

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM March 2, 2016 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen DeRosa, Upham, Johnson, Montemarano and approximately 15 interested citizens.

### **PAWLING COMMUNITY FOUNDATION PRESENTATION**

Mike Cerny and Ed Hauser were present representing the Pawling Community Foundation (PCF).

Mr. Cerny thanked the Board for entertaining their last presentation. Since then, they have looked more closely at the results of their survey and had a meeting last Saturday. At that meeting, they made some decisions as to where the PCF wants to focus their efforts. They would like to take the current Town Parks Master Plan and the current community survey and hire a planner to provide an analysis of how the survey results can be realized in the current Parks Master Plan. They met with Matt Clark, who is a planner and grew up in Pawling and played in the parks as a kid. Mr. Clark is a nationally recognized planner/designer with a nationally recognized company who has offices throughout the Country. He is very interested in getting involved. He put forward a proposal to the PCF that they would never get from anyone else, it is almost too good to be true. In order for the PCF to do this, they will be taking private money and fund raising to make this all happen. Hiring a planner is the first thing they decided to do. This step shows how the survey can come to fruition. The other thing they decided was to move forward with fund raising and preparations for regrading and renovating the great lawn with drainage and fields for use by local organizations. The proposal would include multiple playing fields in connection with some of the work that Mr. Clark will do. Joe Zarecki of Zarecki & Associates has decided to get involved and help Mr. Clark. They would like to move forward with the great lawn project. There will be some costs, they are probably looking at \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 to get the whole thing done. So this is not cheap and they have to raise those funds to make that happen. The lawn will be in a condition that is easier to maintain once the work is done. They can't do this alone, they need the support of the Town Board. Ultimately, the Town Board has to make the decision if this is something they want. The PCF is ready to move forward with this. They would love to see a resolution from the Town Board supporting this and the next step would be meeting with Town representatives to figure out particulars of the project. They are excited to move forward with this project and work with the Board.

Supervisor Kelly said this is the beginning of the process. He asked Councilman Montemarano and Councilman Johnson to be involved, along with Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds. He felt there would be a question and answer time that would need to happen. Then the Board can decide whether or not to accept the donation. He felt this was positive for the community and it could be a very good project for the Town. His understanding was that this would be a 2017 project.

The Board felt this was a very positive step forward and thanked the PCF for all of their work.

### **PUBLIC HEARING: LOCAL LAW # OF 2016, AMENDMENT TO SEWER LOCAL LAW 161-18**

Supervisor Kelly said the Town Board scheduled a public hearing on an amendment to the Sewer Local Law Section 161-18. When the public hearing was scheduled, the legal language had to be changed. The Village Attorney and Town Attorney have been working on that and it is now complete and has been distributed to the Town Board. Since the Board set tonight as a date for a public hearing, he would like to take comments from anyone who would like to comment. The Town Clerk was not able to notice the public hearing so it is not an official public hearing. The Board will need to set another public hearing date and do the proper notification and they can do that next week. He wanted to make sure everything was cleaned up in the law.

Supervisor Kelly asked for comments from the public.

There were no comments from the audience.

Supervisor Kelly closed the public comment period.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resolutions would be placed on the March 9, 2016 Town Board meeting agenda.

## **FURTHER BUSINESS**

### **WHALEY LAKE DAM UPDATE**

Supervisor Kelly said he wanted to give the Board an update on the Whaley Lake Dam. First off, the Town has come to an agreement with both property owners, the Benko's and LDS. The Benko lot line adjustment will go before the Planning Board on Monday for a final determination. He was able to secure the LDS property for \$9,000.00. The LDS lot line adjustment will be put on the March 21<sup>st</sup> agenda and that will be completed. The final paperwork for NYS DEC has been signed and submitted by the engineers. The Town should be getting the final permits shortly. Once the Town gets the permits, then releasing the construction documents can be discussed. Once the time frames for construction have been established, they will then know when the lake will be dewatered. They are looking at dewatering to begin at the beginning to mid-summer time frame.

Councilman DeRosa suggested a letter to all residents with an update on what is happening with the dam and when the lake will be dewatered. The Board should also schedule a meeting to inform the residents and allow them to ask questions.

The Board agreed to send a letter to residents and schedule a meeting in order to update the public on the progress.

## **REPORTS**

### **KELLY**

Supervisor Kelly said he attended the Association of Towns conference in February. He attended the monthly liaison meeting with the Town, School, Village and Chamber of Commerce and "safe routes" were discussed. "Safe Routes" is a sidewalk proposed from the elementary school at the end of Coulter Avenue, along Trinity Pawling's property, up Reservoir Road into Wagner Drive into the high school. Trinity Pawling expressed concern about the layout of the sidewalks, the location on their property and using the bridge, which belongs to Trinity Pawling. Supervisor Kelly said regarding the sewer rate increases, the school is very concerned about the increased rates. Supervisor Kelly said he attended the Chamber of Commerce Executive Board last week, Peter Cris is doing a great job as president. He reminded everyone that County Executive Marcus Molinaro will be conducting a town hall meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM right here at town hall. Supervisor Kelly said the Appalachian Trail Community has set their 2016 monthly projects and developed a map showing the trail and it notes all parking and shelters. Supervisor Kelly said regarding the ambulance service, he thanked the Board for the emergency meeting last Friday to discuss ambulance service and for their support. He asked for authorization to handle an event should it happen and at 5:43 Friday evening, he received a call from TransCare saying they were ceasing business. Due to the Board's authorization at the emergency meeting, he was able to contact EMStar and have them deploy an ambulance here on a month by month basis. So the Town of Pawling has ambulance coverage. Supervisor Kelly said he has signed all documentation relating to the MyRec program for the Recreation Department and they will go live with the program on March 10<sup>th</sup>.

### **JOHNSON**

Councilman Johnson said Patterson Rotary is setting up an Interact Club and they are using Pawling's Interact Club as a role model. Pawling's kids will mentor the Patterson kids and help them set up that program.

### **MONTEMARANO**

Councilman Montemarano said he is working on getting the parks up to speed for spring. There are some roofing issues at the Lathrop building at Lakeside Park, but progress is being made there. He is also working on renovations at the VFW building with their volunteers.

## **DEROSA**

Councilman DeRosa said he also attended the Association of Towns meeting in February. He has a letter from the Planning Board requesting an hour of training be approved for Planning Board members.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to approve a one (1) hour training for the Planning Board towards the 2016 yearly training as requested, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman DeRosa said the first meeting was held regarding the Transfer Station last month. A lot of information was received from a lot of other towns regarding what they have done and what they offer to their residents. A lot of towns have done away with their transfer stations and have gone to privatization. Supervisor Kelly has created a map of all of the towns in the County and will put the information on the map to see what services are offered around the County before we go any further.

## **UPHAM**

Councilman Upham complimented Supervisor Kelly for his great work in solving the ambulance service emergency.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Daley, Highway Superintendent said the Bookkeeper's Office has requested more paperwork from his office on an ongoing basis. Therefore, he would like to increase his secretary's time from 10 hours per week to 11 hours per week.

Supervisor Kelly said he would check with the Bookkeeper's Office to see what paperwork is being requested and get back to Mr. Daley.

Peter Cris, President of the Chamber of Commerce reminded everyone that County Executive will hold a town hall meeting at the Pawling Town Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 at 5:30 PM. He also stated that the Chamber of Commerce hoped to reschedule the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission Workshop Meeting at the Fire House, which was postponed last week. The meeting was for discussion and learning on the sewer expansion and how it effects the community.

Helen Grosso said the park planning is very exciting and it is exciting to think about the parks being connected. She suggested that the Town could be a partner with the Oblong Land Trust as they are an accredited land trust.

Steve Sollazzo from DiPietro Lane said he would like to see resolution of his ethics complaint, complaint #2014-01 dated January 9, 2014. He responded with four letters to the Ethics Board, Town Board and Town Attorney. He has not received any correspondence to date regarding the complaint. He is frustrated and hoped to see a resolution to this matter as soon as possible. He hoped the Town could put a simple committee together to appoint new members to the Ethics Committee or reestablish their terms. Everyone needs closure to this matter. This has been going on for two and a half years.

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

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Town Clerk