Supervisor Cathy Giordano opened the meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 5:30 PM on September 2, 2026 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilmen Mygan and McCarthy, and Sarah Ryan, town attorney. Approximately 11 interested citizens attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to enter executive session 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 at 6:38pm to return from executive session, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to acknowledge the minutes of August 12, 2026, seconded by councilwoman Pitt. Councilwoman Snow stated she was absent for this meeting.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

PRESENTATION FROM CEDARWOOD REGARDING CHANGES IN WATER REGULATION FOR PAWLING WATER DISTRICT #2

Supervisor Giordano introduced Jonathan Soukup and Kenny Sabia from Cedarwood Engineering. Mr. Soukup gave an overview of the two main production wells; well #4 and well #5. Mr. Soukup stated that well #5 is the main producer and is the newer well and well #4 is an older well and over time there has been some issues with decline in yield. Mr. Soukup discussed the current regulations coming down from EPA and DOH. He advised the board that the wells are currently in compliance. Mr. Soukup stated that the new guidelines have been approved and will go into effect in 2029.

The board requested that Cedarwood Engineering provide a list of their recommendations on what the plant needs.

RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 2026-160
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 2026-160, would be placed on the September 9, 2026 agenda.

RESOLUTION 2026-161
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: Robyn Bellamy – 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 2026-162
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: Lindsey Maclay – Alcohol Waiver, Alcohol Control Plan.

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 2026-163
Appointment of Full Time Mechanical Equipment Operator

WHEREAS, a permanent full time Mechanical Equipment Operator (MEO) vacancy exists in the Highway Department, and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent of Highways has recommended that Ryan Smith be appointed to fill said vacancy, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby approves Ryan Smith to be appointed as a full-time MEO in the Highway Department, effective September 22nd, 2026, at the current MEO hourly rate of $29.67.

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 2026-164
BOND RESOLUTION DATED SEPTEMBER 2, 2026

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF $175,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN OF PAWLING, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK, TO PAY THE TOWN'S SHARE OF THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE LAKESIDE DRIVE BRIDGE, 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, as such state that Type II Actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, it is now desired to authorize the financing thereof; 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 Town's share of the cost of the replacement of the Lakeside Drive Bridge, in and for the Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York, including incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, is hereby authorized at a maximum estimated cost of $175,000.

Section 2. The plan for the financing of the aforesaid maximum estimated cost is by the issuance of not exceeding $175,000 bonds of said Town, hereby authorized to be issued therefor pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

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 not 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 the bonds herein authorized including the date, denominations, maturities and interest payment dates, within the limitations prescribed herein and the manner of execution of the same, including the consolidation

with other issues, and also the ability to issue bonds with substantially level or declining annual debt service, shall be determined by the Supervisor, the chief fiscal officer of such Town. 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 51.00 of the Local Finance Law, as the Supervisor shall determine consistent with the provisions of the Local Finance Law.

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 in said Town, a tax sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same become due and payable.

Section 7. 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 8. 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 9. This resolution shall take effect immediately and the same shall be published in summary form in the official newspaper of the 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.

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 2026-165
Approval of Divers at Lakeside to Recover Lost Jewelry

WHEREAS, resident Brian Clingerman has stated that he lost a personal piece of jewelry in Green Mountain Lake; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Clingerman has requested authorization from the Town Board to hire a team of divers to search the lake bed for said jewelry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes Mr. Clingerman to arrange for said search; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes Wendel Weber and Loretta Rosa to help facilitate the date and time of the search; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this authorization is conditioned upon the search being conducted outside of the regular beach season and the provision of an appropriate Certificate of Insurance naming the Town as an additional insured.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman McCarthy

Councilman McCarthy asked if the insurance company has been contacted. Supervisor Giordano stated that Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney will be working on the insurance requirements and the Hold Harmless agreement.

Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney recommended that on the Resolution there should be an amendment. The current resolution states "the search being conducted outside of the regular beach season". The revised resolution should state "the search being conducted outside of the regular beach hours".

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to accept the amendment as stated by Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney, seconded by councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-166
Approving transfer of B Fund balance (Town outside Village General Fund) to DB Fund (Highway outside Village fund) to pay for the truck approved for purchase at the December 10, 2025 board meeting.

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling has approved the purchase of a Freightliner 108 SD not to exceed $341,000 at the December 10, 2025 board meeting; and

WHEREAS, the funding for the truck was undetermined at that time; and

WHEREAS, the Town outside Village General Fund (B Fund) has a surplus in the fund balance, and the use of such funds for the purchase of a highway vehicle is permissible under NYS Town Law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of Pawling approves the appropriation of B Fund unassigned fund balance and authorizes the transfer of said funds to DB Fund for the payment of the truck.

Councilman McCarthy requested that Resolution 2026-166 be tabled until next week's meeting, so that he could speak to the Bookkeeper.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to table Resolution 2026-166, seconded by councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 2026-167
Correcting Resolution #2026-159 Which Set a Public Hearing Regarding a Proposed Increase of Fees for Residents Served by Water District No. 2

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Town Board passed Resolution #2026-159 on August 12, 2026 through which it set a public hearing on a proposed water rate increase for residents served by Water District No. 2 for September 9, 2026 at 6:00pm; and

WHEREAS, Resolution #2026-159 mistakenly described the rate increase as an increase of the minimum water rate "by $1.36 per gallon"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to a revised memorandum provided by the Town's bookkeeper, the more accurate description of the proposed rate increase is 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby amends Resolution #2026-159 to indicate that the proposed increase is that the minimum water rate be raised from $224.00 to $360.00 per quarter, for an increase of $136.00 per quarter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the public hearing regarding the proposed rate increase will remain scheduled for September 9, 2026 at 6:00pm.

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 2026-168
Authorizing the Building & Grounds Department to Hire Vinny DiMarco on a Temporary Basis

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling's Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, Wendel Weber, has advised the Town Board that there are several ongoing projects for which he would like additional help to complete; and

WHEREAS, the projects include, but are not limited to, completing work on the dam in Lakeside Park, the installation of automatic doors, cleaning up the pavilion that was damaged in the July 4, 2026 storm event, the installation of an oil tank at the caretaker's house in Lakeside Park, and the replacement of the boiler at the Legion building; 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.

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 TEN THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND FIVE DOLLARS ($10,125.00).

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 2026-169
Authorizing Intermunicipal Agreement with Dutchess County for Snow Removal and Ice Control Services

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling intends to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement between Dutchess County and the Town of Pawling for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services of 20.87 miles of road for a one-year period commencing on October 1, 2026 and expiring on September 30, 2027; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement may be extended for additional periods of one year each, for two years, upon such terms and conditions as the parties may agree; and

WHEREAS, Dutchess County will pay the Town of Pawling Six Thousand Six Hundred and Fifty Dollars ($6,650) per mile for the Snow Removal and Ice Control of 20.87 miles of Dutchess County highways within the Town.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling does hereby authorize the Supervisor to execute this agreement, as noted herein of the Intermunicipal Agreement for the Provision of Snow Removal and Ice Control Services.

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 2026-170
Appointing an Independent Auditing Firm for Fiscal Years 2025-2027

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law §123, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling is required to secure an annual accounting and audit of the books and records of all Town officers and employees who received or disbursed public monies during the preceding fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Annual Standard Financial and Compliance Audit on June 29, 2026; and

WHEREAS, five (5) proposals were received and opened on August 21, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Bookkeeper has reviewed proposals/qualifications from submitting auditing firms and recommends the Town Board accept the proposal submitted by the independent certified public accounting firm of Dresher & Malecki LLP which was the apparent low bidder.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby selects and appoints Drescher & Malecki LLP as the independent auditing firm to perform the annual financial and Compliance Audit of the Town's books, records, and accounts for the fiscal years ending December 31, 2025, 2026 and 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor is hereby authorized and directed to execute an engagement contract and agreement with Drescher & Malecki LLP for the aforementioned services, at a cost not to exceed $27,470 for the 2025 audit cycle, as structured in the firm's proposal and supported by available funds within the 2026 Town Budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all Town officers and employees are directed to cooperate fully and provide unrestricted access to books and records to said auditing firm to facilitate a successful audit.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

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

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILWOMAN SNOW
Councilwoman Snow stated that she reached out to Assemblyman Beephan office to see if he would have money for Pawling in the form of grants. Mary Aldrich, Bookkeeper advised that $50,000 was awarded to the Town of Pawling and the money should be coming in November. She wanted to publicly thank everyone that helped with the grant. The money will be used for the Transfer Station wall.

Councilwoman Snow thanked the Loretta, Meaghan, camp counselors, lifeguards, Melissa and all the staff for a wonderful camp season.

COUNCILWOMAN PITT
Councilwoman Pitt asked for an update on the meeting about the ambulance contract. Supervisor Giordano stated that nothing new was discussed, and they are presenting the same contract that they had presented to the town a few months ago. At the Mayor and Supervisor meeting, they outlined everything that the county will be implementing in the coming years. The current ambulance contract expires on December 31, 2026. The new contract would be a five-year contract with progressive numbers for each year, with about a $200,000 increase over the five years.

COUNCILMAN MCCARTHY
Councilman McCarthy stated that he followed up with regard to the sewer district to the south on Route 55 & 22. He spoke to Ron Laberge and ask the board to spend $1500 for Mr. Laberge to complete an update study as to the cost of the sewer district before we answer any questions to the comptroller.

Supervisor Giordano stated that Hannaford's has decided to build their own septic system, which is why they announced they will be opening in 2027. They are underway with that, as they were before the planning board last night.

Councilman McCarthy made a motion to authorize Laberge to go ahead and do the updated project costs for the cost of $1500, seconded by councilwoman Pitt. Supervisor Giordano suggested that councilman McCarthy speak to Mary Aldrich, Town Bookkeeper, as she has requested that before we spend any money we run it by her. Councilman McCarthy retracted his motion.

SUPERVISOR GIORDANO
Supervisor Giordano stated that the town received another large payment from Paramount for their use of Lakeside Park, in total about $145,000. She thanked Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds and Sarah Ryan, Town Attorney for their constant support on this project.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Giordano at 7:34 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Knowles
Town Clerk