

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the Workshop Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM October 3, 2018 at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association Building, 239 Route 292, Holmes, New York. Present were Councilmen DeRosa, McCarthy, Johnson, Kelly and approximately 25 interested citizens.

RESOLUTIONS

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

The Board took action on the following resolution:

**Resolution 2018109
Setting a Public Hearing – CDBG 2019
Community Development Block Grant Program**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling is an active participant in the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG), and

Whereas, the program requires the Town to hold a Public Hearing on the project to be submitted to Dutchess County for consideration, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on the 2019 CDBG program on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 at 7:00pm, at the Pawling Town Hall at 160 Charles Colman Blvd, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk publish or cause to be published the attached public notice of said public hearing in the official newspaper of the Town of Pawling.

MOTION: Councilman Kelly
SECOND: Councilman Johnson

Councilman Johnson – “AYE” Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” Councilman Kelly – “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Supervisor Schmitt said the tentative budget was submitted to the Town Clerk on Monday afternoon. He and Bookkeeper Andrew Forman worked very hard on the budget, along with the consultants. The budget is under the 2% tax cap for this year. He has now turned the budget over to the Board to work on and get finalized.

Councilman DeRosa said he would like to meet with the company that did the audit in 2016 and helped with this budget to go over the audit and the budget.

Supervisor Schmitt said that would not be a problem and felt a meeting should be scheduled with Board members who would like to attend that meeting.

WHALEY LAKE DAM UPDATE

Vinny DiMarco gave a detailed update on the Whaley Lake Dam project. He explained that the backfilling process has come a long way but is not completed. He said the project is moving forward and he thanked the Board for their support throughout this process, with special thanks

to Councilmen Johnson, DeRosa and Highway Superintendent Jay Dickinson. Councilmen Johnson, DeRosa and Mr. Dickinson helped to install the piers for the gate by the entry road. The pipes are in place also but there is not cement inside them yet. He said the Board should consider purchasing a storage shed.

Following discussion, Councilman DeRosa made a motion to authorize the concrete be poured for the gate, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman DeRosa introduced an amendment to include the repurposing and installation of the gates, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion on the amendment passed unanimously.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO REMOVE RESOLUTION 2018100 “A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING CHAPTER 67 OF THE TOWN CODE OF THE TOWN OF PAWLING ENTITLED “APPLICATION PROCESSING RESTRICTIVE LAW” AND DISCUSSION

Councilman DeRosa said the proposed code change was suggested by the Building Department and Planning Department and has been discussed by Town Board members. The Town does not have a rule where if someone is in violation, they are prohibited from coming before the Planning Board, Zoning Board for approval or obtaining a building permit. He felt the Board should review the proposed local law and it can be discussed at next week’s meeting.

Councilman Kelly made a motion to remove resolution 2018100 from the table, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

CIOPPA REFUND

Councilman DeRosa said the Board asked him to look into this matter at the last meeting and he has. He has worked with the Building Department and the residents involved. He felt that this matter was now resolved and he felt that the fees could be refunded to Mr. & Mrs. Cioppa and the after the fact building permit should not be charged. He felt they should only be charged for a regular building permit.

Councilman DeRosa made a motion to return the \$350.00 ZBA fee and to instruct the Building Department not to charge the applicant the “after the fact” penalty charge, only the actual building permit fee, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman DeRosa said the Committee working on the transfer station met with Town Attorney Nancy Tagliaferro, to further discuss proposed changes to the transfer station rules. Some of the changes discussed were only allowing residential household debris and prohibiting commercial or business debris or waste, enforcement, not allowing vehicles registered to businesses to obtain a permit, limiting the size of brush, closing one day a week and not allowing paint to be accepted.

Following discussion, it was agreed the Committee would continue to meet and discuss this and bring suggested changes to the Board for their review.

HEALTHCARE/ONGOING DISCUSSION

Councilman Johnson said he and Supervisor Schmitt continue to have an open dialogue with a couple of different insurance companies, who continue to ask for volumes of information regarding the health care. It is his and the Supervisor’s ultimate goal to drastically reduce this expense to the community. He hoped some changes could be announced by December, and hopefully some cost cutting measures.

Supervisor Schmitt said in talking to the companies, he understands that there are a lot of savings out there. They are looking at a number of different options, and the possibility of offering multiple different plans. The goal is to get this figured out by December.

DEROSA

Councilman DeRosa said he attended the Dutchess County Planning Federation Board of Director's meeting on September 27th, which he is a member of. They are offering three short courses in October. On October 16th, there is a course on how to make your community more farm friendly through Planning & Zoning, Tuesday, October 23rd, there is an area variance workshop, and on Monday, October 29th there is a course regarding street trees and parking lots and how to incorporate them into site plan review.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Giovanna Cioppa, resident of 1348 Route 292, Holmes thanked Councilman DeRosa and the Board for working with her on her situation.

Reid McGrath, resident of 54 Quaker Hill Road, asked what would be done with the mulch that was ground up at the transfer station. He suggested the Town could sell it.

Supervisor Schmitt said no decision has been made on that yet but the Board is looking at options.

Philip van Buren, Chairman of the Oblong Land Conservancy had questions regarding the Route 22 zoning process. He questioned a number of answers given by Councilman Johnson, in response to community members questions compiled by Mark Chipkin at the September 12th Town Board meeting.

Councilman Johnson asked Mr. van Buren to put his comments in writing and he would consult with the Town Attorney and answer them by email.

Harvey Matcovsky said he emailed Supervisor Schmitt in August and he received a response but no answers to his questions.

Supervisor Schmitt said before he allowed Mr. Matcovsky to speak, he wanted to talk about the fact that Mr. Matcovsky is currently on the School Board and in the spring of 2018, Mr. Matcovsky attended a Town Board meeting and discussed the School Board budget. He was specifically talking about the wording Mr. Matcovsky used when speaking about students with special needs within the school district, which were highly inappropriate. Supervisor Schmitt said the comments were so inappropriate that he reached out to the School Board President and School Superintendent. He told Mr. Matcovsky that until he made a public apology for referring to those kids the way he did, he would not be allowed to speak at a Town Board meeting.

Mr. Matcovsky said the issue was addressed. If it wasn't addressed to Supervisor Schmitt's satisfaction, no one told him. The request was sent to the administration, not to him personally. This was addressed by Ms. Snow, School Board President and the Superintendent of Schools.

Supervisor Schmitt said he would be happy to meet with Mr. Matcovsky and discuss this but until he publicly apologizes, he will not be speaking at Town Board meetings.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Kelly at 8:20 PM on behalf of the five police officers that were shot today in South Carolina, one of whom has passed away, and he wanted to close the meeting in memory of that officer and thank all officers for their service, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Catherine Giordano

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York will conduct a Public Hearing on October 10, 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York.

The purpose of the Public Hearing will be to receive comments and suggestions from Town residents regarding the Town's preparation and submission of a Community Development Block Grant Application(s) for the 2019 Program Year.

Projects funded through the Community Development program in the past have included infrastructure improvements, housing, recreation and handicap accessible projects.

All Town residents are encouraged to attend and participate in this public forum.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Catherine Giordano
Town Clerk

October 6, 2018