

DATE OF MEETING: July 21, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Tracy Durkin
Trustee Wayne Osborn
Trustee Robert Murphy
Trustee Colette Zito

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

Councilman David Watson from the Town of Pawling stated that at the last Town Board meeting the Town Board discussed the idea of sharing additional services with the village, specifically the maintenance department. He asked the Village Board if they were interested in pursuing the idea and said it could be done in much the same way as the Assessor position with an Intermunicipal Agreement. Councilman Mike Mayer from the Town of Pawling said the Town Board was in the process of hiring a Building Inspector which was another position to consider sharing. Mayor Liffland asked if the maintenance staff would be a service that the town would supply to the village or if the service would require a fee to be paid by the village. Councilman Watson said that was not discussed. He said his personal perception was that the staff was already there and that anything the staff needed to do would be under the hours that they normally worked. He said the cleaner was paid hourly and the additional hours would be something the Boards could share. Trustee Durkin asked what Councilman Watson meant by services other than cleaning. Councilman Watson said the staff cleans out gutters, retiles roofs when necessary, replaces doors, replaces windows and completes simple plumbing jobs—general maintenance that would not require a license. Trustee Durkin asked if it would be on an as needed basis or as a percentage. Councilman Watson responded that would need to be ironed out but his perception was that based on the fact that the 2 gentlemen who were maintenance were salaried it would just be them coming down and doing the work that needed to be done when it needed to be done. Trustee Zito said all of the details could be taken care of in the Agreement. Trustee Watson agreed – he said every taxpayer in the town and village pay for those gentlemen already because they are part of the services provided for everyone. Trustee Durkin said she wouldn't mind discussing the topic as long as the village could use the service as little as necessary because the village was far smaller than the town and had fewer buildings. She said the cleaning was the biggest thing and the Boards would have to crunch numbers. Mayor Liffland asked if Councilman Watson knew the salary for the cleaner. Councilman Watson responded he did not but if there was an interest on the Village Board's side then they could begin expending some effort and doing their due diligence. Trustee Durkin said she was at the Town Board meeting where the topic was discussed and she knew that a lot of the Town Board members voiced concern over the arrangement. Trustee Murphy said the first thing to be done was to identify the maintenance projects. He asked if Councilman Watson thought additional staff would need to be hired. Councilman Watson said he would be surprised if they did but that would be part of the negotiations. Mayor Liffland asked what the maintenance crew's job description was. Councilman Watson said there were two employees in the job classification Maintenance Worker which meant they do work in carpentry, plumbing, glazing and sheetrock. He said there was one employee with the classification of Groundskeeper who was more involved with shrubbery and tree maintenance and there was another employee classified as Cleaner. Councilman Watson said he would inform the Town Board that the Village Board was interested in evaluating the issue at the next Town Board meeting and he would ask the Board to set up a

committee to work with the village (2 Town Board members and 2 Village Board members) and the lawyers to research the financial and legal aspects. Trustee Murphy asked Councilman Watson to pass along the job descriptions of the town employees.

Mr. Bob Travers and Mr. Frank Funticello, Vice President, of Advanced Recovery went over setting up a Hazardous Household Item and Electrical Equipment Waste Removal Day at which his company would collect and dispose of the abovementioned waste products. He said the fee for a one day, five hour collection event would be a \$499.00 flat fee for the Household items– they supply the crew, supervisor, trucking, and insurance. There was discussion on the topic. It was decided to pursue the idea with the Town of Pawling and Town of Dover.

Ms. Patty Moore, Executive Director of the Pawling Resource Center, discussed preparing and planning for the aging population within the Village of Pawling.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the Garbage Bid received from KEJEM Properties, LLC with a rate of \$91.90 per ton. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Murphy said the rate was basically the same rate the village was currently paying. Trustee Osborn explained if the Highway Crew brings the recyclables to Hopewell it can be transported in one truck and the drive to the Hopewell location which would save money on fuel costs. Trustee Murphy said the town was looking into companies that would allow the municipality to either deliver the recyclables or pick them up and pay for them. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the Pawling Fire Department putting up their banners at the main entrances to the village. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to appoint Kevin Denton Alternate Village Justice. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion. The vote was:

Mayor Liffland	Aye
Trustee Durkin	Aye
Trustee Murphy	Aye
Trustee Osborn	Aye
Trustee Zito	Abstain.

The motion carried.

The Board discussed the topic of moving the Village Election to November and having the Dutchess County Board of Elections run it. The Board was in favor of moving the election and the Mayor directed the Clerk to speak with the attorney about drawing up the proper resolution.

Mayor Liffland updated the public on what was being done regarding complaints lodged about too many cats being housed at a residence within the village. The Board discussed the item. The Board decided to speak with the attorney about the enforceability of a local law.

Trustee Zito went over roof estimates she received. She said she spoke with Larry Tomasso, Village Building Inspector, who said there might be asbestos on the roof. Trustee Zito stated she compiled quotes for core sampling of the roof and suggested doing the core sampling before awarding any contractor with the roof repair job. Trustee Zito went over the quotes she received.

MOTION by Trustee Zito to award HT Inspection an assessment of the Village Hall roof sampling at a flat rate of \$750.00 to rule out or detect asbestos. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve a credit of \$108.52 for Water Account # 275 as per PJSC correspondence reference # 199 and # 200. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve an adjustment of \$20.85 to Water Account # 007 due to the customer's water reading being above average. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. Trustee Durkin pointed out the usage was 21% higher and asked if that was so far out of the norm. She said she had quarters that spiked and asked if the customer was sure they did not use the water. Mayor Liffland said the customer's records showed they did not use the amount. Trustee Murphy said the customer was extremely consistent with their water usage. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to approve the Pawling High School's Homecoming Parade for Friday, September 26, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. Parade to line up on Memorial Avenue, proceed down Main Street, and turn left on Coulter Avenue to Haight Street to the Elementary School. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. Mayor Liffland said the village usually provided Sheriff's coverage for that event. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Murphy to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for June 2008. **SECONDED** by Trustee Durkin. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Historian's Report

Mr. Drew Nicholson stated the interview with Dr. Coulter was transcribed and would be available for review shortly. He reported the Dutchess County Board of Elections was going through their stored registration books and would give them to the municipalities upon receipt of a request letter. Mr. Nicholson said he would apply to receive a flag that was flown over the State Capital. He said the village needed to look into a place to put the archives. Mr. Nicholson said he would be giving a presentation to the Pawling Rotary as to what his job entailed.

Trustees' Reports

Tracy Durkin

Trustee Durkin said Red Cedar deposited another pile of mulch and would be spreading it by the end of the week. She asked for an Executive Session after the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

Wayne Osborn

Trustee Osborn said some of the FEMA work was done on Fairway Drive and Douglas Drive. Trustee Osborn said he would be short on money for the work he wanted to do on Lakeside Drive.

Robert Murphy

Trustee Murphy said they were in the process of compiling interest rates for the Capital Projects BAN.

Colette Zito

Trustee Zito said she received a letter from the Baxter Green residents and was moving forward on installing the light. Mayor Liffland asked how she was doing with rectifying the violations received regarding the Village Hall. Trustee Zito said she was working on it.

Mayor's Comments

Mayor Liffland said he toured the school, town and village facilities in order to continue moving forward on the Shared Municipal Services RFP. He said he was still working with the insurance company on repairing the Charles Colman Boulevard pedestrian bridge. Mayor Liffland said only one bid was received for the communication systems for the wells and tanks and the project was waiting on other bids. He reported the communication tower project was waiting on some sort of approval from Trinity Pawling School. He said he would be attending an MS4 meeting on July 28, 2008 to discuss the \$4.4 million funding. Trustee Osborn reported the village received an \$11,000 grant for reimbursement of MS4 services. Mayor Liffland said he was meeting with the contractor, engineer and attorney regarding the Charles Colman Boulevard Sidewalk Project concrete issues. He asked the Board to keep in mind a project for the Community Development Block Grant application. Mayor Liffland said he would like to coordinate the paving of Reservoir Road with the town.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to open the meeting at 9:35 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Murphy. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

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

MOTION by Trustee Durkin to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Osborn. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk