

DATE OF MEETING: June 18, 2007

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Liffland
Trustee Tracy Durkin
Trustee Robert Murphy
Trustee Wayne Osborn
Trustee Allan Rundall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to close the regular session and go into Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law to amend the Village of Pawling Village Code by amending Chapter 98, "Zoning," Section 98-77 "Senior Citizen Housing." **SECONDED** by TRUSTEE Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland reported that he was been trying to get dates from Commissioner Ackley when the Village committee could meet with him to go over his comments. One proposed member of the committee still needs to be asked to join.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to keep the Public Hearing open and go into Regular Session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Members of the Pawling Community Foundation gave a presentation on artwork and pavilion design for the Village Green. Charlie Daniels, president of the Foundation, said that they wanted to focus on two aspects of the Green that the Village would eventually need to approve since it would be on Village property. He reported that the Foundation has been meeting over the past two or three years for the purpose of raising money to fund the Village and has a goal of \$2,500,000.00 through federal grants, state grants, in-kind services, and private dollars. Presently they have about \$2,300,000.00 which he feels is pretty firm. This includes private, cash donations of about \$1,400,000.00, in-kind donations include 17 large oak trees from the Ziff family. Construction on the Green is planned for as early as last 2007 but in likelihood will begin in Spring 2008. The Foundation is concerned about the time factor in getting bids out and getting approvals from Metro North and New York State Department of Transportation and possibly leaving the Village torn up throughout the winter. The hardy fruit trees in the median were obtained from the Ziff family at their cost structure resulting in a significant savings. They were planed by Native Landscaping at their cost also resulting in a discount.

Charlie briefly discussed the idea of bring life to the Green by incorporating Pawling's history in the design. An art history committee was formed about one year ago to decide how to best commemorate Pawling's history.

Amie Rennolds gave a talk on the design of the pavilion, which will be the centerpiece of the Green, and the attempt of duplicate the Victorian gazebo that was behind the Dutcher House, but make it modern for today's world. The shaped is changed from 8-sided to 6-sided to give it a more open feeling. It will be large enough to accommodate a small band or a group of singers. Because of the slight slope of the land it will be handicapped accessible without requiring a long ramp or handrail. The columns are

carved PVC with a steel column inside. The pavilion will be lighted for evening events and for safety and security. It will be wired so that speakers and other electrical devices can be used. The details of some of this still have to be worked out.

Karen Zukowski discussed the idea of incorporating Pawling's history in the Green and how to recognize the important people, places and events that have been most influential in our history. Leslie Lee, a local artist, was recruited, and a committee came up with the "Hats off to Pawling" theme. This consists of the band of bluestone surrounding the pavilion. Twelve medallions, four large, and eight small, would tell a different part of Pawling's history. Each medallion would incorporate a hat that is representative of the various people that have contributed to Pawling.

Leslie Lee discussed the designs for the medallions. She hoped that the medallions would only be a start and would serve to promote more interest in Pawling's history.

Charlie Daniels then asked the Board for an endorsement of the concepts for the pavilion and art history project, both of which will be gifted to the Village.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to accept the concept of the pavilion as proposed. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Mayor Liffland thanked the Foundation for all of their work and observed that he has never seen a community come together so much for a project as it had for the Village Green. The closest being the Pawling Lion's Club effort to establish Murrow Park. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Charlie Daniels noted that the Foundation would commission the art work and would execute a contract with Leslie Lee to complete the design. The ownership of the artwork would reside with the Village and the artist would own the copyright on the artwork. He asked that the Board vote to approve the concept and the eventually gift of the project.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin approve the concept of the art history project. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. Trustee Durkin felt that acceptance of the art work should be contingent on approval by the engineers and attorney. There was a discussion about having attorneys involved in reviewing the acceptance of the project as a gift to the Village. All were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Rundall discussed the public notice that must be sent as a result of the recent violation the Village received from the Dutchess County Department of Health for the water system. He noted that the most recent reading on gross alpha showed a level of 0.3 which is well under the violation level of 16. Samples were also taken from household sites around the Village to see what the readings are where the water is actually being consumed instead of at the source where the violation was found.

Mayor Liffland discussed the ongoing Dog Warden matter. Village Attorney Hayes rendered an opinion that the Town Dog Warden is required to enforce the provisions of Article 7 of the Agricultural and Markets Law pertaining to dog licensing and control, but is not required to enforce the Village's dog ordinance. The Mayor said that biggest dog problems in the Village were the lease law and cleaning up after your dog, and would you want the Town Dog Warden to handle those matters. He didn't feel that the Village should act immediately on the matter. The recent incident that brought up the issue had to do with a dog that because it was unlicensed would not come under the jurisdiction of

the Town Dog Warden. Trustee Durkin observed that he was talking more about a Quality of Life matter. The Mayor said he would like to see someone who handled code enforcement matter on a daily basis. Trustee Murphy said that a job description would have to be created for this Quality of Life enforcer. Trustee Osborn noted that if a dog is picked up it is taken to the Pawling Animal Clinic where it is housed for five days at a cost of \$20.00 a day. After that it is done away with, adopted or taken to Hyde Park. If the dog is licensed and claimed then the owner must pay for the boarding. It was agreed to look further into the idea of setting up a position including job description and funding.

Adjustment to water account 230 was discussed. Trustee Rundall noted that the claimant said that they did not receive a bill and the Village had not way to dispute that. Since the garbage and sewer penalties along with the water penalty had gone onto the taxes adjustments would be made on the next bills.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to make the adjustment on all three bills. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Durkin read a resolution for the Village to join with the Town to become a "Explore NY 400" community.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to accept the resolution. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was a roll-call vote: Mayor Liffland voting aye, Trustee Durkin voting aye, Trustee Murphy voting aye, Trustee Osborn voting aye and Trustee Rundall voting aye.

The proposed revision to the Village stationary was discussed, specifically the absence of board member names. More work by the Village Historian would be done on the proposed revision.

Reducing traffic speed on Dutcher Avenue near the Methodist Church was discussed. Trustee Durkin suggested having Keely Solomon from the Dutchess County Department of Planning come out to look at problem areas.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve to New York State grants, one for \$2,500.00 for moving the monuments and one for \$85,000.00 for the Village Green. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the Quality Communities grant in the amount of \$70,000.00 for design work. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve request allowing Justice Court to apply for Justice Court Assistance's Grant Application. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve request from Unified Court System for copy of audit of Court system and copy of Court records. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the June bills. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2007 meeting. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustees' Report

Trustee Durkin reported that there would be a brief executive session to discuss personnel after the regular meeting.

Trustee Murphy said that Judy Pisano would be looking at the table skirts in the meeting room to see if she had any suggestions on improvement. John Dorsey at M&T Bank is going to be getting back to him with ideas on other investment options. There was a discussion on the July meeting dates.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to change the July 2 and the July 16 meetings to July 9 and July 23. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Osborn reported that the new garbage truck had its maiden run that morning. Both garbage trucks were used so none of the smaller Village trucks had to be used. He reminded residents that garbage must be out by 7:00 A.M. Routes have been changed because of the addition of the second garbage truck. Trustee Osborn had three quotes for a new mig welder, Shaw for \$1,275.00, Air Gas for \$1,159, and a third from \$1,115.02.

MOTION by Trustee Osborn to accept the quote from Shaw Welding. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Rundall reported on Earl Slocum's activities in giving out merchant parking information and that the Sheriff's Department would begin to enforce the parking regulations on July 1, 2007.

Light pole bases are being put in along the median. There was a discussion about running wires along the median to get power to the clock so that it can work again.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to run the wires for the clock. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Rundall reported on the status street light installation at Baxter Green and that he is checking on street lights that are out throughout the Village.

Mayor Liffland reported on progress in working on the backyards at Baxter Green. Hopefully the residents will be happy with the work.

Three bids on the Memorial Avenue sidewalk project have been picked up. Stantec will be contacted to see if they can get some more bidders.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to go into executive session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to return to the regular session. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to retain Michael Keupp until Wednesday, June 27, 2007. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to adjourn the regular meeting at 9:15 P.M.. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.