

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman William Johnson opened the Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM December 13, 2017 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Upham, DeRosa and approximately 22 interested citizens. Supervisor Kelly was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Dietz from 27 Meadow Lane said he wanted to address the agenda item regarding filling the vacancy for the golf course. He recommended the Board consider postponing the decision until the new Board is in place. He did not understand why the Board had to rush in and make that decision considering it is winter and a new Board will be coming in a couple of weeks. Before this full time position is filled, he felt the Board should explore other opportunities to meet that need. Other municipal golf courses sub out the work, they do not have employees. Pawling is the only golf course in New York that has employees, to his knowledge. He took a quick look at staffing levels in adjacent towns in Dutchess County. Pawling has the highest number of staff, highest payroll and highest cost of medical benefits. He urged the Board to postpone this decision and allow the new Board to make it.

CONSENT AGENDA

**Resolution 2017108
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 2018563 through 2018720, 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 \$261,490.92.

**Resolution 2017109
Facilities Use Request**

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, reduction, or waiver(s) have been authorized by the Town Board:

Pawling Cub Scouts Pack 34 Theresa Lawson	Lathrop Auditorium 5pm-9pm	1/26/18 WAIVED
Pawling Cub Scouts Pack 34 Theresa Lawson	Lathrop Auditorium 4pm-9pm	2/24/18 WAIVED

**Resolution 2017110
Appointment of Registrar of Vital Statistics**

Whereas, The Town of Pawling is required to have a Registrar of Vital Statistics, and,

Whereas, Catherine Giordano, Pawling Town Clerk, has been performing the duties of Registrar of Vital Statistics for several years, and,

Whereas Catherine Giordano has expressed an interest in continuing to perform said duties, now therefore be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling hereby appoints Catherine Giordano as Registrar of Vital Statistics for the Town of Pawling for a term expiring on December 31, 2021, and be it further

Resolved, that Catherine Giordano shall be compensated at the amount established within each approved yearly operational budget.

Resolution 2017111
Escrow Release SGH China LLC

Whereas, the Town of Pawling currently holds \$1,234.40 balance in escrow for SGH China LLC (Pawling Gulf), and,

Whereas, the Planning Board Secretary has confirmed in a letter dated 11/21/17 that there are no outstanding bills and that there will be no future bills for review, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board that these funds be released, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling hereby releases the \$1,234.40 balance in escrow to SGH China LLC and authorizes the Bookkeeper to release such funds.

Resolution 2017112
Escrow Release Bruce Walker Esq.

Whereas, the Town of Pawling currently holds \$2,617.00 balance in escrow for Bruce Walker, Esq., and,

Whereas, the owner has requested that these funds be returned, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board Secretary has confirmed in a letter dated 11/21/17 that there are no outstanding bills and that there will be no future bills for review, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board that these funds be released, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling hereby releases the \$2,617.00 balance in escrow to Bruce Walker, Esq. and authorizes the Bookkeeper to release such funds.

Resolution 2017113
Waiver of Fee for Oblong Land Conservancy

Whereas, the Oblong Land Conservancy is a local, non-profit organization, and,

Whereas, the Oblong Land Conservancy is installing a sign raising public awareness to the fact that the community is located in the Great Swamp Watershed, and,

Whereas, in a letter dated 11/21/17, the Planning Board has recommended that the signage fee of \$50 be waived, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board hereby authorizes the waiver of the \$50 signage fee for the Oblong Conservancy.

Resolution 2017114
2018 Highway Material Bid

Whereas, the Superintendent of Highways has requested bids on various highway materials for the year 2018, and,

Whereas, the list of highway materials has been advertised in the Poughkeepsie Journal and was noticed to be opened on October 25, 2017 at 11:15 am, and,

Whereas, the bids for materials have been reviewed and approved by the Highway Superintendent for purchase in 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the material bid from the tabulated sheet provided by the Town Clerk.

Resolution 2017115
Kirby Hill Farm Fee Reduction

Whereas, Diamond Properties LLC, owners of Kirby Hill Farm, appeared before the Town Board on November 1, 2017 to request a fee reduction, and,

Whereas, the Town Board referred the matter to the Planning Board for recommendation, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board, based on their knowledge of the matter, recommended that the fees not be reduced, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby denies the fee reduction request of Diamond Properties, LLC on behalf of Kirby Hill Farm.

MOTION: Councilman Upham

SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman Upham – “AYE”

VACANT

Supervisor Kelly – “ABSENT”

NON CONSENT AGENDA

Resolution 2017116
Golf Course Vacancy Appointment

Whereas, a full time Laborer vacancy has occurred at Dutcher Golf Course, and,

Whereas, Benjamin Meyer is a current part time laborer for the Buildings & Grounds Department, and

Whereas, the Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds would like to fill that position with Benjamin Meyer, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board approves Benjamin Meyer to be a full time Laborer with the Dutcher Golf Course.

MOTION: Councilman Johnson

SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

Councilman Johnson said this position not only works at Dutcher Golf Course but also works for the Maintenance Department.

Councilman DeRosa said Mr. Meyer is very experienced at golf course maintenance. He also carries his pesticide license which allows him to care for the greens. He has a lot of experience working at Quaker Hill for a long time. When you have a chance to hire someone with experience that can do work on the golf course and do a good job, you should hire them.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman Upham – “AYE”

VACANT

Supervisor Kelly – “ABSENT”

MUNICIPAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT/PAWLING JOINT SEWER

Councilman Johnson said the Town and Village have an agreement and the Board needs to authorize the Supervisor to sign a revised agreement, as some changes have been made. The biggest change is that the maximum estimated cost of the expansion and upgrades is \$13,300,000. There are also other amendments referring to two bond resolutions.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF PAWLING AND LOCAL 456 INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS

Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Teamsters agreement, seconded by Councilman Upham, motion passed unanimously.

INTERN IN THE PLANNING OFFICE

Councilman DeRosa said JoAnne Daley has sent an email to the Board regarding Michelle Bisette, who is willing to work as an intern in the planning office at no cost to the Town. There are projects she can work on.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to allow Michelle Bisette to work for the Town of Pawling, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Johnson said Dutchess County Human Resources said they are okay with this, but he is awaiting word from labor counsel on this issue. He suggested amending the motion to include wording regarding awaiting word from labor counsel on hiring Ms. Bisette.

Councilman Johnson introduced an amendment to await comments from labor counsel, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

The motion passed unanimously.

TRANSFER STATION PERMITS

Councilman DeRosa presented to the Board a document that would be given out with the transfer station permits, emphasizing that the permit should be affixed to the vehicle, as discussed by the Board.

The Board felt the document was acceptable and should be given out with the transfer station permits.

UPHAM

Councilman Upham said this is his last meeting here and it has been his privilege to serve. There are so many people to thank, such as employees and others. He congratulated Mr. McCarthy and Mr. Schmitt. He thanked Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk and Lori Johnson, Town's insurance agent, who save the Town a lot of money with the insurance on the Whaley Lake Dam. He also thanked Jess Peterson, Legislative Aide. He thanked Councilman Johnson for allowing him to lead the pledge of allegiance and he wished everyone good luck.

Councilman DeRosa thanked Councilman Upham for the support he has given the Board and him personally over the years.

Councilman Johnson agreed with Councilman DeRosa and said it has been a pleasure serving on the Board with him.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vinny DiMarco thanked Councilman Upham, the Board and Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk. He said another year has gone by and the Board has made many good things happen. It is a pleasure to see the Board working together and things moving forward. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, the south wall of the coffer dam is about 97% complete. The north wall will probably be completed tomorrow. He spoke with Kevin Flood of Fuss & O'Neill and he will be on site Friday for a meeting. Mr. DiMarco said progress is going well but there will be a revised schedule. He will be updating the Board on the current progress monthly or bimonthly as the project progresses.

Harvey Matcovsky from Holmes, New York said Councilman Upham will be missed and he hoped he would remain active. On behalf of the School Board, he invited Board members and anyone else to the Christmas concert on Wednesday at 7 PM at the High School Auditorium. Also, there is a wonderful article in the newspaper which very clearly explains the progress and financials of the school. It is the first time in many years that their auditor gave them a clean audit with no further recommendations. It has taken a number of years to clean up the mess made by the previous School Board. The School Board has eliminated over budgeting.

There were no further comments and Councilman Johnson closed the public comment period.

PRESENTATION HONORING THE SERVICE OF COUNCILMAN MICHAEL MONTEMARANO

Councilman Johnson said Councilman Montemarano has missed a couple of meetings and he missed him and the Town misses him, as do all of the Town's employees.

Councilman Upham said we all miss Councilman Montemarano.

Councilman Johnson introduced the following Commendation:

COMMENDATION
Michael Montemarano

Whereas, Michael Montemarano has served the Town of Pawling with honor and distinction for over 10 years as a Town Councilman, and

Whereas, Michael Montemarano has been the consummate example of a dedicated public servant who has affected great positive change in the Town of Pawling, and

Whereas, the hard work and leadership of Michael Montemarano has been the driving force for countless projects and improvements that have made our parks and facilities more accessible for the residents he cares so deeply for, and

Whereas, Michael Montemarano further contributed to the betterment of the Town of Pawling in innumerable ways by creating a Volunteer Program of residents willing to give their time and expertise to reduce the cost of maintaining our facilities, and

Whereas, Michael Montemarano has demonstrated incredible initiative during his tenure and could often be found rebuilding lighting fixtures, designing basketball courts and playgrounds, reconfiguring playing surfaces, drafting specification for new equipment purchases (such as the highway plow trucks, loaders, and backhoes), and

Whereas, Michael Montemarano is regarded as a respected friend and a true gentlemen by all of his colleagues in the Town of Pawling, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling, by its elected town board, hereby recognizes the hard work and dedication displayed by Michael Montemarano.

Presented this 13th day of December, 2017.

Councilman Johnson said Supervisor Kelly could not be here tonight and asked Councilman Johnson to say a few words on his behalf. Supervisor Kelly wanted to express that he sincerely wished he could be here tonight to honor Mike Montemarano. Councilman Montemarano has done a tremendous amount of work for this town, and his positive impact on the community will be felt and enjoyed for decades to come. Mike has quietly rolled up his sleeves – literally and figuratively – to do the things no one else would do. Everything from weeding the parks to drafting plans to the tedious paperwork for grants, human resources, equipment purchases, and countless other projects and tasks, nothing was too big or too small for him to jump right into. Mike Montemarano is one of the finest people to have served on the Town Board. I want to personally thank him as both the Town Supervisor and as a resident of Pawling for all of the hard

work he's done over the past decade. There is no better example of what a Pawling Town Board member should be.

Peter Cris, President of the Pawling Chamber of Commerce said he has had the privilege of knowing Councilman Montemarano prior to being here in Pawling, with clients at his office in Armonk. Councilman Montemarano is consistent in the way he presents himself, in his intelligence and capabilities. His friendship will continue even though he will not be on the Board. He will continue to be here Wednesdays to represent the Chamber and community and keep Councilman Montemarano up to date on what is going on.

Vinny DiMarco said Councilman Montemarano is really Mr. Pawling. Councilman Montemarano has given so much to this Town and as a taxpayer, he didn't mind paying taxes because Councilman Montemarano watched over every dollar. He wished Councilman Montemarano the very best and a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM in honor of Councilman Montemarano, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk