

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 2, 2020 via Facebook due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was broadcast live. The public was able to submit comments in writing until noon Wednesday, December 2, 2020. Present were Councilmen Johnson, DeRosa, McCarthy, Councilwoman Snow, and Town Attorney Nancy Tagliafierro.

Supervisor Schmitt thanked everyone who worked on the special election vote for the consolidation of the Town of Pawling and Village of Pawling. The community spoke in overwhelming numbers on how they feel about their town and village governments and the separation of the two. Everyone will work hard to push for shared services going forward to be as efficient as possible.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board reviewed the resolutions and said they would be acted upon at next week's meeting.

DISCUSSION/TRANSFER STATION

The Board discussed the transfer station operations and fees. The Board discussed a fee increase to add to the capital fund, which has been drained due to the new equipment that was purchased. The Board discussed changing the hours per day to eight hours from the ten hours per day it is open now. The Board also discussed not opening the transfer station the day after a holiday in order to save paying over time.

Councilman McCarthy said he reached out to Mr. Hoag and Mr. Dickinson and they feel the transfer station should be open three ten hour days as it is now. The holidays can be looked at further. He agreed that the price should be raised maybe ten dollars, to go into the capital fund for equipment. He felt the generator was needed for the transfer station and he is still looking into that.

Councilman Johnson agreed that an increase was needed to increase the capital fund. He suggested changing to eight hours per day. He also suggested a bag drop for senior citizens. He said the town does use the transfer station and should pay something toward that use.

Councilwoman Snow suggested a decision not be made on this tonight so that people would have an opportunity for input before it is passed.

Following further discussion, the Board agreed.

Supervisor Schmitt suggested looking at more efficient ways to operate the transfer station.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson thanked everyone who worked on the special election. He agreed that the Boards need to look for additional ways for more shared services.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow thanked Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk for the amount of time and effort she put into the election, it went very smoothly. Regarding shared services, this was discussed in March and she felt there should be meetings with Village Trustees to discuss shared services. She hoped to begin that after the reorganizational meeting in January. She said the Pawling Resource Center has needs, which are posted on their website, and if anyone knows a family in need, they should be directed to the Resource Center.

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy said he wanted to thank Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk, Jen Osborn, Village Clerk and everyone who was involved in the special election, it was very well done in the short time we had to get it done.

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa said he would like to thank everyone involved in the vote, especially Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk because she was under a lot of pressure and time constraints and it came out perfectly. She went above and beyond. Councilman DeRosa said he had a meeting tomorrow with the Dutchess County Planning Federation regarding training for the spring for planning and zoning members. Councilman DeRosa said regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, the construction has been completed and the Town has received the okay to close the valve so the valve has been closed and the dam is filling up naturally. The lake is refilling itself naturally.

There were no comments from the audience.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Schmitt at 6:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk