

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened a Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM October 20, 2010 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Watson, Mayer and approximately 15 interested citizens.

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The Board reviewed the specific portions of the budget with the department heads. Department budgets reviewed were Buildings & Grounds, Town Clerk, Code Enforcement/Stormwater Management/Zoning, Tax Collector, Recreation and the Highway Department. Supervisor Kelly noted that he had included in his budget a 3% increase for all employees.

**DISCUSSION ON  
DEPARTMENT  
BUDGETS**

The motion to set a public hearing on the budget for November 3, 2010 at 7:30 PM was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Mayer, motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION TO SET  
PUBLIC HEARING  
ON 2011 BUDGET**

The motion to approve the Elected Officials Salary Schedule was made by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

**MOTION SETTING  
ELECTED  
OFFICIALS  
SALARIES**

Councilman Mayer felt that since part time elected officials have other jobs, raises should not be given to part time elected officials. He felt the Town Clerk and Highway Superintendent were full time and should be given raises.

Councilman Watson tended to agree, saying he would agree with part time elected officials receiving raises if the Board was able to bring the tax increase to 0%.

Councilman Johnson said he would forgo the 3% raise. He pointed out that the Board had taken a 25% cut two or three years ago. Councilman Johnson suggested the elected official's salaries be advertised with the 3% raise amounts and they could be lowered during the budget process but not raised after the public hearing is held. He also added that the Budget Director used to receive \$10,000.00 and the Board cut that amount. He felt the Board should discuss giving Supervisor Kelly an increase for doing such a good job as Budget Director.

Councilman Watson said the highest amount for a Budget Director in the County is \$8,400.00.

Councilman Mayer said the Board has been fiscally responsible with the budget for the past two years.

Supervisor Kelly said if the procedures that were in place when he took office were allowed to continue, the Town's budget would not be in good condition. He asked all department heads when he took office not to spend any money without approval and he appreciated their cooperation.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson "AYE"

Councilman Upham "AYE"

Councilman Watson "AYE"

Councilman Mayer "NAY"

Supervisor Kelly "AYE"

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Ed Munning, President of the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association asked if the Board had approved the color choice for the HWLCA building.

**HWLCA BUILDING  
PAINT COLOR**

The motion to accept the color suggested for painting the HWLCA was made by Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Supervisor Kelly said he wanted to ensure that this would be a full donation by the HWLCA.

Mr. Munning said yes.

The motion passed unanimously.

Diana Cretella said regarding the gatekeeper at Lakeside Park at a cost of \$7,200.00, she asked what the Town takes in.

Councilman Watson said approximately \$14,000.00 plus memberships.

Harvey Matcovsky said he appreciated the work the Board did on the budget. He stated that ambulance and the fire department are large parts of the budget and he felt certain establishments pay little or no taxes and should contribute to these. Also he

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felt that part time elected officials were well compensated by way of their salaries, pension and medical benefits.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board would continue discussion on the budget at another budget workshop next Wednesday, October 27, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

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

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Town Clerk