

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the Workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM May 1, 2019 at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building, 239 Route 292, Holmes, New York. Present were Councilmen McCarthy, DeRosa, McGrath, Johnson and approximately 30 interested citizens.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resolutions would be placed on the May 8, 2019 Town Board meeting agenda.

## **BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

### **COMPACTOR**

Councilman DeRosa said the old compactor is approximately 30 years old and needs to be replaced. The quote for the new compactor is \$23,510.00, which does not include the safety fence. The two boxes would be \$11,000.00 each. There is money in the capital fund for this purchase, and it is on State bid.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to purchase the new compactor through Vasso Systems, Inc. for a total of \$63,831.40, not including the fencing, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

### **SHARED SERVICES BETWEEN HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND NYS DOT**

Highway Superintendent Jay Dickinson said New York State reached out to him to see if the Town was interested in sharing services in cases where there is a State of Emergency. Mr. Dickinson felt it was a good idea to work with NYS in cases of emergency.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to enter into a Shared Service Agreement with New York State Department of Transportation and the Town Highway Department per the document for any State of Emergency projects in 2019, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

### **WHALEY LAKE DAM**

Councilman Johnson said he has been working on the billing for the dam and has found some credits for the town.

Councilman DeRosa said the contractors were there today and completed the punch list from the engineering firm. The surveyors will be there tomorrow to take water level elevations so it can be historically recorded. Councilman DeRosa said he measured the lake three days ago at the marina and the level was at 704.8. He is waiting for Fuss & O'Neill to deem the punch list complete so the paperwork can be filed with NYS DEC and the Town can get the one million dollars grant monies.

Vinny DiMarco went over past elevations of the lake with the Board. He said the spillway elevation before it was disturbed on 9/6/2013 was 705.1. As of 11/3/1999 per Joe Zarecki, the elevation of the lake was 705.8. He said the elevation of the water fluctuates often. Yesterday, the elevation was 705.4.

Councilman DeRosa asked why there was a change in design, usually the Board authorizes changes in the project. He went down there one day and they were raising the height of the dam and the Board did not approve any changes. His question to the engineer is why this change was made.

Mr. DiMarco said he did not have an answer to that question.

Councilman Johnson said the engineers looked at the scope of service and there was no added expense to the Town for engineering. He said a lot of the dirt came from the road.

Mr. DiMarco said during the meeting tomorrow he will bring this issue up and get back to the Board with the answer. He said the Town received approval from NYS DEC for the spillway to be raised six inches.

Councilman DeRosa felt if the spillway was going to be raised six inches, it would be better to wait until the fall to do that.

The Board agreed.

## **PROCUREMENT POLICY**

Nancy Tagliaferro, Town Attorney gave the Board an overview of the updates of the proposed Procurement Policy update. She explained that there have been changes in the law, which have been included in the proposed policy. The Board should review the proposed policy and decide when they would like to adopt it.

## **GREENWAY DISCUSSION**

Councilman DeRosa said the Greenway is something 30 communities in the County participate in. It is suggestions and principles for when development is done on Route 22. The Greenway Connections plan is updated from time to time. The Town was asked to update the Greenway Connections in 2015 but it was not updated. He is trying to get a representative from Dutchess County Planning to give the Board a presentation on the updates so the Board would understand them. He will give the Greenway Connections plan to the Planning Board for their review and comments. He asked the Town Board to look the document over also.

## **SEWER EXPANSION**

Supervisor Schmitt said the Board has had a lot of discussion about expanding the sewer line down Route 22 south. The Board has been soliciting bids for the map, plan & report for getting the line to the Patterson line and possibly crossing into Patterson in a shared service with them. The Board has two estimates, one from the Laberge Group and one from Chazen. The sewer line down Route 22 is very important to continue growth in Pawling. He would like the Board to review the proposals and be prepared to vote on this next week.

Councilman DeRosa said the Board needs to understand where the Castagna development stands in relation to the sewer line. The Pawling Joint Sewer District needs to make some decisions before the Town goes ahead with the map, plan and report. One is that the Town needs more representation on the PJSC. Also, the Board needs to know what the flows are and how many would be able to hook up to the sewer.

Supervisor Schmitt said Dan Stone from Chazen is working on that.

## **WATER SLIDE PROPOSAL**

The Board entertained a proposal from Jessica Dickinson, Recreation Director on a 16 foot water slide with climbing structures, paddle boards and life vests, cost \$20,000.00, which she thought would make a positive impact this summer. This particular structure requires only one lifeguard and 12 people can use it at one time.

## **NEW WEBSITE**

Supervisor Schmitt said the new Town Website went live and the Board is proud of it. He thanked Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk for working hard on that.

Councilman Johnson thanked Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk also for her work on the website.

## **WELL AT LAKESIDE PARK**

Councilman Johnson said there is a pretty sophisticated well at Lakeside Park, in the rear near the barns. It has not been used since the Town has owned the park. The first step is to determine its capacity, output and quality of water. The Town will need water for any use in the barns, no matter what the use will be. He also suggested if the water is good, it could be shared with the Village. The well will be tested this week.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jill Norgren resident from Bundy Hill Road thanked Jay Dickinson, Highway Superintendent for picking up the mattress and other items that were left on Bundy Hill Road. She asked if the Town could post "No Littering" signs. Also, she asked for an update on the project taking place on the railroad.

Councilman DeRosa said that is the construction of the rail trail, which is supposed to be completed in 2020.

Leslie Holleran Mondschein, resident from Harmony Road said she is a big supporter of anything that helps the community to help bring the per capita taxes down. She lives on Harmony Road and services are quite limited, she does not get water, or sewer or garbage pickup. About three years ago, the plow took down her fence. She called the Town and they told her that the Town was no longer plowing the County roads so she would have to contact the County. The County representatives came out to see the fence and they said oh well, these things happen. The cost to replace the fence was \$14,000.00, which she put in to her insurance for payment, which caused a \$3,000.00 increase in her insurance premium. She asked if the \$450,000.00 bond for new trucks was the best use of the funds and is this needed at this time.

Supervisor Schmitt said purchasing the trucks will give the Town the ability to take over plowing the County roads. The Town's equipment is old and there are real safety concerns.

Coleen Snow, resident from Mohawk Trail said the Pawling junior/senior prom was this past Friday and everyone worked together to allow the kids to be at the Lathrop building at Lakeside Park before the prom. She thanked everyone for working together to accomplish that.

Helen Grosso said the amount of money for the trucks is \$480,000.00 and seems like a lot of money. She wondered if there is a truck replacement fund.

Supervisor Schmitt said the bond amount is for two trucks. The Board is looking at putting a vehicle maintenance plan in place.

Mrs. Grosso said she didn't think there had ever been a long term plan for the transfer station.

Councilman Johnson said the Board is paying for the compactor with a fund that was set up through a long term plan for the transfer station and only user fees are included in this.

Mrs. Grosso said she was glad the Board was going to reinforce the Greenway Plan. She said there was an agreement with Castagna, who would be donating to the greenway.

Councilman DeRosa said that fund was for the commercial part of the development to improve connections with the Village, and it was only for Castagna.

Mark Chipkin said he supported everyone working together. He said the new website looks amazing and he thanked Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk for her work on that. He appreciated the Board's discussion about the Greenway tonight. He asked if the fund is just for Castagna or for anyone. He asked for a copy of the Greenway document.

Councilman DeRosa said the fund is specifically for Castagna. He said he would provide Mr. Chipkin with a copy of the Greenway document as soon as he gets more from the County.

Vincent Madigan from the corner of South White Rock Road and South Road asked if there was any plan to remove the stumps along the road.

Jay Dickinson, Highway Superintendent said he does have a plan to remove the stumps along the edge of the road.

Paul Meisner from 91 Lakeside Drive asked what the future plans were for Lakeside Park.

Councilman Johnson said there was a large field proposed near the barns at the last Board meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Johnson at 8:25 PM, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt, motion passed unanimously.

---

Town Clerk