

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM April 2, 2014 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Montemarano, Upham and approximately 10 interested citizens. Councilman DeRosa was absent.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that resolutions 2014064, 2014065, 2014066 and 2014067 would be placed on the April 9, 2014 Town Board meeting agenda.

OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD

DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASS AT TOWN HALL

Supervisor Kelly said he would like to set May 7, 2014 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm for employee training/defensive driving. He would like to close Town Hall and have all town employees take the class. The class will be given by Dutchess County and is free of charge to the Town.

Supervisor Kelly made the motion to close the Town of Pawling for business on May 7, 2014 from the hours of 8:00 am to 3:30 pm, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

TRAILS AT LAKESIDE PARK

Supervisor Kelly said he received two emails from volunteers who have done work on the trails at Lakeside Park in the past. The volunteers would like to continue their work and had filled out the volunteer forms, which were forwarded to the County but he has not heard back from the County on the background checks. He said Ralph Pruitt, Curtis Cess and his son have been doing the trail work for a long time and want to get out now and begin the work of clearing the trails.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to allow Curtis Cess, Colin Cess and Ralph Pruitt to coordinate with Wendel Weber/Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds and Jay Gruendle to perform trail maintenance under total control of Wendel Weber/Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Upham asked if there would be any other people working with these guys on the trails, such as family members.

Supervisor Kelly said the emails only refer to these three individuals.

The motion passed unanimously.

TOWN WEBSITE HOSTED BY DUTCHESS COUNTY

Supervisor Kelly said last month he talked about the possibility of having Dutchess County host the Town's website in the future. He received a proposal from the County on development, hosting and maintenance of the website. The cost to build the website would be \$10,000.00. There are some other additional costs for some nominal things. If an agreement is reached and the Board goes ahead with this next week or next month, something would be in place by late summer.

GOLF COURSE RATES

Councilman Johnson said he has been working on the golf course and they are getting ready to open next week. He would like the Board to give him permission to tweak the rates a little bit in order to increase play and keep people coming back.

Councilman Johnson made a motion asking the Board to authorize him to change the rates in order to get them on the website before the season begins, seconded by Supervisor Kelly.

Following discussion, Councilman Johnson rescinded his motion and said he would bring proposed rates to the Board at next week's meeting for their review and approval.

KELLY

Supervisor Kelly said he attended the Dutchess County Mayor's & Supervisor's meeting last night. The New York State budget was discussed and the effects it will have on towns. The biggest issue is the tax freeze and circuit breaker program that was passed. The change was that each municipality has to stay within the tax cap for the next two years and then in year 2016 municipalities have to start reducing their budget by one percent for the residents to gain a rebate check back. In 2017 and 2018 the tax cap will be one percent. The Governor is trying to force consolidation. Supervisor Kelly said he and three other Supervisors met with a representative of the Governor's office on the tax freeze and circuit breaker program and discussed the issues and expressed concerns. The 2018 budget would be less than the 2014 budget and the concern is how municipalities would be able to sustain operation with costs increasing and mandates coming down to them. Some things got changed but it is still going to be difficult moving forward. Supervisor Kelly said the Sewer Commission had a tour of the Wappinger's tri municipal plant, which is a nice plant. They compost at that plant, which is something the Sewer Commission could consider. Part of the Town's mandate for NYS DEC is water coming into the sewer system from outside sources. The project to look at the sewer lines with cameras began today and some issues have already been found. They are moving forward with the generator project and will be upgrading the Croton pump station, which is the pump station in the rear of Dutcher Avenue and Castagna is paying for that upgrade. Supervisor Kelly said the Pawling Community Foundation is talking about doing some projects either at Lakeside Park or Murrow Park and he and Councilman Montemarano will be meeting with them to discuss potential projects. Supervisor Kelly said he and Chief Constable Kelly met with the softball league and the biggest issue is the use of alcohol in the park, which is not allowed and behavior at the park. Supervisor Kelly reminded everyone that bulk pick up day is Monday, May 5th.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson said improvements on Pawling Water District #2 continue. There has been a high iron issue and VRI has been flushing the system to attempt to resolve that issue. Morris Associates is working on a price for a generator and VRI continues to do the cleanup of the tanks. He will be talking to VRI about the maintenance of the pump house and surrounding area. Councilman Johnson said he saw the two new Highway Department pickup trucks. He also looked at the 2008 Highway Truck and felt the Highway Department should be commended as to the condition of that vehicle. The Board needs to discuss how the transfer of that vehicle will be done and the financial situation. He read a letter from Edward P. Hauser commending John Daley, Highway Superintendent and the Highway Department on the job they did dealing with the ice and snow this winter.

Following discussion, Supervisor Kelly said the Maintenance Department is getting the 2008 vehicle and the transfer of \$10,000.00 can be made to the Highway Department. He would speak to Jerry Terwilliger, Town Bookkeeper to see how that can be done and he would prepare a resolution for next week's meeting.

MONTEMARANO

Councilman Montemarano said a member of the Akin Hall Association called him with concerns about the speeding by the Akin Museum. That intersection is very bad and the speed limit is 45 miles per hour on that road. John Daley, Highway Superintendent reached out to the County and they will try to put some additional caution signage there. He also has concern about the entranceway to the Dodge fields off of Dodge Road. When cars are coming from Old Route 55 toward West Dover Road, there is a dangerous area over a hump that comes up quickly and Mr. Daley will be putting additional signs in that area also. Councilman Montemarano said the parks are in dire straights after the winter and he would be working on them. Councilman Montemarano said only one of the two boilers at the Lathrop building at Lakeside Park is working and there is a reason

there are two. This needs to be discussed and repaired/replaced. Councilman Montemarano said a number of projects have begun at Murrow Park, such as the driveway, the barricade fencing and cutting down some of the reeds at the pond. Some repairs have been done to the Lyons building roof to keep the water out.

UPHAM

Councilman Upham said he is waiting to hear from the Village Trustees regarding making the historic districting a joint project, if it is decided to move ahead with that process. There is more work that needs to be done before the Town can move ahead. Councilman Upham said tomorrow night, he will be attending Senator Ball's Vietnam Veteran's occasion. Councilman Upham thanked Todd Bender, Legislative Aide for his help on the Employee Handbook. Councilman Upham reminded everyone that the Interact Club pancake breakfast is on Sunday.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vinny DiMarco said he met with one of the officials of the Whaley Lake Marina. They assured him that the public would still have access to the lake and would still be able to launch boats throughout the season. With regard to the 2% tax cap, he said no town can survive with a 2% tax cap because costs continue to rise.

Curtis Cess, resident from West Deer Trail, said he wanted to continue to clean up the trails at Lakeside Park, as he has been doing in the past.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board granted permission for Mr. Cess to continue the cleanup of the trails earlier in the meeting.

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

Town Clerk