

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 6:30 PM October 31, 2012 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Montemarano, DeRosa, Upham and 2 interested citizens. Councilman Johnson was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

2013 BUDGET WORKSHOP

Supervisor Kelly moved to the 2013 Budget Workshop part of the meeting.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board has in front of them the 2013 Tentative Budget with the changes that were made at last Wednesday's meeting. He said the increase is now at 1.94%. He stated that changes to the budget were printed in color, showing the changes that were made at the October 24th meeting. He said the Town Justices wanted to have \$1,000.00 for the part time court clerk, which was not done at the last meeting. In the budget line, there was a keystroke error for the Bookkeeper and the number should have been \$53,737.00, not \$54,737.00 so that has been corrected. Anything else the Board discussed at the last meeting has been changed in the budget. The health insurance increase is at 10% in the budget, as discussed at the last meeting.

Councilman Montemarano said to note one thing quickly, he thought the Board brought this up last week, the Deputy Tax Collector was \$3,500.00 last year and it is still at \$4,000.00.

Supervisor Kelly said there was no motion on that at the last meeting and if the Board wants it to be dropped down, it can be done.

Councilman Montemarano said at a 2% increase, it should be dropped to \$3,570.00.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion in the 1110.1A line in the budget, under court clerk part time, to increase the number to \$1,000.00, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion that on page 3, under Tax Collector under 1330.1A, that the Deputy Tax Collector line is reduced to an amount that equals the 2012 amount plus 2%, seconded by Councilman Upham.

Councilman Montemarano said he didn't recall the Board making a lot of motions on individual things last week.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board was discussing it. There were a few motions made. He felt it was easier to make the motion and then it is in the record.

The motion passed unanimously.

Councilman DeRosa said he has reached out to lawn companies for estimates on lawn mowing in Holmes but has not gotten any information back yet.

Councilman Montemarano said regarding the Legislative Aide and the procurement aspects of that, which was discussed last week, from what he heard there are some options to use the County to purchase certain things, which may help the Town. That is to a degree nothing new, we have had that for equipment rentals, materials for highway, etc. The Town has a procurement policy and there are a number of people either elected or appointed who have budgetary responsibility and have guidelines on procurement. He wondered if rather than adding more cost at the Legislative Aide level, he suggested the department heads be given a list of what is available and names of contact people for the County. He was trying to economize and make it as simple as possible.

Supervisor Kelly said he understood Councilman Montemarano's point. Purchasing from the County is not new and has been under utilized and was not being done until his office began doing it. This was his idea to coordinate centralized purchasing. He felt it was a better way to do it.

Councilman Montemarano felt this was still an open issue at this time.

Supervisor Kelly said this can be further discussed by the Board next week. The budget can be changed up until the time of adoption.

The motion that the revised Tentative Budget, which was further revised tonight, is now the preliminary budget was made by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Montemarano, motion passed unanimously.

HURRICANE SANDY

Supervisor Kelly gave the Board an update on the damage and restoration from Hurricane Sandy. He said it has consumed just about every waking minute of his days since last Thursday. Some electricity has been restored but there are still a lot of people without electricity. He said there are many trees down, the count as of this morning was 31 trees down with wires on them, and as a result some roads are closed. The trees can't be removed until NYSEG removes the wires. Progress is being made on restoration but it is slow. Dry ice and water are available at Lakeside Park.

WHALEY LAKE DAM CLEANUP

Councilman DeRosa thanked Vinny DeMarco and Brenda Colberg for their help on the Whaley Lake Dam cleanup last Saturday. He also thanked all other volunteers who helped with the cleanup. It was very successful and needed to be done before the storm.

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

The motion to adjourn was made at 7:05 PM by Councilman Montemarano, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk