

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 9, 2020 via Facebook due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting was broadcast live. The public was able to submit comments in writing until noon Wednesday, December 9, 2020 and via Facebook. Present were Councilmen Johnson, DeRosa, McCarthy, Councilwoman Snow, and Town Attorney Nancy Tagliafierro.

**MINUTES**

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 4, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Snow and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 11, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Snow and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 18, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Snow and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to accept the minutes of November 19, 2020, seconded by Councilwoman Snow and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “ABSTAINED”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**Resolution 2020144  
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 20203189 through 20203345 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 \$280,577.93.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilwoman Snow

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020145  
Requiring a Performance Bond for Timber Harvesting - Chung**

Whereas, Anne Chung has submitted an application for a Timber Harvesting Environmental Permit, and

Whereas, per Town Code Section: 187-10 Timber Harvesting the applicant is required to post a Performance Guaranty, and

Whereas, the Planning Board voted to recommend that the Town Board require the applicant to post a Performance Bond in the amount of \$5,000, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby requires the applicant Anne Chung to post a Performance Bond in the amount of \$5,000 per Town Code 187-10: Timber Harvest and by recommendation of the Planning Board.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman DeRosa

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020146  
Escrow Release – DePaoli**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling currently holds \$353.20 balance in escrow for Gerard and Antoinette DePaoli, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board Secretary has confirmed in a letter dated November 18, 2020 that there are no outstanding bills and that there will be no future bills for review, and,

Whereas, the Planning Board has recommended to the Town Board that these funds be released, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawling hereby releases the \$353.20 balance in escrow and authorizes the Bookkeeper to release such funds.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt  
**SECOND:** Councilwoman Snow

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020147**  
**Approving the Purchase of Cyber Insurance**

Whereas, the issue of Cyber Crime is becoming more and more common in today’s world, and

Whereas, to ensure the Town of Pawling has the best protection in place we has been advised by our Information Technology management to purchase an additional Cyber Insurance policy, and

Whereas, the Town of Pawling was provided with 4 quotes for Cyber Insurance, and

Whereas, AtBay provided the lowest of 4 quotes at \$2,640.29 per year, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town of Pawing Town Board hereby approves the purchase of Cyber Insurance from AtBay for \$2,640.29 per year beginning January 1, 2021.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt  
**SECOND:** Councilman McCarthy

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”                      Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020148**  
**Part Time Bookkeeping & Building Department Clerk Appointment**

Whereas, a part time vacancy exists in the Bookkeeping Department, and

Whereas, after interviewing several candidates the Bookkeeper would like to hire Kimberly Vesey with a probationary period of 6 months, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves Kimberly Vesey to be a part time Bookkeeping Clerk with the Bookkeeping Department and the Building Department as needed at an hourly rate of \$17.50 per hour.

Supervisor Schmitt said this was discussed in the budget process that this part time clerk would be split between the bookkeeping office and the building department. This part time job will actually cover two departments. This is in the approved budget.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman DeRosa

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020149  
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2020**

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

Whereas, normal course of business activity throughout 2020 has prompted the Bookkeeper to determine that various budget items should be amended to allow for the Town of Pawling to continue conducting business as usual; and

Whereas, the Bookkeeper has requested the following budget amendments:

A FUND	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Town Supervisor	A.1220.40	13,000	3,000		16,000	Increase for AV rentals
Budget	A.1340.400	20,500	4,000		24,500	Paychex charges, etc.
Audit	A.1320.40	10,590		4,000	6,590	Revised Estimate
Bldg Equip	A.1620.200	101,265	3,000		104,265	Revised Estimate
Bldg Parts	A.1620.400	2,550	1,000		3,550	Revised Estimate
Bldg Training	A.1620.401	1,000		1,000	0	Revised Estimate
Special Election	A.1989.400	30,000	10,000		40,000	Revised Estimate
Special Election	A.1989.100	20,000		10,000	10,000	Revised Estimate
Sup. of Highways	A.5010.400	1,500	500		2,000	Extended Estimate
Golf Course Wages	A.7260.10	65,603	1,000		66,603	Season Additional funds for Seeder, about \$8k total
GC-Grounds Equip	A.7250.200	18,000	3,000		21,000	Golf Cart repairs and monthly pmt
GC-Grounds Maint	A.7250.415	16500	2,500		19,000	Merchant fees
GC- Clubhouse Cont.	A.7260.400	8500	2,000		10,500	reim by golfers
GC-Fertilizer	A.7250.438	14,100	50	0	14,150	Adjust for increase
GC-Greens Supplies	A.7250.437	4,200	0	2,025	2,175	Adjust for increase

GC-Vehicle Gas	A.7250.424	7,500	0	2,000	5,500	Adjust for increase
GC- Clubhouse	A.7250.440	500		475	25	Adjust for increase
GC-Licenses	A.7250.436	600		50	550	Adjust for increase
NYR Retirement	A.9010.800	122,000	3,600		125,600	
		457,908	33,650	19,550	472,008	
Golf Course Revenue	A.2050	270,000	14,100		284,100	Adjust for increase
Revenues DB FUND	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
CHIPS Revenue	DB.3501	193,690		38,500	155,190	20% Reduction from NYS
Sales Tax	DB.1120	330,600	6,400		337,000	CHIPS Revised Estimate
Misc Revenue	DB.2770	0	3,000		3,000	Village Salt & Fuel Pmt Revised Estimate
Refund P/Y Exp	DB.2701	0	10,500		10,500	
		524,290	19,900	38,500	505,690	
Expenditures DB FUND	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
NYS Retirement	DB.9010.8	61,500		5,600	55,900	
Health Insurance	DB.9060.8	272,500		13,000	259,500	
		334,000	0	18,600	315,400	
B FUND	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Constables Cont.	B.3120.4	5,500	500		6,000	
Constables Wgs	B.3120.1	44,500		500	44,000	
Building Dept Cont	B.3620.4	37,000	23,800		60,800	Inc use of Subcontractors
Building Dept Wages	B.3620.1	85,697		15,000	70,697	Transfer to .4
Zoning Contractual	B.8010.4	3,500		1,000	2,500	Transfer to .4
Retirement	B.9010.8	25,000		5,000	20,000	Transfer to .4
Health Insurance	B.9060.8	32,064		2,800	29,264	Transfer to .4
		183,261	24,300	24,300	183,261	
Expenditure WL	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Operating Transfer	WL.9901.900	280	17559		17839	Winn Const. Invoice
Revenue WL	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Fund Balance	WL.9901.900	0	17559		17559	Winn Const. Invoice
Expenditure H Fund	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
WI Dam Cap Project	H.8745.200		17559		17559	Winn Const. Invoice
Revenue H Fund	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Operating Transfer	H.5031	0	17559		17559	Winn Const. Invoice

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt  
**SECOND:** Councilwoman Snow

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020150  
2021 Transfer Station Fees and Operating Hours**

Whereas, the Transfer Station provides Pawling residents with the option to purchase a permit each year for individual domestic household debris and recycling, and

Whereas, for the year 2021 a Transfer Station permit will cost \$365.00 and a second permit will cost \$30, and

Whereas, the Transfer Station will no longer be open the day after a Town holiday and will reopen the next scheduled day, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves the cost of the 2021 Transfer Station permit at \$365 each for the first permit and \$30 for the second, and be it further

Resolved, that the Town Board hereby approves that the Transfer Station will no longer be open the day after a Town holiday and will instead reopen on the next scheduled day.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman McCarthy

Councilman McCarthy said the fee is being raised and the additional funds will go into the capital fund to pay off equipment and purchase new equipment. The transfer station will be closed the day after a holiday so that over time does not have to be paid for the attendant. The Board will monitor the transfer station and see how the budget works throughout the year.

Councilman DeRosa felt it should be specific in the resolution that the increase in fees go toward the capital fund.

Councilman DeRosa introduced an amendment to Resolution 2020150 to specify that the \$10.00 additional fee goes to the capital fund, seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON AMENDMENT:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**ROLL CALL VOTE ON RESOLUTION 2020150:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020151**  
**Approval for Transfer Station Permit**

Whereas, from time to time Town Board approval is needed for certain residents to obtain a Transfer Station permit, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the following individuals are hereby approved to obtain a 2021 Transfer Station Permit by the Town Board of the Town of Pawling:

Phyllis Levesque

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman McCarthy

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Councilman Johnson wanted to discuss opening the transfer station to people who pay school tax to the Town of Pawling.

Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk said people who pay school tax are not residents of the Town of Pawling, they merely pay school tax to the Town of Pawling. They are residents of other towns.

Councilman McCarthy said the law would need to be changed, which would include a public hearing.

Nancy Tagliafierro said the law says they must be a resident in town code and in order to change that, the local law would need to be changed, which would include a public hearing and everything else that comes with adopting a new local law.

Councilman McCarthy said this can be discussed in the New Year.

Councilman Johnson felt increasing users would help the transfer station situation.

**Resolution 2020152**  
**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling Town Board desires to reconstruct the headwalls, sidewalks, curbs and culvert lining at West Main Street; and

Whereas, the Project represents an “Type II” action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Review Act (“SEQRA”), and the Town Board considers itself the most appropriate agency to conduct the required environmental review for the Project; and

Whereas, a Short Environment Assessment Form (“SEAF”) identifying and analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action has been prepared; and

Whereas, the Town Board declared their notice of intent to become Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA; and

Whereas, no other involved agency has raised an objection to the Town Board of the Town of Pawling acting as Lead Agency in the review of the Project; and

Whereas, as Lead Agency the Town Board has duly reviewed the SEAF, the public record and the latest plans; and

Whereas, to determine whether the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, the Town Board has compared the impacts that may reasonable be expected to result

from the action and compared them against the criteria for determining significance set forth in SEQRA, 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and

Whereas, the Town Board has thoroughly analyzed and identified the relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and has taken the requisite “hard look” at the potential environmental impacts of the action; and

Whereas, the Town Board concludes that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby finds that the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact for the following reasons:

1. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or noise levels.
2. There will be no substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
3. There will be no substantial increase in traffic or the use of existing infrastructure.
4. There will be no removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, nor will there be any significant impacts on habitat areas.
5. There will be no significant impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources
6. There will be no significant impairment of existing community or neighborhood character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, issues a NEGATIVE Determination of Significance.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman Johnson

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**Resolution 2020153**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION UNDER SEQRA**

Whereas, the Town of Pawling Town Board desires to mill and pave approximately 1.5 mills of Hurds Corner Road and reconstruct the headwall at one culvert crossing; and

Whereas, the Project represents an “Type II” action pursuant to the New York State Environmental Review Act (“SEQRA”), and the Town Board considers itself the most appropriate agency to conduct the required environmental review for the Project; and

Whereas, a Short Environment Assessment Form (“SEAF”) identifying and analyzing the potential environmental impacts of the proposed action has been prepared; and

Whereas, the Town Board declared their notice of intent to become Lead Agency pursuant to SEQRA; and



Whereas, no other involved agency has raised an objection to the Town Board of the Town of Pawling acting as Lead Agency in the review of the Project; and

Whereas, as Lead Agency the Town Board has duly reviewed the SEAF, the public record and the latest plans; and

Whereas, to determine whether the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, the Town Board has compared the impacts that may reasonable be expected to result from the action and compared them against the criteria for determining significance set forth in SEQRA, 6 NYCRR §617.7(c); and

Whereas, the Town Board has thoroughly analyzed and identified the relevant areas of environmental concern to determine if the action may have a significant adverse impact on the environment, and has taken the requisite “hard look” at the potential environmental impacts of the action; and

Whereas, the Town Board concludes that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse environmental impacts.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby finds that the proposed action will not result in a significant adverse environmental impact for the following reasons:

1. There will be no substantial adverse change in existing air quality, ground or surface water quality or quantity, or noise levels.
2. There will be no substantial increase in potential for erosion, flooding, leaching or drainage problems.
3. There will be no substantial increase in traffic or the use of existing infrastructure.
4. There will be no removal or destruction of large quantities of vegetation or fauna, nor will there be any significant impacts on habitat areas.
5. There will be no significant impairment of the character or quality of important historical, archeological, architectural, or aesthetic resources
6. There will be no significant impairment of existing community or neighborhood character.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7, issues a NEGATIVE Determination of Significance.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman DeRosa

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – “AYE”

Councilman DeRosa – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

**SNOW**

Councilwoman Snow thanked the merchants and everyone who contributed to the lights in the Village and making the Village look beautiful. The Pawling Resource Center appreciates the

donations they've received now and throughout the year. She thanked Terri Ariano for the work she does at the Resource Center. Councilwoman Snow wished everyone happy holidays.

## **JOHNSON**

Councilman Johnson congratulated Shaun at the golf course. Golf course revenues exceeded \$290,000.00, which is over double what we were taking in five or six years ago. We are fortunate to have the department heads we have, who go above and beyond. He wanted to pick up on a conversation of a request Jessica Dickinson had with the Board in November, which was making a position full time if she could fund the position making it budget neutral. Ms. Dickinson did get back to the Board with a proposal. If the proposal was approved, he could see an increase in budget lines next year. However, Ms. Dickinson is a talented individual and he felt the Board owed it to her to have this discussion in public so she knows where the Board's support lies and when this support will be given to her.

Councilman Johnson made a resolution to authorize the budget transfers that Ms. Dickinson requested in order to make the personnel changes she wants to do. He said she is requesting to make Lori Covell full time as opposed to being permanent part time.

Councilman DeRosa seconded for discussion.

Councilman DeRosa said the budget lines aren't completely neutral because there will be things in those budget lines that will be needed next year. He was leery to make anyone full time now during the pandemic and felt he would rather wait until after the first of the year before the Board goes any further with this.

Supervisor Schmitt said all departments are doing well, it is a difficult year and everyone worked hard to present a zero percent increase in the budget. A full time position is a full time position, in a time where we don't know what that department will be next year because we don't know what the restrictions will be. He is more comfortable waiting and not approving this now and revisiting this in the spring.

Councilman Johnson said recreation has been turned into a 365 day a year program. There is always something going on. He felt it was his duty as a Board member to let the public know we all support her and even if the Board doesn't support this now, they will reconsider it in the future.

Councilwoman Snow felt we all could say we support Ms. Dickinson and all of her staff. She has been in touch with Ms. Dickinson since that meeting and the Board was copied on a discussion with Christine Mitchell, bookkeeper, and her recommendation is that this is not a good time to create a full time position. Councilwoman Snow said she was committed to the Board continuing to have this conversation and this is not a done deal under any circumstances, but the Board needs to take the recommendation of the bookkeeper into consideration.

Councilman McCarthy felt that today is not the time to discuss this and he wasn't even sure this should be voted on today. He felt this should be looked into in the future and today is not the day to be discussing this.

## **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilman Johnson – "AYE"

Councilman DeRosa – "NAY"

Councilman McCarthy – "NAY"

Councilwoman Snow - "NAY"

Supervisor Schmitt – "NAY"

## **DEROSA**

Councilman DeRosa said he was at the dam on Monday to check the water level in the lake. The water level was seven and a half inches above the concrete spillway, and everything looks fine. He wished everyone happy holidays and hoped 2021 would be a better year.

**MCCARTHY**

Councilman McCarthy said the transfer station would be closed on December 24<sup>th</sup> and would close at noon on December 30<sup>th</sup>. He is coming to the end of his third year and he wanted to thank the department heads, elected officials and employees for their work, saying we are lucky to have the employees we have. He thanked the Fire Department and congratulated Everett White for ten years serving as Fire Chief. He wished everyone happy holidays and prayed for a better new year.

Supervisor Schmitt echoed what the Board members said. Everyone worked hard during the pandemic.

Christine Mitchell, bookkeeper said she has made budget adjustments throughout the year to make sure the revenues are where they need to be. She is working on a five year plan and will have the buildings and grounds five year plan to the Board tomorrow. The Board has been extremely proactive.

**TRUCK FOR BUILDINGS & GROUNDS**

Christine Mitchell, bookkeeper said funds were transferred from the exiting budget to purchase a truck for buildings and grounds. It was a 2020 F350 4x4 off of NYS bid. In 2019, Healy was on NYS bid but they have since been removed. She has been working with them to see if there is anything that can be done, but it is still up in the air. She was hoping the Board would authorize going out to bid for this vehicle so it can be done in a manner that would pass audit.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to put out to bid a new F350 truck and plow that meets NYS bid pricing, seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed with the following roll call vote:

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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| Councilman Johnson – “AYE”  | Councilman DeRosa – “AYE” |
| Councilman McCarthy – “AYE” | Councilwoman Snow - “AYE” |
| Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”  |                           |

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Supervisor Schmitt read the following email submitted by Helen Grosso:

Hello Supervisor Schmitt and Town Board,  
 There was a discussion about rising costs at the Town Transfer Station in the Town Board meeting last week. I have some questions below. I have attached the Village garbage budget and the Transfer Station presentation Christine gave in November for reference:  
**Question 1:** Village needs to buy a garbage truck because the two they have are old. One is 2000 I believe and one is 2007. Town has cut back on hours/days for trash drop off. Is there a truck available to share?  
**Question 2:** There is a estimated loss of \$30,000 in the Transfer Station Budget for 2020. How will that be paid for?  
**Question 3:** Has anyone tried to figure out how Village Garbage collection services can be offered for door to door service for 933 users with a total budget of \$222,987 when the Town has only drop off services for a budget of \$309,931.51?  
**Question 4:** How many more users would you need to buy permits in Pawling to keep the cost of the permit at the present level?  
 FYI: The cost for single bag drop off is increasing for trash services at the Wingdale Transfer Station . Recycling is no longer free there. See other increases below - maybe there is a way to attract back users who no longer buy permits in Pawling.  
 white kitchen bag cost: WAS \$2.50 NOW costs: \$3.00  
 black 30 gallon bag: WAS: \$4.00 NOW: \$5.00  
 Contractor size bag: WAS: \$5.00 NOW: \$10.00

ALL Recycling WAS free but NOW: \$2.00 for 30 lb bag  
Used cardboard WAS free but NOW cost \$5 if large quantity is dropped off.

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**Question 5:** The Tipping fees in the Town budget are enormous compared to the cost in the Village budget. Is this simply because of volume and the scope of garbage items in the Town? Town tipping fees are \$185,000 for 2019. Village tipping fees were \$67,000 in 2020.

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\*\* Both the Village and Town refuse budgets that are attached here, do not include support services from other departments. In the Town this would include Cathy's time ordering and selling permits and the Sewer Commission secretary in the Village who keeps track and mails the bills for garbage service. Both Town and Village bookkeepers also spend time managed the finance details but are not included in the budgets.

Supervisor Schmitt said the Village trucks are very different from the town trucks.

Christine Mitchell said to answer Ms. Grosso's question, any loss is absorbed by the general fund. She felt the transfer could be close to break even in the next couple of years.

Supervisor Schmitt said he could not speak for how the Village runs their departments or what their tipping fees are. He looked forward to working with Ms. Grosso in the future.

Supervisor Schmitt read the following email submitted by Marty Mygan:

Hi James,

I would the following comments to be read into the meeting tonight.

1. Is there a way to be able to make comment in real time by zoom or some other modality. I would rather be able to make my comments in real time instead of by email or posting a question on Facebook. I believe the town board has been able to do this in the past.

2. I was disappointed by Phil's interaction with someone who made some comments during a meeting last month. In my opinion he needs to apologize for the way he spoke to her. James spoke up twice to get him to stop, and I applaud him for his efforts, but I encourage all board members to speak up when a member of the public is treated this way at a meeting. By the way for Phil, if the Town of Pawling pays you four Thousand dollars, which of course is funded by town of Pawling taxpayers, they don't look at it as paying you 3,200 dollars. What you pay the government does not affect how much money you are actually paid, and it's an insult to people paying the taxes that fund your income.

3. The Dutchess County Legislature was budgeted for a 3% pay raise in 2021. The law only allows the legislature to change it's pay in an election year, so it cannot be changed this year. Since all county employees will receive no raises next year, the legislature has voted unanimously to donate their raises to Dutchess County charities. I will be donating to the Community Resource Center. This was said by Ed Hauser. I appreciate that there was a motion in a recent town board meeting to forgo your 2021 raise as a way to show the Pawling taxpayer that you know that some people are hurting right now. Although it did not pass, I want to commend some on the board that said they will donate that raise to charity. Thank you for your effort.

Thank you  
Marty Mygan

Supervisor Schmitt said he is working on how people make comments, by email, Facebook and on zoom. He said the Board doesn't agree on everything but they are sometimes emotional and passionate. Councilman DeRosa is a passionate Board member and works very hard.

Councilwoman Snow agreed it is helpful for the Board to hear someone speak. In emails, you can't really read the persons expressions. She would be in support of people being in zoom waiting rooms in order to hear them speak. She would support forgoing Facebook posts for zoom comments.

Councilman DeRosa said if he offended anyone with his comments, he is sorry, that's for sure. He works very hard at this job and he doesn't like to be attacked. Merry Christmas.

Councilman McCarthy said this year has been a learning curve for everyone and the Board is not perfect.

Town Clerk Cathy Giordano made the following comments:

I'm sure we are all glad the election is over. I can say that no one is happier than I am having spent four months intensely planning and executing the election, in addition to continuing my regular duties.

I put in many evenings and weekends to get this all done. I put together a team to help me and I'd like to thank them publicly.

First and foremost, I have to thank my husband Ed, who was by my side every minute and every step of the way, and I couldn't have done it without him. Special thanks to my deputy Cheryl who, as always, efficiently picked up the slack when needed and supported me every step of the way.

I would also like to thank Peggy Generoso for her insight and support during the entire four months.

I would like to thank my board of inspectors, Preeti, Keith, Kevin and Stephanie. They really had no idea what they were getting themselves into, but in the end, they worked hard and got the job done and they still continue to work, even now.

I also would like to thank Peggy Figueroa, Wendel, and the constables for their help during the process and on Election Day.

And finally, to every poll worker who worked on Election Day, thank you. Everyone gave a great effort, which I very much appreciated. I worked hard for the residents of Pawling to ensure a fair election without any problems. I'm happy to say that the election was a success, and I thank everyone who supported me.

The motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Schmitt at 7:10 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk