

Supervisor James Schmitt opened a Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:35 PM November 19, 2018 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, DeRosa, Kelly, McCarthy and approximately 13 interested citizens.

Supervisor Schmitt said this meeting is for the Board to discuss the budget. He stated that the increase is .91%, which is under 1% and amounts to roughly \$69,000.00 on a 7.6 million dollar budget. He thanked the Board for their work on this budget and Andrew Forman, Town Bookkeeper for his work on this budget. He felt this was a great budget and felt that an increase of under 1% was a great thing. The State allows for a 2% increase but this budget is under the tax cap. He also felt that services were increased such as installation of the docks at Lakeside Park, video equipment for the meeting room, and \$20,000.00 was built in for consultants to oversee the Town's financials, which allows for a monthly update to department heads.

Following discussion, Councilman Kelly made a motion to rescind the budget action on budget line A1110.1 in the amount of \$18.00 into line A1110.4 and keep the pay increase to the clerk to 2% and if the Justices do not want their increase, there is a zero increase to the Justices and the justice clerk can stay at 2% like all of the rest of the employees, seconded by Councilman Johnson.

Councilman Kelly introduced an amendment to keep 2% to the justice clerk's position and any additional funds be moved to the 400 line, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

The motion passed with the following roll call vote:

**MOTION:** Councilman Kelly  
**SECOND:** Councilman Johnson

Councilman Johnson – "AYE"

Councilman DeRosa – "AYE"

Councilman McCarthy – "AYE"

Councilman Kelly – "AYE"

Supervisor Schmitt – "NAY"

Councilman DeRosa felt everyone did good work on the budget but felt that it might not be a good thing to keep the budget so far under the tax cap. There are many things in town that need to be addressed and money is needed to do improvements. He felt the Board may have to spend a little money to make things better. He was also in favor of establishing separate funds for separate things so the money is designated to those areas.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adopt the budget, seconded by Councilman Kelly, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Johnson at 7:55 PM, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk