

DATE OF MEETING: April 18, 2016

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Stan Mersand
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee Earl Slocum

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk announced that she purchased a digital recorder in order to begin the podcasting project. She said she wanted to see how it recorded before purchasing a microphone since it might not be necessary.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close the regular session and go into the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2016-2017 at 7:02 p.m. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland presented the budget. Trustee Burweger said it was a very favorable budget. Trustee Peters agreed. Trustee Slocum said it was a great job.

There was no public comment.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to close the Public Hearing on the tentative budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adopt the 2016-2017 budget as presented. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Liffland asked for any comments regarding pawlingtaxcut.org issues and solutions.

Mr. Daniel Panzer, a resident of Elm Street, said a solution would be to cut spending. He said the Board should cut their salaries.

Mr. Gerry Christensen, a resident of West Main Street, said village taxes were not that bad and that the school budget needed to be brought under control.

Mr. Panzer suggested looking at one street a month to see what needs to be done to repair it. Trustee Peters said that was already done but it was difficult to do the necessary upgrades with the budget constraints. There was discussion about infrastructure.

Mayor Liffland said he had saved the village \$5 million dollars in grants.

Mr. Lou Musella concurred with Mr. Christensen and said that Board positions were not part time positions any longer and they did an excellent job on the budget.

There was more discussion on infrastructure.

Mr. Drew Nicholson, a resident of Valley Drive, pointed out the Mayor always has excess money in his contractual expense line that would go back into the fund balance.

Ms. Betsy Montgomery, a resident of Quaker Hill Road, asked about the empty store fronts. There was discussion.

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF PAWLING

Identifier: Proposed SEQR Resolution for Determination of Non-Significance for Reservoir Improvements Project (Negative Declaration)

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Robert Liffland and the following were:

P R E S E N T:

Mayor Robert Liffland
Trustee Daniel Peters
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Earl Slocum
Trustee Stan Mersand

The following Resolution was proposed by Trustee Peters, who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Slocum.

WHEREAS, the Village of Pawling Board of Trustees (“the Board”) adopted an Initial SEQRA Resolution on August 17, 2015, declaring itself Lead Agency and making a preliminary designation of the expansion of capacity and related improvements to the Pawling Upper Reservoir and Lower Reservoir (the “Proposed Project”) to be an Unlisted action pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.6; and

WHEREAS, the Involved Agencies identified in the Full Environmental Assessment Form (“FEAF”) have been duly notified of the Initial SEQR Resolution and have not objected to the Board’s designation of itself as Lead Agency, and thirty (30) days have elapsed since delivery of the notices to each Involved Agency; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board has reviewed the FEAF Part I, the engineering report entitled the “*Village of Pawling Reservoir Improvements* dated 6/08/2015”, and additional documentation prepared by Zarecki & Associates, LLC, consulting engineer and land use planners for the Board; and

WHEREAS, the FEAF and attachments provide evidence that the expansion of capacity of the reservoirs and related improvements will not have a significant impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Village Board, pursuant to 6 NYCRR Part 617.7(b) and (c) of the SEQRA Regulations, has considered the FEAF and the criteria contained in sub-division “c” of Section 617.7 and determines that the Proposed Project will not result in any significant environmental impacts; and

WHEREAS, notification of the time, place and purpose of this meeting was effected as required by Public Officers Law §104(2);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board confirms its status as Lead Agency for the coordinated review of the Proposed Project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board accepts the completed FEAF (part I) in the form prepared by the Board's consulting engineers and land use planners; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board as Lead Agency adopts and confirms the recommendations and conclusions in the FEAF of the Board's consulting engineers and planners that the Proposed Project will not result in significant environmental impacts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a true copy of the FEAF supporting the finding of non-significance is annexed hereto and made a part hereof, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is authorized to execute the FEAF in the form attached to this Resolution, and to provide for the publication of this Negative Declaration in the manner required by law.

The question of the foregoing Resolution was duly put to a vote, the Board of Trustees voting as follows:

	<u>Aye</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Mayor Robert Liffland	✓		
Trustee Daniel Peters	✓		
Trustee John Burweger	✓		
Trustee Earl Slocum	✓		
Trustee Stan Mersand	✓		
TOTAL	5	0	0

The Resolution was adopted.

MOTION by Trustee Slocum to approve the use of village roads for the 29th Pawling Triathlon for June 4, 2016. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the proposal from Bartlett Tree Experts for Soil Care, Fertilization and Pest Management of trees on the Village Green in the amount of \$2,886.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. Mayor Liffland asked if the proposal included the Memorial Avenue trees. The Clerk said she would check with Bartlett Tree before accepting the proposal. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was discussion on the placement of bike racks.

MOTION by Trustee Slocum to approve the minutes from March 7, 2016 and March 21, 2016. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve payment of the March bills in the amount of \$384.00. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of the Metro North bills in the amount of \$11,020.66. **SECONDED** by Trustee Slocum. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Mersand to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for March 2016. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

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

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

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

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk