

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM April 6, 2011 at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association Building, 245 Route 292, Holmes, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Montemarano, Mayer and approximately 35 interested citizens.

Supervisor Kelly recognized the rehabilitation of the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building. He listed all of the projects that have been completed and upcoming projects. He thanked everyone who helped, Town employees and volunteers and the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association for all of their donations for the building.

The Board entertained a presentation by Pawling High School students James Boo, Taylor Dolce and Jandy Torres mentored by Mrs. Sibyll Gilbert, Mr. Chris Wood and Mr. Mike Purcell and Pawling High School Environmental Science teacher Mrs. Prendergast. The presentation included a power point show on the restoration of the Cushman Road Fen. Ms. Dolce, Mr. Boo and Ms. Torres explained that a "Fen" is a large wetland and explained that they have been working with the Oblong Land Conservancy on this project. The project was to restore the Cushman Road fen by cleaning out the fen by taking out the garbage and invasive species. The students stressed that water is the most important natural resource on earth and must be protected and preserve it now to avoid more serious problems in the future. They explained that keeping wetlands and fens clean is critical in keeping groundwater clean.

**PRESENTATION
ON
CONSERVATION
PROJECT ON
CUSHMAN FARMS
BY PHS STUDENTS**

Supervisor Kelly thanked Mr. Boo, Ms. Dolce and Ms. Torres for their presentation. He also thanked their mentors Mr. Wood and Mrs. Gilbert and also Mrs. Prendergast.

The Board entertained a presentation by Justin Schiavone. Mr. Schiavone explained that his Eagle Scout project, which is to finish the fitness trail at Lakeside Park, had been approved. He would now like to move forward with a fundraiser. He asked the Board for beginning dates for the project.

**UPDATE ON
JUSTIN
SCHIAVONE'S
EAGLE SCOUT
PROJECT**

Supervisor Kelly said the Town would go ahead and order the three pieces of equipment and Justin could then choose the dates based on the delivery date.

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 2011059, 2011060, 2011061, 2011062, 2011063, 2011064, 2011065 and 2011066 would be placed on the April 13th agenda.

**PROPOSED
RESOLUTIONS**

Supervisor Kelly reviewed the Facilities Use Requests with the Board and said if Board members had any questions, to contact Recreation Director Melissa Smith.

**FACILITIES USE
REQUESTS**

Supervisor Kelly said he has submitted the Supervisor's report for the year 2010 to the Board and noted that a super majority of budget were under budget. He also submitted the December report to the Board and noted that the Town was approximately \$40,595.00 under budget for calendar year 2010. The Annual Audit Report has been submitted to New York State in a timely fashion and he was happy to report that there is an unrestricted, unappropriated fund balance of \$460,925.00. A year and a half ago, that number was much lower. He stated that NYS Electric and Gas has notified him that the Libby Lane station would be closing in order to save money and would be going from multi crews in Pawling to one crew. According to the 2010 census count, the Town of Pawling increased 12.5% and is still under 10,000 resident threshold which would put the Town into a town of the first class which would change a lot of the Town's procedures. He is moving forward with the comprehensive plan review and update. He has listed the meeting dates and would have them posted on the website and will have the comprehensive plan removed from the website as it is a large document and is taking up quite a bit of space. He said prior to tonight's Town Board meeting, there was an Emergency Action Plan meeting with all of the emergency response officials from Dutchess County to distribute the draft plan and get comments from all attendees at the meeting. When comments are received, the Emergency Action Plan would be submitted to NYS DEC. He stated that John Daley is requesting to use the Town's facility and highway mechanic to do inspections on Town of Dover trucks. He has spoken to the Town Attorney and since the highway mechanic is qualified to do NYS inspections, this can be done.

KELLY

Following discussion, Supervisor Kelly said with the Board's permission, he would generate a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Pawling and Town of Dover to present to the Board for consideration at the next meeting. Supervisor Kelly said he met with Paul Vosburgh regarding shared services and received the documents from Mr. Vosburgh. The documents are not in report form, only in sketch form. The information was not in report form and this is negligent so he has contacted the Department of State regarding reimbursement relating to the share services agreement. Supervisor Kelly noted that the Recreation Department Program Guide came out last week for spring. He said he would be moving forward with ID badges for employees. There will be a required Workplace Violence Prevention seminar for all town employees on April 14, 2011 and the town hall will be closed at noon for the afternoon. Supervisor Kelly said he has been in contact with Dutchess County Water Wastewater Authority regarding the takeover of the Shorehaven Civic Association water system and found that DCWWA is in the process of drilling the new well and are moving forward with work in the water system.

MAYER

Councilman Mayer said he had nothing to report at this time.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson said the golf course is open. Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and his staff have done a lot of work at the golf course. The fence stoppers have been installed at the ballfields. Little League is still working on the score board. He is looking at the building near the ballfields to use as bathrooms and/or a snack facility as well as a storage facility for Mr. Weber's equipment. The fill is arriving and work on the fields is under way.

MONTEMARANO

Councilman Montemarano recognized the men at the Highway Department who did a considerable amount of work at the ballfields, did the dam outfall maintenance and work on many other projects. He is working on making contacts regarding work on the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building, work to include a new façade, elevator, new entranceway and handicapped accessibility. At town hall, new doors are on the way for the entranceway and a new sign board will be installed also. He is also working on a new roof for town hall. The teen center bathroom upgrades are complete and will be inspected later this week. He is working on a fence near the new playground as it is close to the water.

UPHAM

Councilman Upham congratulated everyone who made the rehabilitation of the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association, saying when people work together, a lot can get done. He said he was cautiously optimistic regarding the Shorehaven Civic Association water system but it seems it has finally gotten the attention of officials in Poughkeepsie and Albany.

**NEW
LEGISLATIVE
AIDE TODD
BENDER**

Supervisor Kelly introduced the new Legislative Aide to the Town Board Todd Bender. He said if the public has any question, they can feel free to call the office and speak to Mr. Bender.

**PUBLIC
COMMENT**

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment.

Vinny DeMarco welcomed the Board to Holmes and welcomed Councilman Montemarano back to the Board. He stated that when people are united, things really get done, and without much effort, it just happens naturally. Everything happens under the Town Board's guidance. He thanked the Board for performing miracles in Holmes, at Lakeside Park and throughout the Town. He asked the Board for help to alleviate the ATV's along the railroad tracks. This has been a problem for some time and would appreciate any help the Board can give him on this issue.

Phil DeRosa informed the Board that the drilling for the new Shorehaven well began this morning. He commended the Board and residents of Whaley Lake on following through on the Emergency Action Plan. It has taken about 15 years to get to this point and he thanked Supervisor Kelly and other Board members and politicians who help move this forward.

Mike Kelly said it was nice to see work done on the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building. He commended everyone for doing a nice job. He wanted to see more activities going on in Holmes and he would be happy to help make that happen.

Stewart Grant asked for an update on the dam that was done by the new engineers.

Supervisor Kelly said he would research this and get a breakdown to Mr. Grant.

Jeff Asher said the Town Board has the Town under control and the Town is thriving. He suggested mentors for the GED program.

Councilman Upham said he would talk to Dutchess Community College about such a program.

Mr. Asher said he was delighted with the Town Board's progress and accomplishing a fund balance. He welcomed Councilman Montemarano back to the Board.

Harvey Matcovsky said it was great to see Councilman Montemarano back on the Board. He hoped that Councilman Montemarano would sit with Councilman Upham and see if there is some way to reform health and pension benefits for retirees. He welcomed the Board to Holmes. He hoped residents wouldn't have to take out a second mortgage to pay for the Whaley Lake Dam. He asked how residents could get Comcast to service the area. He asked Councilman Johnson to get the street light repaired at Route 55 and Dutcher Avenue. He commended the students on their presentation on the cleanup of the fen. He hoped there could be some way to educate students and keep school taxes low.

Supervisor Kelly asked Mr. Matcovsky to see him after the meeting regarding Comcast as Comcast has recently asked the Town to renew the franchise agreement.

Chris Wood said he was delighted to see Councilman Montemarano back on the Board. He said the work on the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association is truly remarkable. He asked about the Comprehensive Plan meetings and if they were open to the public.

Supervisor Kelly said yes, they are. He said he would post the meeting schedule on the website.

Mr. Wood asked for an update on the H.G. Fairfield project.

Supervisor Kelly said counsel is researching the structure of the bonds at no cost to the Town. He has no information on that yet.

Supervisor Kelly adjourned the meeting at 8:05 PM.

Town Clerk