

DATE OF MEETING: January 28, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

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

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 the Public Hearing on a proposed Local Law to Amend the Village of Pawling 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 said Mr. Roger Akeley, Commissioner of Dutchess County Planning and Development, was scheduled to be at the meeting but had to reschedule to February 4, 2008 due to a conflict with his schedule.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to leave the Public Hearing open on the proposed Local Law for another month. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

Mr. Manny Vicente, President of Homeland Towers, explained his company had proposed putting a communication tower up within the Village of Pawling. Mr. Vicente asked the Board that he be allowed to begin negotiations with the Village Attorney on a Lease Agreement in preparation of installing the communication tower. There was discussion on the topic.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to allow Homeland Towers to begin discussions with the Village Attorney. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland reported that the Board was still looking into if the village should sign the Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the \$4.5M from the DEC regarding the MS4 program.

Mayor Liffland said the Board was looking to change the police schedule to 3 six hour shifts. He said he was researching a grant that would give the village \$300,000 to use for police services and perhaps the Board could split the money between two fiscal years. Mayor Liffland said he wanted to get as much public input as possible during the budget process regarding the police protection and other issues. There was dialogue on the subject.

Trustee Durkin stated she would be holding an introductory Safety Awareness Meeting on February 7, 2008 at 7 P.M. at the Village Hall. She explained that the topic would be general safety concerns and everyone was invited to attend.

Mayor Liffland brought up the issue of the Memorial Avenue trees and said he spoke with the American Legion about the possibility that one of the trees might be lost. Gerry Christensen, a representative of the Legion, said the Legion would commit themselves to replacing the tree if it died and being involved in the process. Trustee Durkin said she would do research on grants for the care of the trees as well as work on the RFP.

Mayor Liffland read a letter from Verna Carey, President of the Library Board of Trustees, asking if the village highway crew could plow in front of the library annex. There was discussion. Mr. David Watson, a Town Councilman, said he would look into if the town could do it since the library was a town building. Trustee Durkin suggested asking the Village Attorney if the village crew would be able to do the plowing.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve an adjustment to Water Account #410A in the amount of \$74.18 due to a broken meter for purposes of discussion. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. The Board discussed the reasons for the adjustment. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to approve an adjustment to Water Account #464 in the amount of \$10.95 (the penalty) due to a death in the family and the customer having to leave town unexpectedly. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the October 15, 2007, November 5, 2007 and November 19, 2007 minutes. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the January 25, 2008 prepaids in the amount of \$13,638.25. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Historian's Report

Mr. Drew Nicholson stated he completed an interview with Earl Slocum. He said Mr. Slocum donated an Albermac Theater movie poster. Mr. Nicholson said he was still working on retrieving Freight House artifacts.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin said the copier lease was coming up for renewal and the Clerk had a proposal drawn up for a new copier that could be used as a networked printer, copier and scanner. Trustee Durkin went over the proposal.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to accept the proposal for the color management lease including service, parts, toner and drums for a 60 month program which also includes terminating the village's current copier lease for the price of \$235.00 month. **SECONDED**

by Trustee Murphy. Trustee Rundall asked if there was a counter to keep track of the copies. The Clerk responded there was. Trustee Murphy asked if the staff ever went over the allotted number of copies. The Clerk responded they did but it was rare. Trustee Murphy stated he would want to know for what purpose the staff was using the color copies because it could start to add up. Trustee Durkin said she did not think it would be used that much. There was more conversation on the topic. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Durkin said the Dutchess County Planning Federation would be holding short courses. She suggested the Board start thinking about legislation on outdoor wood boilers.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn said the highway department was picking up leaves again.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy said he put paperwork out for the Board to review involving transfers from the water and garbage funds to the General fund for legal work that was completed. Trustee Murphy asked the Mayor what was happening with the Building Department fees. Mayor Liffland said the Board would have to discuss the topic. Trustee Murphy said the Board should continue working on the cable franchise.

Allen Rundall

Trustee Rundall stated the engineers met with a company about the filtration system. He said he sent a report to NYSEG about the street lights that were out around the village. Trustee Rundall reported he was still working on getting the street light installed at the Baxter Green development.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland said he was working on setting a date for a meeting regarding the Intermunicipal Agreement between the town, village and school district.

Public Comment

Michael Cerny, a Planning Board member, said Larry Tomasso was doing a great job as Building Inspector however he needed more support.

Verna Carey, a resident of Charles Colman Boulevard, complimented the Village Board on the Garbage Budget.

MOTION Durkin by Trustee to approve the annual book sale for the second and third weekends of May on the Lumelite property. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Ms. Carey asked if the street department had found a library sign.

Mr. David Watson spoke about MS4 requirements and inspections. He suggested setting up deputies for the Intermunicipal Agreement meetings so they could be scheduled quicker. Mr. Watson asked questions regarding the office space on Pine Drive and the underlying zoning.

Mr. Gerry Locasio, a resident of Baxter Road asked how much a garbage permit was going for. Mr. Watson responded it was \$250.00.

Mr. Gerry Christensen thanked the Mayor for all the help he was to the American Legion.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to close regular session and go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

MOTION by Trustee Rundall to hire Tom Brown at \$12.11 to the Highway Department. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to place an ad in the papers for a part time Building Inspector. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Rundall. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk