

Supervisor James Schmitt opened the regular meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM September 10, 2025 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Nancy Tagliafierro, town attorney, and approximately 14 interested citizens.

Supervisor Schmitt announced that the October meetings would be held on October 8th and October 15th in observance of Yom Kippur on October 1st.

Supervisor Schmitt announced the following dates for the 2026 budget.

October 8, 2025 – 2026 Budget Presentation

November 5, 2025 – 2026 Budget Public Hearing

November 12, 2025 – Adoption of 2026 Budget

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2025-114

Approving a Three-Year Contract with The Pond and Lake Connection for Lake Treatment Services

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling recognizes the importance of preserving the environmental quality and recreational value of Green Mountain Lake, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds has requested to continue services with The Pond and Lake Connection for lake treatment services, and

WHEREAS, The Pond and Lake Connection has provided the lowest of two quotes with an annual cost of \$11,300, for a total contract amount of \$33,900, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves a three-year contract with The Pond and Lake Connection for lake treatment services for an annual cost of \$11,300 and a total contract amount of \$33,900, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized to execute said contract and any related documents necessary to effectuate the terms of this resolution.

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 2025-116

Approving the Engagement of Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC for Human Resource Services

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling recognizes the need for professional human resources services to assist with employee management, policy compliance, and other HR-related functions, and

WHEREAS, the Town has identified a qualified outside human resources firm capable of providing these services on a monthly basis, and

WHEREAS, the firm has proposed to provide ongoing HR support services to the Town at a cost of \$700.00 per month, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC, for the provision of human resources services at a rate of \$700.00 per month.

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 2025-117
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: Stephen Pezzella – Alcohol Waiver, Alcohol Control Plan.

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 2025-118
Reappointment of Robert Taft as Town Assessor

WHEREAS, the current term of the appointed Town Assessor, Robert Taft, will expire on September 30, 2025, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling desires to reappoint Robert Taft to continue serving in this capacity for a new six-year term in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby reappoints Robert Taft as Town Assessor for a six-year term commencing October 1, 2025 and expiring September 30, 2031.

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 2025-119
Approving the Temporary Hire of Vinny DiMarco

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes there is a need to complete electrical work on the boathouse at Lakeside Park due to the failure of a contractor to complete the work, and

WHEREAS, Vinny DiMarco has the necessary qualifications and immediate availability to perform the required work, and

WHEREAS, the work is considered temporary and will be limited in scope and duration, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the temporary hire of Vinny DiMarco to complete the necessary work on the boathouse for a total payment not to exceed Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00).

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 2025-120
Resolution Authorizing the Pawling Town Court to Apply for the 2025-26 JCAP Grant

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Court System administers the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to provide funding to Town and Village courts to improve the administration and operation of local justice courts, and

WHEREAS, the Pawling Town Court seeks to apply for funding through this program to enhance its services and facilities, and

WHEREAS, one of the requirements of the JCAP grant application is a resolution from the Town Board authorizing the application,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling authorizes the Pawling Town Court to apply for the JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to \$30,000.

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 2025-121
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2025

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

WHEREAS, normal course of business activity throughout 2025 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:

A Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Parks Capital	A.7110.2	31,500	9,200		40,700	Electric Svc Teen Center
Highway Garage Capital	A.5132.20	14,000	500		14,500	Updated cost garage doors
BLDGs Water	A.1620.420	2,000	1,000		3,000	Revised budget
BLDGS Equip	A.1620.2	0	1,200		1,200	Lathrop phone system
Attorney	A.1420.4	150,000	30,000		180,000	Revised budget
Golf Fertilizer/Chemicals	A.7250.438	17,000	500		17,500	Revised budget
Other Rec Programs	A.7310.4	39,000	5,000		44,000	Revised budget
Summer Camp	A.7320.1	100,000	16,400		116,400	Revised budget
Health Insurance	A9060.8	652,260		-63,800	588,460	Revised budget
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
		1,005,760	63,800	-63,800	1,005,760	
DB Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Equipment Capital	DB.5130.2	54,900	19,340		74,240	Plow /Salter/Sander
		54,900	19,340	0	74,240	
DB Fund						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
NYS CHIPS Funding	DB.3501	265000.00	19340.00		284340.00	Offset for Plow/Sander
		265000.00	19340.00	0.00	284340.00	
SW2						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Expenditures						
Water Administrative	SW2.8310.4	1050	7000		8050	Inc for new software
					0	Approved by TB 8/20/25
		1050	7000	0	8050	
SW2						
ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	CURRENT			REVISED	
DESCRIPTION	NUMBER	BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	BUDGET	DESCRIPTION
Revenue						
Fund Balance	SW2.4999	26050	7000		33050	Inc for new software
						Approved by TB 8/20/25
		26050	7000	0	33050	

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 2025-122
Payment of Bills for the Town of Pawling

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling bookkeeper has reviewed and prepared the vouchers for 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 20251040 through 20251177, 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 \$408,883.50.

MOTION: Supervisor Schmitt

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Pitt – “AYE”

Councilman Mygan – “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy – “AYE”

Councilwoman Snow - “ABSTAINED”

Supervisor Schmitt – “AYE”

TOWN BOARD DISCUSSION

MYGAN

Councilman Mygan said there is a food bank at the Holy Trinity Church on Coulter Avenue every Thursday at 5 PM, and once a month they have a mobile health unit and they offer help looking into different types of health insurance, if it is needed. September 13th is Hispanic heritage day in the village and there will be a gathering in the village to celebrate. Dutchess County will host its 24th annual memorial service at 8:30 on September 11th on the steps of the Dutchess County Family Court building.

SNOW

Councilwoman Snow said the Fayne Daniels Walkathon is on Saturday, proceeds to go to the Pawling Resource Center. The Pawling Free Library is having their ribbon cutting for the new children’s wing is also on Saturday. Councilwoman Snow read an excerpt from the Association of Towns regarding the importance of an employee handbook. She said she has spoken to a couple of department heads and one of the things that came up was the employee handbook. The Board updated it and adopted it May 8, 2024, but the employees don’t have the updated handbook. The current employee handbook on the website is a redline version, which is confusing. She asked that the redline be removed and that all employees and department heads be given the employee handbook within the next two weeks.

MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy said hopefully the boathouse phase II project will be done soon. The town did receive a sizeable grant for phase III, which is the pavilion. He did not know what the board wanted to do with it but, there is a chance that if the board doesn’t do something soon, the town would lose that grant, which is 1.3 million dollars. Time is running out to submit for the grant, and the board must decide soon.

SCHMITT

Supervisor Schmitt announced that Stephanie Giordano, legislative aide, would be spending two to three days a week working at the recreation department.

The board entertained public comment and supervisor Schmitt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 PM, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Town Clerk