

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM May 7, 2025 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliaferro, town attorney, and approximately 15 interested citizens.

PROCLAMATION – ROBYN (WOOLLEY) PRIANO

Supervisor Schmitt said the board is presenting a proclamation to recreation director Robyn Priano. He read the following proclamation:

PROCLAMATION ROBYN PRIANO

Whereas, Robyn (Woolley) Priano has faithfully served the Town of Pawling Recreation Department for the past twenty years, bringing energy, passion, and unwavering commitment to the physical, mental, and social well-being of our community, and

Whereas, during her tenure, Robyn has overseen the development, implementation, and expansion of countless programs, camps, and special events that have enriched the lives of residents and non-residents of all ages, and

Whereas, Robyn has demonstrated exceptional leadership in maintaining and improving our parks, recreational facilities, and community spaces, making them welcoming and accessible to all, and

Now Therefore Be it Resolved, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, do hereby recognize and commend Robyn (Woolley) Priano for 20 years of outstanding and devoted service for the Town of Pawling Recreation Department.

Robyn Priano thanked the board for the proclamation acknowledging her twenty years of service, saying she felt honored to serve a community that she loved so much.

MINUTES

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of April 2, 2025, seconded by councilman McCarthy, and passed unanimously.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of April 9, 2025, seconded by councilwoman Snow, and passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2025-079 Proclaiming May as Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, mental health is essential to the well-being 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 5 Americans and 1 out of 6 children affected by mental illness each year, 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, and

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling do hereby proclaim the month of May 2025 ad Mental Health Awareness Month, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling calls upon its 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: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-080
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. Andre Bigilall	Environmental Permit	\$60.00
2. Castagna PDD	Site Plan	\$1,715.91
3. Andre Hardjie	Environmental Permit	\$50.00
4. Chris Johnson	Environmental Permit	\$60.00
5. Gary Malouf	Environmental Permit	\$142.50
6. Glen Schwartz	Environmental Permit	\$265.00

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-081
Authorizing Pay Rate Increase for Golf Course Attendant

WHEREAS, Adrianna Galeno, a golf course attendant, has been employed by the Town of Pawling for the past four years at a rate of \$14.64 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling deems it appropriate to increase the hourly wage to \$16.25 per hour in recognition of her service and contributions, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves the pay rate increase for Adrianna Galeno to \$16.25 per hour, effective immediately.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2025-082
Authorizing Pay Rate Increase for Golf Course Attendant

WHEREAS, Mary Thomson, a golf course attendant, has been employed by the Town of Pawling for the past two years at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling deems it appropriate to increase the hourly wage to \$16.00 per hour in recognition of her service and contributions, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves the pay rate increase for Mary Thomson to \$16.00 per hour, effective immediately.

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 2025-083
Appointment of Full Time Mechanical Equipment Operator

WHEREAS, a permanent full time Mechanical Equipment Operator (MEO) vacancy exists in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended that Preston Vincent be appointed to fill said vacancy, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves Preston Vincent to be appointed as a full-time MEO in the Highway Department, effective immediately, at the current MEO hourly rate of \$26.97.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2025-084
Accepting Donations for Bounce into Summer Event

WHEREAS, the Pawling Recreation Department recognizes the importance of accepting donations to support its programs and activities, and

WHEREAS, donations from individuals, businesses, foundations and other entities can provide valuable resources, including financial support, goods and services, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the Pawling Recreation Department to accept donations for the Bounce into Summer event from the following donors:

Organization	Amount/value	donation form	Use
Andrew J. House, Dutchess County Legislator & Chris Roilson, Dutchess County Legislator	\$400	check	Band Sponsor - Jamie Cairney Acoustic Band
Bubbly Girls Party Rental	\$300	goods	Inflatable Sponsor
Cartwright and Daughters + Pawling Little League	\$400	goods	Dunk Tank Sponsor
Durkin Propane	\$250	check	Food Sponsor - Snacks & Treats & Beverages
Laberge Group	\$300	check	Food Sponsor - Snacks & Treats & Beverages
Pawling Community Foundation	\$700	check	Band Sponsor - Way Behind the Sun
Pawling Soccer Club	\$400	check	Food Sponsor - Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Rolls etc
Schmitt Excavating + Trades Up	\$500	goods (check payable to TradesUp)	Trades Up Sponsor
Tri-State Stars Sports Group	\$400	check	Food Sponsor - Hamburgers/Hot Dogs/Rolls etc
	\$3,650		

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling expresses its gratitude to all donors for their generous support of community programming and events.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2025-085
Accepting a Donation of Volunteer Time from Vincent DiMarco

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling is authorized to accept donations of services to support public purposes, and

WHEREAS, Vincent DiMarco since April 9th, 2025 has generously volunteered approximately 118 hours of his time and effort to assist the Town with the construction of the Lakeside Boathouse project, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling formally accepts the donation of time and services provided by Vincent DiMarco and extends its sincere appreciation for his valuable contribution to the community.

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 thanked the buildings and grounds, and highway departments for helping the Legion get the veterans banners up around town. She was happy the bathrooms at the boathouse are up and running before the park opens for the summer.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said since the last meeting, the board learned from their attorney that the full town board will be making the decision on the comprehensive plan committee members, not just the supervisor. Also, she called the Association of Towns to follow up on the fact that if there are three or more board members are on an email or text, it does constitute a quorum, and the emails/texts are then subject to FOIL. She has been visiting the dog park and she found a \$25,000.00 grant for upgrades to the dog park, which she will follow up on.

MYGAN

Councilman Mygan said there were a couple of meters there were problems with at PWD #2, and the board was talking about getting in the residences to fix them.

Supervisor Schmitt said three out of four residents did not reply to the water operator to have their meters checked/replaced, and he is working on a way to increase what they will be billed if they have a meter that is not reading properly, and they don't allow access for it to be repaired.

Councilman Mygan asked about the fees for solar, that was discussed last month.

Supervisor Schmitt said the building department is looking at the fees for that department and he hoped to have proposed changes to the building department fees for next month's meeting.

Councilman Mygan said regarding the community garden, the board approved it and signed the contract, and water was supposed to be supplied to them at their cost. He asked where that was at in the process.

Supervisor Schmitt said Wendel Weber, supervisor of buildings and grounds has said he would not be able to get to that for probably six weeks, as he is very busy. Supervisor Schmitt said he would try to get volunteers to get this done so the community garden doesn't have to wait six weeks for water.

Councilman Mygan felt the representatives of the community garden should be notified as to what is going on.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt said next week, he will discuss replacing the highway superintendent's truck and giving his old truck to the building department. There is money in the highway fund for this truck. Supervisor Schmitt thanked Barbara Tyson, tax collector for helping a resident who contacted him with their tax bill. Supervisor Schmitt thanked Everett White, building inspector/fire chief for a wonderful job with the game dinner.

Supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn at 6:50 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk