

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM December 11, 2024 at the Pawling town hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York, in honor of Ann Godesky who passed away recently. Present were councilwoman Snow, councilman Mygan, Brendan Liberati, town attorney, and approximately 15 interested citizens. Councilman McCarthy and councilwoman Pitt were absent.

ETHICS BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to open the public hearing on the local law regarding the ethics board, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Mark Chipkin, resident from 60 Hurds Corner Road, thanked the town board, councilwoman Snow and everyone who worked on this, as well as the legal work that was done on this.

The board agreed to leave the public hearing open and continue it in January.

PRESENTATION/CAMINO AL EXITO

The board entertained a presentation by Inginia Jackson representing Camino Al Exito. She explained the core mission of Camino Al Exito, which is to empower underserved youth and their families by creating access to resources, for instance, legal, health among a few. They partnership with the library, the school district and many other organizations. They have an adult department, your department with programs and they are very involved in the community. They offer English classes and other services for residents. They support youth with outreach and educate them about what is available to them and make sure they are integrating within Pawling. They hope to continue and need support from the community. They have a board and committees who help them to continue their partnerships. Their organization is based on donation. They hoped the board would continue to support them.

PAWLING COMMUNITY GARDEN DISUCSSION

Angela Jobe and Sam Peterson were present representing the Pawling Community Garden. Mr. Peterson said to his understanding, all of the agreements are ready to be formalized, and they would like to move forward.

There was discussion regarding the fee for the water lines and whether or not there would be rent paid. Following discussion, it was agreed that these issues would be discussed in January.

Supervisor Schmitt said Nancy Tagliafierro, town attorney has the agreements ready to sign and he felt it could be done tomorrow. The other issues could be further discussed next month.

RESOLUTIONS

Supervisor Schmitt said resolutions 2024-135,2024-163 and 2024-167 would be discussed in January.

RESOLUTION 2024-164 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:

ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Town Board Contractual	A.1010.4	78,000	2,000		80,000	Lawsuit Prof. Svc.
Tax Collector	A.1330.1	25,045	2,000		27,045	Revised Estimate
Budget Contractual	A.1340.4	30,250	3,500		33,750	GASB#75 & Paychex charges
Assessment	A.1355.4	97,375	2,000		99,375	Shared svc agreement
Attorney	A.1420.4	180,000	5,000		185,000	Revised Estimate
Buildings & Grounds Maintenance	A.1620.415	42,500	2,100		44,600	Revised Estimate
Buildings & Grounds Fuel Oil	A.1620.416	43,665		-2,100	41,565	Revised Estimate
Central Data Processing	A.1680.4	35,600	2,600		38,200	Revised Estimate
Golf Grounds Equipment	A.7250.2	3,000	5,850		8,850	Fence Installation
Golf Grounds Equipment	A.7250.2	8,850	1,715		10,565	Revised Estimate
Golf Grounds Wages	A.7250.1	85,150		-1,715	83,435	Revised Estimate
Golf Grounds Maintenance	A.7250.415	28,000		-3,300	24,700	Revised Estimate
Golf Vehicle Gas & Maintenance	A.7250.424	8,000		-2,550	5,450	Revised Estimate
Park Permits, DEC etc.	A.7110.45	21,000	100		21,100	Revised Estimate
Park Equipment	A.7110.2	23,400		-100	23,300	Revised Estimate
Park Equipmetn	A.7110.2	23,300	3,700		27,000	Revised Estimate
Golf Grounds Electric	A.7250.417	3,250	600		3,850	Revised Estimate
Golf Grounds Fuel Oil	A.7250.416	3,000		-600	2,400	Revised Estimate
Park Wages	A.7110.1	103,045	1,000		104,045	Revised Estimate
Buildings & Grounds Wages	A.1620.1	286,795		-1,000	285,795	Revised Estimate
Other Recreation Contractual	A.7310.4	29,500	1,700		31,200	Revised Estimate
Teen Center Wages	A.7145.1	2,200		-1,700	500	Revised Estimate
Garage	A.5132.4	10,000	3,800		13,800	Fuel Pump & Inspection
Golf Course Clubhouse	A.7260.1	75,640	2,500		78,140	Revised Estimate
Refuse & Garbage Contractual	A.8160.4	175,000	10,000		185,000	Revised Estimate
HRA & FSA	A.9089.81	25,000	3,000		28,000	Revised Estimate
		1,446,565	53,165	-13,065	1,486,665	
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Revenue						
Golf Revenue	A.2050	315,000	40,100		355,100	Revised Estimate
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Buildings Contractual	B.3620.4	15,530	1,000		16,530	Revised Estimate
State Retirement	B.9010.8	33,870		-1,000	32,870	Revised Estimate
		49,400	1,000	-1,000	49,400	
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Machinery	DB.5130.4	90,000	5,000		95,000	Revised Estimate
General Repairs Contractual	DB.5110.4	80,000	6,000		86,000	East of Hudson Bill
General Repairs Personel	DB.5110.1	542,890		-6,000	536,890	Revised Estimate
		712,890	11,000	-6,000	717,890	
ACCOUNT DESCRIPTION	ACCOUNT NUMBER	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	REVISED BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Revenue						
Interest	DB.2401	35,586	5,000		40,586	

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “ABSENT”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2024-165
Escrow Release

WHEREAS, the Planning Board recommends to the Town Board that there are no outstanding bills and that there will be no future bills for review and recommended that these funds be released, pending approval from the Building Department, Code Enforcement Officer, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling Planning Board refers to the Town Board releases of the following balances in escrow and authorizes the bookkeeper to release such funds:

1. John Minchala	Accessory Apartment Special Use Permit	\$940.00
2. Verizon Wireless	Telecommunication Tower/Colocator	\$1,916.15
3. White Oak Farm	Environmental Permit 2020-036	\$180.37
4. Arc of Ministries	Environmental Permit	\$325.00

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT” Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “ABSENT” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2024-166
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 20241509 through 20241651, 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 \$602,791.31.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “ABSENT” Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “ABSENT” Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

TOWN BOARD DISCUSSION

MYGAN

Councilman Mygan said he wanted to advertise on the town website for planning and zoning board members. The advertisement has been placed on the town’s Facebook page but he wanted it also added to the website. Councilman Mygan said he was asked what the deductible and copays were for the NYSHIP plan.

Supervisor Schmitt said he would reach out to NYSHIP and let councilman Mygan know tomorrow.

Councilman Mygan said he has received RFP's from Nancy Tagliaferro, town attorney for attorney, engineer, grant writer, IT and human resources. He would like those to go out as soon as possible. He asked how the board would go about advertising these positions.

Supervisor Schmitt said he would speak to the town attorney regarding how to advertise the positions and speak to other towns, to see if there is a possibility for a shared service for human resources.

Councilman Mygan felt human resources needed to be someone separate from town hall.

ADVERTISE RFP FOR ATTORNEY/ENGINEER/GRANT WRITER

Councilman Mygan proposed a resolution to post RFP's for attorney, engineer and grant writer, seconded by supervisor Schmitt, motion passed unanimously.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow asked for an update for the Conservation Advisory Board.

Supervisor Schmitt said many interviews have been done and there will be a few more. Once interviews are completed, he hoped to have a proposal prepared for the first meeting in January.

Councilwoman Snow asked when the Starkdale Park project would be before the planning board.

Supervisor Schmitt said he wasn't sure, he would check and get back to councilwoman Snow tomorrow.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt read an update from Bob Brill, highway superintendent on all of the work the highway department has accomplished, and also stating total grants received in the amount of \$4,731,317.08. He thanked Mr. Brill for all of the work done by the highway department. Supervisor Schmitt reported on the amnesty program in the building department. They have closed 88 files, with over 100 permits closed. Once the permits are closed, they are given to the assessor's office so they can be placed on the tax rolls. They hoped to have the project completed in another month.

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

Town Clerk