

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened a Budget Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM October 27, 2010 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Watson, Mayer and approximately 15 interested citizens.

The Board reviewed the Assessor's budget with Tom Gastio, Assessor.

**DISCUSSION ON
ASSESSOR
BUDGET**

The motion to enter Executive Session to discuss potential litigation was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:07 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE
SESSION**

The motion to return from Executive Session was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Upham at 7:45 PM, motion passed unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Historian, Constable, Planning & MS4, Town Board, Supervisor and Independent Audit and Revenue portions of the budget.

**REVIEW OF
DEPARTMENT
BUGETS**

Supervisor Kelly said the overall tax increase in his proposed budget, including the Library and Fire District is 15.5%. Taking out the Fire District, which is on a separate line, the tax increase is 11.2%.

The motion to adopt the preliminary budget eliminating the budget line for Historian, eliminating \$5,000.00 from equipment for the Constable (eliminate the purchase of a Segway) and no three percent increase for Town Board members was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Watson.

**ACCEPTANCE OF
PRELIMINARY
BUDGET**

Councilman Mayer said he would like to modify that to include elected officials who are not working full time to not get the three percent raise.

Councilman Johnson said he was not interested in changing his motion.

Supervisor Kelly asked if there was a second to Councilman Mayer's proposed amendment and there was not.

The vote on Councilman Johnson's motion was as follows:

Councilman Johnson	"AYE"	Councilman Upham	"NAY"
Councilman Watson	"AYE"	Councilman Mayer	"AYE"
Supervisor Kelly "AYE"			

The motion to eliminate the three percent increase for the Town Justices was made by Councilman Watson, seconded by Councilman Mayer.

Councilman Johnson said the Town Board are the ones who set policy and set budget. He was not looking to harm someone who does not have a say in how the Board makes policy and that is why he would vote no on this.

Councilman Watson agreed, saying he did not want to harm them either. These officials ran for these positions at these salaries and there was never an expectation of an increase.

Councilman Johnson said he is happy with the job that they do.

Councilman Watson said he is too.

The motion did not pass with the following vote:

Councilman Johnson	"NAY"	Councilman Upham	"NAY"
Councilman Watson	"AYE"	Councilman Mayer	"AYE"
Supervisor Kelly "NAY"			

Supervisor Kelly thanked all department heads, the Town Board members and Jerry Terwilliger with their help in the budget process.

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Jeff Asher said this is a tough budget and he thanked the Board members for their work on it and complimented the Board members on working so well together. He felt Supervisor Kelly has done a terrific job on the budget. He asked questions on the

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budget which were answered by Supervisor Kelly, Councilman Watson and Bookkeeper Jerry Terwilliger.

Ed Munning, President of the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association thanked the Board for their time and knowledge in the budget process and added that it was good to see the Board working together. He asked them to get the increase below 11.2%. He informed the Board that the painting of the building would begin on November 8th. He asked if the HWLCA could purchase kitchen cabinets as they were offered a great deal on a full set of kitchen cabinets.

Supervisor Kelly asked Mr. Munning for details on what would be included in the purchase to be submitted to the Board for their review and approval.

Mr. Munning agreed. He also asked when the new floor would be installed.

Supervisor Kelly said a less costly product is being researched and he would let Mr. Munning know when a decision is made.

Stephen Sollozzo asked if the 15% included the Fire District increase.

Supervisor Kelly said yes.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 9:15 PM by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk