

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the workshop meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 1, 2021 at the Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen DeRosa, McCarthy, Johnson, Councilwoman Snow, town attorney Nancy Tagliaferro, and approximately 5 interested citizens.

RESOLUTIONS

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

The board took the following actions:

**Resolution 2021165
Laborer Vacancy Appointment**

Whereas, a permanent part time laborer vacancy exists in the buildings & grounds department, and,

Whereas, Luke Testa currently serves as a temporary part time laborer for the buildings & grounds department, and

Whereas, the supervisor of buildings & grounds would like to fill the permanent position with Luke Testa, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the town board hereby approves Luke Testa to be a part time laborer with the buildings & grounds department.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman Johnson

Councilman DeRosa asked what the salary would be for this position.

Supervisor Schmitt said the hourly rate is \$15.00 per hour.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2021166
Appointment of Motor Equipment Operator – Christopher Monzon**

Whereas, a full time motor equipment operator (MEO) vacancy exists in the highway department, and

Whereas, Christopher Monzon has interviewed with the highway superintendent and was deemed duly qualified, and

Whereas, the highway superintendent would like to fill one MEO position with Christopher Monzon, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the town board approves Christopher Monzon to be a full time motor equipment operator in the highway department effective December 20, 2021 at the current MEO hourly rate of \$23.49.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE” Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Resolution 2021167
Road Name – Rodina Drive

Whereas, a private drive name is needed to address 4 single-family homes with parcel numbers 6857-00-744579, 6857-00-760555, 6857-00-775545 and 6857-00-717590, and

Whereas, 3 of the parcels are owned by a single landowner and 1 parcel is owned by a different landowner, and

Whereas, the landowners have been unable to agree on a road name after numerous attempts to resolve the situation, and

Whereas, at a regular meeting of the town board on November 3, 2021 the name Rodina Drive was selected, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the town board hereby names the new private road on which parcels 6857-00-744579, 6857-00-760555, 6857-00-775545 and 6857-00-717590 reside Rodina Drive, and be it further

Resolved, that Dutchess County 911 has approved of Rodina Drive.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “ABSTAINED” Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

TOWN BOARD DISCUSSION

TRANSFER STATION HOLIDAY/SNOW DELAY SCHEDULE

Councilman McCarthy explained that the union has allowed the town to have a part time employee at the transfer station. He will be working Mondays and Thursdays from the hours of 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This would allow the transfer station to be open the day after a Monday holiday and the day after a Thursday holiday, if the board agrees. In the case the town is closed on a Monday or a Thursday, the transfer station would be open the day after. The other

recommendation is to change the time from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM, instead of 6:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturdays because there are very few people coming in between 6:00 and 7:00 AM.

Following discussion, supervisor Schmitt said there would be a resolution on next week's agenda to approve these changes.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said she and supervisor Schmitt had their monthly liaison meeting with the village, town, and school. The chamber wasn't able to attend. They have begun communications with the school regarding the Castagna project, even though it isn't before the town board. She is happy there is communication on this now. Councilwoman Snow said the citizens currently living at Castagna have said that transportation was promised to them, which did not occur. She reached out to other towns and some of them offer transportation through Northeast Community Center. She hoped to have more information on this for next week and hoped it could be implemented in Pawling. The Town of Greenburgh has a program called the snow angel project, where people who need snow removal can have students help them do that. She is working to coordinate that for seniors in this area.

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa said he wanted to look into the letter from NYS DEC regarding the inspection to see what need to be done to correct the issues.

Supervisor Schmitt said he would discuss this with Councilman DeRosa.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Helen Grosso, resident from 14 Tracy Road, said she wanted to thank the Pawling Fire Department for responding to an incident at her home this morning. Everett White, Fire Chief was there at 8:00 AM, they showed up so quickly, it was extraordinary. She appreciated it and it almost makes the high taxes here worth it. Mrs. Grosso expressed concern about the impacts of the Castagna project. Mrs. Grosso said the current PILOT program doesn't include the word "senior", the amendment to the town code was completed in 2016 and she didn't know exactly how this impacts what Castagna is doing. The words senior and elderly were stricken from the motion on August 10, 2016 regarding the amendment. She expressed concern about the impact to the taxpayers. The PILOT program is in effect for 32 years and the tax rate for the units is a set rate of \$803.00 per unit for 32 years. She has a lot of questions and she did not know where to go to get answers.

Supervisor Schmitt asked Mrs. Grosso to submit her questions in writing and he would get her answers.

Marty Mygan, resident from one Aspen Court, said the numbers are alarming regarding the first PILOT program. There is also concern regarding the amendment that was passed in 2016, which is something that is opening the door for what is happening now. He hoped the board would do their due diligence or the burden will fall on the residents. He also asked about the timber harvesting resolution on the ASPCA project that was on the agenda a couple of weeks ago. He hoped that project wouldn't come completely off the tax rolls.

Supervisor Schmitt said the resolution was setting a bond amount because they will be clearing the trees before beginning construction. The bond is in place so they can't cut all of the trees and abandon the project. This will be monitored by the building department.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk