Supervisor Cathy Giordano opened the meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM on October 7, 2026 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen McCarthy and Mygan and Sarah Ryan, town attorney. Approximately 8 interested citizens attended.

MINUTES

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of September 2, 2026, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of September 9, 2026, seconded by councilman Mygan, motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – PAWLING WATER DISTRICT #2 RATE INCREASE

Supervisor Giordano stated that the Public Hearing had been left open since the September 9th Town Board meeting and that the board only received one written comment. Supervisor asked if anyone in the audience would like to make a comment regarding the increase of fees. There were no comments.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to close the Public Hearing on the Pawling Water District #2 Rate Increase, seconded by councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

BUDGET PRESENTATION – MARY ALDRICH, TOWN BOOKKEEPER

Supervisor Giordano read the following statement:

The 2027 Tentative Budget was presented to the Town Board on September 30, as required by law.

The 2026 budget that I inherited was very lean and provided little flexibility for unexpected expenses. During the year, we faced a number of significant unplanned or higher-than-anticipated costs such as several severe weather events, new technology requirements and increased utility bills.

Meeting the tax cap for 2027 would require significant reductions in expenditures potentially affecting employees, programs, and services. I do not believe that is in the Town's best interest.

I recognize that exceeding the cap is a significant decision and one that should not be taken lightly. After working extensively with Mary, I believe the proposed budget represents a more sustainable approach to the Town's finances and provides a realistic means of maintaining essential services while beginning to strengthen the Town's financial position.

Supervisor Giordano introduced Mary Aldrich, Town Bookkeeper, who presented the 2027 Tentative Town Budget.

Ms. Aldrich introduced herself and said the following:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the 2027 tentative budget. As you know this is the Supervisor's tentative budget that was submitted to the Town Clerk on Sept 30th. Tonight, it will become the Town Board's Preliminary Budget and the Board has the opportunity to propose changes to the full board. The Public Hearing is scheduled for November 4th. The budget must be adopted by November 20th. If anyone has any questions before November 4th, please contact Supervisor Giordano or myself.

2027 BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

- I came to the Town in March of this year. This budget cycle was tough as the last 9 years the Town depleted Fund Balance to maintain the levy. In the last 3 years, close to $2 million of

Fund Balance was appropriated to stay under the tax cap or to balance the budget. Obviously, this wasn't sustainable and it did hurt our credit rating.

- Fund Balance should be used for extraordinary one-time expenses or for capital spending. It should not be used as a continuing source of revenue to cover operating costs (salaries, benefits, contractual expenses).
- I met with the different departments and the board members. No one requested anything above necessary operational expenses. But the choice was to drastically cut staff and program services or exceed the cap.
- No board member nor the Supervisor wanted to exceed the cap or cut staff and services. This budget, I feel, is the minimum to provide the services to the Town that we are required to provide.

Bottom Line:

Any increase affects the households in the Town and Village

- •Town-Wide Residents: +$164 per year (Median assessed home value)
- •Village Residents: +$68 per year (Median assessed home value)
- •Median priced home $475,000-$500,000

2 major drivers are the Town's ambulance contract and our debt service. Both are over $600,000 each. (Debt service is the interest and principal we pay on borrowed money. This debt was incurred for major capital projects and equipment. Town debt stands at $6.5M).

Bullet Points:

• **Contractual Salaries:** 6% increase for Teamsters per contract; 3% for other staff. (Supervisor declined an increase). No new staff is added.

• **Energy Market Spikes:** Heating fuel costs: Up 83%; Highway diesel: Up 126% .

• **Deferred Maintenance of buildings**. We have budgeted $50,000 to start to tackle this backlog.

• **NYS DEC mandated DAM assessments** are due over the next three years. $38,000 per year.

• **Employee benefits** are up 6.6%.

• **Technology** – The Town IT infrastructure is antiquated and non-compliant. The software for Highway & Finance is no longer supported.

• **Roads** – expanding the paving budget by $57,000. The debt service on the 2022 $1M paving bond is $91,200 – this constrains our ability to increase the paving budget.

• **Parks** – expanding programs that provide offsetting revenue.

• **Contingency** – Adding $50,000 contingency line for the unforeseen.

Additional Bullet Points:

• Health Dept required water sampling and testing.

• Increases to insurance lines, electric, engineering and legal fees.

• Replaces a Utility Vehicle for Golf Course

• $32,000 increase to ambulance contract for 2027

• Increases to health benefits for employees & retirees

• 53% increase in electric over 2026 amended budget

• Replaces outdate operating systems and Microsoft licenses

Reserves & Fund Balance Policy

When S&P lowered our Debt Rating they cited our below average reserves and lack of formal policies. This budget creates reserves for Capital Equipment (the average new highway truck is over $300,000 – many of our trucks are over 20 years old) and Capital Repairs (culvert, road, bridge, water, dam and building damage due to major weather and catastrophic events, etc.). These reserves are being funded by using the fund balances, not by increasing the levy. We are using $150,000 of fund balance to offset the levy in the Highway Fund and $10,000 in the B fund.

Where your 2026 Tax Dollars Went:

County	10%
Town of Pawling	12%
Fire District	2%
Library	1%
School	75%

The Town Board asked Ms. Aldrich a few questions about the 2027 preliminary budget. The Town Board agreed to follow up with Ms. Aldrich on any additional questions that they had concerning the preliminary budget.

DISCUSSION ON CLOSING OF DEWEY LANE FOR AMAZON MOVIE

Supervisor Giordano stated that the Dewey Lane Bridge project is underway and was told last Thursday by Gary Tiso from T & A Construction Inc. at the team update meeting, that the project would have to be paused if the Town decided to allow the Amazon movie to move forward. Supervisor Giordano stated that she heard that over the weekend Tim Pisarik and Matt Henson, Representatives from the Amazon Movie, met with Councilman McCarthy and Superintendent of Highways Bob Brill to discuss how this movie could be done simultaneously with the reconstruction of the Dewey Lane Bridge.

Mr. Pisarik stated that he met with Councilman McCarthy, Superintendent of Highways Bob Brill and Gary Tiso to discuss the entire project. He advised them that they are more than happy to work with them in any capacity to be able to get vehicles through to the bridge to facilitate no delay in the bridge construction. Tim Pisarik stated that they are aware that the priority is always still the bridge and any of the work that is happening to it.

Supervisor Giordano stated that she is not in favor of any delay in this project. Councilman McCarthy stated that he and Bob Brill agreed.

Councilman Mygan asked when the filming would happen? Tim Pisarik stated that the filming would take place between October 20th – November 10th. Town Attorney Sarah Ryan, asked if they will be on site with the vehicles prior to this date for set up days? Mr. Pisarik stated that they will need some preparation days solely on the property. He also confirmed that the special events permit application that they are proposing has not been modified.

Councilman McCarthy stated that he asked Mr. Pisarik to have a dedicated ambulance on site during filming when they will be having 120 people on site. Mr. Pisarik agreed with this. Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney stated that this will need to be added to any agreement, and a condition of your resolution of approval.

Supervisor Giordano stated that a gentleman named Jay Hortne, Representative from the Amazon Movie, asked about additional parking areas. Tim Pisarik advised that at this time they are just gathering information for crew parking and parking the campers on Dewey Lane during filming would be safely on the side of the road. Mr. Pisarik stated that Gary Tiso would be able to get his equipment and vehicles through safely as well as the trucks. They expect to be in daily contact with Mr. Tiso. Supervisor Giordano stated that parking could be available at the ball field on Dodge Road. Mr. Pisarik stated that they are working with private residents to utilize their fields or some local businesses that have additional parking that they would rent from them.

Councilman Mygan asked how many people they would have on site? Mr. Pisarik stated that on preparation days they would have 20 people on site and when it is a filming day, it can vary between 100-120 people on site.

Supervisor Giordano asked the board about fees. Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney, stated that when a special event permit is going before the board, and it requires Town Board approval, the Town Board is responsible to set the fees for the application.

Councilman Mygan confirmed with Tim Pisarik that the Amazon Movie would take about three weeks. Supervisor Giordano stated that the Dewey Lane Bridge project should be completed around the end of November 2026.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2026-176
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 2026 through 2026, 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 $.

Supervisor Giordano stated that Resolution 2026-176, would be placed on the October 14, 2026 agenda.

RESOLUTION 2026-177
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 $14,343.85 for the period of July 1, 2026 through September 30, 2026 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 2026-178
Approving Preliminary Budget for Fiscal Year 2027 and Directing a Public Hearing Thereon

WHEREAS, the Town Supervisor, pursuant to Section 106 of the Town Law has presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Board for review, examination and possible revision, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling has reviewed same and deemed it reasonable and appropriate, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:
1. The recitations above set forth are incorporated in this Resolution as if fully set forth and adopted herein.

2. Pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of Section 106 of the Town Law and other applicable provisions of law, the annexed detailed statement of estimated expenditures and revenues be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Pawling for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2027.

3. The Preliminary Budget adopted herein shall forthwith be filed in the Office of the Town Clerk in the Town of Pawling where it shall be available for public inspection.

4. The Town Board of the Town of Pawling shall meet at Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Boulevard, Pawling, New York on the 4th day of November, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. and then and there shall hold a Public Hearing upon such Preliminary Budget.

5. The Town Clerk of the Town of Pawling shall give Notice of such Public Hearing by publishing Notice thereof in the Poughkeepsie Journal, the official newspaper of the Town of Pawling, at least five (5) days prior to 11/04/2026 and the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of said Notice to be posted on the sign board of the Town no later than five (5) days before the scheduled Public Hearing.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

RESOLUTION 2026-179
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 requests for special considerations once all applications 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: John Morris Eastern Dutchess Road Runners Club – Alcohol Waiver, Alcohol Control Plan.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano

SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

RESOLUTION 2026-180
Authorizing a Consent Form for PCF Gala Special Event Liquor License

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Town Board approved a Special Events Permit for the Pawling Community Foundation (PCF) gala to be held in Lakeside Park on October 10, 2026; and

WHEREAS, PCF has requested that the Town Board execute a NYS Liquor Authority Landlord Authorization Form in connection with a liquor permit for the event.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling Town Board hereby authorizes the execution of said Landlord Authorization Form; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes and directs the Town Supervisor to sign said form on behalf of the Board.

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 2026-181
Approving Increase in PWD No. 2 Rates

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling has proposed an increase of fees for residents served by Water District No. 2; and

WHEREAS, more specifically, the Town Board has proposed that the minimum water rate be raised from $224.00 to $360.00 per quarter, for an increase of $136.00 per quarter; and

WHEREAS, the residents served by Water District No. 2 were mailed informational packets which contained the more accurate description of the proposed rate increase; and

WHEREAS, the Town has caused information regarding the proposed rate increase to be posted to the Town website and to be made available for inspection in the Town Clerk's office; and

WHEREAS, a duly notice public hearing was held on September 9, 2026 and continued to October 7, 2026, at which all who wished to speak were heard.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the minimum water rate for residents served by Water District No. 2 to be raised from $224.00 to $360.00 per quarter, for an increase of $136.00 per quarter.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

Town of Pawling

Water Rates For Pawling Water District #2

Gallon Range		Current 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

RESOLUTION 2026-182
Award of Bid for Heating Oil and Service of Oil-Fired Heating Equipment

WHEREAS, bids were duly advertised and noticed for #2 Heating Fuel Oil and Service Boiler Maintenance Service for the year 2026-2027, and

WHEREAS, the bids have been submitted for the Town Board's review and tabulations have been provided by the Town Clerk, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following bids for #2 Fuel Oil be awarded per the specifications within the bid packet to Taylor Oil, Inc. The Boiler Maintenance Service bid is hereby awarded to Taylor Oil, Inc. for 165.00 per hour, the fixed price bid is hereby awarded to Taylor Oil in the amount of $5.25 per gallon.

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 2026-183
Authorizing the Hiring of Rec Club Assistant

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has recognized the need to hire a recreation club assistant and has recommended that the Town Board approve the hiring of Emmanuel Vattappally for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the hiring of Emmanuel Vattappally as a Recreation Club Assistant at the pay rate of $15.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes a start date of October 13, 2026 for Mr. Vattappally.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

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

RESOLUTION 2026-184
Authorizing the Hiring of Rec Club Assistant

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has recognized the need to hire a recreation club assistant and has recommended that the Town Board approve the hiring of Michelle Leo for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the hiring of Michelle Leo as a Recreation Club Assistant at the pay rate of $18.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes a start date of October 12, 2026 for Ms. Leo.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

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

RESOLUTION 2026-185
Authorizing the Hiring of Rec Club Assistant

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Recreation Department has recognized the need to hire a recreation club assistant and has recommended that the Town Board approve the hiring of Marie Leo for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the hiring of Marie Leo as a Recreation Club Assistant at the pay rate of $18.00 per hour; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Town Board hereby authorizes a retroactive start date of September 22, 2026 for Ms. Leo.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

RESOLUTION 2026-186
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:

Charles Cammilleri	Environmental Permit EP 2025-013	$111.25
Dominic Caporale	Environmental Permit EP 2025-015	$68.25
Deanault Builders Contracting Inc.	Environmental Permit EP 2024-018	$467.50

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 2026-187
Authorizing the Highway Department to Hire Vinny DiMarco on a Temporary Basis

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling's Highway Superintendent, Bob Brill, has advised the Town Board that additional, skilled labor assistance is temporarily needed to assist the Highway Department with critical bridge repair work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. DiMarco has the necessary qualifications and availability to perform the required work; and

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

WHEREAS, the cost for the repair work is covered by the Highway Department budget.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves the temporary hire of Vinny DiMarco to complete the enumerated projects at the rate of $45.00 per hour for a total payment not to exceed 400 hours of work without further approval from the Town Board.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

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

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILMAN MYGAN
Councilman Mygan stated that if the town is going to offer before and after care at the recreation department, then the town needs to staff it. This will have to be a future conversation, whether the town wants to continue with it if we are not going to staff it.

COUNCILWOMAN PITT
Councilwoman Pitt asked if Hannaford tapped into Castagna? Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney stated that they did not as the sewer commission has a moratorium on new hook ups currently. She stated that Hannaford is creating their own treatment plant on site and they are in the process of going before the planning board.

Councilwoman Pitt asked to have Cedarwood come to a meeting in order to get an update on the sewer commission.

The town board members stated that they are not aware of a moratorium on new hook ups for the sewer line.

SUPERVISOR GIORDANO
Supervisor Giordano stated that it has been a very busy month, trying to get the budget ready, getting the agendas ready, getting all the resolutions ready. She stated that she wanted to thank

Wendell Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and his crew for helping the rotary at the Fall Fest. The event had to be brought inside and many people stated that if it was not for Mr. Weber, the event would not have happened.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to enter executive session at 6:46 PM, 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, and litigation in the matter of *Tremson Wood Products LLC v. Town of Pawling et al.,* seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to return from executive session and enter back into the regular town board business meeting at 8:04 PM, seconded by Councilman Mygan, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Giordano at 8:05 PM, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Knowles
Town Clerk