

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the Regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 7:00 PM April 10, 2019 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were Councilmen Johnson, McCarthy, DeRosa, McGrath and approximately 35 interested citizens.

## **MINUTES**

Councilman Johnson made a motion to accept the minutes of March 6, 2019 and March 13, 2019, seconded by Councilman DeRosa and passed unanimously.

## **PRESENTATION/JESSICA DICKINSON – RECREATION DIRECTOR ON AQUAPARK AT LAKESIDE PARK**

The Board entertained a presentation by Jessica Dickinson, Recreation Director on a proposed Aquapark at the waterfront at Lakeside Park. She thanked Al Thomsen for the donation of the shed which is now placed at entrance to the waterfront. She explained the proposed Aquapark, saying that there are many different components that can be purchased. She presented the pieces she proposed to purchase, saying the cost would be \$36,000.00, which included kayaks, paddleboards and life vests, but did not include the amber geese lights. The cost for those is \$1,400.00. The geese lighting keeps the geese off of the equipment. Life vests are necessary. She proposed that recreation impact fees be used for this purchase. Pieces can be added on. She felt this would be a revenue generator for Pawling. She said there are a lot of questions still to be considered in the development of the plan, and safety is number one. Lifeguards would monitor the equipment. She felt that a fee should be charged for the Aquapark and the fee structure should be friendly to residents. Fee collection would take place at the new shed at the waterfront. The company does not offer set up and take down for storage. Storage options would need to be explored and would have to be climate controlled. There would be maintenance necessary such as disinfecting and appropriate care for longevity of the equipment. She hoped to get this in by community day.

Following discussion and questions and answers by the Board, Town Attorney Nancy Tagliafierro asked if this would be put out to bid, as at this price range, putting this out to bid is something the town would need to do.

Councilman Johnson suggested checking to see if any of this equipment is on NYS bid. He said he is in favor of moving forward with this.

Ms. Dickinson said she certainly could put this out to bid and check to see if it is on NYS bid but this company is top notch. She said there is a limited time frame in order to have it installed for community day.

Supervisor Schmitt felt this would be a huge addition to the park and would help to continue to develop the park.

Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Recreation Director to seek at least three competitive bids for comparable playgrounds as well as check for state or government purchasing programs and report back to the Board, seconded by Councilman DeRosa, motion passed unanimously.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

### **Resolution 2019060 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 20190318 through 20190478, 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 \$321,954.57.

**Resolution 2019061**  
**Billing for Pawling Water District #2**

Whereas, Pawling Water District #2 bills need to be approved by the Pawling Town Board, and,

Whereas, the bills have been prepared and submitted in the amount of \$13,789.05 for the period of January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019 by the Water District Clerk, and the Water District Clerk has recommended their approval, now therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Pawling Town Board hereby accepts the billing as recommended for Pawling Water District #2.

**Resolution 2019062**  
**Facility Use Requests - Waiver / Fees**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling operates facilities that from time to time will be used by the public for events when those facilities are not needed for the Town's own usage, and

Whereas, the Town Board sets the fees for the use of facilities, and

Whereas, the Director of Recreation will periodically receive requests to waive the fees and has recommended waiving the following fees for usage of Town facilities which are not needed for the Town's own usage during those date and times, and now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the following fee waiver(s) have been authorized by the Town Board:

Central Baptist Church Carolyn Salazar	Hill overlooking Lake Easter Sunrise Service	April 21, 2019 5:30am – 7:30am
Pawling Fish & Game Dan Tompkins	Murrow Lower Pavilion Fishing Derby	May 18, 2019 7:00am – 4:00pm
Pawling Soccer Club Mark DelBalzo	Great Lawn Soccer Games	April 14, 2019, 2:00pm May 5, 2019, 2:00pm* May 19, 2019, 2:00pm June 6, 2019, 2:00pm *subject to change

**MOTION:** Councilman Johnson

**SECOND:** Supervisor Schmitt

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**NON CONSENT**

**Resolution 2019064**  
**Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2019**

Whereas, a request for Budget Amendments has been received from the Budget Officer, and

Whereas, normal course of business activity throughout 2019 has prompted the Budget

Officer to recommend that various budget items should be amended to allow for the Town of Pawling to continue conducting business as usual, and

Whereas, the Budget Officer has requested the following budget amendments:

Increase in Revenue Line DB.0599.000 (Appropriated Fund Balance) by \$52,000.00  
Increase in Expense Line DB.5130.400 (Machinery CE) by \$452.62  
Increase in Expense Line DB.9785.600 (Installment Purchase Debt-Principal) by \$50,994.29  
Increase in Expense Line DB.9785.700 (Installment Purchase Debt-Interest) by \$553.09

Now, Therefore, be it, Resolved

That the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby accepts the recommendation of the Budget Officer and approves the 2019 Budget amendments as submitted by the Budget Officer.

**MOTION:** Councilman Johnson

**SECOND:** Supervisor Schmitt

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2019065  
Proclamation Declaring May 2019 Mental Health Awareness Month**

Whereas, mental health is essential to the wellbeing and the vitality of our families, businesses, and communities; and

Whereas, mental health conditions are real and prevalent in our nation with 1 out of 4 Americans and 1 out of 5 children affected by mental illness, and

Whereas, more people die from suicide in the United States than from traffic accidents and an estimated 22 veterans die from suicide each day, and

Whereas, stigma and fear of discrimination keep many who would benefit from mental health services from seeking help; and

Whereas, with effective treatment those individuals with mental health conditions can recover and lead full, productive lives; and

Whereas, education, compassion, and awareness about mental illness can change negative attitudes and behaviors toward people with mental illness.

Whereas, each business, school, government agency, law enforcement agency, healthcare provider, organization and citizen shares the responsibility to promote mental wellness and support prevention efforts.

Now, Therefore, The Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby proclaim the month of May 2019, as MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH.

As the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, we also call upon all Pawling citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, and schools to recommit our community to increasing awareness and understanding of mental illnesses, reducing stigma, and discrimination, and promoting appropriate and accessible services for all individuals.

**MOTION:** Councilman Johnson

**SECOND:** Councilman DeRosa

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**BOARD MEMBER DISCUSSION**

**JOHNSON**

Councilman Johnson presented a proposal for ball fields in the rear of Lakeside Park, near the barns. He thanked Sarka Leff for her help on this proposal. He presented maps and explained where the fields would be placed. He explained that this would be a large field. The road would be left intact and there would be room for parking. He estimated that the amount of fill required is just short of 8,000 yards, which is the amount of yards in the dirt pile which is currently at Lakeside Park, near the Donaldson Center. He publicly asked the Pawling Community Foundation to get on board with the Town to do this. He also wanted to reach out to contractors who have excavators and dump trucks and asked them to volunteer their time. He would like to make this a community event.

Councilman Johnson made a resolution asking the Town Board to write a letter to the Pawling Community Foundation and to reach out to all contractors and individuals in this community that would like to assist the Town in doing this, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt, resolution passed unanimously.

**DEROSA**

Councilman DeRosa said he attended a Planning Board training session in Millbrook on streamlining the planning process, which was put on by two people from Pace University and one person from Dutchess County. Five members of the seven member planning board attended. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, last Friday, 225 feet of barriers were installed around the spillway. He said Winn Construction will be coming in shortly to complete the project so that the paperwork can be submitted to NYS DEC and the grant monies can be obtained from NYS DEC. Councilman DeRosa said the asbestos testing for town hall was discussed at last week’s meeting but was not voted on. He said Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds gave the Board an estimate of approximately \$2,000.00. He felt the entire town hall should be tested all at once.

Councilman Johnson felt that Mr. Weber could supply the Board with competitive quotes and he can move forward with it.

**SCHMITT**

Supervisor Schmitt said the Town is considering running a sewer line down Route 22 south to help the businesses. The Board has been discussing the map, plan and report for the sewer line. He said Brandee Nelson, P.E. from Tighe & Bond and Tyler Sterling, both representatives of Hannaford are here tonight to speak with the Board regarding the proposed sewer line.

Mr. Sterling said Hannaford would absolutely be supportive of the sanitary sewer and would benefit from public utilities. In the next couple of days, Hannaford will be submitting a concept plan application to the Planning Board for relocating their store across the street on Akindale Road. The proposed store will be approximately 49,000 square feet. The current store is just over 36,000 square feet. They felt they could serve the community better with a store with more space. The development they are exploring across the street would be a lot more feasible with public utilities.

Ms. Nelson said the timing piece of this is important to them. The sewer district is a viable option but to have a definite decision is what they need.

Following discussion, Councilman Johnson made a motion to authorize the Supervisor and Councilman DeRosa to be on a committee to reach out to the Village and move this map, plan and report process forward, seconded by Supervisor Schmitt and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilman McGrath “NAY”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vinny DiMarco offered to help move the dirt at Lakeside Park. Regarding the Whaley Lake Dam, he met with Kevin Flood this morning at the dam, and he was pleased with the barriers around the spillway. He will prepare a report for NYS DEC and send it to them and he believed that within a month, the town should have the blessing from the NYS DEC that the project is complete and at that point, the funding can be pursued.

Susan Schwartzman asked about the row boats at Lakeside Park. She said they are in terrible shape, the oar locks are broken and the row boats haven't been replaced in years. The motor on the motor boat breaks down every summer.

Ms. Dickinson said she would look into this.

Alfred Greve, resident of Holmes, said he submitted a sketch of a proposal for netting around the spillway to warn people from going over the spillway. It provides another level of safety.

Councilman DeRosa said he spoke with engineers and they felt that nothing should be done at this time, except monitoring the area.

Dan Peters, Village Trustee said he is excited to work with the town on the sewer line down Route 22. He would share information from the EPA with the Board on the proposed sewer district.

Jay Dickinson, Highway Superintendent said he had a meeting with Supervisor Schmitt today about the backhoe situation. He said Jesco will rent him a machine and fix the backhoe. He will repair the tractor, which will cost approximately \$2,000.00. He thought the Board would be discussing new trucks tonight. He is not in favor of used equipment. This is very important to him and needs to move forward.

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

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Town Clerk