

LEGAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby set the 9th day of September, 2026 at 6:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard, at the Town Hall, Town of Pawling, 160 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, New York as the time, date and place of a public hearing at which all parties in interest and citizens may be heard in regard to the following:

A proposal to raise the Pawling Water District #2 minimum water rate from \$224.00 to \$360.00.

The public hearing shall also be live streamed in the Town of Pawling YouTube webpage:
<https://www.youtube.com/@townofpawling3509/streams>

AND PLEASE ALSO TAKE NOTICE that information regarding the proposed water rate increase, including the proposed rate schedule, is available on our website at <https://pawling.org> or in person at the Town Clerk's Office, Monday-Friday, 8:30a.m. – 4:00p.m.

Cheryl Knowles, Town Clerk
Town of Pawling
August 28, 2026



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CATHERINE GIORDANO
TOWN SUPERVISOR
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Memo to: All residents of Pawling Water District #2

From: Cathy Giordano, Town Supervisor and the Pawling Town Board

Subject: Increase in Operation and Maintenance Fees for the Water District

Date: August 13, 2026

The Town Board, at its regular meeting August 12, 2026, voted to schedule a public hearing on September 9, 2026 to hear all persons interested in the proposed increase in operation and maintenance fees for residents served by Pawling Water District #2. The current and proposed fees schedules are attached for your review and consideration.

Please note that the Pawling Water District fees have not been raised since March, 2007. Since that time, all fees and costs have gone up, and the fund balance is near depleted. The fees must be increased enough to not only ensure that the district is whole and operational but also has sufficient fund balance to cover emergencies or unforeseen repairs.

Town of Pawling **Proposed 2027 Rates**
Water Rates For Pawling Water District #2

Gallon Range		Rate (\$)	New Rate (\$)
Zero	10,000	224.00	360.00
10,001	10,999	227.65	363.76
11,000	11,999	231.30	367.52
12,000	12,999	234.95	371.28
13,000	13,999	238.60	375.04
14,000	14,999	242.25	378.80
15,000	15,999	245.90	382.56
16,000	16,999	249.55	386.32
17,000	17,999	253.20	390.08
18,000	18,999	256.85	393.84
19,000	19,999	260.50	397.60
20,000	20,999	264.15	401.36
21,000	21,999	267.80	405.12
22,000	22,999	271.45	408.88
23,000	23,999	275.10	412.64
24,000	24,999	278.75	416.40
25,000	25,999	282.40	420.16
26,000	26,999	286.05	423.92
27,000	27,999	289.70	427.68
28,000	28,999	293.35	431.44
29,000	29,999	297.00	435.20
30,000	30,999	300.65	438.96
31,000	31,999	304.30	442.72
32,000	32,999	307.95	446.48
33,000	33,999	311.60	450.24
34,000	34,999	315.25	454.00
35,000	35,999	318.90	457.76
36,000	36,999	322.55	461.52
37,000	37,999	326.20	465.28
38,000	38,999	329.85	469.04
39,000	39,999	333.50	472.80
40,000	40,999	337.15	476.56
41,000	41,999	340.80	480.32
42,000	42,999	344.45	484.08
43,000	43,999	348.10	487.84
44,000	44,999	351.75	491.60
45,000	45,999	355.40	495.36
46,000	46,999	359.05	499.12
47,000	47,999	362.70	502.88
48,000	48,999	366.35	506.64
49,000	49,999	370.00	510.40
50,000	50,999	373.65	514.16
51,000	51,999	377.30	517.92
52,000	52,999	380.95	521.68
53,000	53,999	384.60	525.44
54,000	54,999	388.25	529.20
55,000	55,999	391.90	532.96
56,000	56,999	395.55	536.72

Town of Pawling**Water Rates For Pawling Water District #2 - Effective April 1, 2007**

Gallons	Rate (\$)
10,000	224.00
11,000	227.65
12,000	231.30
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36,000	318.90
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38,000	326.20
39,000	329.85
40,000	333.50
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42,000	340.80
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54,000	384.60
55,000	388.25
56,000	391.90

Water Rates For PWD#2-Effective April 2007

Supervisor Coursen said she disagreed with that because job titles are clearly defined in civil service law and job duties are clearly defined.

Councilman Johnson said correct, and one of the duties of the Municipal Administrative Assistant was to handle benefits administration.

Supervisor Coursen said she thought there was a presentation made during the negotiation that there would be increases in the form of stipends. She said she does not favor stipends.

Councilman Marvin said his opinion on this is that as long as the job description includes running benefits administration that it is properly part of the salary. He felt it was a better practice to make it part of the salary if it is part of the current job as opposed to a stipend, which in his opinion should be for things that are outside the scope of what the job duty is and they are appropriate in many circumstances.

The motion did not pass with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Johnson - "NAY"

Councilman Montemarano - "NAY"

Councilman Benson - "NAY"

Councilman Marvin - "AYE"

Supervisor Coursen - "AYE"

DEFENSIVE
DRIVING
FEE

The motion to authorize the Town to pay the fee for employees attending the defensive driving course was made by Councilman Johnson, seconded by Councilman Benson, motion passed unanimously.

TRIATHLON

The motion to acquire event liability coverage for the Pawling Triathlon primary to the Town's insurance coverage, estimated cost to the Town of \$1,400.00 was made by Councilman Montemarano, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to include a clause in the Triathlon contract to indemnify New York Triathlon was made by Councilman Montemarano, seconded by Councilman Johnson and passed with the following roll call vote:

Councilman Johnson - "AYE"

Councilman Montemarano - "NAY"

Councilman Benson - "AYE"

Councilman Marvin - "AYE"

Supervisor Coursen - "AYE"

TECHNOLOGY
FUNDING

Supervisor Coursen said the motion for budget amendments to provide for technology funding would have to be tabled to the April 4, 2007 Town Board meeting.

DUTCHESS
COUNTY
YMCA

The motion authorizing Melissa Smith, Recreation Director to provide an appropriate project for Dutchess County YMCA was made by Supervisor Coursen, seconded by Councilman Benson, motion passed unanimously.

CODE
ENFORCEMENT
OFFICER

Supervisor Coursen said the motion regarding the Code Enforcement Officer would have to be tabled to the April 4, 2007 Town Board meeting.

PWD#2 NEW
RATES

Councilman Johnson said the Town has appointed a new operator for Pawling Water District #2 and the new billing structure has been combined. It was anticipated that the average household would pay approximately \$500.00 more per year and he has been able to keep that increase to \$400.00 while still actually budgeting money to be set aside to pay down the deficit. There is a little bit of a balance and the Board can decide whether to use it toward the deficit or for working on the infrastructure as well as paying for the new operator. What he did with the billing was took the minimum usage from 8,000 gallons up to 10,000 gallons. It is pennies in terms of increases in terms of gallons that are used but there was a hard increase in the quarterly billing, which resulted in an increase of about \$100.00 per household per quarter. He asked the Board to approve the new rates. He put together a letter explaining this in detail to the residents of the water district and explaining that there is a balance of about \$9,200.00, which will be applied to the deficit for this year. There will be a balance next year and the Board can decide what to do with that money at that time. The district is being brought into compliance. It is probably a four year repay and that should be in compliance with the Comptroller's Office.

The motion to accept new water rates for Pawling Water District #2 was made by Councilman Benson, seconded by Councilman Johnson, motion passed unanimously. New rates are affixed to the end of these minutes.

Town of Pawling

Memo

To : Cathy Giordano, Town Supervisor
From: Mary Aldrich, Bookkeeper to the Supervisor
Date: July 14, 2026
Re: Metered Water Rates

The Fund Balance in the water fund is below \$40,000 due to some repairs and maintenance over the past 2 years.

To help us get back on track, I suggest we raise the minimum water rate from \$224 to \$360. This will be increase of \$136 per quarter per resident. This increases the per gallon rate from 2.24¢ to 3.6¢, an increase of 1.36¢.

That will increase the annual revenue from metered water sales by \$32,096. This will start rebuilding the Fund Balance to allow the Water District to cover emergency repairs.

This will bring Fund Balance to slightly above \$50,000 in 2027 and will continue to increase slightly over the next couple years (barring any major issues). The water rates have not been increased in 20 years. I recommend we establish a policy to review rates every 5 years.

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