

DATE OF MEETING: January 3, 2023

PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee Jerry Locascio
Trustee Tom Meyer

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

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the minutes from November 21, 2022. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor reported the village hired Peter Forman to hear the appeal for Main Corner Properties at the January 17, 2023 meeting.

Mayor Taylor stated the Board was still waiting on the handheld equipment for the Parking Enforcement Officer to use however the hope was that it would be in by mid-month.

Mayor Taylor said the next item was a discussion on the Intermunicipal Agreement establishing a Joint Ethics Committee for the Village of Pawling and the Towns of Beekman, Dover, East Fishkill and Pawling. She reported it came out of conversations with other Supervisors and Mayors and from the village's experience in trying to form an Ethics Committee. She said the village had great difficulty finding three people in the community that were willing to serve. She said after discussions they thought maybe it could be done on a regional basis and the towns mentioned were the ones the village would be working with. She said the Board had the draft Intermunicipal Agreement and one item with comments was an alternate for the appointed community member. She said her personal feeling was that they did not need an alternate because with the five municipalities they should be able to work together in finding a date that everybody was available and if there was a conflict of interest there would still be a quorum to be able to hear the situation and vote. The Board agreed with the Mayor. Mayor Taylor stated other items of note were: each member of the Joint Ethics Board had to take at least one course on ethics per year, the Chairman would be from each community on a rotating basis and a meeting would be held annually or upon request. Mayor Taylor said another issue for discussion was meeting advice and the cost for it – Mr. Daniels, a village attorney, thought, and the Mayor agreed, that the municipality where the issue originated should incur the costs of any attorney fees and any legal advice. Mayor Taylor said the attorney brought up adding a termination clause. She explained the joint board would hear the situation, vote on it and give a written recommendation to the municipality that had the issue. The Board was comfortable with the recommendations of the village attorney. Mayor Taylor said she would probably have another draft agreement to review at a later date.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the 2023 Participation Agreement for the Dutchess County Self-insured Worker's Compensation Plan. **SECONDED** by Trustee Meyer. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. Mayor Taylor stated Juneteenth was added to the schedule. There was no further discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Meyer to approve payment of the December bills in the amount of \$156,476.25. **SECONDED** by Trustee Locascio. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor announced the Village received the EFC grant for Lower Baxter and part of the grant requirements was the village preparing a Request For Qualifications for engineering services. She said the RFQ would be in the papers on January 6, 2023.

Mayor Taylor stated the village received \$100,000 from the NYS DOS Smart Growth Community Planning for the Comprehensive Plan Update.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 P.M. **SECONDED** by Trustee Meyer. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.



Village Clerk