

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM April 4, 2012 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Upham, Montemarano, DeRosa and approximately 15 interested citizens.

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The Board entertained a presentation by John Daley, Highway Superintendent regarding the Kitchen Road/Old Pawling Road Bridge. He said with Councilman Montemarano's help, a bid package has been prepared and is ready to be noticed. He would like to put this out to bid with the bids being opened on April 18th.

KITCHEN ROAD/OLD PAWLING ROAD BRIDGE

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to release the Request For Proposal (RFP) for the Kitchen Road/Old Pawling Road Glulam Deck Bridge, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kelly said the bid opening will be at 9:45 Wednesday, April 18th and the RFP will be noticed in the newspaper on Friday.

Councilman Montemarano gave an update on the Lakeside Park Girl Scout Trail Marker project, saying the Board gave the approval for this previously. The Board received more information and a narrative of the details of the project, which were pretty straightforward. The Girl Scout is working in conjunction with Mrs. Panzer and Mr. Gruendle who are people working on the volunteer trails program. He felt the Board should approve the design of the trail markers, trail head markers and all signage. The Girl Scouts have provided a facilities use request according to the Town's requirements and that is ready for approval. He felt this was a very helpful project for the Town generally. They are in the process of a GPS plotting exercise which will be coordinated with Google Earth and will show the existing trails as they are now.

PRESENTATION ON GIRL SCOUT TRAIL MARKER PROJECT

Supervisor Kelly thanked Councilman Montemarano for his work on this project.

The Board entertained a presentation by Justin Scavone who updated the Board on his Eagle Scout Project, which was to complete the fitness trails at Lakeside Park. He explained that his project was complete and he had money left over and he was turning the remainder of money over the Town in the amount of \$660.00. He would like this money to be used for maintenance of his project or for use on the Girl Scout trail marker project.

UPDATE BY JUSTIN SCAVONE ON EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

The Board thanked Mr. Scavone for his generous donation and for his good work on his project.

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 2012052, 2012064, 2012065, 2012066, 2012067, 2012068, 2012069 and 2012070 would be placed on the April 11, 2012 agenda.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed certain Facility Use Applications and there were some questions. Certain Board members would follow up on these applications.

FACILITY USE REQUESTS

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the facilities use requests, he felt that the number of people attending any given event should trigger coverage for cleaning, maintenance and constables and he would work on this with the involved departments.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board received a letter from Thomas Casson regarding rezoning his property on River Road. He felt the request should go with the Comprehensive Plan Update.

THOMAS CASSON REQUEST FOR ZONE CHANGE/RIVER ROAD

The Board agreed and Supervisor Kelly said he would call Mr. Casson and let him know.

Supervisor Kelly said there has been vandalism at Lakeside Park and Murrow Park. The Sheriff's Department has been involved in both of these incidents. He asked that Councilmen Johnson and Montemarano work with the Constables and Sheriff's Office on this issue and how to resolve it.

VANDALISM AT LAKESIDE-MURROW PARKS

Supervisor Kelly said he received a phone call yesterday afternoon from the Fire Chief with serious concern that the Town's ALS ambulance was dispatched to Wassaic again for an automobile accident. This is not the first time this has happened. The Town taxpayers pay for this service and they have no ambulance service when this happens, and taxpayers are paying \$300,000.00 per year for ambulance service. He was told that the Town Board could sign a letter under mutual

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aid saying that if there is not reciprocation with a like product, other towns will not get the product. So if any municipality cannot reciprocate with an ALS unit, our unit doesn't leave the town. He would draft a letter for the Board to pass at next weeks meeting.

The Board agreed, saying they would review the letter for next weeks meeting.

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Councilman DeRosa said he is working with Tom Corrao, Building Inspector on the amnesty program for certificates of occupancy. He spoke to the Board about this previously. Mr. Corrao has spoken to Terry Stewart, Town Attorney regarding the process that would be followed and they are working on setting up that process to get this program started. He explained the process to the Board and said he would answer any questions they have. He would like to begin as soon as possible.

Supervisor Kelly said he would like the Board to see the letter before it goes out.

Councilman DeRosa agreed.

KELLY

Supervisor Kelly said Jerry Terwilliger, Town Bookkeeper was absent for a while with an illness and was in the hospital for fourteen days. He thanked Kelly O'Rourke for stepping up to the plate and helping him to get payroll out and make financial deposits and transfers. It was a good thing that he asked the Board to support moving Ms. O'Rourke from the Highway Department into the Bookkeeper's office and having her learn the system. Everyone in the office and the Board members offered to help out and he thanked everyone for their support. Mr. Terwilliger is feeling better and back to work. He wanted to let the Board know that the Annual Update Document did not get out on time due to the circumstances but he applied for an extension from the Comptroller's Office and a 30 day extension was granted.

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the Department of State Grant for Stormwater Management and compliance with MS4, the Town of Pawling is lead agency on administering the \$90,000.00 grant as he had to take it away from Dutchess County Soil & Water Conservation District because they had not filed for reimbursement. He is in the process of filing for reimbursement and will administer the grant monies.

Supervisor Kelly said the Town was awarded a J-Cap grant for the Justice Court in the amount of \$16,000.00 to redesign the Justice's bench. Following discussions with the Court Clerk, Ferrol Lynch and others, he proposed redesigning the meeting room to include removing the Justice's existing bench and create a multipurpose dais for all Board meetings and Court. He will work with all involved and present a plan to the Board.

Supervisor Kelly said he has proposed a Defensive Driving Course to come to Pawling for Pawling employees and surrounding towns. He is looking at purchasing an Automatic Electronic Defibrillator (AED) for the town hall. He also is looking into training for employees to use the AED. Supervisor Kelly said he met with the County Executive and discussed were shared services for printing and the County will print MS4 materials for the Town. The County Executive is proposing an e-notice alert system, which would be linked to the Town's website and he wanted the Board to consider it, cost would be \$1,000.00 for setup and \$2,000.00 per year for maintenance. He announced that the household waste cleanup day would be held on May 5th at the Fire House. He said the first phase of the new phone system is installed and up and running and it is working well. It will be switched over to the fiber lines in the next week or two.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson said the new ballfield is done and it looks great. It may be ready to use in the fall but definitely will be ready for use in the spring. Regarding the golf course, he spoke to Tom D'Ottavio about the proposed McElroy Foundation Tournament. This would require that the course would have to be closed for an entire Saturday and he would bring more details to the Board as he receives them. Earlier in the month, he met with Councilman Montemarano at Lakeside Park. They toured the park and talked about the section where the tennis courts/skate park are and the remaining buildings. He felt that the buildings needed to be cleared of debris so as not to invite trouble. He urged the Board to tour the buildings in the park. He suggested taking down the buildings near Dodge Road.

Supervisor Kelly said the items to be removed would have to be taken off of the Town's asset list before disposing of them. He said the Board could consider taking out a bond to remove the buildings but that would have to be researched.

Councilman DeRosa thanked Supervisor Kelly and Todd Bender for keeping him informed about Jerry Terwilliger and Tom Gastio, Assessor who also had surgery, while he was away. He is working with Councilman Montemarano on repairs to the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building. He is working on the CPU review. He has been meeting with Tom Corrao, Building Inspector on the wording for accessory apartments and on the use of the tablet for the Building Department. He explained that the electric company put new poles in along Shorehaven's roads and they put their pole through a four inch water main. This happened twice.

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Councilman Montemarano said regarding the recreation area parallel to Lakeside Drive at Lakeside Park where there are tennis courts, basketball courts and the skate park, it is a wasteland. The fence is coming down, all of the surfaces are cracked, deteriorating and heaving. He started looking at some options last year and going forward he is trying to come up with some ideas that provide the greatest variety of recreation amenities to the largest portion of the resident population, all focused on flexibility and economy. The Board has previously agreed to rehabilitate the basketball area with new paving, backboards and lines. There have been continued discussion of continued maintenance and rehabilitation of the clay tennis courts as necessary. He would like to start from scratch, go slowly and clean everything up and get community input and build accordingly as we move along. It would be 200% better with everything taken down. He would like to proceed this year, quickly as the weather is upon us, getting the clay courts ready, getting rid of the junk, much of the fencing and possibly reuse some of the fence, go forward with the basketball courts, parking and lighting and topsoil and seed. As the Board has ideas and money, keep developing and improving.

MONTEMARANO

Supervisor Kelly asked Councilman Montemarano to present some kind of plan with costs for next weeks meeting.

Councilman Johnson suggested some of the fence could be painted and reused. The area he differs with Councilman Montemarano is on the skate park. He put a lot of hours getting that put up and he did not feel it had been given a proper administrative effort. He would like to see a program there and if it doesn't work, the Board can get rid of it. He didn't want to get rid of something without trying it.

Councilman Montemarano said his thoughts were not only the other tennis area but the skate park area, to rip that up, get the fence down and clean it up. The skate park is used by a limited number of people, it has to be fenced and locked at all times when it is not in use and it must be monitored by a live Town of Pawling employee when it is in use. The exposure for injury and risk is considerable. It is a lot of real estate for a minimal amount of resident base. It has not been used for five years.

Following further discussion on the Lakeside Park rehabilitation along Lakeside Drive and lighting, it was agreed that the Board would get statistics on how many people use the skate park, have discussions with the Recreation Director and Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and discuss this issue further at a future time.

Councilman Upham said he spoke with Janice Keeler from the Lyons Club and she has decided not to pursue the project she had contacted him about. He has been invited to the next Library Board meeting and he will report to the Board on that. He had a great conversation with Liz Axelson of Morris Associates on the CPU last week and discussed his concerns. He asked for an update on the Employee Handbook.

UPHAM

Supervisor Kelly said he hopes to see a draft Employee Handbook document around April 20th. He said Janice Keeler asked him to attend their next meeting on the fourth Tuesday of the month. He has a conflict on that day and asked Councilman Upham to attend the meeting.

Councilman Upham said if anyone has anything they wanted to change or concerns about the revised Employee Handbook, they should let him know.

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vinny DeMarco said he liked the idea of the new judge's bench in the meeting room. Regarding the issues with the ambulance service, this is a serious issue and suggested the Town look into an ambulance service of its own. Regarding the vandalism at the park, he would like to volunteer to help with anything he can. He liked the approach the Board has taken on the recreational area at Lakeside Park. He said if the skate park needs to be removed, then it should be removed. He appreciated Justin Scavone's project at Lakeside Park and his donation to the Town. He congratulated John Daley, Highway Superintendent for getting the RFP for the bridge together.

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Ben Scavone said it is good to hear everyone talking about doing more work at Lakeside Park. He suggested someone speak to the Chief Constable while researching the skate park as to when kids were chased away from the skate park. It has been broken into and the Board might want to see what times it was broken into and suggested those might be key hours people want to use the skate park. He offered to help with the lighting the Board is discussing as there are a lot of options and he has knowledge about this and would be happy to help.

Steven Sollazzo said regarding the recreational area along Lakeside Drive at Lakeside Park, he suggested any field that is constructed there be used for Lacrosse as this is a very popular sport right now. He was very excited about the new ballfield.

There were no further comments.

Supervisor Kelly said the public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan Update would be on the agenda next week.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Kelly at 8:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk