had an estimate for the first manhole.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it was for putting it out to bid and he has an estimate of \$130,000.00.

Supervisor Flach asked how much it is for the pipe.

Councilman Langdon stated that he put in a 1,200 foot, 8 foot deep trench in his backyard by himself and he paid \$1,500.00 for the excavator.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that when you put things out to bid and have certified payrolls, everything escalates.

Trustee Bailey interjected that you have to pay prevailing wages and things like that.

Supervisor Flach stated that they considered hiring someone in-house like they did a few years ago with an in-house carpenter.

Trustee Bailey stated that they will have a line coming in but the pitch isn't big enough and they will still be using the same connection going into the plant.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that's not true and it's all going to be re-done.

Trustee Bailey asked if they are going to drop it lower.

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Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they can't drop it lower because of where the pumps are into the plant.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is worried about how they are going to deal with the pitch.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they will deal with it with the pipe size and 2 foot is well in excess of what they need and they are going from 15" to 24" and the plant can't handle what a 24 inch pipe will put down through it and it is the theory that the engineers are using.

Trustee Bailey stated that they talked about making lagoons for the overflow and to be able to take what VanHoesen does right now and then feed it back into the plant to stop the surcharges that they get fined for, for going in the river. He added that their hope is that the lines will not back up because what basically happens is that it starts down there at the plant and works its way up to Westerlo up into the Village.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that usually it overflows and relieves theirs down there and it really does not backup to there but where it does get it, is manhole 14 in front of Mrs. Connor's, which is usually because of the fact that they have a 10 inch pipe coming in and a 15 inch down there and the way that the flow is interrupted by the engineering feat that they accomplished in the 60's, it usually ends up with bricks, rags, 2x4's or whatever in front of the pipe and it is when that manhole surge charges and blows up and goes down through everyone's yards and into the river and then they get written up. He added that the other one is at Westerlo and Main because it comes hammering down Westerlo Street in a 10 inch line and has to make a hard right-hand turn so there is all the water pounding in but can't flow out because of the turbidity of the water there so it blows out of the manhole and flows to the river there and those are relief valves.

Supervisor Flach suggested that they figure out the price of it would be.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the best he can do is an estimate.

Trustee Warner asked about hiring a Town employee on the side.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are going to hire someone as a Town employee who is a professional at doing this.

Trustee Warner asked if it is a current Town employee.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he is going to be hired as a Town Sewer employee and he will do the work with the aid of some other Town employees who are not as skilled as he is.

Trustee Bailey stated that laying a sewer line is much more detailed than a water line.

Trustee Warner asked what they are going to do with the temporary Town employee when he is done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that when he is done, he's done.

Trustee Warner asked if he knows he will be a temporary employee.

Supervisor Flach interjected that you can hire an employee per diem so it is as needed and when you don't need him anymore, he is done.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they have someone in mind that they are looking at with enough knowledge to do the project within a week.

Mayor Misuraca stated that some numbers would be good and the whole nightmare started because of baby steps. He continued by asking if he wants the Village to absorb the first section of pipe and then asked if he would want them to help absorb the rest of them.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is a discussion that can be had and the trunk sewer and they offered an amendment all the way up to manhole 38. He added that in order for the VanHoesen to go away, they need to get all the way up to VanHoesen.

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Supervisor Flach stated that it is a conversation that they already had and he would like to talk about the first 5 manholes and it is going to baby steps like the Mayor had said.

Trustee Bailey stated that all five of them, for anyone wanting to take a ride, they can go do Sewer Plant Road and they are the ones basically on the road.

Councilman Burns stated that he talks about this with his father and when they were doing the line in the 60's a guy got buried and died. He continued by saying that Doc Marcele was in charge of the project, he stopped the whole project and called everyone in, the engineers, Town and Village employees and said that if they pay for the extra pipe he will put a 2 foot pipe in there and be done with it because the Town isn't going to get smaller, it is going to grow and he was told no so they went ahead and finished the project the way that it was.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is fact and they decided to use a smaller pipe, it comes out of the Village at 15 inches and continues across the field but as it starts to go down the hill at Blaisdell Avenue, it reduces to 12 inches and then to 10 inches.

Mayor Misuraca stated that he does not understand the logic in doing that.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the theory was hydraulic push. He continued by saying that he will get the numbers together and give them to both Boards for discussion and they can discuss the installation of it at another time.

Supervisor Flach asked if there was any other business to discuss.

Trustee Bailey asked if the Town got anything from the County regarding water.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they hadn't.

Supervisor Flach asked that Town Clerk Millious what she had heard.

Town Clerk Millious stated that she was told that because there are no meters for sewer and water, the Town can't re-levy sewer and water because of a law passed by County Legislation. She added that they are letting her do it this year but they said not next year and she got the information from Tony Dilella who Sewer Administrator Conrad talked to as well.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they are in the discussion stages, it is legislation that was passed this year and because the Towns and Villages were not notified about it appropriately, they were going to allow it this year and they were supposed to be sending both the Town and Village something in writing.

Trustee Bailey stated that the Village hadn't received anything.

Town Clerk Millious interjected that the County just had their budget and are getting ready for property taxes.

Trustee Bailey stated that the last time they looked at this, which was almost 15 years ago, it would cost \$500,000.00 to put in meters and he would bet that it would cost close to 1 million dollars by the time that they buy the meters in addition to having to have a plumber install one in every individual house. He added that they were also told that there would be a 5% replacement every year because they break down and get damaged and basically for the cost to do it, they figured that they would have to almost double the water rates.

Councilman Burns asked what would happen with the old meters that were there.

Trustee Bailey stated that the meters were put in but then they figured to read 200,000 of them, they would have to hire a full-time employee to read them so they were never read. He added that right now they are supplying water in the Village of Ravenna for \$225.00 and the Hamlet of Coeymans for \$337.50 and no one around here matches that for unlimited water. He continued by saying that the base rate in Coxsackie is \$420.00 a year for a low meter reading so unless you are a single person, you end up paying more than that.

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Trustee Warner stated that people believe that meters will save them so much money.

Trustee Bailey interjected that meters will cost you money, not save you money.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it is an argument to be had another day with Mr. Dilella.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that the Village received absolutely nothing from the County.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that he discussed with Mr. Dilella the fact that they do it on a unitary basis, which is a form of metering, and they got into the play on words and apparently it stumped him bad enough that they weren't going to re-levy this year so at least this year was saved and they will have to see what next year brings. He added that their legislation may prove not to be exactly a science and he also asked for a copy of the legislation but he hasn't seen that either.

Trustee Warner suggested that they ask Legislature Clouse.

Supervisor Flach stated that if the Town receives anything, he will let them know.

Trustee Bailey stated that the water rate in Coeymans went from 200% to 150% of theirs because of the fact that they were guaranteed payment and then the Town was guaranteed to be whole by re-levy because the Village could not re-levy in the Town and it is why the Water District was created, just for the ability for everyone to get their money.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that the Water District was created 4 times and he is not sure why they did it and they went from 200% to 150%.

Trustee Bailey stated that he is talking about 1982 when they created the Water District.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that they did it in 1972, 1974, he believes there was one in the 50's as well as 1982, which was the most recent one.

Trustee Bailey reiterated that it is why it was done and they pay 150% not 200% like New Baltimore where they cannot re-levy because they live in a county where they can't re-levy so the Village charges 200%.

Town Clerk Millious asked what they do if they don't pay.

Trustees Bailey and Warner collectively replied that they shut the water off.

Town Clerk Millious asked if they can do that with the Town.

Trustee Bailey stated that technically they can.

Trustee Warner stated that they had discussed putting a meter at the point and having the Town do their own water billing however they want and in turn bill the Town for the lump sum.

Trustee Bailey asked at what rate.

Trustee Warner stated that they would have to figure out a rate and reiterated they would do their own billing and figure out if they want to re-levy.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is similar to what they do now, they pay the Village up-front and then collect.

Trustee Warner stated that it is after usage.

Supervisor Flach stated that it is an argument for another day.

Trustee Bailey stated that if they have issues on it, they should not spring it on the Village and March is not the time to bring it up.

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Supervisor Flach interjected that he understands that and the Town needs to know what they are going to do with the re-levy and whether or not the County is going to let the Town do it.

Trustee Bailey stated that he does not believe that it passed because everyone would have talked to their Legislatures. He added that it is like when Legislator McCoy said that he wanted to change the reimbursement from the County and give Towns and Villages less money, which would mean that Legislators would not be re-elected because if they lower County money, Town taxes would go up and it would be the Legislators to blame for voting for it, so in his opinion it isn't going to happen.

Sewer Administrator Conrad stated that it happened elsewhere.

Supervisor Flach asked if there were any other comments.

Councilman Masti suggested that they stop where they are at this point and offered a motion to adjourn.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION

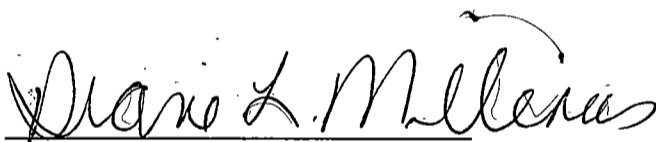
On motion of Councilman Masti, seconded by Councilman Langdon, the Joint Village/Town Workshop was adjourned.

VOTE – AYES 5 – NAYS 0 – SO MOVED

Time – 6:55pm

Respectfully Submitted,

APPROVED – As Read March 09,2015



Diane L. Millious, Town Clerk