

Supervisor James Schmitt opened a Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM October 21, 2020 at the Lathrop building, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen McCarthy, Johnson, Councilwoman Snow, Town Attorney Nancy Tagliaferro and approximately 8 interested citizens. Councilman DeRosa was absent. The meeting was also broadcast live on Facebook on the town Facebook page at www.pawling.org. The Board took comments in person, through Facebook and by email. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, there was a limited capacity of 48 persons maximum allowed in the building. Social distancing and masks were required. Registration to attend the meeting was required.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 2020136 Approval of Truck Purchase

Whereas, the Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds seeks the approval of the Town Board for the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-350 with a snow plow from Healey Brothers Ford, and

Whereas, this truck will be replacing the 2008 Chevrolet 2500HD, and

Whereas, this truck will be purchased off of Fleet Maintenance NYS OGS Contract PC68935 Award 23166 for \$45,722.50, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of a 2021 Ford F-350 with a snow plow for \$45,722.50 from Fleet maintenance NYS OGS Contract PC68935 using funds from A1620.2.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “ABSENT”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Resolution 2020137 Part Time Bookkeeping Clerk Appointment

Whereas, a part time Bookkeeping Clerk vacancy has occurred in the Bookkeeping Department, and,

Whereas, the Bookkeeper would like to fill that position with current temporary Bookkeeping Clerk Pamela Filippone, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board approves Pamela Filippone to be a part time Bookkeeping Clerk with the Bookkeeping Department at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour as of November 2, 2020.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “ABSENT”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

BUDGET PRESENTATION

The Board entertained a budget presentation by Christine Mitchell, town bookkeeper. Ms. Mitchell gave an overview of the 2021 budget, saying a zero percent increase is proposed in the tentative budget. She said the Board will discuss the budget and changes can be made as the process moves forward. She explained that \$300,000.00 of fund balance would be applied to the 2021 budget, compared to \$170,000.00 last year. She said they are using close to \$283,000.00 in the outside village, verses \$258,000.00 last year. This would leave \$650,000.00 between A and DA, \$140,000.00 in B and \$300,000.00 in DB. She explained that she is working on a five-year plan for the town. Regarding personnel, there would be a two percent increase for most personnel, and no increase for the supervisor, town board, town justices and planning and zoning boards. There would be no new full-time personnel hired but there would be two permanent part time people, one in buildings and grounds and one to be split between the bookkeeping office and the building department. There is a part timer as needed to fill in for the assessor’s office. There are new stipends in the budget, they are audio visual, safety officer, park management and stormwater management. The retirement system will go up next year to \$230,000.00 from \$200,000.00 this year. Health insurance will go up 5%. Moving retirees on to AARP saved approximate \$63,000.00 per year. She reviewed equipment purchases, sales tax and mortgage tax, saying sales tax revenues are down 20% but mortgage tax is up.

There was discussion regarding replacing the constables with the sheriff’s department for court. Following discussion, Supervisor Schmitt said he is working with the sheriff’s office to see if the numbers could work but there is nothing definite at this time.

There were questions and answers from the Board and the public, which were answered by Ms. Mitchell.

There will be a public hearing on the preliminary budget on November 4, 2020.

CDBG

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to set a public hearing for the CDBG grant for November 4, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “ABSENT”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow said Councilman DeRosa traveled out of state and is now under quarantine. He is fine and will be at the next meeting.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Schmitt at 7:10 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk