

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the Organizational and Workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM January 3, 2018 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, McCarthy, DeRosa and approximately 40 interested citizens.

A “Swearing In” ceremony of the elected officials of the Town of Pawling was conducted by Dutchess County Sheriff Adrian “Butch” Anderson at 7:00 P.M. January 3, 2018 at the Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Town Officials installed were James Schmitt, Town Supervisor, James McCarthy, Town Councilman, William Johnson, Town Councilman, John Dickinson, Highway Superintendent and Catherine Giordano, Town Clerk.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS**

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

### **ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT**

#### **Resolution 2018001 Standard Workday**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling sets the standard workday for the term of one year, and

Whereas, the current term of the standard workday is effective the date January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the standard workday is as follows:

Town Hall; 160 Charles Colman Blvd will be: 8:30 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday excluding the Building Department which will operate at 7:30 AM to 3 PM

Buildings and Grounds Department; 2 Lakeside Drive; will operate 7 AM to 3:30 PM Monday through Friday

Recreation Department; 2 Lakeside Drive; will be 9 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday.

#### **Resolution 2018002 Designation Official Newspaper**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling is responsible for the designation of the official newspaper for a term of one year and this designation shall be at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the effective date of January 3, 2018 is hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates Poughkeepsie Journal as its official newspaper for the year 2018.

#### **Resolution 2018003 Setting Meeting Dates Town Board**

Whereas, the Town Board is required to set meeting dates for 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby sets its meeting dates as follows: *first Wednesday* of the month for the purpose of the Workshop and the *second Wednesday* of the month for the purpose of the monthly Business Meeting, and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Town Board will only meet on the second Wednesday in months of July and August, and, be it, further

Resolved, that all meetings shall commence at 7 PM unless noticed pursuant to New York State Town Law, and, be it further

Resolved, the Town Board will meet at 160 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, NY except for the October **Workshop** meeting which will convene at 239 Route 292, Holmes, NY 12531 at the Holmes Whaley Lakes Civic Association Building.

**Resolution 2018004**  
**Setting Meeting Dates for the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals**

Whereas, setting the meeting dates for Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals for a one-year term, and

Whereas, the meeting dates of the Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals is effective the date of January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling's reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the meeting dates for Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals is as follows:

Planning Board: First and Third Mondays of each month starting at 7:00 PM with the exceptions of 1/2, 1/16, 2/20 & 9/4, when the meeting will be held the Tuesday after the Holiday.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:00 PM  
With the exception of 5/29 which the meeting will be held the Tuesday after the Holiday.

**Resolution 2018005**  
**Setting Compensation for Elected Officials**

Whereas, the elected officials within the Town of Pawling must have the compensation set for each, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the compensation for the elected officials is hereby set within the approved town of Pawling 2018 budget is as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$ 23,117
Town Board (4)	8,703
Town Clerk	53,325
Superintendent of Highways	61,448
Town Justice (2)	16,240
Tax Collector	15,435

**Resolution 2018006**  
**Appointment Deputy Supervisor**

Whereas, the position of Deputy Supervisor is an appointed position serving for a one-year term at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, William Johnson has been designated Deputy Town Supervisor for the year 2017 and is recommended by the Town Supervisor that it continue for 2018 now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that William Johnson is hereby appointed Deputy Supervisor for 2018.

**Resolution 2018007**  
**Appointment Public Information Officer (Media)**

Whereas, the position of Public Information Officer is an appointed position serving for a one year term at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the current term of the Public Information Officer is to be effective to the date of January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Catherine Giordano, Town Clerk and James Schmitt, Town Supervisor are hereby appointed the Town of Pawling Information Officers.

**Resolution 2018008  
Grievance Day**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling as required by New York State Law holds a day in which property owners can grieve their property taxes, and

Whereas, due to the contract of Shared Services with the Town of Patterson, The Town of Pawling Grievance Day cannot be held on the fourth Tuesday of May and is in need of being rescheduled, and

Whereas, counsel for the Association of Towns has advised the Town Supervisor's Office that the Town can schedule an alternative day for the day in which Grievances are heard, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling will hold Grievance Day on the Wednesday following the fourth Tuesday in May.

**Resolution 2018009  
Appointment Bookkeeper**

Whereas, the position of Town Bookkeeper is an appointed position serving for a term of six (6) months as of January 3, 2018 at the pleasure of the Supervisor of the Town of Pawling and,

Whereas, the Supervisor of the Town of Pawling hereby recommends Andrew Forman, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Andrew Forman is hereby appointed Bookkeeper and compensated at the salary established within the approved Town of Pawling 2018 budget.

**Resolution 2018010  
Setting Banking Depositories**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling sets the banking Depository for a term of one year, and

Whereas, banking depositories are effective to the date of January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Putnam County Savings Bank, M & T Bank, and Key Bank are hereby named as the depository banks of the Town of Pawling for the year 2018.

**Resolution 2018011  
Setting Petty Cash Accounts**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling Town Board has the ability to set up a Petty Cash Accounts, and

Whereas, the petty cash accounts shall be effective from the date of January 3, 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Clerk, Town Justice Court, Tax Collector, and the Recreation Department maintain a petty cash account not to exceed \$250 for the year 2018 and that reconciliation statements will be submitted to the Town Supervisor's office by the 15th of April, July, October and January for the prior quarters activity.

**Resolution 2018012**  
**Setting Reimbursable Mileage Rate**

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling sets the mileage rate for term of one year, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby sets the mileage rate (\$.545) at the designated Internal Revenue Service rate of 2018.

**Resolution 2018013**  
**Attendance Conferences, Meetings and Training**

Whereas, Town Board Pawling sets the ability for Town employees and Board members to attend conferences and training for a term of one year, and

Whereas, the attendance at conferences and training shall be effective to the date January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization of 2018, and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the Town employees and its Board members to attend conferences and training within the budgeted amounts approved within the 2018 budget.

**Resolution 2018014**  
**Delegate and Alternate to the Association of Town 2018**

Whereas, the New York Association of Town requires a Delegate be named to represent the Town of Pawling at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Towns of the State of New York, and

Whereas, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling authorizes the appointment of this position, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that James Schmitt, Town Supervisor, is appointed as the Voting Delegate to the Association of Towns of the State of New York and James McCarthy is hereby appointed Alternate.

**Resolution 2018015**  
**Appointment - Town Attorney**

Whereas, The Town of Pawling retains counsel for advice on legal matters, and

Whereas, Robert Shadur will provide counsel for said purpose, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby appoint Robert Shadur as Town Attorney for the Town of Pawling to be compensated at the rate set in the 2018 Town Budget.

**Resolution 2018016**  
**Legal Counsel – Litigation / Tax Certiorari**

Whereas, The Town of Pawling retains counsel for advice on legal or court litigation matters, and

Whereas, Robert Shadur will provide counsel for said purpose, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize Robert Shadur to be employed and retain services for the purposes of furnishing the Town Board and its officers and agencies, with such professional services as may be required and shall receive compensation for such services for Tax Certiorari and Litigation at the hourly rate not to exceed that of 2018.

**Resolution 2018017**  
**Appointing a Town Court Special Prosecutor(s)**

Whereas, the position of Town Court Prosecutor is an appointed position that serves at the pleasure of the Town Board, now, therefore be it

Resolved, that Cappillino & Rothschild LLC is hereby appointed Town of Pawling Town Special Prosecutor, and be it further

Resolved, the term of Town Prosecutor is effective January 3, 2018 to January 16, 2019.

**Resolution 2018018**  
**Appointments Constables**

Whereas, the position of the Town Constable is an appointed position serving for a one-year term at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, current term of the Town Constable is to be effective to the date of the January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Michael Kelly, Brian Griffin, Joe Burden, Brett Johnson, Francis Lansing, Duewayne Jackson, Susan Fundaro, Joseph Olenik and Angelo Sblendorio are hereby appointed Town of Pawling Town Constables and to be compensated at the hourly rate of \$21.22 which is within the approved Town of Pawling 2018 budget.

**Resolution 2018019**  
**Appointment Chief Constable**

Whereas, the position of Chief Constable is an appointed position serving a one-year term at the pleasure of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, and

Whereas, the current term of the Chief Constable is to be effective to the date January 3, 2018, hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Michael F. Kelly is hereby appointed Chief Constable and compensated at the hourly rate of \$22.28 which is within the approved Town of Pawling 2018 budget.

**Resolution 2018020**  
**Appointment Fire Marshall**

Whereas, the position of Fire Marshall is an appointed position serving a one-year term at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the current term of Fire Marshall is effective as of the date of the January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Ronald Gallagher is hereby appointed Fire Marshall for the Town of Pawling and compensated at the salary established within the approved Town of Pawling 2018 budget and will serve a term of 1/3/18 to 1/16/19.

**Resolution 2018021**  
**Appointment Water District Clerk**

Whereas, the position of Water District Clerk is an appointed position for a one-year term and is at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the current term of Water District Clerk is to be effective to the date of January 3, 2018 hereby known as the Town of Pawling's reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Cathy Giordano is hereby appointed the Town of Pawling Water District Clerk for District #1 and #2 within the Town of Pawling, and will be compensated at the salary established within the approved 2018 Town Budget.

**Resolution 2018022**  
**Appointment Engineering Services**

Whereas, the position of Town Engineer is an appointed position serving for a one-year term at the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the term of the Town Engineer is effective the date January 3, 2018 herein known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, Joseph Zarecki is hereby named Town Engineer.

**Resolution 2018023**  
**Appointment Engineering Services**

Whereas, the position of Engineer to the Town is an appointed position serving for a one-year term of the pleasure of the Town Board, and

Whereas, the term of Engineer to the Town is effective the date January 3, 2018 herein known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, Morris Associates is hereby named Engineer to the Town for the purposes of furnishing the Town of Pawling; its officers and agencies, such professional engineering and planning services as necessary and may be required.

**Resolution 2018024**  
**Voting Delegate DCMS4CC**

Whereas the Town of Pawling is a member in good standing with the Dutchess County MS4 Coordination Committee (DCMS4CC), and

Whereas, participation in such committee enhances the towns ability to address issues of mutual concern in matters of compliance with Phase II Stormwater regulations, and

Whereas, municipalities from all over Dutchess County are members of the DCMS4CC to plan education campaigns, produce media items for distribution, provide training on Stormwater practices to municipal employees and Board members, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates JoAnne Daley as the Voting Delegate for the Town of Pawling.

**Resolution 2018025**  
**Appointment: Secretary Planning Board**

Whereas, the Planning Board for the Town of Pawling needs to appoint a Secretary to the Planning Board and works at the pleasure of the Town Board, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that JoAnne Daley is hereby appointed Secretary of the Planning Board for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2018, and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Secretary to the Planning Board shall be compensated at the rate set within the 2018 adopted Budget, and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Secretary to the Planning Board shall be compensated with Flex Time for any time worked outside normal business hours as approved by the Town Supervisor.

**Resolution 2018026**  
**Appointment Planning Board**

Whereas, the Planning Board for the Town of Pawling has two expired terms that exist, and

Whereas, the current term of the Planning Board member is to be effective the date of January 1, 2018 here by known as the Town of Pawling for your organizational meeting of 1/3/2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that William Volmer and Eric Paulson are hereby appointed to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending in December 31, 2020 and shall be compensated at the rate set within the adopted Town of Pawling budget for each given year.

**Resolution 2018027**  
**Appointment: Chair, Planning Board**

Whereas, the Chair of the Planning Board has a vacancy that exists, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that George Brehm is hereby appointed Chair for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending on January 4, 2019 and shall be compensated at a rate set within the adopted 2018 Town of Pawling Budget.

**Resolution 2018028**  
**Appointment Zoning Board of Appeals**

Whereas, the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Pawling has expired terms that exists, and

Whereas, the current term of the Zoning Board of Appeals member is to be effective the date of January 3, 2018 here by known as the Town of Pawling for your organizational meeting of 2018, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Marie Cooney and Dr. Nancy Iankowitz are hereby appointed to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending in December 31, 2020. All members shall be compensated at the rate set within the adopted Town of Pawling budget for each given year.

**Resolution 2018029**  
**Appointment: Chair, Zoning Board of Appeals**

Whereas, the Chair of the Zoning Board of Appeals for the Town of Pawling has a vacancy that exists, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Brenda Colberg is hereby appointed Chair for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2018 and ending on December 31, 2018 and shall become compensated at a rate set within the adopted 2018 Town of Pawling Budget.

**Resolution 2018030**  
**Transfer Station Manager**

Whereas, the position of Transfer Station Manager is an appointed position serving for a one year term at the pleasure of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, now, therefore, be, it

Resolved, that the current term of the Transfer Station Manager is effective to the date of January 1, 2018, and, be it, further

Resolved, that Jay Dickinson is hereby appointed Town of Pawling Transfer Station Manager, and shall be compensated at the amount established within the approved Town of Pawling 2018 budget, and, be it, further

Resolved, that bi- monthly activity reports relating to the operation of the Transfer Station will be submitted to the Town Supervisor and Town Board members for their review.

**Resolution 2018031**  
**Payroll Schedule 2018**

Whereas, the Town Board shall adopt the Bi-Weekly Payroll Schedule for each year at the reorganization meeting, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board hereby adopts the 2018 Bi-Weekly Payroll Schedule as follows:

January 05, 2018	May 11, 2018	August 31, 2018
January 19, 2018	May 25, 2018	September 14, 2018
February 2, 2018	June 08, 2018	September 28, 2018
February 16, 2018	June 22, 2018	October 12, 2018
March 2, 2018		
March 16, 2018	July 06, 2018	October 26, 2018
March 29, 2018	July 20, 2018	November 09, 2018
April 13, 2018	August 03, 2018	November 21, 2018
April 27, 2018	August 17, 2018	December 7, 2018
		December 21, 2018
		January 4, 2019

**Resolution 2018032**  
**Consultant, Stormwater Management Program (MS4)**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling is in need of a consultant for the Stormwater Management program of the NYSDEC and NYCDEP regulations placed upon the Town, and

Whereas, the Town has received the services of *Stormwater Management Consultants* and has been advised on matters of the East of the Hudson Coalition, Dutchess County East of Hudson group, and

Whereas, Walter Artus has reviewed the Town for compliance, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby appoints Walter Artus to provide such services to the Town of Pawling for the year 2018.

**Resolution 2018033**  
**Approval of FLEX TIME**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling operates the Dutcher Golf Course and has appointed a Club House Manager to operate the facility, and

Whereas, due to scheduling conflicts, the Club House Manager must at times work over the normal regularly scheduled work hours, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Club House Manager shall be compensated at the rate set within the 2018 adopted Budget, and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Club House Manager shall be compensated with Flex Time for any time worked outside normal hours as approved by the Town Supervisor.

**Resolution 2018034**  
**Legal Counsel – Labor**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling retains counsel for advisement on labor and personnel matters, and,

Whereas, Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle have provided counsel for said purpose, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize that Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle be appointed as Town Labor Counsel.



**Resolution 2018035  
Holiday Schedule 2018**

Whereas, the Town Board shall adopt the Annual Employee Holiday schedule for each year at the reorganization meeting, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board hereby adopts the 2018 Annual Employee Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day	Monday, January 1, 2018
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday, January 15, 2018
Presidents Day	Monday, February 19, 2018
Good Friday	Friday, March 30, 2018
Memorial Day	Monday, May 28, 2018
Independence Day	Wednesday, July 4, 2018
Labor Day	Monday, September 3, 2018
Columbus Day	Monday, October 8, 2018
Veteran's Day (Observance)	Monday, November 12, 2018
Thanksgiving (day before)	Wednesday, November 21, 2018 (close @ 1 PM)
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22, 2018
Thanksgiving	Friday, November 23, 2018
Christmas Eve	Monday, December 24, 2018
Christmas	Tuesday, December 25, 2018
Christmas	Wednesday, December 26, 2018
New Year's Eve	Monday, December 31, 2018 (close @ 1PM)
New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2019

**MOTION:** Councilman Johnson

**SECOND:** Councilman McCarthy

Councilman Johnson introduced an amendment to Resolution 2018035 and strike Wednesday, December 26, 2018 as a holiday, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

“VACANT”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**WORKSHOP AGENDA**

The Board discussed the proposed resolutions. Following discussion, it was agreed that the resolutions would be placed on the January 10, 2018 Town Board meeting agenda.

**FURTHER BUSINESS**

**TRANSFER STATION PERMIT WAIVERS**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to approve the McNamara family and Levesque family of Holmes for transfer station stickers, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

## **TRANSFER STATION TRUCK PURCHASE**

Councilman Johnson asked Highway Superintendent Jay Dickinson to go ahead and order the new truck for the transfer station. He suggested Mr. Dickinson meet with the Supervisor to discuss ordering the truck.

## **FILLING THE VACANT TOWN BOARD SEAT**

Councilman Johnson said with regard to the vacant seat of Michael Montemarano, he made a motion to appoint David Kelly to fill the position effective January 1, 2018, seconded by Councilman McCarthy.

Councilman DeRosa felt that the Board should wait on the appointment, as it is right after the holiday season and he was away for two or three weeks. He would like to hear from some of his constituents. He received a lot of phone calls today about this. He did not feel it was necessary to jump to do this right away. The Board could wait until the next meeting and discuss it and hear from constituents. He would have to think pretty hard on this issue. He believes in the democratic system and how things work and he felt that the residents made a decision when they had the caucus. He supported Mr. Kelly and would have supported him if he wanted to run once the caucus was lost. He can't, in his heart sitting on this Board, put someone back on the Board that the residents voted off. If Mr. Kelly decided to throw his hat in the ring in November when this position would go up for vote again, he might support Mr. Kelly in trying to get reelected. He believes in the democratic system and the people made their decision. The way he feels right now, he would have to vote no.

Supervisor Schmitt said he understood and if anyone should have that feeling, he is the one replacing Mr. Kelly. Supervisor Schmitt said Mr. Kelly is someone that does have a wealth of knowledge and has accomplished a lot. This community has thought highly enough about him to elect him several times already to this Board. The Board is here to make a decision that is best for the community that will give the Board the best options going forward working as a group and getting things accomplished. The election will be in November so it is crucial to get someone in the seat to hit the ground running and begin working. His transition with Mr. Kelly has been very helpful, a lot more helpful than anyone would expect taking over someone's job. Mr. Kelly has been very, very helpful for him and he felt Mr. Kelly would be very helpful for the community going forward. His resume is impressive and Mr. Kelly has accomplished a lot. Supervisor Schmitt said being in this role, he felt he would benefit a lot from having Mr. Kelly here up until the next election. Then the community will have a chance to vote in an election and cast their opinions at that point in time.

Councilman Johnson said this is not for the position of Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor. It is to sit on a Town Board of which Mr. Kelly is as qualified, if not more qualified than anyone here to do the job. It is a good move for the Town of Pawling and it gives us a full Board. There are a lot of projects the Supervisor wants to work on. Mr. Kelly has been extremely helpful with a lot of questions that Supervisor Schmitt has had, being a new person being involved with municipal finance.

Supervisor Schmitt said it would only carry to November when the community will have an election.

Councilman DeRosa said he appreciated both Councilman Johnson and Supervisor Schmitt's opinions and he is not saying that Mr. Kelly doesn't have a lot of valuable information. He is voicing his opinion and what he believes to be the democratic way. He did not feel it was necessary to rush to make this decision tonight. It can be made next week or next month or the Board could wait until November. The Town will go on. There is no one who is irreplaceable. There is never a vacuum, there is always someone willing to step up and do the job. It is nothing against Mr. Kelly personally.

Supervisor Schmitt did not feel leaving the seat open was a good move going forward because then you run into a risk of not being able to make decisions from now until November.

Councilman DeRosa said he understood that but he would like to give people a chance and maybe someone would come out of the woodwork and step up.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “NAY”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

“VACANT”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vinny DiMarco said it is a brand new year and he welcomed all of the newly elected officials. He said Supervisor Kelly has built a strong, solid foundation for them to carry on. He has volunteered in the past and he continues to volunteer in any way he can help. He appreciated Councilman DeRosa’s comments but a vote is a vote and that is the democratic way. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, as of December 27<sup>th</sup>, the job has been shut down due to weather. There will be a meeting at the site tomorrow, for him to meet the principal of Winn Construction. They will also be moving some of the equipment. Also, if the weather breaks, they would like to continue with some of the work, mostly to complete the north wall of the coffer dam. If they could get this complete, this would be a big accomplishment. The Town should be receiving an invoice shortly for the work that has been completed. He has reviewed it and felt it was ready for submission for payment. He would like to report to the Board monthly or bi monthly. He has been taking photos when he sees progress. He thanked the Board for all that they do.

Peter Cris, President of the Pawling Chamber of Commerce, congratulated the new and existing Board members. The new Supervisor has great ideas and he has a great team to put those ideas to work. The Chamber is prepared to work with the Board and implement a lot of things that have been discussed. He also thanked everyone for the tremendous response on tree lighting.

Helen Grosso congratulated people here who are new and Councilman Johnson. She looked forward to hearing new ideas and new energy on this Board. She was sorry the Board decided to vote so quickly to fill the chair. The Board didn’t talk about any other possibilities. There is a candidate who came very close to winning also, who she felt was a very even tempered and objective person, Drew Montgomery, who could have been a choice the Board could at least have discussed. And there are other people. Her deep concern is that she was hoping for a new change and new regime, which is what she felt voters voted for and she thanked Councilman DeRosa for standing up for that. It’s not any question of Dave Kelly’s ability or capacity, she was looking for a fresh start, in particular with the budgeting situation. For two years people have no information at all about what has actually been spent in this Town. There are instances where there are differences in the budget, which is sloppy and badly done. She felt strongly the Board didn’t really give this much thought and she is really sorry that’s the impression people have at this first meeting. She hoped the Board would do better next time and be more objective in their thinking.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn at 7:25 PM, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk