

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM December 9, 2015 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Montemarano, Upham, DeRosa and approximately 9 interested citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

Supervisor Kelly opened the meeting for public comment on agenda items and there were none.

MINUTES

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2015 and November 18, 2015, seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed with the following roll call vote:

MOTION: Supervisor Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Upham

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE” Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”
Councilman Upham – “AYE” Councilman Montemarano – “AYE”
Supervisor Kelly – “AYE”

CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolution 2015119
Payment of Bills for the Town of Pawling**

Whereas, The Town of Pawling Bookkeeper has reviewed and prepared the vouchers and has offered them for review, and

Whereas, the vouchers have been approved in accordance with the Town of Pawling policy, and

Whereas, the vouchers have been numbered 20151656 through 20151776, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Pawling Town Board hereby accepts the vouchers as prepared and on the recommendation of the Bookkeeper and hereby authorizes payment of said vouchers for the Town of Pawling on this date in the amount of \$600,376.37.

**Resolution 2015120
Facility Use Requests - Waiver / Fees**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling operates facilities that from time to time will be used by the public for events other than the Town’s own usage, and

Whereas, the Director of Recreation will periodically receive requests to waive the fees, and

Whereas, the Town Board sets the fees for the use of facilities, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the following fees / waiver(s) have been authorized by the Town Board:

Pawling High School Dutcher Golf Course 3/1/16 to 5/1/16 Waive All Fees
3:00pm to 6:00pm

MOTION: Supervisor Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE” Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”
Councilman Upham – “AYE” Councilman Montemarano – “AYE”
Supervisor Kelly – “AYE”

FURTHER BUSINESS

CASTAGNA PETITION FOR ZONING CHANGES

Supervisor Kelly said Mr. DeRosa asked that this be on the agenda. The Planning Board has given the Town Board their recommendations on the proposed zoning amendments from Castagna/Jucca. The Board received these recommendations on November 30, 2015 and he was not sure the Board had a chance to look at the recommendations and offer comments. Supervisor Kelly said he had a conversation with the Town Attorney and with Liz Axelson from Morris Associates today and they recommend the Town Board have a joint meeting with the Planning Board and/or leadership of the Planning Board and consultants to discuss the Planning Board’s discussion and their methodology of how they came up with their recommendations. He suggested this meeting be scheduled for a meeting in January.

Councilman DeRosa said he was at a lot of the Planning Board meetings where they discussed the petition. He felt that a joint meeting was an excellent idea and felt it would be important for the Town Board to hear the Planning Board’s reasoning for making their decisions. It would be a good way to move this forward.

Councilman Johnson felt the Planning Board did a complete review of this and he was glad the Planning Board was working to that degree of professionalism. He asked about time constraints on the Town Board.

Supervisor Kelly said once the public hearing is held, the clock begins. The Town Attorney felt the joint meeting should happen first.

The Board agreed.

Jerry Schwalbe from Divney Tung Schwalbe said they would be happy to attend a joint meeting of the Town Board and Planning Board when it is scheduled. They want to make sure the Town Board is comfortable with the proposed changes too.

MEETING WITH DUTCHESS COUNTY SENIOR PLANNER

Councilman DeRosa said after the last meeting, he, JoAnne Daley, Planning Board Secretary and George Brehm, Planning Board Chairman met with Brian Kehoe from Dutchess County Planning & Development. They took Mr. Kehoe on a tour of Route 22, north and south of the Village. Mr. Kehoe said DC Planning & Development is always willing to help the Town of Pawling in any way they can. He felt the Town should reach out to DC Planning & Development for help on any project. DC Planning & Development is interested in the Route 22 corridor and everything that is going on there.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Daley, Highway Superintendent asked for comments from the Board about the scrap metal and he explained the options to the Board.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to allow the Supervisor to sign the agreement with Effron for market rate plus \$75.00 fee, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Daley said he received a letter from NYS DOT asking the Town to sign on with them for shared services. He called NYS DOT to investigate what would be involved in this and they are not looking for anything from the Town. The agreement would basically be for the sharing of salt.

Supervisor Kelly said he would like to see the agreement and have the Town Attorney look it over before it is signed.

Mr. Daley said after an extended delay and many conversations with Verizon, there is a working phone at the Transfer Station.

Helen Grosso asked if the Jucca petition was posted on line. She stated that there is law stating that if the Board is discussing a document, it is supposed to be made available to the public.

Supervisor Kelly said the Town only has a hard copy of that document, they received it many months ago and Mrs. Grosso could FOIL it if she wanted it. Supervisor Kelly said his understanding of the law is that the Town does not have to create electronic documents where none exist.

Mrs. Grosso said she spoke to Bob Freeman today regarding an email exchange between her and Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk. She wondered if there was a form that was filled out by the Town when submitting the Annual Audit Document (AUD).

Supervisor Kelly said the AUD is done by him as part of his job as budget director. The AUD is a fill in form on line through the Comptroller's Office and when he hits send, he has to print a hard copy for himself and the Board, he does not have an electronic document.

Mrs. Grosso said she stood corrected. She asked that in other instances wherever possible, she asked that documents be electronic. Mrs. Grosso asked if she could get details of the 2016 budget.

Supervisor Kelly said Mrs. Grosso could FOIL the information she wants with the Town Clerk and she would then send the request to the appropriate department to obtain the information.

Lou Musella said before he retired, he was interviewed by a high school student, which turned out to be quite a history lesson for her. During the interview, he explained what war he was in, what branch of the service he was in, what he did and what his responsibilities were and he told her if he had to, he would do it all over again. Without going into too much detail, he told her all about the Vietnam War and how the Country was divided at that time. She asked why he would do it all over again. He answered, "Ask not what your Country can do for you but ask what you can do for your Country." He was a sailor and grew up into a young man sailing all over the world, with responsibilities every civilian would find difficult to comprehend. Mr. Musella said to be asked by the Board to represent the Town of Pawling for induction into the New York State Veteran's Hall of Fame is an honor that he does not take lightly, nor does he take it for granted and it is one he will never forget. It was his honor to serve our great Country during that tumultuous time of war and it was his honor to say thank you to the Board for their kindness and recognition of his service. He is humbled to be in the company of men and women who served our great Country with such distinction.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk