

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM September 11, 2024 at the Pawling town hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwoman Snow, Councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliafierro, town attorney, and approximately 10 interested citizens were present. Councilwoman Pitt was absent.

Supervisor Schmitt asked for a moment of silence for everyone who was lost on September 11, 2001, the worst terrorist attack in the history of our Country.

### **PRESENTATION/GATHER ROUND THE TABLE/DEBBIE MUROSKI**

Debbie Muroski, founder and president of Gather Round the Table, gave a presentation regarding the Gather Round the Table program. She explained the foundation of the program, saying she and her husband are business owners in Pawling for over 38 years, they own and operate Native Landscapes located on Route 22. She and her husband had a desire to do good for others in the community. When she realized in 2021 that a soup kitchen did not exist closer than Poughkeepsie New York or Danbury Connecticut, it was troubling to them. The data from the Pawling Resource Center indicated that families needing help increased annually. She also had contacted the Pawling Central School District and she found that many children needed free lunch and that would be increasing in the near future. She said 6% of Pawling's residents are at or below the poverty level. Based on her research, she felt there was a growing need in the community. Based on that information and research, she went to the town and other agencies and a committee was formed in 2023. Gather Round the Table is a 501 (c) 3 charitable organization that will provide under privileged members of the community, providing meals at no cost. The program is run by volunteers and the first meal will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner to be served on 11/24/24 at 5 PM at the Lathrop Center at Lakeside Park. The follow up meal will be 12/15/24 also at Lakeside Park. She is in the process of enlisting of Boy & Girl Scouts, Pawling Rotary and the community service students at the Pawling High School. There is a 200 person cap for each event. A registration form will be posted at gatherroundthetable.org.

The board thanked Mrs. Muroski for her work on this program.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

#### **RESOLUTION 2024-117 Payment of Bills for the Town of Pawling**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling bookkeeper has reviewed and prepared the vouchers for the Town of Pawling 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 20241042 through 20241205, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the town board of the Town of Pawling 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 \$665,372.40.

**MOTION:** Supervisor Schmitt

**SECOND:** Councilman McCarthy

#### **ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**RESOLUTION 2024-118**

**Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement for Snow Removal and Ice Control Services**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling intends to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement between Dutchess County and the Town of Pawling for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services of 20.87 miles of road for a one-year period commencing on November 1, 2024 and expiring on September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, this Agreement may be extended for additional periods of one year each, for two years, upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree, and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County will pay the Town of Pawling Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars (\$5,900) per mile for the Snow Removal and Ice Control of 20.87 miles of Dutchess County highways, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute this agreement, as noted herein of the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”                      Councilman Mygan – “NAY”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**RESOLUTION 2024-120**

**Facilities Use Request**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling operates facilities that from time to time will be used by the public for events other than the Town’s own usage, and

WHEREAS, the recreation director will periodically receive request for special considerations once all application and insurance requirements are met, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling sets the fees for the use of facilities, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following waiver(s) have been authorized by the Town Board: Pawling Community Foundation – Alcohol Waiver, Alcohol Control Plan.

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”                      Councilman Mygan – “AYE”  
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”                      Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”  
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

**RESOLUTION 2024-125**

**Award of Bid for Heating Oil and Service of Oil-Fired Heating Equipment**

WHEREAS, bids were duly advertised and noticed for #2 Heating Fuel Oil and Service Boiler Maintenance Service for the year 2024-2025, and

WHEREAS, the bids have been submitted for the Town Board’s review and tabulations have been provided by the Town Clerk, and

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bids for #2 Fuel Oil be awarded per the specifications within the bid packet to Taylor Oil in the amount of plus (+) \$0.30 per gallon, and the Boiler Maintenance Service bid is hereby awarded to Taylor Oil in the amount of \$165.00 per hour.

Supervisor Schmitt said this resolution would be tabled until further notice.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to reject the current bids received for heating oil, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 2024-126**  
**Appointments to the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby confirms the appointment of the Town Supervisor, James Schmitt and Deputy Supervisor, James McCarthy to serve as a Commissioners on the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission.

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

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to amend resolution 2024-126, appointment to the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission, to include councilwoman Snow as the alternate, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”	Councilman Mygan – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”	Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”	

**RESOLUTION 2024-127**  
**Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2024**

WHEREAS, a request for budget amendments has been received from the bookkeeper, and

WHEREAS, normal course of business activity throughout 2024 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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bookkeeper has requested the following budget amendments:

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

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”	Councilman Mygan – “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”	Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”
Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”	

A Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Town Board	A.1010.4	4,800	3,000		7,800	Inc for consultant to assist Legal
Justice Court	A.1110.4	5,950	2,000		7,950	Inc for interpreters
Attorney Fees	A.1420.4	160,000	20,000		180,000	Revised estimate
Grant Administrative Services	A.1440.410	30,000	16,000		46,000	TB Approved increase
Beach & Pool	A.7230.1	80,000	250		80,250	Revised Budget
Youth Programs Camp	A.7320.1	100,000	10,000		110,000	Added supervision
Lease/rental Agreements	A.1620.42	2,000	1,000		3,000	Added water for camp
		<u>382,750</u>	<u>52,250</u>		<u>435,000</u>	

A Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Revenue</b>						
Summer Camp Revenues	A.2001.101	190,000	10,000		200,000	Additional camper revenue
Interest	A.2401	70,000	25,000		95,000	Revised Estimate
Mortgage Tax	A.3005	228,435	17,250		245,685	Revised Estimate
		<u>488,435</u>	<u>52,250</u>		<u>540,685</u>	

DB Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Fiscal Agent Fees	DB.1380.400	5000		-2400	2600	Revised estimate
NYSLRS	DB.9010.800	73,995	2,400		76,395	Additional Funds for retirement
Road Construction Capital	DB.5112.21	0	100,000		100,000	8 roads hydrologic & hydraulic studies at \$12,500 per road, TB Approved Should be reimbursed by FEMA
		<u>78,995</u>	<u>102,400</u>	<u>-2,400</u>	<u>176,395</u>	

DB Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Revenue</b>						
Interest	DB.2401	18,356	50,000		68,356	Revised estimate
Sales Tax	DB.1120	550,000	50,000		600,000	Revised estimate
		<u>568,356</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>668,356</u>	

B Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Buildings Equipment	B.3620.200	0	4,600		4,600	Increase for Bldg Dept computers
Buildings Contractual	B.3620.400	13,000	530		13,530	Increase for contractual
		<u>13,000</u>	<u>5,130</u>		<u>18,130</u>	

B Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Revenue</b>						
Interest	B.2401	23,400	5,130		28,530	Revised Estimate

WL Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Expenditures</b>						
Fiscal Agent	WL.1380.400	0	800		800	Required Fiscal Reporting

WL Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
<b>Revenue</b>						
Interest	WL.2401	2,000	800		2,800	Revised Estimate

**DISCUSSION/ETHICS BOARD AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

Councilman Mygan said the board has received the proposed ethics local law and financial disclosure. He would like the board to review and discuss them. He was looking forward to getting this done. Councilman Mygan said he would like the section regarding hiring relatives added back into the employee handbook.

**MCCARTHY**

Councilman McCarthy said regarding transfer station permits, the proposal is for the fee for the first permit to be increased by \$5.00 for 2025, the second sticker would stay the same. The transfer station expenses are doing better now, due to part time workers instead of full time employees. He said the town is still waiting to get the \$67,000.00 in grant money for the roll off truck, hopefully next year.

**SNOW**

Councilwoman Snow said she would like the town board to pass a resolution next month requiring four hours of training each year for the town board. There are many on line classes that could be taken to achieve the four hours of training.

**MYGAN**

Councilman Mygan said he has spoken to a representative at Dutchess County Transportation this week regarding a bus stop at "The Woods" development. The representative said they are considering a bus stop at that location. He would keep the board updated on this. Councilman Mygan said he spoke to Ben Syden at Laberge regarding a planner and the grant money for a planner. Mr. Syden said there are grant monies totaling approximately \$90,000.00 with the town's contribution being \$15,000, and this money is to update the comprehensive plan, including zoning. Councilman Mygan said he would like help regarding an RFP for a planner for the Town of Pawling to help with upcoming projects. He said Laberge would be working on updating the comprehensive plan update.

**SCHMITT**

Supervisor Schmitt congratulated councilwoman Pitt for completing the FBI academy, saying she will graduate tomorrow. Supervisor Schmitt said James Earl Jones passed away this week. Mr. Jones was a resident of Pawling, and was very involved in the community. He will be missed. He said the recreation department will be showing James Earl Jones movies for the community on Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn at 6:55 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

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Town Clerk