

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM February 6, 2013 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Montemarano, Upham, DeRosa and approximately 20 interested citizens.

### **APPALACHIAN TRAIL COMMUNITY PRESENTATION**

The Board entertained a presentation by the Appalachian Trail Community Committee on submitting an application for Pawling to become an Appalachian Trail Community. Present were Peter Muroski and Stancy Duhamel, Joint Chairs of the Committee. Also present were Committee members Peter Cris, Katie Palmer House, and Kathy Schibanoff. Present from the New York-New Jersey Appalachian Trail Conference were Ronald S. Rosen and James P. Haggett. Mr. Muroski explained that this would be a joint application including Pawling and Dover as there are 13 miles of trail through these two towns. Mr. Rosen and Mr. Haggett presented the Board with a Power Point presentation regarding the designation of becoming an "Appalachian Trail Community", including the long and short term benefits. Short term benefits include national designation network and communication, recognition and visibility through signage, press releases, Appalachian Trail Conservancy's website and publications, enhanced partnerships with public land agencies and volunteers and teacher eligibility for an ATC place based education and service learning program. Long term benefits include increased community environmental stewardship, increased sense of place and cultural sustainability and trail friendly promotion through ATC assisted marketing techniques. It was noted that Pawling has the Appalachian Trail Boardwalk along the Trail and the only Appalachian Trail Metro North train stop. Town of Dover Town Supervisor Ryan Courtien was present and reiterated benefits of being an Appalachian Trail Community and let the Board know that the Town of Dover approved their portion of the application at their meeting last week.

Mr. Muroski thanked the Board for their consideration on this project. He looked forward to bringing Pawling and Dover together as an Appalachian Trail Community.

Supervisor Kelly said there is a lot of support for this application. It is his intention for the Board to vote on this next week at the regular Town Board meeting.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 2013053, 2013054, 2013055, 2013056 and 2013057 would be placed on the February 13, 2013 Town Board meeting agenda.

### **SQUIRE GREEN@DEERFIELD PONDS PARTIAL ROAD ABANDONMENT**

The Board entertained a presentation by Sperra Salvi, President of the Squire Green at Deerfield Ponds Homeowner Association. Ms. Salvi gave a history of the Squire Green at Deerfield Ponds development. She explained that some of the townhouses on Kings Way have a parking issue. She suggested that a resolution to this problem for the residents would be for the Town to abandon two pull off portions of Kings Way, which are now owned by the Town, although plowing and maintenance of these pull offs is done by the Homeowner's Association. This abandonment would provide parking for owners of the townhouse units in that area. She has had discussions with Highway Superintendent John Daley regarding this proposal.

Highway Superintendent John Daley said he had no problem with the abandonment of these pull off areas.

Supervisor Kelly said the abandonment of these pull off areas would require a metes and bounds survey, which the Homeowner's Association would be required to pay for, which would then be reviewed by the Town Engineer, the cost of which would also be paid by the Homeowner's Association.

Ms. Salvi agreed and said the Homeowner's Association would pay for the survey and review of the Town Engineer.

Supervisor Kelly said he would meet with the Town Attorney and send Ms. Salvi a letter by the end of the week with a procedure she should follow and she can then move forward with this proposal.

## **INTERIOR DESIGN**

Supervisor Kelly presented the Board with a proposal for interior design for town hall and the town hall annex building by Colleen Carney. The proposal gives ideas of what could be done in town hall and the town hall annex building, such as paint and window treatments. This would give a “game plan” for paint colors and as Wendel Weber/Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and his crew have time available, they can begin painting different sections. He would like to use the town hall annex building more. He suggested that needs in town hall are expanding and he wondered if some town offices could be moved to the annex building next door. He suggested the possibility of his office and the Bookkeeper’s Office be moved to the town hall annex building. He would pay for the interior design proposal out of the contingency portion of the budget. The estimate for the first section of this is \$3,800.00, which is Scope I. Under Scope II, the proposal would be for petitions that go to the ceiling in the town clerk and assessor’s offices for privacy. Also, the ceilings would be lowered for energy efficiency and new lighting would be installed. Under Scope II, this is where space allocation would be developed in the town hall annex building. He wanted to work with Ms. Carney on an ongoing plan for interior design, and to begin to utilize space for town offices.

Following discussion, the Board agreed that the concept was good but they were concerned about the cost of a professional interior designer.

Supervisor Kelly said he would discuss this with Ms. Carney further and bring it back to the Board for discussion next week.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **FACILITIES USE REQUESTS**

Melissa Smith had a few questions on three Facilities Use Requests. One is a request for the Boy Scout Blue & Gold dinner, another is a request to use town facilities for a meeting with residents on the proposed cell phone tower on Cunningham Lane and the third was for the Ty Louis Foundation.

Following discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that the Boys Scouts should not be charged a fee for the Blue & Gold Dinner and that the request from a resident for a meeting on the cell tower should be charged a fee. Supervisor Kelly would prepare a resolution for next week’s meeting on these two requests.

Regarding the request for the Ty Louis Foundation, there was a motion by Supervisor Kelly to approve the request for the use of the facility for the Ty Louis Foundation for April 13, 2013 pending receipt of insurance within one week from today, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

### **WHALEY LAKE DAM GRANT MONIES**

Supervisor Kelly said he received a letter on Monday from NYS DEC regarding the one million dollar grant that was awarded to the Whaley Lake Dam project under the “Clean Water/Clean Air Bond Act”. The letter was to notify the Town that within 30 days, the Town must act on this and give them a game plan of what the Town would be doing to satisfy the new bonding requirements put in by the NYS Comptroller. He also received the appraisal for the lot adjacent to the dam. The State needs to know that the Town is going to move forward with this and engineer, Phil Moreski is ready to write a game plan but he is away right now. If the Town does not submit a letter with a plan within 30 days of receipt of the letter, NYS DEC will see it as failure to comply and the Town will not receive the million dollars. He asked the Whaley Lake Dam Committee to meet sometime within the next week to talk about this letter and the appraisal.

Councilman Johnson and Vinny DiMarco, Whaley Lake Dam Committee members said they would schedule a meeting within the week to discuss these issues.

Supervisor Kelly said he and Legislative Aide Todd Bender met with Congressman Chris Gibson and he will work in Washington to get three million dollars for the Whaley Lake Dam project.

## **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

### **KELLY**

Supervisor Kelly said there have been three East of Hudson meetings and he is again the Secretary for that organization. Regarding the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission, there has been a lot of activity regarding the sewer expansion. He attended a meeting at the Majority Leader's office in Albany yesterday and it was stated that Pawling has received an additional \$500,000.00 for this project, so that is one million dollars so far. They are looking at funding two million dollars in this year's budget process for a total of three million dollars for this project. Regarding the Chamber of Commerce, he thanked Peter Cris for putting two great articles in Pawling Matters, one on economic development and another on Pawling's application to become an Appalachian Trail Community. He said the new computer systems are in and up and running and all new equipment is in. Many departments have received long over due updates to their software. He said NYS Retirement has been inundating his office with duplicate requests and he has recently gotten testy with them. His office is spending hours and hours fulfilling these requests. There has been a Town payroll audit by Dutchess County Human Resources and there is a lot of work that needs to be done relating to that audit. He said there have been some differences with job titles and discrepancies with Dutchess County Human Resources and he has asked for these in writing and has yet to receive them. He will keep the Board informed on what is happening going forward.

### **JOHNSON**

Councilman Johnson said he met with Wendel Weber/Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and Gary Lattrell to work out projects for the ballfields, turf management and equipment needs. He felt the ballfields would be in good shape. He still needs to meet with the head of Little League to work out the final details of the grant expenditures. Regarding Pawling Water District #2, progress is moving along slower than he is happy with. The engineers are working with the County Health Department on well testing and retrofitting existing equipment. He will keep the Board updated on the progress going forward.

### **DEROSA**

Councilman DeRosa asked if the Board was going to take action on the Planning Board recommendation letter on the Morris Associates letter regarding the Castagna petition so the letter from Morris Associates letter can go out to Castagna.

Following discussion, Councilman DeRosa made a motion to accept the January 29<sup>th</sup> letter as the final letter to the applicant.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Board would review the Planning Board recommendation letter and make a determination on accepting the Morris Associates letter at the next meeting so that the letter can be sent to Castagna to respond.

Councilman DeRosa rescinded his motion.

Councilman DeRosa reported that he and Wendel Weber/Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds did a walk through of the Chalet at Murrow Park and it is not in bad shape, it needs to be cleaned up inside and outside. Regarding the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building, work continues and it is moving along. Bruce Cunningham put a notice in "The Pawling News" for Councilman DeRosa saying that he was looking for people who were interested in a dog park in Pawling. He received about 25 email responses in favor of this proposal. He will set up an informational meeting regarding creating a dog park when he comes back from vacation.

### **MONTEMARANO**

Councilman Montemarano said he is starting to work on plans for Lakeside Park for spring. The basketball courts need to be done and he has begun putting together a bid

package for that. The Board needs to figure out what they want to do with the section of Lakeside Park parallel to Lakeside Drive. He has done some preliminary work at Murrow Park and he is trying to figure out new trail improvements at the two parks for this season. He is working on some forms and policies. He has given Highway Superintendent Daley help on some mechanical issues at the Highway Department.

### **UPHAM**

Councilman Upham said he has begun looking at the Town insurance renewal so if Board members have questions, he would be happy to talk about it. The Employee Handbook has not been completed and he asked Board members to submit their questions and ideas regarding the revised handbook. He would like to see the Handbook revision move ahead. Regarding Murrow Park, he would like to see a plan to do something with that park and the whole piece of land. He has not met with the Lyons Club lately but he plans on doing that soon.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vinny DiMarco thanked the Board and Supervisor Kelly for taking the time to move the Whaley Lake Dam project forward. He appreciated Supervisor Kelly and Councilman DeRosa meeting with Congressman Gibson and he was glad the Congressman was taking an interest in this project. He liked Councilman DeRosa's idea for a dog park and supported that idea. He suggested a heated fire hydrant for the dog park, should the project move forward.

The motion to adjourn was made at 8:40 PM by Supervisor Kelly, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk