

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:05 PM August 1, 2012 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Montemarano, DeRosa, Upham and approximately 8 interested citizens. Councilman Johnson was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolution 2012106 through 2012109 would be placed on the August 8, 2012 Town Board meeting agenda.

Supervisor Kelly said fracking was done this week on the well at Pawling Water District #2 in Holmes and when the balloon went in the well the second time, the balloon popped inside the well. The company feels there is a void or something inside the well casing and they pulled the fracking equipment out. The company recommends that the well be given time to settle and come off line for about two weeks. At this point, Councilman Johnson told the company to put the pump back in the well because the water is needed. He offered the following resolution to declare this situation an emergency and allow the Town Supervisor to go out for a Bond Anticipation Note to pay for the cost of drilling a new well and possibly re-automation of the system and to also possibly correct some other deficiencies that Dutchess County Department of Health has been talking about. Councilman Johnson wants to begin the process of drilling a new well because it is a three or four month process to get a new well up and running.

Resolution 2012110 Emergency Declaration – Water District #2

Whereas, Town of Pawling Water District #2 is in need of upgrade to certain components of the water distribution system and capacity deficiencies as requested by the Dutchess County Department of Health (DCDOH) and,

Whereas, the suggested upgrade includes additional flow capacity, upgrade to the “Backwash” system, additional wells and Automation of the delivery system, and

Whereas, in attempt to make the necessary repairs the Town Board authorized to Hydro - Frack a well at the July 2012 Board Meeting, and

Whereas, during the process of “fracking”, the equipment broke inside the well casing and under the direction of the contractor, the well should be removed from the system for two weeks to place a camera within the shaft to inspect the well, and

Whereas, to comply with the recommendations of the DCDOH, a new well is needed to be drilled, tested and placed “On – Line” as soon as possible, and

Whereas, because the equipment needed to complete this project must be custom designed and built, there is not sufficient time to bid this project in the usual manner, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that, based upon the advice of the contractor and the requirements of the DCDOH the Town Board hereby declares the upgrade to the Water District #2 an emergency project, and be it, further

Resolved, the Town Board hereby authorizes funding this project through the purchase of a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) and, be it, further

Resolved, the Town Board hereby authorizes the Town Supervisor to notice for a BAN for the well drilling and engineering services needed to design the water delivery system as recommended by the DCDOH.

MOTION: Supervisor Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Upham

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Upham – “AYE”

Councilman Montemarano – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman Johnson – “ABSENT”

Supervisor Kelly “AYE”

DISCUSSION ON ASSESSOR POSITION

Supervisor Kelly said the Town of Pawling Assessor position has been vacant. There are three applicants for that position, which he will share with the Board. This has been advertised in the newspaper, online and posted in Town Hall. He would like to interview the three applicants and make a recommendation for that position next week. He can interview with Councilman Upham and then set up other interviews for other Board members. Or a special meeting can be held to interview the applicants or an executive session can be scheduled before the next meeting to meet the individuals. All three are local residents.

Councilman Montemarano asked if any of the applicants are assessors.

Supervisor Kelly said no.

Councilman Montemarano asked if the Board would be thinking about part time as opposed to full time.

Supervisor Kelly said the position is still considered full time, there has been no change in status, although the Board can look at that. It was advertised as full time and the resolution that was passed by the Board said it was a full time position.

FACILITIES USE REQUESTS

Supervisor Kelly said regarding the Facilities Use Requests, there are five requests to waive fees and he felt the Board needed more information on those requests.

PRESENTATION BY SENATOR GREG BALL

Supervisor Kelly said he would amend the agenda to allow Senator Ball to make a presentation to the Board and public.

The Board entertained a presentation by Senator Greg Ball. Senator Ball announced that a \$50,000.00 grant has been awarded to Little League, a \$10,000.00 grant for a technology upgrade has been awarded to the Library, and a \$100,000.00 grant has been awarded to the Pawling High School. There is also a \$50,000.00 grant for the bridge but that has not been secured. He is still working on that. The Village has been awarded a grant for a \$100,000.00 for the Village Green. He continues to push on the sewer pipe extension and it is looking very good. He has full confidence those funds will come down in the second round. He said the Legislature has more say in the second round, which is good. It has been an extraordinary couple of years working with this Governor. He said it is nice to see a democratic Governor working with a Republican majority and everyone working together. New York is now functioning, under new management and moving in the right direction. Two budgets have been balanced and the middle class taxes are the lowest they have been in 60 years. He said something needs to be done about school taxes in this region. The property tax cap is forcing discussion on unfunded mandates. Local governments have done a good job keeping their budgets balanced. He explained that the MTA tax has been repealed which helps tens of thousand of businesses in this area. The pension reform package came through, which will cause 80 billion dollars in savings. There has been an increase in funding for education and there is now eight hundred million dollars. He said more work needs to be done on job creation. He talked about the environment, senior citizens and an increase in the STAR exemption for seniors. He talked about the need for local senior programs so they don't have to travel. He discussed Veterans, benefits for disabled Veterans and the Veteran Hall of Fame, Women & Families rights and Animal Rights. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Councilman DeRosa said we all know that school taxes in Pawling are higher than any of the surrounding towns and it is really hurting the real estate market here. He asked if there had been any discussion on changing the New York State Constitution regarding how school taxes are voted on. He felt that was part of the problem.

Senator Ball said there has been talk of a Constitutional Convention but there are pros and cons to that and it could be very dangerous. He has not heard it discussed too much on the floor or in the legislature.

Supervisor Kelly thanked Senator Ball for coming and making the presentation to the Board. He said he appreciated what Senator Ball does in Albany. He also thanked Senator Ball for the \$50,000.00 for the ballfields, saying it was a nice upgrade to town facilities.

Senator Ball said he takes great pride coming from Pawling. He said if anyone ever has a problem, they can pick up the phone and call him.

REPORTS

Supervisor Kelly said he has distributed the Annual Update Document (AUD) to the Board. The document has finally been filed with the State. It was late due to the fact that Jerry Terwilliger, Town Bookkeeper was in the hospital and also because the Town's server crashed. The server is finally back up and running and the document was filed. Supervisor Kelly talked about the \$50,000.00 grant for the ballfields and what work could be done with that money. The Town received a donation of cubicles from Inspiration Book Services, which will be used for the Constables Office and Environmental Office. The phone system is due for its final upgrade on August 15th and it will become a VOIP system and the Town will then see savings. The Fireman's Carnival begins tonight and the parade is scheduled for Friday at 7 PM and the Town Board has been invited. The Town was notified that NYS DOT is doing some paving on Route 22 and Route 55 and this may cause delays. He has been working with the County Executive this year and one of his initiatives is to allow municipalities more access to services. He wanted to commend Legislative Aide Todd Bender for using the County Print Shop for four print jobs and causing the Town savings on printing. Supervisor Kelly said he had a closeout meeting with FEMA relating to all of the storms that happened and the Town will receive a good amount of money for these storms. The Town will also be able to secure approximately \$46,000.00 of funding for the Whaley Lake Dam spillway from FEMA.

Councilman DeRosa said on the FEMA issue, he would like to thank Kelly O'Rourke for all of the work she did on that project, along with John Daley, Highway Superintendent and Wendel Weber, putting all of those documents together so the Town could recoup those funds. Regarding the Old Pawling Road Bridge, he stopped by the Mr. Daley's office yesterday and the bridge was being unloaded so that project is moving forward. He has been invited to attend the Dutchess County Planning Federation's Board of Director's meeting. They have asked him if he wanted to participate on the Board of Directors so he is going there on August 21st to see what that is about. He is hoping to get on that Board and maybe it could help with things in Town. He has been working with Councilman Montemarano on the construction drawings for the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building and they hope to have a proposal for the Board at the next meeting. He will be attending the August 15th Shorehaven Water meeting. He thanked everyone who wished him well during his illness, he appreciated it.

Supervisor Kelly said he was glad to see Councilman DeRosa back. He also thanked Kelly O'Rourke for the work on the FEMA project.

Councilman Montemarano said a while ago, there was talk about reopening an abandoned service entrance on County Route 20. He is putting together an estimated budget for next week's meeting to do that. He should have finished by this time next week the volunteer insurance form for residents.

Councilman Upham said regarding the repairs to the Legion building, he understands that numbers are being put together and that project is moving ahead. The revision of the Employee Handbook is moving ahead.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment and there was none.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:50 PM, seconded by Councilman Montemarano, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk