

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the Organizational and Workshop meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM January 2, 2019 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, McCarthy, DeRosa, McGrath and approximately 60 interested citizens.

A “Swearing In” ceremony was conducted at 7:00 P.M January 2, 2019 at the Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Councilman Reid McGrath was sworn in by Town Clerk Catherine Giordano.

ORGANIZATIONAL RESOLUTIONS BY CONSENT

Resolution 2019001 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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization meeting of 2019, 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 2019002 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 2, 2019 is hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby designates the Poughkeepsie Journal as its official newspaper for the year 2019.

Resolution 2019003 Setting Meeting Dates Town Board

Whereas, the Town Board is required to set meeting dates for 2019, 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 February 6th Workshop meeting, the May 1st Workshop meeting, the August 14th Business Meeting, and the October 2nd Workshop Meeting which will convene at 239 Route 292, Holmes, NY 12531 at the Holmes Whaley Lake Civic Association building.

Resolution 2019004
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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling's Reorganization Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

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

Planning Board: First and Third Mondays of each month starting at 7:00 PM with the exception of September 2, 2019, when the meeting will be held on the Tuesday after the holiday.

Zoning Board of Appeals: Fourth Monday of each month starting at 7:00 PM with the exception of May 27, 2019 when the meeting will be held on the Tuesday after the holiday.

Resolution 2019005
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 2019 budget is as follows:

Town Supervisor	\$ 23,117
Town Board (4)	8,874
Town Clerk	54,392
Superintendent of Highways	62,677
Town Justice (2)	16,565
Tax Collector	15,744

Resolution 2019006
Appointment Dog Control Officer

Whereas, the position of Dog Control Officer 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 Dog Control Officer is effective to the date of January 2, 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that John Daley is hereby appointed Town of Pawling Dog Control Officer and is compensated at the salary established within the approved Town of Pawling 2019 budget.

Resolution 2019007
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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization meeting of 2019, 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 2019008
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, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling will hold Grievance Day on the Wednesday following the fourth Tuesday in May which is May 29th 2019.

Resolution 2019009
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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2019, 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 2019.

Resolution 2019010
Setting Petty Cash Accounts

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

Whereas, the petty cash accounts shall be effective from the date of January 2, 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Clerk, Town Justice Court, Tax Collector, and Recreation Department maintain a petty cash account not to exceed \$250 for the year 2019 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 2019011
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 (\$.58) at the designated Internal Revenue Service rate of 2019.

Resolution 2019012
Attendance Conferences, Meetings and Training

Whereas, Town Board of 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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling reorganization meeting of 2019, and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes Town employees and its board members to attend conferences and training within the budgeted amounts approved within the 2019 budget.

Resolution 2019013
Delegate and Alternate to the Association of Town 2019

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 2019014
Appointment - Town Attorney

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

Whereas, the law firm of Hogan & Rossi will provide counsel for said purpose, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby appoint the law firm of Hogan & Rossi as Town Attorney for the Town of Pawling, to be compensated at the rate set in the 2019 Town Budget.

Resolution 2019015
Legal Counsel – Litigation / Tax Certiorari

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

Whereas, the law firm of Hogan & Rossi will provide counsel for said purpose, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the law firm of Hogan & Rossi 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 2019.

Resolution 2019016
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 2, 2019 to January 15, 2020.

Resolution 2019017
Appointments Constables

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

Whereas, the current term of the Town Constable is to be effective to the date of the January 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Michael Kelly, Joe Burden, Brett Johnson, Francis Lansing, Duewayne Jackson, Susan Fundaro, Joseph Olenik and Angelo Sblendorio are hereby appointed Town of Pawling Town Constables, to be compensated at the hourly rate of \$21.64 which is within the approved Town of Pawling 2019 budget.

Resolution 2019018
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 2, 2019, hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Michael F. Kelly is hereby appointed Chief Constable and compensated at the hourly rate of \$22.73 which is within the approved Town of Pawling 2019 budget.

Resolution 2019019
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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization Meeting of 2019, 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 2019 budget and will serve a term of 1/2/19 to 1/15/20.

Resolution 2019020
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 2, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling's reorganization meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Catherine Giordano is hereby appointed the Town of Pawling Water District Clerk for districts #1 and #2 within the Town of Pawling, and will be compensated at the salary established within the approved 2019 Town Budget.

Resolution 2019021
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 2, 2019 herein known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Joseph Zarecki is hereby named Town Engineer.

Resolution 2019022
Appointment Engineering Services

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

Whereas, the term of Engineer to the Town is effective the date January 2, 2019 herein known as the Town of Pawling Reorganization Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, CPL 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 2019023
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, product 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 2019024
Appointment: Secretary Planning Board

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

Resolved, that JoAnne Daley is hereby appointed Secretary to the Planning Board for a one-year term commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019, and, be it, further

Resolved, that the Secretary to the Planning Board shall be compensated at the rate set within the 2019 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 2019025
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, 2019 hereby known as the Town of Pawling Reorganizational Meeting, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that William Volmer and George Brehm are hereby appointed to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending in December 31, 2021 and shall be compensated at the rate set within the adopted Town of Pawling budget for each given year.

Resolution 2019026
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, 2019 and ending on January 3, 2020 and shall become compensated at a rate set within the adopted 2019 Town of Pawling budget.

Resolution 2019027
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 2, 2019 here by known as the Town of Pawling Reorganizational Meeting of 2019, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that Brenda Colberg is hereby appointed to a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending in December 31, 2021. All members shall be compensated at the rate set within the adopted Town of Pawling budget for each given year.

Resolution 2019028
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, 2019 and ending on December 31, 2019 and shall become compensated at a rate set within the adopted 2019 Town of Pawling Budget.

Resolution 2019029
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, 2019, and, be it, further

Resolved, that Jay Dickinson is hereby appointed Town of Pawling Transfer Station Manager, and compensated at the amount established within the approved Town of Pawling 2019 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 2019030
Payroll Schedule 2019

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 2019 Bi-Weekly Payroll Schedule as follows:

January 04, 2019	May 10, 2019	August 30, 2019
January 18, 2019	May 24, 2019	September 13, 2019
February 1, 2019	June 07, 2019	September 27, 2019
February 15, 2019	June 21, 2019	October 11, 2019
March 1, 2019		
March 15, 2019	July 05, 2019	October 25, 2019
March 29, 2019	July 19, 2019	November 08, 2019
April 12, 2019	August 02, 2019	November 22, 2019
April 26, 2019	August 16, 2019	December 6, 2019
		December 20, 2019
		January 3, 2020

Resolution 2019031
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 2019.

Resolution 2019032
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 2019 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 2019033
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 Thomas, Drohan, Waxman, Petigrow & Mayle be appointed as Town Labor Counsel.

Resolution 2018034
Holiday Schedule 2019

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 2019 Annual Employee Holiday Schedule as follows:

New Year's Day	Tuesday, January 1, 2019
Martin Luther King's Birthday	Monday, January 21, 2019
Presidents Day	Monday, February 18, 2019
Good Friday	Friday, April 19, 2019
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27, 2019
Independence Day	Thursday, July 4 and Friday, July 5, 2019
Labor Day	Monday, September 2, 2019
Columbus Day	Monday, October 14, 2019
Veteran's Day (Observance)	Monday, November 11, 2019
Thanksgiving (day before)	Wednesday, November 27, 2019 (close @ 12pm)
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 28, 2019
Thanksgiving	Friday, November 29, 2019
Christmas Eve	Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (close @ 12pm)
Christmas	Wednesday, December 25, 2019
Christmas	Thursday, December 26, 2019
New Year's Eve	Tuesday, December 31, 2019 (close @ 12pm)
New Year's Day	Wednesday, January 1, 2020

Resolution 2019035
Setting Recreation Fees for 2019

Whereas, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has proposed the following fees for Parks and Recreation programs and services for 2019, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves the following Parks and Recreation Fees for 2019:

2019 RECREATION FEES

A2001 SUMMER CAMP	2018	PROPOSED 2019
4-5yrs olds (PRE-K)	\$385 R/\$410 PCSD/\$435NR (3 wks)	\$280 R/\$300 NR ALL (2 wks)
K-4 (YOUTH)	\$385 R/\$410 PCSD/\$435NR	SAME REC
5-6 (PRE-TEEN)	\$395 R/\$420 PCSD/\$445NR	CAMP FEES
7-8 (TEEN)	\$420R/\$445 PCSD/\$470NR	2019
NEW Adventure Camp	\$325R/\$345 NR	
CIT	We paid them \$900 each person	\$70 R/\$90 NR
Before Care (7-9a, sess.)	\$75 R/\$100 NR (3 wks)	\$45 R/\$55 NR (2 wks)
After-Care (4-6p, sess.)	\$200 R/\$225 NR (3 wks)	\$130 R/\$140 NR (2 wks)
After-Care (2x per session – Pick a set day, M-F)	\$30 R/\$40 NR (2 selected days per session)	
Pick-Up Late Fee	\$1 per minute after 4pm OR 6pm (whichever camp option is chosen)	
Note: (Total cost of Rec Camp 7am-6pm per session \$455 R/\$495 NR) = \$45.50 per day R, \$49.50 per day NR		
A2025 LAKE MEMBERSHIPS & PROGRAMS		
Family Membership	\$200 R Family (4)/\$300 NR Fam (4)	\$200 R Family (4)/\$300 NR Fam (4)
Senior	\$50 R Senior (1)/\$100 NR Senior (1)	\$50 R Senior (1)/\$75 NR Senior (1)
Adults/Children	\$75 R Adult (1)/\$125 NR Adult (1) \$50 R Child (1)/\$75 NR Child (1)	\$75 R Adult (1)/\$125 NR Adult (1) \$50 R Child (1)/\$75 NR Child (1)
DAILY PASSES	\$5 child, \$10 adult R \$10 child, \$15 adult NR	\$5 child, \$10 adult R \$10 child, \$15 adult NR
SWIM LESSONS	\$100/2 wks R, \$150/2 wks NR *if available at that time/prices can fluctuate based on program costs	
SWIM TEAM	\$40 members/\$60 R/not available for NR	\$60 R/\$80 NR
A2001 RECREATION PROGRAM/CLASS FEES		
YOGA	\$7.50-\$10/R per class (weekly series)	\$7.50-\$10/R per class (weekly series)
ZUMBA	\$10-12/NR per class (weekly series)	\$10-12/NR per class (weekly series)
KIDS NIGHT IN (KNI)	\$15-50 stand-alone programs *may always fluctuate depending on class/program costs	\$15-50 stand-alone programs *may always fluctuate depending on class/program costs
KIDS BREAK DAYS	\$2 all	\$2 all
OPEN SKATE/GYM TIME	\$36 R/\$45 NR (per month, 3 classes)	
K-8 REC CLUBS	\$175 per team per season	\$175 per team per season
CO-ED VOLLEYBALL		
OTHER EVENTS		
A2091 PAWLING TRIATHLON	\$70-\$100 per person depending on registration date	\$70-\$100 per person depending on registration date
7310.4 Other Expenses – Race Director Incentive (funds are already built into 2019 budget, sliding scale amounts should be approved by TB)	\$8,000	Keep certified “Race Director” in-house and create the following sliding scale stipend: \$7,000 for 700 registrants or more \$6,000 for 600-699 registrants \$5,000 for 500-599 registrants \$4,000 for 400-499 registrants \$3,000 for 399 registrants and below

MOTION: Councilman Johnson

SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

Councilman McGrath asked that Resolution 2019005, “Setting Compensation for Elected Officials” be moved to the workshop agenda in order to discuss a compensation package for the Town Board.

Councilman Johnson said these salaries were set in the 2019 budget process and he wasn’t sure they could be changed now.

Supervisor Schmitt said this can be changed moving forward.

Nancy Tagliafierro, Town Attorney said the salaries were set when the 2019 budget was prepared and adopted and she believed they could not be changed without a referendum. Salaries can be decreased but only by a local law, subject to a mandatory referendum.

Councilman DeRosa said healthcare was given to incentivize people to serve in these positions and do the job properly.

Following further discussion, the following roll call vote was taken on the Reorganizational Agenda:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “AYE”

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 9, 2019 Town Board meeting agenda. The Board took action on the following resolution:

**Resolution 2019041
Approval of Waivers for Transfer Station Permit**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling has established new rules for the 2019 operation and use of the Pawling Transfer Station, and

Whereas, commercial vehicles are prohibited from obtaining permits to the Transfer Station without first seeking a waiver from the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, and

Whereas, recipients of a waiver are only permitted to dump household waste at the Transfer Station, therefore, be it,

Resolved, that the following individuals are hereby approved for a waiver to obtain a 2019 Transfer Station Permit by the Town Board of the Town of Pawling:

Anthony Cangianni
Phyllis Levesque
Dan and Deborah McNamara
John DeMarco
Ron and Dot Pascale
Jeff Parent
Stephen Martens

MOTION: Councilman Johnson

SECOND: Councilman DeRosa

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

SUPERVISOR'S APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor James Schmitt appointed Councilman Johnson to the position of Deputy Supervisor for 2019 and appointed Andrew Forman to the position of Town Bookkeeper for the 2019 calendar year. He stated that Mr. Forman would be attending one meeting per month and he would also be available to answer questions.

TRANSFER STATION

Councilman McCarthy stated that the roll off truck is in service would be used tomorrow for the first time. Also, the signs are now posted at the transfer station with the new rules and regulations.

WHALEY LAKE DAM

Councilman DeRosa said the substantial completion documents were submitted to NYS DEC for the Whaley Lake Dam right before Christmas. The NYS DEC acknowledged this afternoon that they received the documents and had some requests of the Town's Engineers, responses due back to DEC by January 15th or 21st. Once the responses are submitted, permission will be given to begin filling the lake in increments of six inches at a time. The lake is about one to two feet higher than it is supposed to be right now because of all of the rain.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

MCGRATH

Reid McGrath thanked everyone for coming. He said it is going to be an exciting year working for the Town of Pawling in 2019.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt thanked the Committee that worked on new rules for the transfer station, saying he hoped they would make a difference at the transfer station and get the transfer station operating properly. He is also looking forward this year to the Recreation Department. There have been wonderful changes at the Recreation Department, including the use of Lakeside Park. Supervisor Schmitt said he tries very hard to run good meetings and involve the community. He is happy to be here and he felt he was doing a very good job. There will always be negativity and false information posted on social media. He asked the community to ask Board members or the Supervisor for factual information. The Board members and Supervisor are always available. He explained that a town of the second class, which is what Pawling is, is only required to hold as many meetings as they feel necessary to properly conduct business. So the Town Board could hold five meetings per year and be covered by NYS law. The Board held 28 meetings last year. Nothing gets accomplished with negativity and the Board can answer questions with factual information. Regarding healthcare, he has done a lot of research on this in the past year and the Board will come up with a solution that fits Pawling. Supervisor Schmitt said last year, working with Senator Murphy, the Town of Pawling was able to get full grant funding to replace the Dewey Lane Bridge. Also, grant funding was awarded for the West Main Street culvert project. He is looking forward to 2019, working with the Board and continuing to do good things.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vinny DiMarco, resident from 1136 Route 292, Holmes, congratulated Councilman McGrath and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He said Supervisor Schmitt has run good meetings, has spoken facts and people understand his sincerity. He said Councilman McGrath has his work cut out for him and said the people who elected him have faith in him. He offered to help in any way.

Robert Reilly, resident from 10 Hurds Corner Road, Pawling said he is the Co-Chair of the Protect Pawling Coalition. They are a group of seven local, regional and national organizations and members from the top of Quaker Hill to the West Side of Whaley Lake. He explained that 26 volunteers, just after Thanksgiving, got together to stuff, fold and stamp 3282 letters to fulfil the information lacking on the Route 22 rezoning project.

Philp van Buren from the Oblong Land Conservancy with offices at 517 Route 22, thanked Ms. Giordano for swiftly responding to his FOIL requests. He reviewed the two proposals received for the Route 22 planner and found them to be not very encouraging. Though BFJ proposes a community outreach process that promises to be participatory, they are still concerned that the objective of this planning process is determined before the planning process and study begins and will not achieve consensus or reconcile the differences between the winners and losers from the proposed rezoning process. The core problem is a lack of clarity about the purpose of the rezoning. He questioned the reason for the rezone, what tax benefits it would have, the hidden costs, how adding commercial properties in the era of internet business would be helpful, costs of Pawling's community character, rural vistas and rich ecology. He felt that the tax gains would be disappointing and cost to the Town would be high. He believed strongly the Board should refrain from moving forward with accepting either of the two proposals. He urged the Board to look at a full comprehensive planning process for the entire town, not just Route 22.

Victor Purdy, resident from Miller Road, Pawling said he has been a resident for over 30 years and has raised his children here. He fell in love with Pawling 30 years ago hiking off of Route 22. It is a mistake to expand too fast. The huge influx from Cedar Valley and Deerfield Ponds has now gone down and there are empty rooms in the school and kindergarten is at an all-time low. How will that affect Route 22. He is a member of lots of environmental groups and he felt the community would suffer if Route 22 is expanded because it will hurt the businesses in the Village. He felt the water and wildlife would be affected by this. He also expressed concern about flooding due to additional development and environmental damage. He did not feel more strip malls was a good idea.

Charles Gonzales, resident from North Quaker Hill Road for 29 years, said he was here about the Route 22 zoning issue and he felt it was a distraction and a silly conversation. He said the Town needs to look at how to grow the population to attract young families, who could stay long term. The Town should look at all of the Town of Pawling and look at what it will look like over the next 10 to 20 years, focusing attention on important matters going forward. More opportunities need to be created to help local businesses to grow and thrive. If that is not done, we could lose what we have and that would be a shame.

Helen Grosso, resident from Tracy Road, felt that Pawling should be looked at as a whole. There is an apartment building for elderly low income seniors proposed in the Village that will have a big impact on our taxes, and she felt the Resource Center and the Recreation Department would be overwhelmed. She has spoken with Supervisor Schmitt and Mr. Forman about the budget and she noticed that the Planning Department put in roughly a \$90,000.00 increase from what was spent last year because of this planning event. She thought Supervisor Schmitt told her that the Village and south Route 22 would be taken into account, including spaces that are currently available, and the big picture would be looked at. The taxes in Pawling are what upsets people in Pawling and keeps young families from moving in. This group talking about Route 22 north know there will be impacts here. What if the water supply is affected? She felt that was the first thing that should be looked at. The Appalachian Trail is a stunning reason that Pawling is on the map at all and Pawling is lucky to have that and to in any way encumber that with commercial surroundings would be a huge mistake.

Councilman Johnson said he would have a lot more information on the Route 22 rezone at the next meeting. There have been no planners hired. The Board too lives and raise their families in this community. They are not blind to what we have here, they are following laws and procedures. Other residents have rights too and it is the Board's job to honor their requests. He thought he had come up with something that would please everyone and next week he would be talking about it.

Mrs. Grosso felt talking about the issues taken for granted in this town is most important and that is why what was brought up was critical. The compensation here does include health coverage and a couple of people are getting family health coverage to the tune of \$26,000 to \$27,000 a year added onto a very modest salary of \$8,800, nice but she did not see how that was quite fair.

Councilman DeRosa said there are assumptions that decisions have been made and the Town Board has not made any decisions. He wanted to make it clear that there have been no decisions made. The Board hasn't even made a decision to go forward with this. The Board is looking at the proposals and going through discussions. There have been no determinations on any issue on Route 22.

Robert Bergdall, resident from Sheridan Drive, said his son is in kindergarten and he has lived here for four years. The thing that attracted he and his wife to Pawling is the Village, it's what makes it different from other towns in the area and really unique. He felt the reason why the Route 22 rezoning is so threatening to him is not just the environmental impacts, although he is extremely concerned about those, it is the possibility that it would decimate the Village and why are we not putting resources into building that up. They love the farmer's market and would like to see that be built upon and view sheds preserved throughout the town. He did not want to see more development. That would not help the downtown thrive.

Ilya Fischhoff, resident from 12 Elm St. in the Village, wanted to voice his opposition to commercial zoning on Route 22 north of the Village. He asked that conservation and recreation stakeholders be asked for their views on the rezoning. He felt this should be done consistently with Pawling's Comprehensive Plan, which states that, "the Town zoning and related land development regulations should limit commercial development to areas of low environmental impact". Rezoning Route 22 would have high environmental impact. He expressed concern about water quality, the Nature Preserve and the Appalachian Trail. He felt if the Route 22 area was developed, its natural beauty would be lost. He expressed concern about the loss of a critical migration corridor, and light, sound and chemical pollution, which would all affect wildlife. He encouraged the Board to reach out for the support of the Hudson Valley Estuary Program.

Susan Pieratti, resident of 71 Hurds Corner Road, said since August of 2000 there has been flooding in her yard, which is a wetland buffer zone. The water table is very high. She expressed concern that parking lots would create less permeable surfaces and will create more of a water problem in the area. She expressed concern about property values going down and losing the ability to enjoy the property she pays taxes for.

Kate Fusco, resident of Tracy Road, said she read both proposals and in at least one of them, the idea is that this is happening due to growth in the area. Upon research, she found an article from USA Today from March of 2017, which stated that Dutchess County population according to the 2010 Census report is shrinking due to people moving out of state. She felt that this proposal should be paused until it is established what we are trying to accommodate on Route 22. This came out long before the tax deduction in NYS was reduced to a cap of \$10,000.00. And she wondered if this would stymie further growth. She wondered what the need was to develop this section when there is so much property still unused and unleased or unsold on the southern part of Route 22. Pawling is known for its charming nature and she felt this proposal would be detrimental.

Brenda Chipkin, resident of Hurds Corner Road for 40+ years said there is a surplus of commercial sites and commercial land along Route 22 so there seems to be a weak demand. Neither proposal addressed whether or not this rezoning is in fact needed now or in the foreseeable future. She suggested building upon the existing commercial properties that are along Route 22 south. She urged protection of the scenic vistas, ecological richness and water supplies and the very assets of the community character and the natural beauty that make Pawling so attractive and bring people here. She would hate to see the great things she moved here for disappear.

Roy Carter, resident from 17 Hurds Corner Road, said neither proposal addresses the impact on groundwater and he would like a detailed analysis from a hydrogeologist, impact on the Great Swamp and Ten Mile River and Wildlife Migratory Corridor, the impact on the Appalachian Trail and impact on the two identified wildlife migratory corridors. The residents who live in the impacted area would rather it stay residential, low developed than to see the migratory trails cut off and not see wildlife in their backyards.

Klaus Keller, resident of 82 Hurds Corner Road, said Route 22 is not good for commercial. He could not see building more stuff that would not be used. The residents will fight this adamantly, it is not needed.

Laura Jones, resident from 337 Old Route 22, said she has lived in Pawling all of her life. She is a proud property owner and she has worked hard to keep her house. Route 22 is her backyard and she would hate to see anything change and this is very upsetting. She urged the Board to consider all residents of Pawling while making decisions.

Theresa Ryan, resident of 11 Bluebird Inn Road, said she and her husband, Richard own the home known as the Bluebird Inn at 11 Bluebird Inn Road off of Hurds Corners Road. They purchased this house because it was within an existing residential zone, and because of the rural residential character of the neighborhood and the area's scenic, historic and cultural identity. They understand the Town spent some time on the Request For Proposal, but it did not include adequate information about the potential environmental impacts associated with the possible rezoning of Route 22 to Highway Commercial north of the Village. This area is sandwiched among two Critical Environmental Areas including the Great Swamp, an Important Bird Area, migratory pathways, a Scenic Road, the Appalachian Trail, the Nature Conservancy, and State classified trout spawning streams that are tributary to the Ten Mile River and the Housatonic River in CT. This area is also residentially zoned along the entire eastern boundary of Route 22. With this in mind, it is apparent that the proposals before this Board are weak with regard to the amount of time and expense associated with a proper and thorough SEQRA review. They urged this Board to reject the proposals. As taxpayers they feel their money would be better spent for the Town to consider seeking a more comprehensive planning process, inclusive of the entire Town for the benefit of the entire Town with the participation of interested and involved agencies, rather than reviewing isolated areas of the Town at the behest of a few landowners.

Julia Brine, resident of 17 Blue Bird Inn Road, just off of Hurds Corner, supported the Hurds Corner Civic Association. The HCCA circulated a petition urging the Town not to rezone Route 22 north and she supports that.

Duncan Brine, resident of 17 Blue Bird Inn Road, said he had an opportunity to speak to an economic development person and he brought up the fact that balance should be considered. The balance that needs to be considered here are between the interests of the few and the interests of the many. He felt it was clear that the interests of the many, as expressed here, are for the environment they moved to Pawling for and the environment they love, and not only the residents but the people who visit Pawling. He posted on Twitter, "are you concerned about the rezoning of Route 22 north of the Village of Pawling", and 222 people responded from all over the Country because they visit here. We can ruin a special place. This consideration is posed to ruin a special place and he did not feel the residents here in the Town would stand for it.

Mark Chipkin, resident of 60 Hurds Corner Road, made the following statement:

- Brenda and I took a walk yesterday, we saw 5 blue birds before we met the crossroads where route 22 and the Appalachian Trail meet, they were beautiful, exciting, relaxing
- The Town Board is at a crossroads –to make a decision about commercial development in a residential zone-It will not be what you say but what you do! The decisions you make will show the community if you have a commitment to those residents in this area or to the developers and the destruction of the very fabric and health of our community in the name of progress
- Board members raise your hand if you would allow a commercial development next store to your home. Maybe a piggery
- You have a choice- to allow us to keep the things we love about Pawling or take them away with the false promise of progress
- You've found two planners who say they can get the job done one cheaper than the other one has a way to avoid a full Environmental Impact Statement- You said Castagna was years and we should not worry....These planners say they will have the zone changed for you in 10 months
- The Town can choose to continue to ignore the community's questions and input or take the time to recalculate, before you spend a penny of our Tax payer money.
- Originally you told us you had to do it this way...now it could be over 100k
- My friends who are developers in different towns tell me they had to fund the studies not the town. They paid the town to check to make sure the study was being done properly
- You will be held responsible for your choices and actions- whether it is not talking to the very people who elected you or not telling us we will have a couple public hearings and feedback meetings is not enough
- It's a shame after 30 plus years along with others all over Pawling we protected a 1000 acre Pawling Nature Reserve Park for people to hunt and hike, only to have the new

board come in and want to build commercial on land that borders the PNR. Similarly we protect the Appalachian Trail

- The Town and Conservation Boards always protected us from poor development...now everything has been kept secret...not a word to our community about this. We have to dig around to get information
- Why are you choosing to go through with this...who is guiding the board...Not the last master plan...we want to know?
- Who is telling you to take away the residential rights and protections we built our homes in trust of the Comprehensive plan.
- I hope the Board sees that their choices so far have had a significant impact on our community's trust
- The petitions by the few can be addressed giving the individuals public hearings, with developers paying for the tests if they want to prove their site can only be used commercially not residentially. You could work with individual landowners with variances or existing grandfathered establishments to help them reach their and your goals.
- You have a choice, do a full economic and environmental Comprehensive Plan if initial studies show that it is warranted
- We are not against smart growth- We support ways to have sustainable development, without changing zones and habitats
- This commercial sprawl is like a cancer with cells growing out of control like this development fever being introduced to our area by the board. People don't want to buy houses in the area knowing commercial will be built next door or in view, commercial taxes are higher and the residential community succumbs to this commercialism like a cancer. A new board comes in and says, well you have so much commercial already lets expand our commercial zone.
- The Town Boards of the past kept this growth in check to protect Pawling's natural places.
- By the way, guess what happens to those blue birds we used to see or the red wing black birds or those sounds of spring peepers once commercialism takes away their habitat...the bluebirds fly away, and the spring is silent

The motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Johnson at 8:25 PM, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk