

Supervisor David P. Kelly opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM May 3, 2017 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Upham, Johnson, Montemarano, DeRosa and approximately 28 interested citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to enter into Executive Session was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:01 PM to discuss litigation matters, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to return to the regular order of business was made by Supervisor Kelly at 7:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resolutions would be placed on the May 10, 2017 Town Board meeting agenda.

WHALEY LAKE DAM PROJECT

Supervisor Kelly said there have been a few things that have happened since the special meeting the Board held on the Whaley Lake Dam a few weeks ago. Scott Volkman, Bond Counsel for the Town, received information Thursday afternoon from the NYS Comptroller's Office. The NYS Comptroller's Office agreed that the Whaley Lake Dam District is in the original form that it was presented, it is considered a water district and they will hold it to that. The Comptroller's Office will not give a formal written opinion, they are going with a firm verbal designation of this. They have asked that an amended map, plan and report be done, which will update the cost of the dam. The Comptroller's Office has allowed the one million dollar grant money from NYS DEC to be used as the offsetting cost of this, which will drive the cost down by one million dollars and show that this will stay within the thresholds set up by the Comptroller's Office for water districts. It is wonderful news and based on that, the Town, the Attorney and Engineer have tasks to do which are all underway. The Engineer and Attorney are working on the definite numbers to send to the Comptroller's Office. Once the Attorney has drafted bond documents and language for the Comptroller's Office, we will have the final unit numbers, then the Town Board will set a public hearing date to discuss moving forward with the additional funding. Congressman John Faso has requested from the government 1.5 million dollars for this project and his understanding is that it is in the budget for funding. If there is confirmation from the federal government, the 1.5 million dollars can be applied to the map, plan and report, which would also drive down the unit price. There is a lot of work going on behind the scenes. Supervisor Kelly opened the floor for Board member and resident questions and comments, which were discussed and answered. He said the Board is working toward the July 15th date for the drawdown of the lake. If all goes well, he hoped the Board could schedule the public hearing at the next Town Board meeting.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman DeRosa said the new transfer station attendant has started. He is recording information and checking stickers. He would like to discuss making changes for next year relating to things that are being abused. He is suggesting a by the bag system, possibly charging for larger items such as furniture and not accepting any brush at all. He would like to make it more efficient and equitable for the residents. Another attendant is needed to cover all of the hours the transfer station is open.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

PAWLING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Supervisor Kelly said the School District will be repaving the high school/middle school campus. They rejected the bids because they came back higher than expected. They were exploring the possibility of the Town and Village taking the millings and in return, the Town and Village would do the trucking, which would cut the cost for the School District. He has spoken with

John Daley, Highway Superintendent about this and Mr. Daley has spoken with Glenn Fryer, Head of Buildings & Grounds for the school.

John Daley, Highway Superintendent said he talked about the project with Mr. Fryer and how the Town could help them and he would see how it works out.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the Pawling Central School District to help to truck and take any millings from the project in the summer of 2017 on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent and as needed, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

Supervisor Kelly said he would like to discuss with the Board the Stipulation of Settlement that has been brought to the Town Board by Local 456 International Brotherhood of Teamsters. He felt it was a good agreement and mutually beneficial.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to accept the Stipulation of Settlement dated April 19, 2017, seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed unanimously.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CAR SHOW

Supervisor Kelly said the Chamber of Commerce is having their car show on May 21st. The Town typically donates two golf carts for their use for the day.

Supervisor Kelly made a motion to donate two golf carts on Sunday, May 21, 2017 to use by the Chamber of Commerce as they see fit for the car show, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

VILLAGE OF PAWLING METER READING AGREEMENT/PWD #1

Councilman Johnson said the Town did a meter replacement project in PWD #1 about two years ago. Since then, the meters are read by blue tooth technology and the Town would borrow the Village's meter reader and read the meters. That doesn't work anymore and the Town will now enter into an inter-municipal agreement to have the Village hire Severn Trent to read the meters.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to enter into the agreement, which is a limited time agreement and as a condition of this resolution to require the Town Board to negotiate in good faith with the Village about them taking over the operation, maintenance and billing of PWD #1, seconded by Councilman DeRosa.

Supervisor Kelly said he would like to see Councilmen Johnson and DeRosa as the negotiation team.

The motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

TOWN INSURANCE

Lori Johnson, Representative of Emery & Webb, Town's Insurance Agency was present. Mrs. Johnson said this year, they have gone out to four other insurance companies for them to bid to ensure they were getting the Town the best price they could. Due to the fact that the Whaley Lake Dam is considered a high hazard dam, the four insurance companies all declined to bid because they did not want to cover the dam. Selective has been doing a good job for the Town. This year there has been a decrease in the rate by \$5,272.34 and coverage remains the same. She is presenting the insurance policies for the Town Board to approve.

Councilman DeRosa said the Town does not have problems with employees and he asked if that made a difference in the premium.

Mrs. Johnson said yes, that is correct.

Councilman DeRosa gave credit to the employees.

Councilman Upham made a motion to approve the renewal of the Town's Insurance, seconded by Supervisor Kelly and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “ABSTAINED”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman Upham – “AYE”

Councilman Montemarano – “AYE”

Supervisor Kelly – “AYE”

REPORTS

KELLY

Supervisor Kelly said he has spent hours and hours on the Whaley Lake Dam project over the past month. Regarding Daryl’s house, the Town has made a paper submittal to the court and the Town has met all of the deadlines the court has asked the Town to do. The Town is still waiting for an application for outdoor concerts. The Town has offered to meet with them and has not received any call back on that. Regarding the golf course, it is up and running and it has been a very good month. Sean Cunningham is running the golf course and we are way ahead of last year. He reported that last Friday, the National Park Service and arborists from all over the northeast pruned the Dover Oak. He attended that ceremony, saying that some of the pieces will be going to certain providers and builders to build benches, etc. He thanked the National Park Service and Dutchess County for closing the road so the tree could be pruned.

JOHNSON

Councilman Johnson said he looked at the Lathrop building and Murrow Park building roofs. The engineers should have bids prepared soon. He felt a punch list should be generated for other work that needs to be done. Regarding the parks for the summer, they have hired some lifeguards but not a lot. There are some pay inequalities with other towns regarding lifeguards, which may have to be considered to get more of a response. He felt Pawling needed to be a little more competitive. Regarding the geese, Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds is doing what needs to be done. Constables will also be helping with geese control. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, he has spoken with Congressman Faso and he has encouraging words and he is excited about the possibility of additional funding. Councilman Johnson said he wanted to praise Senator Murphy for his efforts to combat heroin addiction, and people should reach out to him and congratulate him for doing that. As everyone knows, this is something that is near and dear to him. If any family experiences any kind of trouble, they should reach out to the Senator, he will get you to the people that you need to speak with.

MONTEMARANO

Councilman Montemarano said the Town Hall front entryway is underway. There will be new windows, doors and radiant heat under the concrete. The asbestos abatement related to this project is currently underway. Regarding the 2016 CDBG, that will begin soon, which includes ADA from the Village up to Lakeside Park.

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa said on April 25th, he attended planning and zoning school with the Dutchess County Planning Federation. He has been talking with the Building Department because the Town Board allowed a couple of people amnesty from fees and he is talking to the Building Inspector about an amnesty program going forward much like the one that was done a couple of years ago. This can be approved at the next meeting.

The Board agreed to move this forward next week.

Councilman DeRosa said the Implementation Committee needs a new member. He suggested Nancy Iankowitz, who is a Zoning Board of Appeals member currently. Also, he needs one more independent member to complete that Committee. He would like the Implementation Committee to look at adding alternate board members for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals. He would also like the Implementation Committee to look at adding something regarding short term rentals, under 30 days to the Code.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion for the Implementation Committee to look at alternate zoning and planning board members, up to two and short term rentals in the zoning, seconded by Supervisor Kelly, motion passed unanimously.

UPHAM

Councilman Upham said he attended a meeting in Poughkeepsie in March which had to do with opioid/heroin addiction. It is incredibly wide spread. He did get materials, which he would share with the Board. He understood Congress was allotting monies to fight this.

PUBLIC COMMENT

John Daley submitted an estimate for a culvert replacement on Dewey Lake. The Town was not successful in getting grant monies from the State. He has been talking with NYS DOT trying to find a temporary bridge. He asked the Board to look over the estimate and it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Vinny DiMarco said he appreciated the Board's hard work overall. The opium epidemic is serious. He has a scanner and 80% of the calls are due to drug abuse. He felt Senator Murphy was doing a wonderful job. He appreciated Supervisor Kelly's and the Board's work on the Whaley Lake Dam. He would be happy to circulate petitions when the time comes.

Peter Cris, President of the Chamber of Commerce invited all to attend the car show on May 21st. He also wanted to work on developing a story regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, the history, what is presently happening and the future of the dam for the Pawling Matters publication and the Pawling Record, the new newspaper, which should be coming out in mid-May. He said the USSBA will be visiting Pawling again on June 26, 2017. He will be pursuing the fire house for this event.

Al Greve said regarding the transfer station, he felt that a by the bag system is the way to go. He felt beginning the system in September of this year would be a way to transition people to a by the bag system. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, he felt there should be a Town boat launch that is open to the public. He felt this could be incorporated into the new dam design.

Judy Pisano said the discussion regarding the transfer station sounded positive. She said there used to be a business sticker with a different price than a residential sticker. She hoped the information she submitted for the grant for a new truck was helpful.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Kelly at 8:30 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk