

J. Schmitt: Okay. Good evening everybody, and thank you for joining us here for our Town Board meeting for the Town of Pawling on Wednesday December 9th, 2020 at 6:00 PM. Due to the spikes in COVID and other concerns, we're doing this meeting via Zoom, just to take extra precautions. And we are hoping that as a board, come January, we'll be able to at least get the board back into Town Hall safely conducting these meetings and we'll just continue to monitor the situation and how it goes before we allow public in for stuff like that. Just for safety precautions. So with that, I'd like to ask the clerk to please read the roll call?

C. Giordano: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Here.

C. Giordano: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Here.

C. Giordano: Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Here.

C. Giordano: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Here.

C. Giordano: Supervisor Schmitt.

J. Schmitt: Here. Please stand and follow me in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ALL: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands. One nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

J. Schmitt: Thank you. Okay. We have four meetings that we need to approve the minutes. November was a very busy month. We had actually four meetings throughout the month of November. So I'll make a motion. We'll do these all separate, right? With everybody. I can't remember the attendance for all of these. So we'll start November 4th. I'll make the motion for approval of the minutes.

C. Snow: Second.

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: I'll do a roll call vote. So we'll go. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Smith. Aye. Okay. November 11th. I'll make a motion for the approval of minutes for that meeting. Can I have a second?

C. Snow: Second.

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: Okay. And we'll do a roll call vote again. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. I'll make a motion for the approval of minutes for November the 18th. Could I have a second.

C. Snow: Second.

DeRosa: Second.

B. Johnson: Second.

C. Snow: Everybody second.

J. Schmitt: I'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: And Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. We have the approval of minutes for the November 19th meeting. I will also make a motion for that. And could I have a second.

C. Snow: Second.

J. Schmitt: Okay, perfect. For getting that. Roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: I'll pass. I was not there for that. Sorry.

J. Schmitt: Okay. There you go. And Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Great. Moving along consent agenda. Excuse me, Resolution 144 payment of bills for the Town of Pawling. And if any of the board has any questions about the bills or any adjustments we do have Christine. Our very talented and very hard working book keeper with us this evening. Christine, how are you? Thanks for being here.

C. Mitchell: I'm very well. Thank you for having me.

J. Schmitt: So I will make a motion for Resolution 144 for the payment of bills for the Town of Pawling. Could I get a second.

C. Snow: Second.

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: And we'll do a roll call vote for every resolution. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Thank you very much. Resolution 145, would you guys like me to read these into the minutes tonight? The resolutions are ready even, do any of you have concerns or would you like that read in?

C. Snow: I guess, James, at least initially what it's about.

J. Schmitt: Yeah. Would you-

C. Snow: So people know what the resolution is.

J. Schmitt: Sure. So resolution 145 is requiring a performance bond for timber harvesting for the Chung residents. And this was a property up on a, I forget if it was Old Quaker Hill or Quaker Hill. There's enough general facility that was doing some tree harvesting and they didn't have the proper permits in place. The Billing Department out here did a great job, stopped what they were doing, got them to come in and correct her paperwork. And what they're doing is posting a bond now to complete that work. And that's what resolution 145 is for. So I will make a motion for Resolution 145 for requiring a performance bond for timber harvesting at the Chung residents. And could I have a second?

DeRosa: Second. And that's a recommendation of the Planning Board right?

J. Schmitt: This is from, yes. From the Planning Board. Yes sir, you're correct. It's from the Planning Board Recommendation and it's a bond amount of \$5,000.

DeRosa: Yes. I second it.

J. Schmitt: Okay. We'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: And supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Resolution 145 passes. Resolution 146 is an escrow release for the resident. His name is DePaulo. And what we have here is the Town of Pawling is currently holding \$353 and 20 cents in balance in an escrow account. And it was for a project they had done. And the Planning Board has as confirmed that a letter dated on November 18th, 2020, that there is no outstanding bills and that there was no future bills for them to review. And it is recommended from the Planning Board to the Pawling Town Board that these funds to be released. So I will make a motion for resolution 146 to release the balance of the escrow of \$353 and 20 cents back to the applicant. Could I have a second please?

C. Snow: Second.

DeRosa: Second.

J. Schmitt: And we'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmidt. Aye. I thank you very much for resolution 146. Resolution 147, approving the purchase of cyber insurance. I'll read this one just in case anyone is watching and wondering exactly what cyber insurance is. And honestly, when we learned about this and started doing it, I was even curious myself as what is cyber insurance? It seems there's insurance for everything nowadays. So resolution 147 approving the purchase of cyber insurance. Where the issue of cyber crime is becoming more and more common in today's world.

J. Schmitt: And we're asked to ensure the Town of Pawling has the best protection in place. We have been advised by our information technology management to purchase an additional cyber insurance policy. And whereas a Town Pawling was provided with four quotes for cyber insurance. And whereas Ad Bay provided the lowest of four quotes at \$2,640 and 29 cents per year. Therefore be resolved that the Town of Pawling hereby approves the purchase of cyber insurance from Ad Bay for \$2,640 and 29 cents beginning January 1st, 2021. And I will make a motion for resolution 147. Could I have a second please?

J. McCarthy: I'll second it.

J. Schmitt: Okay. We'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: And Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Resolution 147 passes. Thank you. Excuse me. Resolution 148. So it's titled actually part-time bookkeeping clerk appointment, but this actually a position that during budget season we discussed with our Billing Department and with our Bookkeeping Department. So we are going to make a slight change here because I believe, and Christine is on with us today. This part-time bookkeeper appointment is actually going to be split between two departments, Christine.

J. Schmitt: They're going to work between your department and cover the Billing Department whenever there's shortage there or people aren't in the office due to sickness or days off or whatever. So this part-time job is actually going to cover two departments. So the good thing is when our Building Department is

up and going and everyone's in there, there'll be able to work in bookkeeping. Some of the things we're working on our five-year plans and long time borrowing and that stuff that's going on there. And in times of need, we can get them right across the parking lot to the Building Department. Is that correct, Christine?

C. Mitchell: Yes.

J. Schmitt: And this is funded in the approved budget already, correct?

C. Mitchell: Yes, sir. We have sufficient funds.

J. Schmitt: Excellent. I just wanted to make sure of that was there in front of everyone. Thank you very much, Christine. So resolution 148, I'll say part-time bookkeeping and Building Department clerk appointment. Whereas a part-time vacancy exists in the Bookkeeping Department. And whereas after interviewing several candidates, the bookkeeper would like to hire Kimberly Vesey with a probationary period of six months therefore be resolved. And the Town Board hereby approves Kimberly Vesey to be a part-time bookkeeping clerk with the Bookkeeping Department. And I'm going to end the Building Department as needed at an hourly rate of \$17 and 50 cents per hour. I will make a motion for resolution 148. And could I have a second please?

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: Okay. We'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Thank you for a resolution 148.

C. Mitchell: Thank you.

J. Schmitt: What's that? Sorry.

C. Snow: Christine thanked you.

J. Schmitt: Oh, I'm sorry. I looked down at the agenda and I wasn't sure who just says something. I was trying to figure that out.

C. Snow: Oh sorry.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Christine. Okay, resolution 149. And before I read the title of it, like I said, Christine is here, our bookkeeper, who's doing a great job in that department. So if there is any questions from the board or any discussion Christina's here. Honestly, I know we've got ample amount of time and discussions with her, but year end, there's always budget adjustments as you're closing out of your fiscal year and getting ready to jump into the next one. Resolution 149 is budget amendments for the fiscal year 2020. And I am going to make a motion for resolution 149. Could I have a second please?

C. Snow: Second for discussion.

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: Sure. Go ahead Councilman Snow.

C. Snow: Well again, I guess it might be helpful just since we have Christine here just for a little bit of an explanation because people might not have the paper in front of them. Just to the best that you can, Christine.

C. Mitchell: A lot of these adjustments are year-end in nature. Walleye Lake dam, there was work being done over there by Wind Construction this is in line with their contract little over \$17,000. So we need to put a budget transfer in place in order to pay that. We're transferring funds from the district for the operating account. And the other accounts are really just to true everything up so that we have sufficient funds through the end of the year. Thank you.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Christine. I'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. resolution 149 passes. Thank you very much. 149. Sorry. I pulled my agenda apart. I'm just trying to get my pages in order. Oh, here we go. Resolution 150. Okay. Resolution 150, 2021 transfer station fees and operating hours. Before we make a motion on resolution 150, I remember to ask Councilman McCarthy, you've been pretty involved in the transportation yourself and Councilman DeRosa. Would you guys like to just give a quick rundown of anything that we're doing here and why?

DeRosa: Okay. Jimvo.

B. Johnson: Would it makes sense to make a motion and second it for discussion?

J. Schmitt: We can. I just didn't know if anyone to get... We could do that for sure. If you'd like, I'll read the resolution into the minutes, so we have it all and then we can have discussion as a board. So resolution 150. 2021 transportation fees and operating hours. Whereas the transportation providers calling residents with the option to purchase a permit each year for individual domestic household debris and recycling. Whereas for the 2021 year a transfer station permit will cost \$365. The second permit will cost 30.

J. Schmitt: And whereas the transfer station will no longer be open the day after a town holiday and we'll reopen the next scheduled day. Therefore be resolved at the Town Board, hereby approves the cost of the 2021 and transfer station permit at \$365 for the first permit and \$30 for the second. And be it further resolved that the Town Board hereby approved that the transportation will no longer be open the day after a town holiday and will instead reopen on the next schedule day. I'll make the motion for resolution 150 and can I have a second please.

J. McCarthy: I'll second it for discussion.

J. Schmitt: Thank you. Go ahead. Councilor McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: I just want to point out that yes, we are raising it. And the funds that we raised it will be going towards the capital fund for future purchases and paying off the roll off trucks and things of that nature. We will be closing the day after. It does cost quite a bit of money for overtime to cover those days. And most of them are Mondays. So having to have somebody come in on a Tuesday is overtime and it is quite costly. Also we all need to keep in mind that many of us and many of our residents that purchase transportation stickers have been home since March.

J. McCarthy: It has not increased the actual garbage part of it as that much, but I believe many families have cleaned out addicts, basements, cupboards, closets. So we have increased the amount of garbage that goes through the furniture dumpsters over the past eight months or excuse me, seven months. And I think

we will continue to monitor the transfer station and we can discuss this as we go through next year's budget again to see where we are.

J. Schmitt: Thank you councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: I hope somewhere in the next year or so we will get the \$50,000 grant that we've been waiting for. So definitely a lot.

J. Schmitt: Absolutely. Thank you. Councilman McCarthy. Councilman DeRosa, do you have anything else to add to discussion on resolution 150?

DeRosa: Yes, I do. I think in the resolution itself, it should be specific in there that the increase in the fees should be our go to the capital funds because otherwise when other people go back and research it, that's how we search it is to find out what the word is in the resolution. So that should be in there that the \$10 fee for the raise in the general fee and the \$5 for the second permit, that amount is going into the capital funds. And that has to be worded in the resolution.

J. Schmitt: Yes, you are correct De to slightly-

B. Johnson: I'll second Phil's amendment.

J. Schmitt: Okay. So we to do a role-

B. Johnson: So we have an amendment to the resolution.

J. Schmitt: Yeah, do we need to vote on the amendment and then the resolution?

B. Johnson: Yes.

J. McCarthy: Yes.

DeRosa: Yes.

J. Schmitt: So we'll do a roll call vote on the amendment starting with Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. And now we'll vote on the resolution 150. We have a second. So we're going into a roll call again. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilmen DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervise Schmitt. Aye. Resolution 150 passes. Thank you very much. Resolution 151 approval for transfer station permit. Excuse me. Whereas from time to time, the Town Board approval is needed for certain residents to obtain a transfer station permit. Therefore, be resolved that the following individuals are here by approved to obtain a 2021 transfer station permit by the Town Board of the Town of Pawling. And I hope I say this right. Is it Phyllis, I don't know Lovest, lovies. Does anybody know how to say it?

B. Johnson: Levesque.

J. Schmitt: Lavesque. So Phyllis Lavesque. So I will make a motion for resolution 151. And could I have a second?

B. Johnson: Second it.

J. McCarthy: Second.

J. Schmitt: Okay. roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Thank you very much. Resolution 151 passes. Resolution 152.

J. McCarthy: Supervisor.

J. Schmitt: Yes.

J. McCarthy: James, if we can, while we're on transfer per station could we have added discussion about opening up availability, the transfer station to anyone that also pays school tax in Pawling?

J. Schmitt: I know that was a topic of discussion in the past. The councilman DeRosa, I think you worked with Kathy during down with our clerk and a committee, you guys worked on a bunch of this stuff in the past. I know we didn't end up going with it. Was there a lot of consideration given to anyone who pays Pawling school tax, being able to obtain a transfer station permit?

DeRosa: I don't think that discussion came up. But I don't remember. I don't know if you do Cathy.

C. Giordano: So they're not residents of the town. They reside in a different town, but they pay school tax to Pawling. So that was the reasoning. They're not residents.

DeRosa: How does, I mean, we can definitely have some discussion just quickly on that if you'd like Councilman Johnson and then we can go around and speak to everyone on the board. Do you have any, is there something that you've been working on Councilman Johnson? I know you said you've heard about it in the past.

B. Johnson: I've seen people that pay their school fees that are really part of the community. In years in the past we opened it only to town residents because they felt it was a town resident thing. Well, it's not. It's a user fee. And if you could sell 10 more stickers and collect another \$3,600, it all goes to the bottom line. And I think that's another avenue that we can look at to generate some revenue. And if the kids are going to school, they're already in town, they're going to the village, they're there, they're using other facilities. I think if they pay I'd have no issue with it.

C. Giordano: Well, how would I monitor that if their registration doesn't reflect in the Pawling address?

B. Johnson: They'd have to bring in the [crosstalk 00:21:03]. They would need to bring in their school [crosstalk 00:21:06]

C. Giordano: But they are not a resident of Pawling, so utility bill doesn't help them.

B. Johnson: I understand that, that's why we're discussing it.

C. Giordano: They only pay your school tax. That's it.

J. Schmitt: Correct.

J. McCarthy: James-

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J. Schmitt: Sadly someone's navigation is talking to them. Either that or someone is a night rider.

C. Snow: Oh you're right.

DeRosa: Sorry.

J. Schmitt: So councilman McCarthy link on that.

J. McCarthy: James if I may. I believe I did speak with Nancy about this. And I think that one of the reasons why we kind of held off over the last again few months because of COVID that, and Nancy please correct me if I'm wrong, but we do have to change the law, which incurs a public hearing.

N. Tagliafierro: That's right.

J. McCarthy: Nancy, please help me.

N. Tagliafierro: No, that's right. It says that they must be arrested in the town code. And so in order to change that we would have to do a new local law with public hearing and everything else that comes with adopting a new local law.

J. McCarthy: Right. So to answer your question Bill, I think it's something we should talk about maybe early January and see how we do that. And we could all talk about it as a board, but I think that was the reason why we kind of held off just because everything is so difficult over the past years. But if you're asking my opinion, I'm sorry, I would agree with you. But we have to make it easy for Cathy. So let's talk about it more in January.

J. Schmitt: Yeah, we can definitely revisit-

B. Johnson: I think it makes sense rather than cutting hours or cutting services, increase users. It can't hurt. And if they just need to present a copy of the school bill, that'll probably work. But yes, let's definitely get on board with that in January. And talk about it more.

J. Schmitt: All right. Thank you, Councilman Johnson. So let's see, we were just talking about, okay resolution 152 now. Resolution adopting a negative declaration under seeker. Resolution 152 is a very long resolution, but what we'll do is we'll just give a quick summary on that. We went for grants for the last few years and we've gotten a few projects funded and we've been working on the process constantly to get it to the finish line in resolution 152 pertains to the funding that we received for the West Main Street Culver. And that's what resolution 152 is. Is to keep that process moving forward. We're one step closer to getting that completed. I will make a motion for resolution 152. Resolution adopting a negative declaration under seeker. Could I have a second please?

B. Johnson: Second.

DeRosa: Second.

J. Schmitt: Okay. We'll do a roll call vote Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: And Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Okay. Resolution 153, a similar again. A resolution adopting a negative declaration under seeker. Resolution 153 directly pertains to the Horse Corner Road Project. We went for funding for that as well. And this resolution is the same thing. It's just continuing to move the process forward for the funding too. We ultimately get to complete that project it's for approximately 1.5 miles worth of Horse Corner Road is what we believe we're going to be able to complete with this funding. And 153 is a resolution for adopting a negative declaration on a seeker for Horse Corner Road granted project. I will make a motion for resolution 153. Could I have a second, please?

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: I'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

J. Schmitt: And Supervisor Schmidt. Aye. 153. This is great because everyone's staying in the same place on my screen tonight. Sometimes in the meetings they move around and readjust, and then I keep forgetting what order I'm going around in the roll call votes. Okay. Resolution 153. Was that the last resolution?

B. Johnson: Yes.

J. Schmitt: Here it is. Yep. Sorry guys. I pulled my agenda apart here. So that is the last resolution on there. Okay, well, I'm just sort through with those. We can move along into a discussion amongst the board and I'll keep the same order going again. Discussion amongst of the board. I'll start with, excuse me, Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Just, I think at this time I neglected last week at the meeting to also really thank all of our merchants and everybody that contributed to the lights in the village. Many of us have seen the really nice job and all the time and effort to make the village look really, really lovely. So thank you again. I just wanted to do that publicly. And even the idea of having the small family trees, it was really nice to see families come out to decorate those trees. And again, it's a little different this year with COVID. We couldn't have the big gathering, but I think the decisions made through the merchants, the chamber and again, everybody that helped out have really done a nice job.

C. Snow: So thank you so much for that. And I think always to the resource center has, I think just been so appreciative of... Throughout this whole year all of the donations that they've gotten whenever they put something out on social media, they get it in twofold. So again, we just thank them for all their work. And to Terry Ariano, she just hasn't stopped this whole year during COVID and I know she's had help and help from the community, but just again, thanking them. And really just in my discussion, wishing everybody a safe and wonderful holiday, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, all of those things. But I wish you all the best.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilwoman Snow. And by the way, I completely agree with you. What they did with the lights this year is amazing. It was something that by now

in the last few years have been up in the air and we got last minute funding and people from the community donating money to get it done. And it's really been nice. And this year with the lack of funding available through it and everything that the town and villages have been doing to keep the budget as tight as possible for our residents to see the community come together and get those up as very impressive. Its beautiful.

J. Schmitt: And I agree with you by the way, those small family trees that they permitted this year on the green, I think is a great idea. I would love to see them do more than every year. How they won't be able to put a tree up somewhere. It so nice. And it turns into a great day. Everyone's after participating and decorating the trees together, and it's the realest merchants all benefit from it and the community benefits from it. And you drive through, it looks beautiful. It really, really does. So I just want to just piggyback off what you were saying there quickly. It really was a nice thing that got done there. We will go I guess, we won't say more to Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Yes. The first thing I'd like to do is congratulate Sean at the Golf Course. The Golf Course revenue exceeded \$290,000. That is over double what we were taking in as little as probably five or six years ago.

J. Schmitt: Yeah.

B. Johnson: We are so fortunate to have the department heads that we have between Sean and Wendell, Jessica, the highway, everybody. I mean, we are truly blessed that we have not only the community that we work for, but our employees. They go above and beyond. And to that end, I'd like to pick up on a conversation of a request from Jessica. A Rec that she made to me or to this board in November, at which point I tasked her with coming up with a way to fund a position keeping a budget neutral. While it took a little longer than I would've liked to, she did finally get back to us with a proposal.

B. Johnson: If you diagnose it and you tear it apart, technically if you were to approve it, you could see increase budget lines. Whether it be the sand at the beach, if next year you need more sand. Now this year you've shortened that. However, when Jess makes a request and we give stuff to her, she generally hits it out of the park. She is a truly talented individual. And I feel that we, as a board owe it to her to have this discussion in public to talk about where our support lies and when our support can be given to her. To that end, I'm making a resolution to authorize the budget transfers that Jess requested in order to make the personnel changes that she would like to do.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson. Do you want to explain what some of those personnel changes are that she's looking to do for the people that own-

B. Johnson: She's looking to make Laurie full-time as opposed to being permanent. Part-Time.

J. Schmitt: Okay.

B. Johnson: I have the exact title here somewhere. I'd have to dig it out and find it. If someone can help me with that.

DeRosa: So you're looking for here for a second for discussion on the motion.

B. Johnson: Yes.

DeRosa: I'll second for discussion.

J. Schmitt: Go ahead Councilman DeRosa.

B. Johnson: Thank you.

DeRosa: I just think that it's... The point or the line like Bill said is completely neutral because they've taken out those from some things that we may need again next year. And I'm getting a little weary with his virus stuff and everything still going on to make anybody really full time with the benefits and everything. I would say I would kind of rather wait until after the first city year and see where we're going in the next month or two, before we go any further with it myself.

J. Schmitt: So, and I'll just jump on here as well. We all know how hard all of our department have worked. I mean, every department had here, as Councilman Johnson said, we're very fortunate. We have wonderful department heads and we're doing great in a lot of different places right now. And not only like Golf Course with the incredible revenues this year. I mean, Rec has done an amazing job since Jessica took over that department. And we do our best to support her in every way possible. It's a difficult year right now where we're getting through and the board worked awfully hard and the department heads and Christina to deliver a zero percent budget with no impact to our taxpayers.

J. Schmitt: And a full-time position is even when, no matter how shake things out its a full-time position. And it's a full-time position in a time where we don't necessarily know what that department's going to be next year, because we don't know what restrictions are going to be put on us. And it's just like last year we were sitting here at the same time coming out of our greatest recreational year ever. And we set high expectations just to have them taken away from us by a global pandemic. And I'm more comfortable like Councilman DeRosa said moving forward, I am happy to address this. I know as things get busier there, they're going to need more staff. They're going to need more help.

J. Schmitt: And they'll need help year round, right? Because we all want this pandemic to go away some and people to start realizing what they're projecting towards the future. And what's going to be, and making longterm goals and plans. And it's not just seasonally working hard and there, it's going to take a team working year round to be set up for these years to be successful. I just don't know if

that's the conversation or the position to be adding right now on December the 9th, 2020 especially with the COVID things spiking right now, and things change. And I mean, who even knew? We just came out of a Thanksgiving where we were only allowed 10 people at a family home.

J. Schmitt: And who knows if you're going to be even allowed that amount come Christmas. So I'm happy to revisit this come spring time. Even monthly, if we want to continue to talk about this at board meetings and talk about the changes and see what we're all learning and what we're hearing from higher ranking officials and healthcare people. And when we know where we're going and what rules and regs we're going to have to abide by. I'm happy to continue that conversation and support that department in any way we can. I'm just not sure about doing it right now. If any other board member has anything for discussion, please feel free to add it now. And I think that Councilman Johnson has a motion out there. And Phil you seconded that, if I'm correct?

C. Snow: Mm-hmm (affirmative)

DeRosa: Yes.

J. Schmitt: Okay. Council-

B. Johnson: If can James, just add to it. I just want to point out that recreation where in years past it was, okay, let's open up Morrell Park. We're going to have summer camp. We have truly turned it into a 365 day a year program. There is not a day goes by that there's not a wreck and a box running event. But now we have a Christmas tree with a name at it going at the park. There's always something going on. There's a, I think she's sending up a roadmap of houses to go look at. I don't think the girl sleeps. And I feel it's my duty as a board member to bring this.

B. Johnson: Let them hear it publicly that we do all support her. And I respect every one of your decisions, if none of you want to support this now, that we can revisit it on a monthly basis going forward. And listen, I hope we can all go get our vaccines, if that will be what we choose to do. And maybe we don't have to wear masks and we can really get back to more of a normal normalcy. And we can start to govern and do the things that we need to do to really grow this community.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilman Johnson. Does any other board members have anything else to add or would you like just to go to a vote?

C. Snow: I think I would just like to add. I think just since we're talking about it publicly, is that I think we all could say that we support Jessica and all of her staff. I've been in touch with Jessica since that meeting as one of her liaisons. And we've talked quite a bit. And Jessica knows, but for the record, I did reach out and the full board was CC'd about talking to our bookkeeper, Christine on fiscally, how was this a good idea at this particular time. And Christine is here. And I think that for

right now, at this particular time, the recommendation was, and it's not just the staff member at Rec it's any full-time position that now in December was not a good time to do it.

C. Snow: Now, in saying that I understand too from having multiple conversations with Jessica. This could go on and on and on. So I would like to say that I am certainly committed as one of the liaisons to make sure that this board continues to have this conversation. Let's look again in the beginning of the year, let's see how things are going and that this is not a done deal by any circumstances. But I do feel that we need to also take the recommendation of our bookkeeper. Because if not, then I'll just give us, why do we have a bookkeeper? So I do think we really need to take that into consideration. So I just felt I needed to say those things before we vote.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilwoman Snow. Council member McCarthy, do you have anything else to add?

J. McCarthy: Yes. I mean, we've all seen the emails. We've all had our opinion on this. I believe that today, December 9th is not the time to discuss this. I'm not even sure we should vote on this today to be honest. I think we should obviously look into this in the future. We all pray and hope that our world gets better, that we all live in. I just think today is not the day that we should be discussing this.

J. Schmitt: Sure. Thank you Councilman McCarthy. Well, we do have a motion on the table. So Councilman Johnson, do you want to keep that motion and put it to a vote?

B. Johnson: Yes, I would like to.

J. Schmitt: Okay. Well, Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: No.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: No.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: No.

J. Schmitt: And Supervisor Schmitt. No. Okay. Moving along, Councilman Johnson, do you have anything else to add for discussion?

B. Johnson: No, that's all. And I thank the board for having that discussion. I feel we owe that to our employees, that they and the public know where we all stand on things and what our positions are. Thank you.

J. Schmitt: Thank you. Councilman DeRosa, do you have anything for discussion?

DeRosa: Yes. One thing quick I was out to the dam on Monday around noon to check the water level in the Lake. And the water was seven and a half inches above the concrete spillway. And it was flowing over the spillway, the center part of the spillway and down the stream. Everything looked fine. It's about an inch and a half to two inches from the top of the weird boards, the waterline. And secondly, that's all I have besides wishing everybody a very good holiday, healthy and safe and 2021 is going to be better. Let's all believe it and pray for it.

J. Schmitt: Thank you. Councilman DeRosa. Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: One thing real quick, James, I just want to remind those of us that have transfer station stickers that December 24th, we will be closed. And December 30th, which is new year's Eve, we will close at 12 o'clock. So the hours on December 31st will be a 6:00 to 12:00. That being said, I do, coming to the end of my third year, I want to thank all the department heads. All of us elected officials and all the employees of the Town of Pawling.

J. McCarthy: We are very lucky to have the employees and the department heads that we have. On a quick note, I do want to thank the fire department members. It's been a very trying year for all of us and the commissioners. And lastly I can't believe this since I graduated with Everett is hard to believe that I want to congratulate him on 10 years as a chief of our department. And we're very lucky to have him and all the officers in our department. And saying that I wish everybody a Merry Christmas, happy holiday, and we all pray for a better new year. Thank you.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilman McCarthy. Yeah, I just want to echo a lot of what the whole board just said. So, you know 2020 was a difficult year and this board worked hard through the year. I mean, we made, I forget what it was, Christine, we made around a half a million dollars in budget adjustments throughout the year, this year when COVID started hitting.

C. Mitchell: And just one item, if we could touch on also the truck and Healey.

J. Schmitt: Yeah. I'm actually going to do that next. I got them written down right here.

C. Mitchell: Great. Right. I just wanted to make sure we didn't miss it.

J. Schmitt: No, I got it written down right here in front of me. I got two emails I got written.

C. Mitchell: Yes please.

J. Schmitt: And we'll jump into that.

C. Mitchell: I've been constantly making adjustments to deal with the new normal of this year. And trying to make sure that our revenues are where they are. We've been adjusting down, we've been adjusting up. And I think right now we have a pretty good handle on where things are going to end up for this year. And we are working on the five-year plan. In fact, I had a meeting this morning with Wendell and we I'm going to send out to the board tomorrow, the five-year plan for building capital improvements for all the buildings. And so things are moving along and the board has been extremely proactive.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Christine. The five-year plan, I love whole idea of this and we've been talking about it and we talked about it last year. And honestly, this year we got a curve ball thrown at us, but I love that as it's gaining momentum again as we're working on it, and we've got the right people working on it. And I believe the residents, when they see stuff like this happening, that'll make them feel very good at this town board and everything they're doing in the Bookkeeping Department as well, because planning is important running in the community. And it's going to benefit us all on the long run. So that's exciting.

J. Schmitt: I'm looking forward to see that through. And again, wish everyone happy holidays and 2021 is absolutely going to be a better year. I can't wait to get back to all the events we had in the village. See how last year we came out of an amazing yeah. Everything was great. Everyone was working and busy. We had events like every other weekend it seemed. We were that Lakeside Park or at the Village Green. And it was wonderful. So I'm hoping 2021 is a lot closer to 2019 than 2020. I can tell you that. So moving along to public comment. We have two emails that I got to read in, but before I do those Christine, if you could just touch on the truck quick exactly what we're doing here and why. And all we have-

C. Mitchell: So if the board recalls we transferred funds from the existing budget. We didn't have to find any additional funds. We used what we had already been allocated for 2020. We just moved it around a bit, and we were able to get the funds together to have Wendell the Head of Buildings and Grounds purchase a 2020 Ford F-350 4x4, which we understood at the time to be off the New York State bid. The problem is that when this was originally visited back in 2019, Healey was on the New York State contract. Since then they have been removed.

C. Mitchell: So when all the paperwork came through for me to verify that, in fact, it wasn't New York State contract, Healey wasn't able to provide the information. I've been working with them to see if there is anything that can be done that qualifies within the guidelines of the New York State controller's office. At this point it's still up in the air and we're getting very close to the end of the year. So what I was hoping was if for some reason that can't be done Nancy has been working on it as well. If it can't be done, I'd like the board to authorize that we

could possibly go out for bid for this vehicle so that we can have this done in a matter that we'll pass on it.

J. Schmitt: Okay. So you need a motion to put the current truck out to bid?

C. Mitchell: To bid for a new Ford F-350 4x4. It's a cab with a steel plow.

J. Schmitt: Okay. So make a motion to put out to bid a new F-

B. Johnson: Hold on James.

J. Schmitt: Sure. Go ahead.

B. Johnson: James, if I can. I think the wording in Nancy you're going to want to put in that, not to exceed New York State bid pricing. Otherwise you could get a dealer come back and your price could be a thousand or \$2,000 more. And then we wind up not buying a truck or paying too much for it.

C. Mitchell: Mm-hmm (affirmative)

J. Schmitt: Okay. And Nancy and correct me if I'm wrong, make a motion for the putting out to bid a new F-350 4x4 truck and plow that meets New York State bid pricing?

C. Mitchell: Yes, that's fine.

J. Schmitt: Okay. Can I have a second for that, please?

B. Johnson: Second.

J. Schmitt: And we'll do a roll call vote. Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: Aye.

J. Schmitt: Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: Aye.

- J. Schmitt: Supervisor Schmitt. Aye. Okay. That passes. Moving along, Christine, do you have anything else for us or I can go into the emails now?
- C. Mitchell: No, thank you.
- J. Schmitt: Thank you, Christine. So we received two emails as when we do these Zoom meetings, we take public comment via Facebook. We have people viewing all the time and watching us. It's great that we're actually able to reach a lot more of our residents with these Zoom meetings than we are when we're actually in Town Hall. But now with our new system in Town Hall, we'll be able to do that monthly. So that's a great thing. We also accept emails to my email in the supervisor's office. And then we will read those into the minutes for folks, if they're not able to be available.
- J. Schmitt: Today we do receive, excuse me, two emails, and I'm just going to go to them now and read those into the minutes for the community and for the residents at the center I'm in. And we have one. So the first one is from Helen Grasso. Helen hello, hope you're listening. Hope, everything is well. And you're having a great holiday season so far. Helen's email is rising costs of refuse disposal, and it reads as follows. Hello Supervisor Schmidt and Town Board. There was a discussion about rising costs at the town transfer station in the Town Board meeting last week.
- J. Schmitt: I asked the questions listed below. I have attached the village carbon budget and the transportation presentation Christine gave in November for reference. Question number one, village issue by a garbage truck, because the two day have our old one was a 2000, I believe in ones that 2007. The town has cut back hours, days for a trash drop-off. Is there a truck available to share? And Helen the answer to question one, I'll try to answer them as I go, and then the board can get involved as well.
- J. Schmitt: But the garbage trucks at the village has are much different than the trucks that the town has actually at the transfer station. The truck we have actually transports large loads of garbage, which is loaded by the compact or end or the front end loader there. And then as whole the way the village, I believe. And I'm not extremely familiar with how their village operates, all their departments, but the village garbage pickup is actually with a rear loading commercial style, garbage truck that you see traditionally running around the streets.
- J. Schmitt: We don't actually have a street capable of garbage truck to pick up trash. So that's question one. Question two Helen sent in is there is an estimated loss of \$30,000 in the transportation budget for 2020. How will that be paid for? Christine, if you're able to just jump in on question number two. Helen is asking about \$2000 shortfall and how we're planning on it.
- C. Mitchell: Well, the first thing to make sure people understand is these are estimates. They change all the time. And these are worst case scenarios. Things are better

than we looked at last month because the Welsh bills have come in lower. We're hoping that the next couple of months right now, we have the Welsh's bills through October that are getting paid in December. So when the November bill comes in and December comes in, if they're lighter, the loss may be closer to the neighborhood of \$20,000 best case scenario.

C. Mitchell: What happens to that loss, that is absorbed by the general fund. So I think that's the answer to Helen's question. What we've done. And looking at the three years there's been a tremendous improvement in the way things have been handled over there to really minimize the impact on the general fund with the purchase of the roll-off truck. And so it looks like maybe you're down to a little fine tuning. And I think over the next couple of years you're going to see probably as long as everything stays the same, I think we can get that close to break-even.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Christine. Question number three, Helen asked has anyone tried to figure out how village garbage cluster services can be offered for door to door service for 933 users with a budget of \$222,987 when the town has only dropped off services for your budget of \$309,931 and 51 cents? Again, Helen, when it comes to the village and how they run their departments, and particularly it seems you're focusing on the trash pickup. I don't know how the village does it or how they contract things out and what they do there. So no, I don't have an answer to that question.

J. Schmitt: I'm happy to look into it for you and maybe even get some answers from the villages exactly how they do it. I know in the past we did look into Helen, potentially setting up a garbage district in the town and seeing if there's a way to add a fee for that and have offer garbage pickup unilaterally for the entire Town of Pawling but we're spread out over a long ways and it becomes very costly. And I think the reason that hasn't been done is just because there's not any transfers companies garbage pick up companies looking to come in here and do it. But we are always looking to tweak things as you either saw earlier tonight we had some discussion about transfer station. We made some changes there and things have gotten a lot better than they have previously.

J. Schmitt: But as Councilman McCarthy was saying as well as when that grant finally comes through and I know we're always talking about that, but we process everything as required. We get stuff in there and then we're at the mercy of the government to wait and get these funding that they tell us it's coming. But that'll make a big difference when it does show up. So hopefully that answers most of your question three Helen. Question four, how many more users would you need to buy permits in Pawling to keep the cost of the permit at the present level?

J. Schmitt: FYI, the cost for a single bag drop off is increasing for trash service at the Windale Transfer Station. Recycling is no longer free there. So the other increases below maybe there is a way to attract back users who no longer buy permits in Pawling. And she attached a list of costs here. White kitchen bags

cost was two dollars and 50 cents. It's now three dollars. A black 30 gallon bag was four dollars, it's now five. A contractor size bag was five. It's now \$10. That's doubled. All recycling was free, but now it's two dollars for a 30 pound bag and use cardboard was free, now costs five dollars if large quantity dropped off. Helen, thank you for getting these numbers for us as well. It is helpful to see what the surrounding area is doing. Oh there's another question here. I'm sorry.

J. Schmitt: Helen has her fifth and final question. The tipping fees in the town budget are enormous compared to the cost of the village budget. Its simply because of the volume and the scope of garbage items in the town and she says town tipping fees were \$185,000 in 2019 village tipping fees were \$67,000 in 2020. So Helen, thank you for your email. Again, I'm not familiar with the village tipping fees. I'm assuming they're correct to you now because you're usually pretty good at data collection and normally come to us with some great questions. But I can't speak for the village, unfortunately. I understand our tipping fees seem to be a lot higher than that but you remember our tipping fees are also, the town's a much bigger area than the village.

J. Schmitt: And even though the users, I think maybe is the point you're trying to make. I going to assume you're comparing to amount of users. But people come with larger loads of trash definitely to the transfer station. And it has going on there as far as people cleaning out their basements, cleaning out their addicts and stuff like that. I don't believe that's done on a daily basis in the village the way its done for town residents and town homes compared to the village size homes. And that kind of stuff may all play a factor as well. But Helen, I look forward to working with you in the future.

J. Schmitt: Thank you so much for your questions and your email and all the work you put into this email. The transportation is an ongoing project for us. We've been making improvements, I believe each and every single year we've been here. And I know we've worked hard and I know Jim has put a lot of time into it. And so has Councilman DeRosa, myself, and we'll keep trying to get better there and we're going to explore a bunch of other options. There was some mention previously about possibly having a bagged service there for seniors and stuff like that, to make it a little easier.

J. Schmitt: I know someone like Councilman DeRosa, for example he used to buy a permit and now he doesn't simply because he doesn't generate enough trash to justify it. So there's jurors ways to improve. And we're going to look for that. And that's another thing that we'll be working pretty hard on this year and how long I look forward to continuing this conversation with you. I hope you have a great holiday and thank you so much for your question. Does the board have anything for Helen's email before I read the next one? I'll start with Councilwoman Snow.

C. Snow: Nothing to add. Thank you, James.

J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilwoman Snow. Councilman Johnson.

B. Johnson: No. Thank you Helen.

J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa.

DeRosa: No. You answered it pretty good, James.

J. Schmitt: Thanks for the compliment Councilman DeRosa. It must be the holiday season. Councilman McCarthy.

J. McCarthy: No. Thanks James.

J. Schmitt: Thank you very much. Okay. I have one more email from Marty Mygan. Marty is always usually at all our Town Board meetings. So Marty, thank you for continuing to stay involved. Look forward to seeing you soon. But we have an email here from Marty. He asked to be read into the minutes and he says, "Hi James. I would like the following comments to be read into the meeting tonight. One, is there a way to be able to make comments in real time by Zoom or other modality? I would rather be able to make my comments in real time instead of an email or posting your questions on Facebook. I believe the Town Board has been able to do this in the past."

J. Schmitt: So I'll address this first question. Marty has a few here as well. Marty, we're still tweaking this setup and how we're doing this. And you're right. We have taken comments from Zoom in the past and we have them from Facebook and we monitor Facebook right now as this is streaming live. And we give everyone the ability obviously to email me directly as you did here to get questions and concerns into the minutes. One of the reasons we took it away from Zoom tonight was we're just trying to see how we're most efficient and effective. And because it gets a little hectic to monitor the different forums and see where it's coming from and which order they're coming in.

J. Schmitt: So I hope we're getting better at this Marty. And there is ways to be better, we're going to keep trying, this was just a different way of going at it tonight. We gave everyone, basically the two options. We figured the emails, because everyone had the ability to just email in. And I know that not everyone's on Facebook and social media. We're lucky to have such a large following. I think our Town Facebook Page has somewhere around 25 or 2,600 followers. So we're able to get to a large portion of our community, which is great. I hope that someday we'll get to a point where we're at everyone's.

J. Schmitt: Because it's great that people can see these meetings and watch them. But we will tweak Marty moving forward and if we feel that we're not being effective between the emails and Facebook, we'll look at adding comments sections in another way. So that is something we will continue to work on. And actually Councilwoman Snow brought that out to me yesterday if we were going to be doing a Zoom comments. But I said, "We're just looking at which way were more effective and efficient." And that's why we're giving this a go tonight. And

if it's not, then we'll add to it moving forward. And so I hope that answers your question, Marty.

J. Schmitt: Number two, Marty says, "I'm disappointed by Phil DeRosa's interaction with someone who made some comments during a meeting last month. In my opinion Councilman DeRosa needs to apologize for the way he spoke to her." I'm not sure who her is but, James spoke up twice to get him to stop. And I applaud him for his efforts. But I encourage all board members to speak up when a member of the public is treated in a way at a meeting. By the way, for Phil, if the Town of Pawling pays \$4,000, which is of course funded by the Town of Pawling taxpayers, they don't look at it as paying 32. Oh, I think Marty is referring to the buyout, okay. Paying \$3,200.

J. Schmitt: What you pay the government does not affect how much money you are actually being paid. And it's an insult to people paying taxes that fund your income. I think question three is all part of that. The Duches County legislature was budgeted for a three percent pay raise in 2021. The law only allows the legislature to change its pay in an election year. It cannot be changed this year since all county employees will receive no raises next year. The legislature has voted unanimously to donate their raises to Duches County, charity to the community resource center, which was said by Ed Hauser, our County legislator.

J. Schmitt: I appreciate that there was a motion in a recent town board meeting to forego your 2021 raise as a way to show the Pawling taxpayers that you know that some people are hurting right now. Although it did not pass, I wanted to commend some of the board has said they would donate their raises to charity. Thank you for your efforts, Marty. Marty, thank you so much for your email. Sometimes we probably get emotional and a little bit loud at meetings, but we're a passionate board, that's for sure. And we work hard and we don't agree on everything, which is a good thing. I think if you have a board that agrees on everything then you have a bad board. So, but I agree Marty, we probably got to get a little bit better at communicating during these meetings at times.

J. Schmitt: And Councilman DeRosa, I think he just has a loud voice. He definitely does and I'm going to give him the ability to speak in a second here and answer you as well. But I tell you, Councilman DeRosa is a passionate board member and he works very hard and he's in Town Hall every single day. And I'm sure there's times where he wishes he could have a few sentences back at a board meeting, as do probably all of us. But with that, Marty, I hope you're having a great holiday and thank you for always being involved. And I'm going to go [inaudible 01:01:02] somebody and in the same manner before, Councilwoman Snow, do you have anything pertaining to Marty's email?

C. Snow: Again, as you mentioned, James, I do think especially once we start in January with our reorg meetings and a lot more I think topics may come up and be discussed. And not knowing how long we're going to need to do these kinds of Zoom meetings, even if we're all together, we still might need to do them. I do agree that I do think that it is helpful for us to actually hear somebody speak. I

think emails sometimes, depending on them you can't really read the person's expressions.

- C. Snow: So I think if it's possible that we decide that we can have people in Zoom Waiting Rooms to speak, I would be in support of that. If that means forfeiting, because I know Jessica Peterson is trying to do all of this behind the scenes and I really appreciate it. But then if we forfeit then, the Facebook Live comments and we do emails and maybe Zoom Waiting Room, I would support that.
- J. Schmitt: Yeah, we can continue to keep kind of getting better all the time and that's definitely something we're pushing for. And thank you for that Coleen. Councilman Johnson, do you have anything for Marty Mygan?
- B. Johnson: No. Marty, thank you for your comments. It's always good to see the members of the public involved. Thank you.
- J. Schmitt: Councilman DeRosa, do you have anything for Mr. Marty Mygan?
- DeRosa: Yes. First, if I offended anybody with my comments, I apologize. Rest assured, it wasn't meant for any of that. But I work very hard at this job and I don't like to be attacked either. So Merry Christmas.
- J. Schmitt: Thank you, Councilman DeRosa. Councilman McCarthy.
- J. McCarthy: No James. Other than, this year has been a learning curve for all of us and we're not perfect.
- J. Schmitt: Well, we're trying awfully hard and we will be better at the meetings, Marty. I think the meetings have gotten a lot better the last few years and we're going to keep trying hard and for all the community. Marty you know you've been to so many, I hope you're watching now. You've been to a lot of meetings and I definitely thank you for always being involved and being there. And nights like tonight where you're not there, you getting email out to us with your concerns.
- J. Schmitt: And we're definitely going to continue to make sure we treat the public with the utmost respect that they deserve. And they all vote to put us here to make tough decisions and then to communicate those decisions back to them. And we'll make sure we tweak that as much as we can Marty. So I hope all is well with you and your family and have a great holiday. I think that's all we have so far tonight.
- C. Giordano: Supervisor, I would like to say a few words if I might.
- J. Schmitt: Oh sure, absolutely. Cathy go ahead, our clerk.
- C. Giordano: Thank you, I appreciate it. I just wanted to say, I'm sure we're all glad the election is over. I can say that no one is happier than I am for having spent four

months intensely planning and executing the election in addition to continuing my regular duties. I put many evenings and weekends in to get it all done. I put together a team to help me and I'd like to thank them publicly. First and foremost, I have to thank my husband Ed. He was by my side every minute. He helped me every step of the way, and I could not have done it without him.

C. Giordano: Special thanks to my deputy Cheryl who has always efficiently picked up the slack when needed and supported me every step of the way. I have to thank Peggy Generoso for her insight and support during the entire four months. I would like to thank my Board of Inspectors, Preeti, Keith, Kevin, and Stephanie. They really had no idea what they were getting themselves into, but in the end they worked hard and got the job done. And they still continue to work even now.

C. Giordano: I would also like to thank Peggy Figueroa Wendell and the constables for their help during the process and on election day. And finally to every poll worker who worked on election day, thank you. Everyone gave a great effort which I very much appreciated. I worked hard for the residents of Pawling to ensure a fair election without any problems. And I'm happy to say that the election was a success. And I thank everyone who supported me. Thank you for the time.

J. Schmitt: Cathy. Thank you for your hard work. I know we touched on this last week and you and the village clerks and everyone involved. It's not something that you expect to happen and the good thing is it can't happen for another four years if they decide. So we got a few years before we got to worry about it again. But yes, thank you for your hard work and everyone for being involved. Nancy, I don't think we have anything from the town attorney tonight. Everything else is good, right? We're ready to close out 2020 against the-

N. Tagliaferro: Absolutely, it's all good.

J. Schmitt: Beautiful. Christine as usual, thank you so much for being here. I know you put in a lot of hours down there in the Bookkeeping Department and to come on and jump on these meetings, I know is helpful. I know it makes me feel a lot better and I'm sure a lot of these board members as well. Because it is a breath of fresh air to be able to just go to Christine and the numbers are just... She has them ready to go all the time.

J. Schmitt: So Christine, thanks a lot for being here and always working so hard with us and helping get us through 2020. I mean, like you said, the budgets up, budgets down, changes here and there. And then we get through all that and we start the budget process. And what's the first thing I say to her, "Christine, I want a 0% budget." So we delivered it, right?

C. Mitchell: It been an exciting first year. So.

J. Schmitt: We're happy to have you. And I think I speak for the whole board when I say, we're looking forward to many years with you here.

C. Mitchell: Well, thank you. I appreciate the opportunity.

J. Schmitt: So thank you very much. With that, I'll make a motion for adjournment. Can I have a second?

C. Snow: Second.

DeRosa: Second.

B. Johnson: Second.

J. McCarthy: Second.

J. Schmitt: Wow. Look at everybody jumping in. All right. All in favor. Aye?

ALL: Aye.

B. Johnson: That was a [crosstalk 01:07:17].

ALL: Have a great night everybody. And everyone else out there have a great holiday. Thank you very much.