

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM April 2, 2025 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. He opened the meeting in honor of Robert Liffland, who recently passed away, saying Mr. Liffland was a Village Trustee for 17 years and mayor of the Village of Pawling for 18, in addition to being very involved in the community in many ways. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliafierro, town attorney, Michael T. Liguori, town attorney and approximately 12 interested citizens.

MINUTES

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of March 5, 2025, seconded by councilwoman Snow, and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of March 12, 2025, seconded by councilman McCarthy, and passed unanimously.

PRESENTATION/MILLENNIUM GRANT SERVICES

The board entertained a presentation by Dave Jenkins from Millennium Strategies Grant Services. He said they responded to an RFP the town put out for grant writing services. He explained that Millennium only works for local governments, and he has 45 grant writers. They have roughly fifty clients in the Hudson Valley, upstate and Long Island and there are eight members of the team. They are responsible for grant research or identification and grant writing. He explained the way Millennium handles grants, grant writing and how they would interact with the town. He said there would be an annual fee for their on line portal. They would send the town an email each week, which would include grants they felt the town may be interested in. The goal is to pursue grants that make the most sense. They offer a flex service, which is offered for smaller communities.

Following a question and answer session with the board, the board thanked Mr. Jenkins for the presentation.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2025-068

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Sign Contract between Mutts Mansion Veterinary Center and the Town of Pawling to provide a Dog Shelter

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling is seeking to provide said sheltering of dogs as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Dog Shelter Contract between Mutts Mansion Veterinary Center and the Town of Pawling for a term of one year, commencing on April 2, 2025, and ending April 1, 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilwoman Pitt

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-069

Authorizing the Town Supervisor to Sign Contract between Roosevelt Veterinary Center and the Town of Pawling to provide a Dog Shelter

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling is seeking to provide said sheltering of dogs as required by law, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor to sign the Dog Shelter Contract between Roosevelt Veterinary Center and the Town of Pawling for a term of one year, commencing on April 2, 2025, and ending April 1, 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-070
Appointment of Part Time Laborer

WHEREAS, a permanent part time laborer vacancy exists in the Buildings and Grounds department, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds would like to fill one permanent part time position with Laura Palinkas, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves Laura Palinkas to be appointed as part time laborer in Buildings and Grounds at the hourly rate of \$18.00.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

DISCUSSION

PITT

Councilwoman Pitt said she had a conversation with a Verizon representative regarding options and concerns regarding fiber optics. She will be speaking with him further next week. She also has left blue envelopes in town hall, which are to be placed in cars where drivers are on the autism spectrum, so that all of their information could be in one place in the vehicle.

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy said there is a slight leak at one of the homes within PWD #2, so there is a chance the water lines might be shut down sometime tomorrow, but they are hoping they won't have to shut the water off. He and Wendel Weber, supervisor of buildings & grounds met with a gentleman regarding solar, but the problem was that the town's buildings aren't big enough for what they do. He will be providing names of some companies that may work for the town.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said she just wanted to mention her discussion regarding Millennium with the Town of Kent, Millennium has been working with them for three years.

Nancy Tagliafierro, town attorney said the Town of Kent has been with Millennium for much longer than that, probably since 2016 and it has been very successful, especially in recent years.

MYGAN

Councilman Mygan asked that the Conservation Advisory Board make a presentation to the town board. He said he has been looking into the contract for the town's two rental properties. He would like to gather more information, meet with Wendel Weber, supervisor of buildings and grounds and update the agreements. Councilman Mygan said he has contacted a representative of the ASPCA to discuss the list of items that were discussed in the planning process, these were things that the ASPCA might do for the town. He will be setting up a meeting soon with the gentleman.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt said he checked on some roads today, and said he saw some roads need a lot of work. He said the highway department is doing a great job. He would like to work with the highway department on a list of roads the highway department will be working on this year. He said the town received a very nice email today email regarding the building department. They are doing a great job. He and councilman Mygan met new court clerk Audrey Wilson today, who is working for Justice Irwin. There will be a resolution on the agenda on next week's agenda, confirming her appointment, setting her salary and ratifying any actions taken beforehand.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM and enter executive session to discuss the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension or removal of a particular person or corporation, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion carried unanimously.

TREMSON STIPULATION

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to come out of executive session at 8:04 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to authorize the supervisor to sign a stipulation of settlement regarding the Town of Pawling verses Tremson, seconded by councilman McCarthy and passed with the following roll call vote:

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk