

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 7, 2022 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwoman Snow, councilmen DeRosa and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliaferro, town attorney and approximately 6 interested citizens. Councilwoman Pitt was absent.

PUBLIC HEARING/PROPOSED ROUTE 22 SOUTH SEWER DISTRICT

Steve Goldberg resident from 63 Oak Shadow Lane, said regarding resolution 2022092, approving the budget for the PJSC, said he would like to see the compensation for the PJSC members broken out and listed so everyone would know what their compensation is.

Mr. Goldberg, resident from 63 Oak Shadow Lane, said it would be very important to loop in the consideration of village residents who live on Route 22 or close to Route 22 when considering a rezone. He felt the village and town should work together on rezoning, if it should happen.

Councilman DeRosa said he has spoken to Eoin Wrafter, commissioner of the Dutchess County Department of Planning & Development regarding the potential rezoning of Route 22 if the sewer district moves forward. Mr. Wrafter has offered to help, so Dutchess County Planning & Development would be brought in, as well as the Village of Pawling.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to close the public hearing on the Route 22 sewer district, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman DeRosa said the board has not received negative or positive comments, but people have had a lot of opportunity to comment.

PUBLIC HEARING/COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT/ADA RESTROOMS AT TOWN HALL

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to open the public hearing for the CDBG, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

There were no comments from the audience.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to close the public hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 2, 2022, seconded by councilman McCarthy and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 9, 2022, seconded by councilman McCarthy and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Schmitt opened the meeting for public comment on agenda items, and there were none.

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 2022190
2023 Highway Material Bid**

WHEREAS, the superintendent of highways has requested bids on various highway materials for the year 2023, and

WHEREAS, the list of highway materials has been advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal and a bid opening was held by the town clerk, and

WHEREAS, the bids for material have been reviewed and approved by the highway superintendent for purchase in 2023, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board hereby approves the material bid from the tabulated sheet provided by the Secretary to the Highway Superintendent.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**RESOLUTION 2022191
Escrow Release – Six Diamond Tree Service**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling currently holds \$669.35 balance in escrow for Six Diamond Tree Service, and

WHEREAS, the planning board chairman has confirmed in a letter dated November 7, 2022 that there are no outstanding bills and that there will be no future bills for review, and

WHEREAS, the planning board has recommended to the town board that these funds be released, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling hereby releases the \$669.35 balance in escrow to Six Diamond Tree Service and authorizes the bookkeeper to release such funds.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2022193

Authorizing Clothing Allowance for Employees of the Buildings & Grounds, Parks & Golf Course Department; Transfer Station Attendants; and Highway Foreman

WHEREAS, employees of the buildings and grounds, parks, & golf course department and highway department are expected to wear specialty clothing when working for the Town of Pawling, and

WHEREAS, specialty clothing better identifies and provides safety to the employees of the buildings & grounds, parks, & golf course department, transfer station, and highway department, and

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Pawling sees fit to set the same rate of allowance to the employees of the buildings & grounds, parks, & golf course department; transfer station attendants; and highway department foreman as the union employees of the highway department, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize a clothing allowance for the employees of the buildings & grounds, parks, & golf course department; transfer station attendants; and highway department foreman at \$550.00 per full-time employee and \$275.00 per part-time employee for work clothes and PESH certified steel-toed work boots, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all employees of the buildings & grounds, parks, & golf course department, transfer station, and highway department are required to wear work clothes and PESH certified steel-toed work boots, and upon presentation to the bookkeeper of receipts for the purchase of clothing/boots, employees shall be reimbursed.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022194
Appointment of Part Time Building Department Clerks

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the building department, and,

WHEREAS, after interviewing several candidates, the town board of the Town of Pawling would like to fill two part time positions with Breann Scoca and Mary Porcaro, respectively, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling approves Breann Scoca, with a start date of November 28, 2022, and Mary Porcaro, with a start date of November 29, 2022, to serve as part-time building department clerks with the building department at an hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour at 17.5 hours per week.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022195
Appointment of Part Time Recreation Leader

WHEREAS, a vacancy has occurred in the recreation department, and

WHEREAS, after interviewing several candidates, the recreation director would like to fill the part time position with Colleen Reynolds, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling approves Colleen Reynolds, with a start date of November 29, 2022, to serve as part-time recreation leader with the recreation department at an hourly rate of \$21.00 per hour at 17.5 hours per week.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2022196
Appointment of a Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals

WHEREAS, due to the appointment of town justice Terrance Wansley, a vacancy has occurred in the position of chairman of the zoning board of appeals, and

WHEREAS, a vacancy still exists on the zoning board of appeals due to justice Terrance Wansley the town board of the Town of Pawling intends on appointing a chairman of the zoning board of appeals to allow for continuity, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling hereby appoints Margaux Miller to serve as chairman of the zoning board of appeals to fill the unexpired term of Terrance Wansley until December 31, 2022.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2022197
Appointment of Commissioner to the Pawling Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners

WHEREAS, in a letter dated October 5, 2022 to the town board of the Town of Pawling, the Pawling Fire District has identified that the term of Paul Bennett will expire effective December 31, 2022 on the board of fire commissioners, and

WHEREAS, at the October 4, 2022 meeting of the board of fire commissioners, a unanimous vote was held to request that Paul Bennett be reappointed to a five-year term, and

WHEREAS, this office serves as a representative of the Town of Pawling, appointed by the town board of the Town of Pawling, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling hereby reappoints Paul Bennett to serve a five-year term, effective January 1, 2023, as the representative of the town on the Pawling Fire District board of fire commissioners.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022198
Establishing 2023 Rates for the Transfer Station

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling operates a Transfer Station for the benefit for the residents of the Town to dispose of rubbish and debris on their property, and

WHEREAS, to best operate the Transfer Station the Town Board of the Town of Pawling set rates that offset the costs of operating the Transfer Station, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling sets the 2023 permit rate as \$380.00, \$55 per sticker to capital account, and \$40.00 for an additional household permit, \$20 per sticker to capital account.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022199
Authorizing the Secretary to the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals to Complete Municipal Searches

WHEREAS, an unforeseen vacancy exists in the building department, and

WHEREAS, in an effort to avoid a backlog of municipal searches, which are required to be performed before selling a property in the Town of Pawling, the town board sees fit to authorize JoAnne Daley to complete these municipal searches, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize JoAnne Daley to work overtime at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, ending on December 31, 2022, for the purpose of completing the necessary municipal searches to keep the building department operational.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

DISCUSSION

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy thanked Robyn Priano, recreation director and Wendel Weber, supervisor of buildings and grounds for their work on the great inflate. It was an amazing event. Councilman McCarthy said Pawling is lucky to have the Pawling fire department and their members. He has been a member for thirty years and they go above and beyond.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow thanked Councilman McCarthy for his service on the fire department and agreed that Pawling is lucky to have a wonderful fire department. Councilwoman Snow said the tree lighting was last Saturday and thanked everyone involved, it was a wonderful event. She reminded everyone about the champagne stroll in the Village of Pawling this Saturday.

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa said Pawling is lucky to have the volunteers on the fire department and people who are willing to get trained for the different circumstances they have to deal with. He thanked Councilman McCarthy for his service. Councilman DeRosa thanked Robyn Priano and Wendel Weber for everything they do, and the great inflate and the hockey rink dedication. He said the last weir board was taken out and it is in good condition so it can be used next year.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt said the Holmes tree lighting was last week. The ribbon cutting for the roller hockey rink was last week, which was done in partnership with the New York Rangers. He said today is Pearl Harbor day and he wanted to close the meeting in honor of this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Goldberg thanked the board for their service. He expressed concern regarding the proposed ethics board IMA. He did not think it would work well and he felt it should be reviewed further before any decisions are made.

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

Town Clerk