

Supervisor Cathy Giordano opened the meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM January 14, 2026 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, Sarah Ryan, town attorney and approximately 18 interested citizens.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to enter into Executive Session at 6:01pm 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 Mygan and the motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to return from Executive Session at 6:11pm, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously. Supervisor Giordano stated that no action was taken during the executive session.

SUPERVISOR GIORDANO

Supervisor Giordano introduced Sarah Ryan, and stated that she is from Van DeWater and Van DeWater. She will be representing the Town of Pawling as the town’s new attorneys.

Supervisor Giordano stated that regarding the incident that happened over the weekend, she wanted to make a brief statement to let everyone know where the town stands on this.

Supervisor Giordano read the following statement:

“On behalf of the Town of Pawling Town Board, we wish to make it unequivocally clear that we do not condone violence in any form. Our responsibility as elected officials is to ensure that every person who lives in our community can do so with dignity and without fear of violence. We condemn any act of aggression, hostility or violence against any member of our community and stand in solidarity with all residents. We believe in the power of civil, respectful discourse and call upon all individuals to engage with one another in a manner that promotes unity and peace, not division and harm”.

RESOLUTIONS

**RESOLUTION 2026-036
Payment of Bills for the Town of Pawling**

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Senior Account Clerk 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 20251568 through 20251712, 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 Senior Account Clerk and hereby authorizes payment of said vouchers for the Town of Pawling on this date in the amount of \$490,331.82.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: “AYE”
Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”
Councilman Mygan: “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”
Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2026-037
Billing for Pawling Water District No. 2

WHEREAS, Pawling Water District No. 2 bills need to be approved by the Pawling Town Board, and

WHEREAS, the bills have been prepared and submitted in the amount of \$14,124.85 for the period of October 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025 by the Clerk to the Water District Cheryl Knowles, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby accepts the billing as recommended for Pawling Water District No.2.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:
 Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
 Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
 Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
 Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
 Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-038
Setting Parks, Recreation, and Facility Use Fees for 2026

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has proposed the following fees for Parks and Recreation programs and services for 2026:

| <u>TABLES/CHAIRS</u> | <u>\$ PRICE \$</u> |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| EXTRA CHAIRS | |
| 1-20 | included in all indoor rentals |
| 21-40 | 15 |
| 41-60 | 30 |
| 61-80 | 50 |
| 81-100 | 70 |
| 100-150 | 100 |
| 151-200 | 150 |
| 201 & up | 175 |
| LONG TABLES (8ft) | |
| 1-2 | included in all indoor rentals |
| 3-5 | 15 |
| 6-10 | 30 |
| 11-15 | 50 |
| 16-20 | 70 |
| 21 & up | 100 |

| ROUND TABLES | |
|---------------------|-----|
| 1-5 | 15 |
| 6-10 | 30 |
| 11-15 | 50 |
| 16-20 | 70 |
| 21 & up | 100 |

| PICNIC TABLES- LAKESIDE | | PICNIC TABLES- MURROW | |
|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------|
| 1-10 | included | 1-4 | included |
| 11-15 | 30 | not available | not available |
| 16-20 | 50 | not available | not available |
| EXTRAS | | extra deposit needed? | |
| Kitchen access: includes staff on site | 200/up to 4 hours | yes | |
| Movie kit (projector, speaker system, projector screen)* | 10/event | | |
| Stage kit (wireless mic, speaker system)* | 10/event | | |
| Private Swimming area (camp area- wknds only) | 400/20 people + 5/pp after that | | |
| Lights on fields/rink | 20/hr residents | 10/hr non-profits | 25/hr non-res |

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|-----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Music By The Lake Concerts | \$0 | \$0 |
| Over 35 Basketball | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pawling Book Club | \$0 | \$0 |
| Rec Club After School | varies | n/a |
| Rec Club Before School | varies | n/a |
| Senior Fitness | \$0 | \$0 |
| Senior Lunch of the Month | \$0 | n/a |
| Tiger Running Club | \$25 per week | \$35 per week |
| Toddler Troop Playgroup | \$0 | \$0 |
| Trick or Treat Trail | \$0.00 | n/a |
| Walking Club | \$0 | \$0 |

*Additional programs will be added as we continue to grow and offer new programs

| <u>RECREATION MEMBERSHIP</u> | <u>\$ RESIDENT PRICING</u> | <u>NON-RESIDENT \$</u> |
|--|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Pickleball Adult (April 15 - November 15) | \$50 | \$125 |
| Pickleball Senior 62+ (April 15 - November 15) | \$25 | \$75 |
| Pickleball Youth (April 15 - November 15) | \$25 | \$75 |

| 2026 Town of Pawling facility rental fees | | | INCLUDES | extra hour fee if available? | HOLIDAYS (if available) | Community Organization One Time Rental *with volunteer commitments at Rec Events* NOT AVAILBLE ON HOLIDAYS |
|---|---|----------------------------|---|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| | MONDAY-THURSDAY | FRIDAY-SUNDAY | | | | |
| Auditorium | 9am-7pm | 10am-9pm | 20 chairs, 2 long tables, wifi, stage | 100/hour | additional \$150 fee | \$25 per hour |
| | \$40/hour; 60/hour non-res | \$300/day; 500/day non-res | | | | |
| JCPenney | 9am-7pm | 10am-9pm | 20 chairs, 2 long tables, wifi, 10 picnic tables, charcoal grill, electricity | no | additional \$150 fee | \$20 per hour |
| | \$30/hour; 50/hour non-res | \$200/day; 400/day non-res | | | | |
| Pavilion at Lakeside Park | 9am-8pm; 4-8pm-(July 1- Sept 1) | 9am-8pm | long tables, wifi, stage, kitchen | no | additional \$150 fee | \$20 per hour |
| | \$25/hour; 45/hour non-res | \$225/day; 425/day non-res | | | | |
| Teen Center | 9am-7pm | 10am-9pm | 4 picnic tables, grill | 100/hour | additional \$150 fee | \$25 per hour |
| | \$40/hour; 60/hour non-res | \$300/day; 500/day non-res | | | | |
| Murrow Pavilion | 9am-8pm | 9am-8pm | 20 chairs, 2 long tables, kitchen | no | additional \$150 fee | \$10 per hour |
| | \$10/hour; 20/hour non-res | \$100/day; 200/day non-res | | | | |
| Center Upstairs Room | 9am-7pm | 10am-9pm | wheelchair accessible entrance | no | additional \$150 fee | \$15 per hour |
| | \$35/hour; 55/hour non-res | \$300/day; 500/day non-res | | | | |
| Annex Building (lower level) | 9am-7pm (Monday & Friday); 4pm-7pm (Tues-Thurs) | 10am-9pm | | | | |
| | \$20/hour (residents only) | \$100/day (residents only) | | | | |

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| Lacrosse Fields | \$60 / hour resident | \$40 / hour organization | \$80 / hour non resident | \$500 per season / per location |
| Baseball Fields | \$80 / hour resident + rate of electricity if needed | \$40 / hour organization + rate of electricity if needed | \$80 / hour non resident + electricity if needed | \$500 per season / per location |
| Soccer Fields | \$60 / hour resident | \$40 / hour organization | \$80 / hour non resident | \$500 per season / per location |
| Rink at Dodge Road | \$80 / hour resident + rate of electricity if needed | \$40 / hour organization + rate of electricity if needed | \$80 / hour non resident + electricity if needed | \$500 per season / per location |
| Special Events: Library Book Sale, Fall Fest, PCF Gala etc... | | | | price determined on each event request and presented to the Town Board for approval |

| | <u>\$ RESIDENT PRICING</u> | <u>Pawling League Fee</u> | <u>NON-RESIDENT \$</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| FIELDS (2 hr min) | 60/hr | 40/hr | 80/hr |
| RINK (2 hr min) | 60/hr | 40/hr | 80/hr |

| <u>RECREATION PROGRAMS</u> | <u>\$ RESIDENT PRICING</u> | <u>NON-RESIDENT \$</u> |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|
| Art Workshops | varies | varies |
| Bounce Into Summer | \$0 | \$0 |
| Co-Ed Volleyball (Feb-May) | \$40 | \$50 |
| Co-Ed Volleyball (Sept - Dec) | \$40 | \$50 |
| Easter Egg Hunt | \$0.00 | n/a |
| Flag Football (6 weeks) | \$70 | \$80 |
| French Class | \$5 per day | n/a |
| Make a Scene Theater Program | \$140 | \$140 |
| Music By The Lake Concerts | \$0 | \$0 |
| Over 35 Basketball | \$0 | \$0 |
| Pawling Book Club | \$0 | \$0 |
| Rec Club After School | varies | n/a |
| Rec Club Before School | varies | n/a |
| Senior Fitness | \$0 | \$0 |
| Senior Lunch of the Month | \$0 | n/a |
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| Toddler Troop Playgroup | \$0 | \$0 |
| Trick or Treat Trail | \$0.00 | n/a |
| Walking Club | \$0 | \$0 |

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| <u>PICKLEBALL RECREATION MEMBERSHIP</u> | <u>\$ RESIDENT PRICING</u> | <u>NON-RESIDENT \$</u> |
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MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-039

GRANT MANAGEMENT SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling has been successful in securing a wide variety of grants over the past years; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling is required to provide grant management and administration of each grant which includes, but is not limited to summary reports; drawdown requests; coordination with local, state and federal officials and program staff; and other duties as may be required to manage and closeout program funding; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling had a General Services contract with Laberge Group as well as an annual Grant Writing Contract; and

WHEREAS, to continue services with the Laberge Group a Contract Addendum must be reviewed and executed; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to execute a contract addendum 2022094-07 to be billed hourly and not to exceed

\$30,000 for the continuation of grant administration services for the grant funded projects associated with Laberge Group job number 2022094.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-040

Appointment of the Dog Control Officer for the Town of Pawling

BE IT RESOLVED, that Kenneth Wallace is hereby appointed as Dog Control Officer for the Town of Pawling for calendar year 2026.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that said Kenneth Wallace shall receive a \$20,000 salary as set forth in the duly adopted Budget for the Town of Pawling for calendar year 2026 and that said salary shall be payable in 52 weekly installments commencing on January 15, 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Pitt

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-041

Appointment of a Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Joan Sclavounos is hereby appointed as Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor with a start date of January 30, 2026 and shall be compensated at the annual salary of \$53,000.00.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-042
Dewey Lane Bridge
Authorizing Supervisor To Sign Supplemental Agreement

WHEREAS, in connection with the grant funding to the Town of Pawling for the repair and replacement of the Dewey Lane Culvert Pin: 8762.23, the Town is in receipt of a certain Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to D040210 which agreement amends the grant agreement under D040210 in order to account for the right of way acquisition and other funding required to complete the Project; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Town Board wishes to authorize the Town Supervisor to execute said Supplemental Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the Supplemental Agreement and take any other steps necessary to give effect to this resolution.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-043
Authorizing The Supervisor To Execute Revised Easement Agreement

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2025-132 of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, the Town Board authorized the execution of a Purchase Option Agreement to purchase the Sanitary Sewer Facilities of the ASPCA; and

WHEREAS, The Sanitary Sewer Facilities were conveyed and transferred to the Town; and

WHEREAS, the ASPCA has made application to the Pawling Joint Sewer Commission (the "PJSC") to connect its sewerage system, including the grant of an easement to the PJSC and the Town for access on, over, and through the portions of the ASPCA Property;

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2025-160 of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, Town Board authorized the Supervisor to execute the proposed Easement Agreement and any other documentation necessary to accept the conveyance of such easement from the ASPCA.; and

WHEREAS, the ASPCA subsequently notified the PJSC that a revision to the Easement Agreement was necessary, insofar as the ASPCA individual designated to receive notices, described in §9(iii), should be Beverly Jones rather than Gordon Lavalette; and

WHEREAS, this non-substantive change does not alter the sum and substance of the rights and responsibilities conveyed by the Easement Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the Supervisor to execute the revised proposed Easement Agreement and any other documentation necessary to accept the conveyance of such easement from the ASPCA.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: “AYE”
Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”
Councilman Mygan: “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”
Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

DISCUSSION

SUPERVISOR GIORDANO

Supervisor Giordano congratulated Cheryl Knowles, Town Clerk for achieving the status of Registered Municipal Clerk. This is given by New York State Town Clerks Association after much education and experience. Supervisor Giordano stated that there is a beautiful letter that she received from the NYS Town Clerks Association, which she would be posting on the town’s Facebook page.

Supervisor Giordano announced that the Dewey Lane Bridge re-bid opening occurred on January 9, 2026 at 10:00AM. The project engineering firm is reviewing the bids with DOT. Once that is completed, the town will have to borrow some money as we only have a \$600,000 grant.

Supervisor Giordano stated that Barbara Tyson, Tax Collector would like everyone to know that the Property Tax bills will be mailed out on January 15, 2026. Ms. Tyson will be collecting without penalty until February 28, 2026.

COUNCILMAN MYGAN

Councilman Mygan stated that regarding the incident which occurred last week, it is the First Amendment. That is America. The first amendment took place for a reason and people should be able to peacefully protest without fear of our government or being attacked by other people.

COUNCILWOMAN SNOW

Councilwoman Snow stated that when she saw the post from one of the victims, she did reach out to her. She helped the victim to the best of her ability and directed her. She echoes what has already been said. One of the primary jobs as town board members is the safety of all of our citizens.

Councilwoman Snow introduced the new town of Pawling staff.

Loretta Rosa was hired at the recreation department and she is doing a fabulous job.

Joan Sclavounos was hired tonight as the new confidential secretary to the supervisor.

Kenny Wallace was hired tonight as the dog warden.

Pam Filippone in the bookkeeping department has taken a full-time position with the town as the senior account clerk and stated that she is doing a fabulous job along with her clerk Janet.

Councilwoman Snow stated that the town still has opening for an Assessor, Bookkeeper and Deputy Town Clerk. The Deputy Town Clerk position under town law needs to be a resident of Pawling. The other positions do not have to be a resident of Pawling.

Councilwoman Snow advised that a representative from the assessor’s office has been coming in on Saturdays from 9:00am – 12:00pm to assist with any assessor related questions. Michele Fredericks will be working every Saturday until March 1, 2026 from 9:00am – 12:00pm to assist the public.

COUNCILWOMAN PITT

Councilwoman Pitt stated that she echoes everything Councilman Mygan, Councilwoman Snow and the Supervisor have already mentioned regarding the incident. Our community remains committed and this board, to the safety and the respect of lawful dialogue within our township and beyond. This type of commitment defines the character of your community and is a key reason why so many individuals and so many families choose to make Pawling their home. Councilwoman Pitt advised that these acts have been addressed accordingly with a thorough law enforcement investigation.

COUNCILMAN MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy welcomed Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney. He thanked everyone from Hogan & Rossi and stated it was a pleasure working with them for the last few years.

Councilman McCarthy stated that regarding the incident the other day, that we all do not have to agree but we do have to respect each other. He stated that he has lived here since he was five and this is not Pawling. He asked the community to learn from this and try to respect each other.

Councilman McCarthy asked if we should go out for an RFQ for a Bookkeeper and Accountant. Supervisor Giordano stated that we have already advertised for the position on Indeed. Supervisor Giordano asked Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney, to prepare the RFQ.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Giordano at 6:31pm, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Knowles
Town Clerk