

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 14, 2022 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen DeRosa and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliaferro, town attorney and approximately 6 interested citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Harvey Matcovsky, resident of Holmes, said it was not a good year for the citizens of “The Hamlet” due to “The Woods” project. It was not a good year for Pawling residents because of the tax increase of 6.5% over the past two years. He expressed concern about the eighty school children coming into the school due to “The Woods” project, and the impact that would have on the Pawling schools and school children. He expressed concern that the town board refused to condemn the racist and anti-Semitic tropes of the town supervisor. He asked that we all work together for the benefit of all Pawling residents, not just developers.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2022189
Payment of Bills for the Town of Pawling**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling bookkeeper has reviewed and prepared the vouchers and has offered them for review, and

WHEREAS, the vouchers have been approved in accordance with the Town of Pawling policy, and

WHEREAS, the vouchers have been numbered 20221114 through 20221255, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling hereby accepts the vouchers as prepared and on the recommendation of the bookkeeper and hereby authorizes payment of said vouchers for the Town of Pawling on this date in the amount of \$335,248.42.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022192

Adoption of the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission Budget for 2023 and Acknowledgement of Commission Stipends

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling received a request from the Pawling joint sewer commission to approve the budget, and

WHEREAS the town board of the Town of Pawling has reviewed the budget on file with the Town Clerk, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves the Pawling joint sewer commission budget for the calendar year 2023 as follows: revenues in the amount of \$1,213,068. expenditures in the amount of \$915,156. bonding costs in the amount of \$297,912. total budget of \$1,213,068.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling does hereby acknowledge the 2023 Pawling joint sewer commission stipends as follows: chairperson \$7,000.00 per year, vice chairperson: \$6,000.00 per year, commissioner (4): \$5,500.00. total: \$35,000.00 per year

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Pitt

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022200
Setting the Date for the 2023 Reorganizational Meeting of the Town of Pawling

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Pawling annually holds a reorganizational meeting to appoint town officers, and to set forth the structure of the town for the calendar year, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling hereby sets the date and time for the 2023 reorganizational meeting of the Town of Pawling on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 6:00pm at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Boulevard, Pawling, NY 12564.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2022201
Approval of Change Order for Water District No.2, Well No.5

WHEREAS, the town board of the Town of Pawling has accepted the bid of Hyatt Pump Services Inc. to connect well no. 5 of the water district no. 2, and

WHEREAS, the town board, during the October 5, 2022 meeting of the Pawling town board, authorized spending up to \$50,000 to complete well no. 5 of the water district no. 2, and

WHEREAS, unforeseen obstacles occurred during the connection of the well such as rock hammering, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling does hereby approve an additional \$2,000 to be paid to Hyatt Pump Services Inc. for a total of \$52,000.00.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

DISCUSSION

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa wished everyone happy holidays, and hoped 2023 would be a great year for everyone. Regarding the proposed Route 22 sewer extension, the public hearing was closed and he felt the board should think about voting on this in January or February. Councilman DeRosa said the board has been working on the salaries of employees for the past couple of years. In the last few years, salaries have increased and there are a lot of employees who have been working for the town for many years at lower salaries. Last week, two clerks were hired for the building department starting at \$20.00 per hour, which he felt was fair. There is one clerk who has been with the town for a long time and he is making well under the \$20.00 per hour, and he felt it was unfair to start new people at a higher salary.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to raise this person, the last person in the clerk's office up to \$20.00 per hour at the next scheduled pay this year, which would be next week, to bring him up to the current level and that category of clerks would be completed, he is a long time employee, the longest part time clerk working for the town, seconded by Councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said the Rotary had their annual holiday luncheon at Christ Church yesterday giving out money that has been raised to many organizations in Pawling. She appreciated everyone coming together to do this. Pawling has a wonderful Rotary group that goes above and beyond and she was proud of them. She wished everyone a wonderful holiday season. Councilwoman Snow said today marks the tenth year of the Sandy Hook shooting, everyone is thinking of all of the families.

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy thanked all employees and boards for their work, which makes the town board's job easier. He thanked the town board, saying it was a pleasure working with the board members every day. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, happy holidays and a health and prosperous New Year.

PITT

Councilwoman Pitt said she shared the same sentiments as all of her partners on the board. This year went by very quickly. She felt the board was very busy and productive. She added that she is working on the town wide speed limit with Ron Gainer, representatives from NYS DOT and the highway superintendent. She hoped there would be a decision on this in January. Councilwoman Pitt said she reached out to the Village regarding shared services with the building inspector and the sheriff's patrol. The Village got back to her stating they are not interested in either of those options with the town. Her last correspondence was requesting their sheriff's patrol perform security checks at the parks and the ballfields, and she hasn't heard back. She felt the board should think about how they want to handle the proposed Route 22 sewer district.

SUPERVISOR'S YEAR END COMMENTS

Supervisor Schmitt thanked the town board members, saying it was a very good year. While the board doesn't always agree, the board works well together. There was a lot of work that got done this year. He thanked Wendel Weber, supervisor of buildings & grounds, Christine Mitchell, town bookkeeper, and Bob Brill, highway superintendent, for their work and attendance at town board meetings. Supervisor Schmitt listed many of the accomplishments that were completed this year and some projects planned for next year. He said he loved being supervisor and enjoyed working with the board.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harvey Matcovsky, resident of Holmes, acknowledged highway superintendent Bob Brill and Justice Terrance Wansley, saying the town is lucky to have them. Mr. Matcovsky said all of the statistics he gave regarding The Woods came from a letter from the superintendent of schools, the numbers can be verified. He said the town needs taxable income and the town board should attract tax paying entities.

Terrance Wansley, resident of Pawling, thanked the board members collectively and individually for selecting him as the new town justice. He is looking forward to serving the people in this capacity. He has just completed the necessary training, which was intense, he has joined the association of magistrates and contacted the ninth judicial district, and he will be assigned a judge mentor. He thanked town justice Gayle Zelazny and court clerk Karyn Freder, who are all knowing and welcoming. He wished everyone happy holidays.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk