

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM April 13, 2016 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, Montemarano, Upham, DeRosa and approximately 17 interested citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Supervisor Kelly at 6:04 PM to discuss legal matters with the Town Attorney, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:19 PM, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2016055 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 20160350 through 20160512, 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 \$255,998.00.

Resolution 2016056 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:

1) Dutchess County Board of Election – **WAIVE FEES**

a) Tuesday April 19, 2016

b) Tuesday, June 28, 2016

c) September 13, 2016

d) November 8, 2016

Location(s); **Town Hall, Lathrop, and HWLCA**

Times: 11:15am to 10:00pm (4/19, 6/28, and 9/13)

5:15am to 10:30pm (11/8)

2) Pawling Knights of Columbus – **WAIVE FEES**

Sunday 5/15/16

Location: Lakeside Park Pavilion

Time: 8:00am to 4:00pm

3) Pawling Fish & Game- **WAIVE FEES**

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Location: Murrow Park

Time: 6:00am to 3:00pm

4) Shore Haven Civic Association- **WAIVE FEES**

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Location: HWLCA

Time: 6:30pm to 8:30pm

5) American Legion Hasler – Kamp Post **WAIVE FEES**

Monday, May 30, 2016

American Legion Con't

Location: Lakeside Park Pavilion

Time: 11:00am to 2:30pm

Resolution 2016058
Billing for Pawling Water District #2

Whereas, Pawling Water District #2 bills need to be approved by the Pawling Town Board, and,

Whereas, the bills have been prepared and submitted in the amount of \$14,219.75 for the period of January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016 by the Water District Clerk, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Pawling Town Board hereby accepts the billing as recommended for Pawling Water District #2.

Resolution 2016059
Planning Department - Refund Escrow Account

Whereas, the Planning Board on March 2, 2016 has passed a motion to release \$175.00 escrow balance to applicant Truman Capital Advisors LLP, and

Whereas, the Planning Board has notified the Town Board in a letter dated March 2, 2016 to refund the remaining funds in the escrow account of Truman Capital Advisors LLP, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby accepts the recommendation of Planning Board to refund the escrow balance in the account of Truman Capital Advisors LLP and hereby directs the Bookkeeper to pay said amount.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson

SECOND: Councilman Upham

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman Upham – “AYE”

Councilman Montemarano – “AYE”

Supervisor Kelly – “AYE”

NON CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolution 2016057
Appointment(s) Assessment Review Board**

Whereas, two vacancies exist on the Assessment Review Board, and

Whereas, the Assessment Review Board is scheduled to meet with members of the public on the fourth Wednesday of May (5/25/16), and

Whereas, newly appointed are required to attend mandatory training which is offered in the month of April, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Nancy Reilly & Charles Passler are hereby appointed to the Assessment Review Board.

MOTION: Supervisor Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**Resolution 2016060
Quaker Lake Association – Bond**

Whereas, Quaker Lake, Inc., (QLI) owns a parcel of vacant land approximately 139 acres in size located at 55 Quaker Lake Road, tax grid number 7150-00-058449; and

Whereas, QLI has contracted with J&J Log and Lumber Corp., 528 Old Route 22, Dover Plains, New York, to remove standing timber on the parcel in accordance with a DEC approved timber management plan; and

Whereas, QLI has applied for an environmental permit under Town Code article 171 in connection with the timber removal pursuant to its contract;

Whereas, the Town Board recommended that a road bond be posted to cover the cost of repairing any damage to Town roads which might be caused by logging trucks; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that upon QLI or its contractor posting a road repair bond in the amount of five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00).

MOTION: Supervisor Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Johnson

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Supervisor Kelly said 13th Step d/b/a Daryl’s House has asked that Resolution 2016061 to be pulled from the agenda.

FURTHER BUSINESS

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW/TOWN TO PROVIDE GOLF CARTS

Supervisor Kelly said last year, the Town authorized the Chamber of Commerce to use two golf carts during the car show. They are asking for that again this year.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to allow the Chamber of Commerce to use two golf carts, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

PETITION TO REZONE ROONEY MOTORS PROPERTY

Councilman DeRosa said the Town Board asked the Planning Board to review the proposed zoning change for Rooney Motors, located on Route 22 and make recommendations to the Town Board on the proposal. The request was to change the zoning from residential to commercial zoning. The Planning Board has sent the Town Board a letter recommending that the zone change be approved with six conditions. He felt the Town Board should review the recommendations and address it at their next meeting.

RFP – BUNDY HILL ROAD RECLAMATION

John Daley, Highway Superintendent explained that he would like the Board to authorize an RFP for the full depth reclamation on the remaining part of Bundy Hill Road. The Town Attorney has looked over the RFP and said it was fine. He would like the bid to be awarded at the first or second meeting in May.

Councilman Johnson made a motion authorizing the Highway Superintendent to release the RFP for the Bundy Hill Road reclamation project, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Kelly said the bid opening will be set for April 28, 2016 at 10:00 AM.

WATER METERS @ PAWLING WATER DISTRICT #2

Supervisor Kelly said Deputy Town Clerk Cheryl Knowles notified him today that there are times where she has to ask VRI for multiple readings due to inaccurate readings. He asked Councilman Johnson to research how these meters can be replaced.

Councilman Johnson said he has researched this with the Town Attorney and he will discuss it with him again and see what can be done about requiring meters to be repaired/replaced.

BUILDING PERMIT WAIVER/KEN KEARNEY REAL ESTATE

Supervisor Kelly said the Ken Kearney Real Estate organization has asked Carl Ellis, Building Inspector for a waiver of a building permit.

Councilman DeRosa said they are asking for a waiver due to unexpected issues, one being delays in the construction schedule due to NYSEG issues. They are asking for the permit to be extended on a month to month basis with pro rata fees. The building permits ran out in December 15, 2015 and they have probably another two months to work on the project.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to recommend that the Board stay within the existing code, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Supervisor Kelly felt the request should be denied.

Councilman DeRosa amended his motion to deny the waiver request, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman DeRosa said he would inform the Building Inspector tomorrow of the Board's decision.

AUTHORIZATION OF DUMP TRAILER FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT

Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds said he solicited three bids for dump trailers. The lowest bid was \$7,045.00 complete. He has spoken to Councilmen Johnson and Montemarano about the purchase. He needs it now for the ballfields.

Councilman Johnson made a motion authorizing Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds to purchase a 14 foot dump trailer from Hudson River Truck & Trailer in the amount of \$7,045.00, including a tarp kit, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

GOLF COURSE ADVERTISING

Councilman Johnson asked if it was the Board's pleasure to do the same advertising for the golf course as last year. He has come up with a total of 216 commercials scheduled for this year, if the Board wants, which is more than last year. Last year, the cost was about \$2,500.00, this year's proposal is approximately \$3,160.00.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to authorize the expenditure of advertisement for the golf course up to \$5,000.00, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Councilman DeRosa said the sign at the golf course with the rules on it is broken. He said Wendel Weber wants to order a new sign.

The Board agreed with Mr. Weber researching the purchase of a new sign.

TOWN HALL NEW ENTRANCE DOOR

Councilman Montemarano said he sent around some pictures of a proposal for a new entrance door for Town Hall.

Councilman Johnson felt with the work going on at the building next door, both should look the same.

Supervisor Kelly suggested applying for two \$50,000.00 grants but they would have to include seniors. So the Legion building next door would meet that requirement.

Following discussion, it was agreed that Councilman Montemarano would speak to some local architects to see about getting a plan for the front of Town Hall and the Legion building next door.

SUMMER INTERN

Councilman DeRosa said JoAnne Daley, Planning Board Secretary received a request from Michelle Bissett saying she would like to perform an internship for the Town free of charge. She is a junior at Western Connecticut State University where she is pursuing a biology degree. Ms. Bissett would like a letter when the internship is completed saying she did the work and she did a good job. She is a Pawling resident.

Supervisor Kelly said he would contact Dutchess County Department of Human Resources to see if there is anything that needs to be done first.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to approve Ms. Bissett for the internship pending approval from Dutchess County Department of Human Resources and an interview with two Board members, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Casey Conklin, Director of the Pawling Free Library, said they have great success advertising the Library programs on Facebook. You can target by age and type of people you want to solicit. He offered to help with this for advertising for the golf course. It is very inexpensive to advertise this way.

John Daley, Highway Superintendent said there has been an increase in CHIPS funding but they not only added funding but also took funding away. The net gain for the Town is approximately \$10,000.00. The increase is not what it appears to be.

Leslie Mondshein, Pawling resident, said she would like the Board to continue to look at taxes and expenditures and see if there is any way to reduce taxes. It is a general request. She is thrilled to see that the Legion building will be improved. Water is near and dear to her heart and it is a continuing issue for all communities. We must make sure people pay their fair share and do not get a free ride. Regarding the golf course, she felt young people could do free advertising to bring people in.

Councilman Johnson said the water districts in this community are funded only by the people in those districts.

Dr. Tom Bloom felt that the summer intern for the Planning Department should be at least paid minimum wage. Regarding the Legion building, there is a very good architect on the Planning Board and he was sure she would give suggestions on the front of the building.

Russ York, resident of the Town for 17 years, said he has been receiving emails from pawlingtaxcut.org. They said in their last email that Pawling's tax burden has increased 160% in the last 15 years and they represented that we are at the highest rate of tax in the immediate area. Pawling has a debt of 19 million dollars and he asked if light could be shed on that.

Supervisor Kelly said he does not have the specific numbers but he would be willing to meet with Mr. York to discuss this. Pawlingtaxcut.org has projected their numbers and he has recanted their numbers. The increase is not the 160% they say it is. There has been an increase but that is because of the purchase of Lakeside Park, which was a purchase chosen by the residents. The Board has refinanced that bond and it is now down to six years. The Board is constantly looking at keeping expenditures down. The tax cap has been met in the Town of Pawling every year. The Board collectively does everything possible to keep the tax rate down. He is willing to meet with Mr. York, as he has with pawlingtaxcut.org representatives.

Mr. York said residents have seen their property values drop. What can be done about that?

Supervisor Kelly said there is an option of doing a re-evaluation of the Town, but it would cost half a million dollars, which would have to be funded by the Town. The payment of a bond of that amount would put the Town over the tax cap and he was not sure the Board was ready to do that.

Betsy Montgomery, resident from Quaker Hill Road, said there has been discussion about providing screens in the meeting room so that information can be projected. She also requested that going forward, along with the agenda, all attachments and maps to be discussed be posted on the website.

Supervisor Kelly said the Board can look into that and discuss it. Regarding the audio visual equipment, the Board received a bid and the Board felt it was exceeding what they wanted to spend. The Board will be looking at other companies.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Kelly at 8:00 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Deputy Town Clerk