

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:30 PM March 3, 2010 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Mayer and approximately 20 interested citizens. Councilman Watson was absent.

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**TOWN BOARD
WORKSHOP
MEETING**

Supervisor Kelly introduced County Legislator John Thomes.

Mr. Thomes addressed the Board and gave them his contact information. Mr. Thomes said he welcomed questions and comments from the Board and said he was willing to help the Board with whatever he could. He thanked the Board for their time and giving him this opportunity to address the Board.

**COUNTY
LEGISLATOR
JOHN THOMES
COMMENTS**

The Board entertained a presentation by Charlie Daniels on behalf of the Community Resource and Service Center as he is a Board member. Mr. Daniels explained that they are embarking upon a community outreach program to make sure the community is aware of what services the Resource Center offers. He explained the services the Resource Center provides such as a food pantry and car service for doctors appointments and medical equipment loan program, and that they are a Not for Profit organization and that they are an asset to the community. He explained in this economy, the Resource Center is struggling and that in the past couple of years, they have had to take from their endowment in order to continue the operation. He stated that they have no problem with "in kind" donations and they have lots of volunteers but operationally it has been a struggle. They are asking various organizations and individuals to help provide sustainable revenue support in order to continue to provide support that would otherwise be provided by government. He asked the Town to consider putting a \$10,000.00 support item in the budget to help the Resource Center financially. He stated that the Village of Pawling has agreed to give \$5,000.00. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to address this issue with them.

**PRESENTATION –
PAWLING
COMMUNITY
RESOURCE
CENTER**

Supervisor Kelly thanked Mr. Daniels for making the presentation.

Councilman Upham introduced Victoria Barrett Gregory from "The Workplace Employee Assistance Program" which is a benefit the Town has offered employees for many years.

**PRESENTATION –
THE WORKPLACE
EMPLOYEE
ASSISTANCE
PROGRAM**

Ms. Gregory made a presentation regarding "The Workplace Employee Assistance Program", explaining that this is a full occupational health program. She explained all of the benefits the program offers, saying they focus on alcohol and drug problems within the work force. Since the number one asset of any organization is their employees, the goal is the healthier, the happier, the wellness of employees is crucial for any organization to be successful. Ms. Gregory explained that "The Workplace" serves many different organizations and offers counseling and all of their staff is licensed, masters prepared counselors. A key thing they do is get people connected to resources in their community. They have had a relationship with the Town of Pawling for over a dozen years because of Department of Transportation regulations and training. Ms. Gregory explained that they service Town employees as well as their immediate family members. There is a flat rate fee for the calendar year for all of the things they do. Their goal is to partner with work organizations and they are always looking at balancing what is in the best interest of all involved and of course the Town. She submitted handout materials and explained that they offer work site training programs that are focused on things like stress management or compliance topics. They also offer work/life training which helps people look at what is going on in their life and try to make the quality of their life better. She wanted to get the word out about this program to employees and their family members so they benefit from all of the benefits that are available to them.

Councilman Upham said he has worked with these kinds of programs for about 30 years and they are completely confidential so if an employee or family member calls, no one knows about it. That is a bedrock guarantee and there is no cost to the individual to call. This program is extremely useful and he has been in situations where those calls have literally saved lives. He wanted to get the word out to employees and their families about this program as it is extremely useful.

The Board discussed various proposed resolutions for placement on the March 10, 2010 Town Board meeting agenda. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 91 would be placed on the agenda.

**PROPOSED
RESOLUTIONS**

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the new docks for the swim team, an estimate was obtained to purchase them for \$14,000.00.

**TOWN BOARD
COMMENTS**

Councilman Johnson said his concern with this, although he did see a need for it, was that this is only one option and he wanted to explore alternate options for what has to be done there.

Supervisor Kelly agreed saying he would like to see alternatives explored and the docks need to be made a suitable area for people to swim in.

Following further discussion, it was agreed that Councilman Johnson would do research and come back to the Board with alternatives.

Supervisor Kelly said he has been informed that there will be a charge back from the County to the Town for the cost of running and operating elections each year. The cost comes out to approximately \$48,000.00 for Pawling for the cost of running elections. This will be an annual cost and the Town will have to find monies to fund this expense.

Supervisor Kelly explained that Melissa Smith, Recreation Director informed him that the Library has revised its application to use the Lathrop building for the annual book sale and their schedule now works well with programs. He felt that Ms. Smith should go ahead and approve the facilities use request and there was no need for Board approval.

The Board agreed.

Supervisor Kelly said the Census Bureau has asked for use of the Town's facility for testing and we have asked for insurance from the Federal Government and they have provided a letter saying they are self insured and they do not need to file insurance with the Town.

Supervisor Kelly said the Library would like to have a book return box at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that putting a book return box at the HWLCA was a good idea and the Library should go ahead with that. It was agreed that Ed Munning, President of the HWLCA should work with Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds to accomplish this. Supervisor Kelly also noted that the Library is looking for a satellite location and the HWLCA is being looked at for that purpose.

Supervisor Kelly said the Town of Beekman Code Enforcement Officer has become ill and Supervisor French from Beekman would like to meet to discuss some kind of share service between the Town of Pawling and Beekman building departments.

Supervisor Kelly said he and Planning Board Chairwoman B.J. Yankowich met with Wind Rose Farm representatives on Friday and they have pulled their application for development. There will be a press release regarding this information.

Supervisor Kelly said regarding recent storms, he had information posted on the Town website daily regarding updates on what was going on. It was good information and people should read it if they get a chance.

Supervisor Kelly said also regarding recent storms, he has received a State of Emergency Stormwater Declaration from the State asking the Town to provide information on all monies expended through the storm and he is working on that.

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the Lakeside Park RFI's, a list of questions has been developed and given to the Board for their review. If acceptable, he will get that ready to go out to the individuals who submitted those RFI's.

Supervisor Kelly said the Planning Board is asking for permission for Ron Gainer, previous Town Engineer to complete work on the Zublin and Mission Hills projects before the Planning Board.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that Mr. Gainer should move forward to complete work on the above noted projects.

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the Town Attorney's annual salary, the annual salary was reduced in the 2010 budget from approximately \$40,000.00 to \$30,000.00. There are other monies in the contractual line of that budget section that can be moved to bring the annual salary for the Town Attorney to \$40,000.00 if the Board agrees.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board, with Councilman Mayer not in agreement, to move the funds and increase the Town Attorney's annual salary to \$40,000.00. Supervisor Kelly said he would prepare a resolution to move the funds to be ready for the March 10th meeting.

**TOWN BOARD
COMMENTS
CONTINUED**

Donna Pagliaro said she was disappointed and frustrated that there was only one proposal for new docks. She is willing to help get more information on new docks.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Munning, president of the HWLCA said it is a pleasure working with Supervisor Kelly and the Town Board as far as the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building. He thanked Vinny Di Marco, Phil DeRosa and Mr. DeRosa's son for their work on the HWLCA building.

Diana Cretella said she has been looking at the Town of Beekman website and felt it was easy to navigate and suggested the Board take a look at it before revamping the Town's website.

Michele Piazza said she is a former Board member of the Board of Assessment Review for the Town of Pawling and felt a reevaluation was necessary in the Town and asked if the Board had any plans for doing it.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board is currently working on the master plan but following that, he felt the Board would discuss doing a revaluation of the Town.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Kelly at 8:35 PM., seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk