Supervisor Cathy Giordano opened the meeting of the town board of the Town of Pawling at 6:00 PM on September 9, 2026 at Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Colman Blvd., Pawling, New York. Present were councilwomen Snow and Pitt, councilman Mygan and Sarah Ryan, town attorney. Councilman McCarthy was absent. Approximately 7 interested citizens attended.

PUBLIC HEARING – PAWLING WATER DISTRICT #2 RATE INCREASE

Supervisor Giordano stated that the town needs to increase the fees because the fees have not been increased since 2007. She stated that all fees to run the plant have gone up since then. Supervisor Giordano advised that the balance is getting depleted and that we do need money to run the district and also to have money to cover things like pumps, switches, etc. This is why the fee increase is being proposed. Supervisor Giordano stated that all PWD#2 residents were notified and there was a public notice regarding the fee increase.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to open the Public Hearing, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano stated that she would be leaving the Public Hearing open until the October 7, 2026 Town Board Meeting, so that the public has additional time to submit any comments in writing or speak in person.

Councilman Mygan made a motion to adjourn the public hearing for Pawling Water District #2 Rate Increase until October 7, 2026, seconded by Councilwoman Snow, motion passed unanimously.

2027 BUDGET DATES

Supervisor Giordano announced the 2027 budget dates:

- October 7, 2026 – 2027 Budget Presentation
- November 4, 2026 – 2027 Budget Public Hearing
- November 11, 2026 – Adoption of 2027 Budget

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 20260930 through 20261069, 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 $438,648.33.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

RESOLUTION 2026-171
Accepting the Resignation of Clerk in the Recreation Department

WHEREAS, Timothy King has submitted a resignation of his position as Clerk in the Recreation Department, effective September 3, 2026,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby accepts the resignation of Timothy King and wishes him well in his future endeavors.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilman Mygan

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

RESOLUTION 2026-172
Authorizing the Pawling PTSA to Stage Homecoming Floats at Lakeside Park

WHEREAS, the Town has received a request from the president of the Pawling Parent, Teacher, Student Association (PTSA) to use Lakeside Park as a location to temporarily store and decorate homecoming floats; and

WHEREAS, the PTSA has requested to store the floats from Wednesday October 21, 2026 through Friday, October 23, 2026, in advance of the homecoming parade.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the PTSA to store and decorate the homecoming floats in Lakeside Park, on the dates requested; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board authorizes and directs Pawling Recreation Director, Loretta Rosa, to act as a liaison with the PTSA and to arrange for storage of the floats.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

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

RESOLUTION 2026-173
Authorizing SLR to Perform a Comprehensive Review of Town of Dover Zoning Code Amendments

WHEREAS, The Town Board of the Town of Pawling desires to obtain a comprehensive review and analysis of certain zoning code amendments being proposed in the neighboring Town of Dover and how those amendments could impact development within the Town of Pawling; and

WHEREAS, SLR Engineering, Landscape Architecture and Land Surveying, P.C. (SLR) has submitted a proposal, dated September 2, 2026, to perform the review and analysis for a fixed fee of $3,000.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Pawling Town Board hereby authorizes and approves SLR to perform the code review services as outlined in the September 2, 2026 proposal.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Pitt

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

RESOLUTION 2026-174
Appoint Full Time Laborer for Buildings & Grounds Department

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Supervisor of Buildings, Grounds, and Parks has recognized the need to hire a full-time laborer to fill an existing vacancy and has recommended that the Town Board approve the hiring of Steven Parsons for the position.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pawling hereby authorizes the hiring of Steven Parsons as a full-time laborer at the pay rate of $22.00 per hour, effective September 14, 2026.

MOTION: Supervisor Giordano
SECOND: Councilwoman Snow

ROLL CALL VOTE:
Councilwoman Snow: "AYE"

Councilwoman Pitt: "AYE"
Councilman Mygan: "NAY"
Councilman McCarthy: "ABSENT"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

RESOLUTION 2026-175
Introducing Local Law No. __ of 2026: A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c; and to Set a Public Hearing

WHEREAS, the Town of Pawling Town Board hereby proposes that a Town Code local law be added to Town Code Chapter 183, entitled "A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c"; and

WHEREAS, this Local Law is adopted and enacted pursuant to the authority and power granted by §10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of the State of New York and subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c; and

WHEREAS, the proposed local law is annexed hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein as if recited verbatim, and the Town Board does direct that said local law be spread across the record as if it, in fact, had been read verbatim; and

WHEREAS, this action to amend the Town Code is a Type II Action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA), and no further environmental review is required; and

WHEREAS, this action requires approval by a supermajority of the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the local law requires a public hearing.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town Board hereby sets a public hearing on the proposed amendments for October 14, 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: "AYE"
Councilwoman Pitt: "NAY"
Councilman Mygan: "AYE"
Councilman McCarthy: "ABSENT"
Supervisor Giordano: "AYE"

LOCAL LAW No._____ OF 2026
A LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY LIMIT ESTABLISHED IN GENERAL MUNICIPAL LAW § 3-c

BE IT ENACTED by the Town Board, as follows:

§1. Legislative Intent
It is the intent of this local law to override the limit on the amount of real property taxes that may be levied by the Town of Pawling pursuant to General Municipal Law § 3-c, and to allow the Town of Pawling to adopt a budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2027 and ending December 31, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the "tax levy limit" as defined by General Municipal Law § 3-c.

The Town Board finds that this local law would provide the Town the flexibility it may need when it adopts the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. Thus, the Town Board of the Town of Pawling finds that it is in the best interests of the Town to enact the local law.

§2. Authority
This local law is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of General Municipal Law § 3-c, which expressly authorizes a local government's governing body to override the property tax cap for the coming fiscal year by the adoption of a local law approved by a vote of sixty percent (60%) of said governing body.

§3. Tax Levy Limit Override
The Town Board of the Town of Pawling, County of Dutchess, is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the Town of Pawling for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 2027 – December 31, 2027, that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise prescribed in General Municipal Law § 3-c.

§4. Severability
If a court determines that any clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or the application thereof to any person, firm or corporation, or circumstance, is invalid or unconstitutional, the court's order or judgement shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder of this local law, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, subdivision, or part of this local law or in its application to the person, individual, firm or corporation or circumstance, directly involved in the controversy in which such judgement or order shall be rendered.

§5. Effective Date
This local law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the office of the New York State Secretary of State in accordance with § 27 of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILMAN MYGAN
Councilman Mygan stated that that Pawling Resource Center pantry is very empty and they are in need for donations. Their website has a list of items that they are looking for.

COUNCILWOMAN SNOW
Councilwoman Snow advised that September is Suicide Awareness month. She stated that 988 is a way to call or text, in English or Spanish. Being part of the suicide task force, we have learned that there is a person jumping off the different bridges, whether Putnam, Dutchess or Westchester, once a month. If anyone needs help, please call of text 988.

Councilwoman Snow stated that we will be remembering September 11th on Friday, for all of those families, fire departments, clergy, police officers, friends, and everybody that has lost someone. We say "may we never forget".

COUNCILWOMAN PITT
Councilwoman Pitt asked Bob Brill, Highway Supervisor about the correspondence with DOT and the stop sign in Holmes. Mr. Brill stated the issue is still pending.

Councilwoman Pitt stated that she would like to reach out to NYS DOT, regarding state route 22 southbound. The speed limit coming out of the village is 45 MPH, which then turns into 55 MPH going southbound and northbound passed Castagna Drive. Ms. Pitt stated that once you hit the light at Hannaford's, it drops down to 45 MPH. She would like to open up a correspondence with NYS DOT regarding keeping it a consistent 45 MPH straight threw that stretch of the roadway.

Councilwoman Pitt stated Charlie Conklin is retiring after over 25 years of service. She wanted to thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Pawling Highway

Department as he plans on retiring tomorrow. The town board congratulated Mr. Conklin on his retirement and wishes him well on his future endeavors.

Councilwoman Pitt stated that she took a look at the proposed ambulance contract and would like to go over it in-depth at the next meeting. In the current contract we have seen a 4% cost increase; however, in the proposed contract for the year of 2027 we are looking at a 10% increase and then in 2028 a 6% increase and then a 4% increase after that for the remainder of the contract. Supervisor Giordano stated that the reason the increase is higher in 2027 is because they spread out the increase so that it is not a large consistent payment throughout the five years. The ambulance service provider said they would not lower the overall price, but they did vary the percentages over time. The town board agreed to request the call volume stats from the ambulance provider.

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, seconded by Councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to return from executive session and enter back into the regular town board business meeting at 7:03 PM, seconded by Councilman Mygan, motion passed unanimously.

Supervisor Giordano made a motion to allow the Laberge Group to look at the Sewer District #4 Map, Plan and Report and prices to see if the pricing today would exceed the prices that are in the map, plan and report in 2023 in the amount of $1500, seconded by Councilman Mygan, motion passed unanimously.

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Supervisor Giordano at 7:04 PM, seconded by Councilwoman Pitt, motion passed unanimously.

Cheryl Knowles
Town Clerk