

Supervisor Cathy Giordano opened the meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM on August 12, 2026 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwoman Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, and Sarah Ryan, town attorney. Councilwoman Snow was absent. Approximately 11 interested citizens attended.

MINUTES

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of July 8, 2026, seconded by councilwoman Pitt. Councilman McCarthy stated he was absent for this meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Councilman McCarthy made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of July 22, 2026, seconded by Supervisor Giordano, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2026-151 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 20260773 through 20260929, 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 \$331,383.91

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

RESOLUTION 2026-152 BOND RESOLUTION DATED AUGUST 12, 2026. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING, SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM, THE ISSUANCE OF \$910,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF PAWLING, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE COST OF THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DEWEY LANE BRIDGE ON DEWEY LANE, IN AND FOR SAID TOWN.

WHEREAS, the capital project hereinafter described, as proposed, has been determined to be a Type II Action pursuant to the regulations of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation promulgated pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review

Act, which regulations state that Type II Actions will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing of such capital project, NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED, by the affirmative vote of **not less than two-thirds of the total voting strength** of the Town Board of the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, as follows:

Section 1. The reconstruction of the Dewey Lane Bridge on Dewey Lane, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, in and for the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of \$910,000.

Section 2. It is hereby determined that the plan of financing of said specific object or purpose is by the issuance of \$910,000 bonds of said Town hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law; **PROVIDED, HOWEVER**, that to the extent that any Federal or State grants-in-aid are received for such specific object or purpose, the amount of bonds to be issued pursuant to this resolution shall be reduced dollar for dollar.

Section 3. It is hereby determined that the period of probable usefulness of the aforesaid specific object or purpose is 20 years, pursuant to subdivision 10 of paragraph a of Section 11.00 of the Local Finance Law. It is hereby further determined that the maximum maturity of the bonds herein authorized will exceed five years.

Section 4. Subject to the provisions of the Local Finance Law, the power to authorize the issuance of and to sell bond anticipation notes in anticipation of the issuance and sale of the bonds herein authorized, including renewals of such notes, is hereby delegated to the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer. Such notes shall be of such terms, form and contents, and shall be sold in such manner, as may be prescribed by said Supervisor, consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

Section 5. All other matters, except as provided herein relating to such bonds, including determining whether to issue such bonds having substantially level or declining annual debt service and all matters related thereto, prescribing whether manual or facsimile signatures shall appear on said bonds, prescribing the method for the recording of ownership of said bonds, appointing the fiscal agent or agents for said bonds, providing for the printing and delivery of said bonds (and if said bonds are to be executed in the name of the Town by the facsimile signature of the Supervisor, providing for the manual countersignature of a fiscal agent or of a designated official of the Town), the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, place or places of payment, and also including the consolidation with other issues, shall be determined by the Supervisor. Such bonds shall contain substantially the recital of validity clause provided for in section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law and shall otherwise be in such form and contain such recitals in addition to those required by section 52.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine.

Section 6. The faith and credit of said Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, are hereby irrevocably pledged for the payment of the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same respectively become due and payable. An annual appropriation shall be made in each year sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds becoming due and payable in such year. There shall annually be levied on all the taxable real property of said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 7. This resolution shall constitute a statement of official intent for purposes of Treasury Regulations Section 1.150 - 2. Other than as specified in this resolution, no monies are, or are reasonably expected to be, reserved, allocated on a long-term basis, or otherwise set aside with respect to the permanent funding of the object or purpose described herein.

Section 8. The validity of such bonds and bond anticipation notes may be contested only if:

- 1) Such obligations are authorized for an object or purpose for which said Town is not authorized to expend money, or
- 2) The provisions of law which should be complied with at the date of publication of this resolution are not substantially complied with,

and an action, suit or proceeding contesting such validity is commenced within twenty days after the date of such publication, or

- 3) Such obligations are authorized in violation of the provisions of the Constitution.

Section 9. Upon this resolution taking effect, the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of said Town for such purpose, together with a notice of the Town Clerk in substantially the form provided in Section 81.00 of the Local Finance Law.

Section 10. **THIS RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "ABSENT"

Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"

Councilman Mygan: "AYE"

Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"

Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-153

Accepting Donations from Marie Stewart and the Pawling Chamber Beautification Committee

WHEREAS, Marie Stewart has donated flowers to the Town of Pawling for beautification purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to gratefully acknowledge and accept this generous donation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby gratefully accepts the donation of flowers from Marie Stewart and authorizes their use for the beautification of Town Hall property.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "ABSENT"

Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"

Councilman Mygan: "AYE"

Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"

Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-154

Approving Emblem for Pawling Living Legacy Tree Program

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Tree Board has presented the Town Board with a proposed emblem design to be used in connection with the Pawling Living Legacy Tree Program and seeks Town Board review and approval of the design.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling herby approves the proposed design of the emblem.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Pitt

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Snow: “ABSENT”
Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”
Councilman Mygan: “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”
Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2026-155
Budget Amendments for Fiscal Year 2026

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

WHEREAS, the Town adopted its annual budget for fiscal year 2026 on November 5, 2025. Normal course of business activity throughout 2026 has prompted the bookkeeper to determine that various budget items should be increased 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 amendment to the adopted 2026 budget:

			July 31, 2026								
			Budget modifications								
		<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Appropriations</u>								
A. 2770		\$ 102,000		Movie Fees & Charges thru July							
A. 2770		\$ 399		Burger Auction & misc							
A.1620.200			\$ 10,202	shed replacing container							
A.1650.200			\$ 13,190	copier							
A.1650.400			\$ 7,568	server warranty							
A.1650.400			\$ 4,000	Firewall Conf							
A.1650.400			\$ 10,200	IT Consultant							
A.1680.200			\$ 16,832	Switches incl install							
A.XXXX.417			\$ 40,000	Electric Various							
A.1090		\$ 2,971		Int & Penalties							
A.9050.400			\$ 3,378	Unemployment Insurance Charges							
A.2706.000		\$ 14,010		Court Document Scan grant							
A.1110.400			\$ 14,010	Court Document Scan grant							
		\$ 119,380	\$ 119,380				\$ -				
Budget Modifications: A Budget Modification is a formal change to the adopted budget-increasing revenues & expenditures.											
Fees for the Movie production allowed the Town to move forward with several board approved expenditures:											
new shed, new copier for the town hall, server warranties and switch replacements, an IT consultant.											
These fees will also help offset the rising electric costs and unanticipated unemployment insurance charges.											
Court document scanning grant and related expenditure.											

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Snow: “ABSENT”
Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”
Councilman Mygan: “AYE”
Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”
Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2026-156
Authorizing Advertising for Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor

WHEREAS, Joan Sclavounos has been the Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor since January 30, 2026, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Sclavounos has decided to leave the employment of the Town of Pawling sometime in October, and has agreed to train the new employee; and

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor wishes to advertise to fill such position in order to allow the effective and continuous administration of Town business,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes and directs the Supervisor to advertise for the Confidential Secretary position at the annual salary of \$53,000.00.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney advised the town board that they could enter into executive session at this time to discuss personnel matters.

Councilman McCarthy made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:05pm to discuss Resolution 2026-156, seconded by Supervisor Giordano, motion passed unanimously.

The Town Board returned from Executive session at 6:14pm.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to table Resolution 2026-156, seconded by councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026- 157
Authorizing the Hiring of Summer Camp Counselor

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has recognized the need to hire an additional summer camp counselor and has recommended that the Town Board approve the hiring of Selena Ramirez for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the hiring of Selena Ramirez as a summer camp counselor at the pay rate of \$14.50 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby retroactively authorizes a start date of July 23, 2026 for Ms. Ramirez.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: "ABSENT"

Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"

Councilman Mygan: "AYE"

Councilman McCarthy: "AYE"

Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-158
Consenting to the Town of Dover Acting as Lead Agency for SEQRA Review for its
Proposed Zoning Code Amendments

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling received a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Declare Lead Agency from the Town of Dover for State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) review of proposed zoning code amendment in the Town of Dover.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby consents to the Town of Dover serving as Lead Agency for said SEQRA review; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to complete a consent form regarding Lead Agency and transmit same to the Town of Dover.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: “ABSENT”

Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”

Councilman Mygan: “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”

Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

RESOLUTION 2026-159
Setting a Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Increase of Fees for Residents Served by
Pawling Water District No. 2

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling has reviewed the current balance of the water fund of Pawling Water District No. 2 and found the funds to be inadequate; and

WHEREAS, a review of Town records has revealed that the water rates have not increased since March 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s bookkeeper has recommended that, in order to maintain an operational fund balance, the minimum water rate in Water District No. 2 should be increased by \$1.36 per gallon; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s bookkeeper has prepared a spreadsheet for public inspection which compares the existing rates to the proposed, increased rates; and

WHEREAS, increasing water rates requires a public hearing.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby sets a public hearing to discuss the proposed water rate increase on September 9, 2026 at 6:00pm, or as soon thereafter as the matter may come to be heard, in the Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd, Pawling, New York.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Councilwoman Snow: “ABSENT”

Councilwoman Pitt: “AYE”

Councilman Mygan: “AYE”

Councilman McCarthy: “AYE”

Supervisor Giordano: “AYE”

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILWOMAN PITT

Councilwoman Pitt discussed the project in the Town of Dover, the SEQRA process, and the desire to have consultants on the Town of Pawling side looking at the situation. She agrees with Supervisor Giordano that she would like the Town of Pawling consultants to be involved and would like to get a cost estimate on this.

COUNCILMAN MCCARTHY

Councilman McCarthy asked if there was any update on the ambulance contract. Supervisor Giordano stated that she would be following up with them and will request a contract be sent to the town for review.

Supervisor Giordano stated that the next Dutchess County Mayors and Supervisor meeting will be held at the Dutchess County EMS to specifically discuss EMS service.

Councilman McCarthy mentioned the pavilion grant, and stated that the town needs to decide if they want to move forward with it or not. This is a 50-50 grant.

Councilman McCarthy asked about the sewer district to the south. Supervisor Giordano stated that she spoke to Ron Laberge and he advised that the Laberge Group is merging with another company, and they have not sent us the information yet. She also stated that Mr. Laberge said he would look at the pricing and if the map, plan and report would have to be redone also. Councilwoman Pitt stated that comptroller's office has sent a list of questions that they would like answered. The board discussed having Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney to get a price on it. Councilman McCarthy stated that he would work with Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney on this matter.

SUPERVISOR GIORDANO

Supervisor Giordano stated that she has some liaison appointments that she would like to announce. She stated that she will always be available for additional help and support.

- Highway & Transfer Station – Councilman McCarthy
- Tax Collector & Dog Control – Councilman Mygan
- Court – Councilwoman Pitt
- Recreation Department – Councilwoman Snow

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Giordano at 6:57pm, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Bridget Burns
Deputy Town Clerk