

DATE OF MEETING: February 3, 2021
PLACE OF MEETING: Village Hall, Pawling, New York
MEMBERS PRESENT: Mayor Lauri Taylor
Trustee Dan Peters
Trustee John Burweger
Trustee Earl Slocum – via phone
Trustee Gerald Locascio

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

MOTION by Mayor Taylor to appoint Jerry Locascio as the new Trustee. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor said Trustee Locascio would be observing the meeting and not voting that evening because he was not up to speed on the agenda items.

Ms. Betsy Montgomery, President of the Pawling Farmer's Market, requested that they be able to return again to the downtown from June 12 – September 25, 2021 from 9 am-1 pm. She said despite COVID they had a great turnout last year. She said Ms. Tomasetti graciously allowed the market to use the Hudson Valley Plastics property, however, if in the event that everything returns to normal they would like to resume using the Village Green. The Board was in favor.

Mayor Taylor said Trustee Burweger would be the Village Board representative for the Tree Inventory Grant.

The following Resolution was proposed by Mayor Taylor who moved its adoption, and seconded by Trustee Burweger.

WHEREAS, the Building Inspector for Village of Pawling (the "Village") has taken a leave of absence; and

WHEREAS, the duties of building inspector must be performed in the absence of the current Building Inspector and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village, after a diligent search, has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village to retain the Village Engineer, the Chazen Companies, to assist the Village in the performance of the duties of building inspector upon the terms and conditions set forth in engagement letter annexed hereto as Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Chazen Companies are retained to assist the Village in the performance of the duties and responsibilities of building inspector upon the terms and conditions set forth in the engagement letter annexed hereto as Exhibit A and that Mayor Taylor is authorized to sign the engagement letter on behalf of the Village;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that Jennifer Osborn, Village Clerk is authorized, for and on behalf of the Village, upon receipt of a written recommendation from a Chazen employee with the requisite knowledge, education, licensure and experience to perform the duties of a building inspector in the State of New York, to execute all necessary documents including, but

not limited to, permits, inspections, certificates of occupancy and certificates of completion. Any concern by the Village Clerk regarding any written recommendation of the designated Chazen representative shall be brought to the attention of the Board of Trustees for resolution.

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

Mayor Lauri Taylor	Aye
Trustee Daniel Peters	Aye
Trustee John Burweger	Aye
Trustee Earl Slocum	Aye
Trustee Gerald Locascio	Abstain.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve Proposal Number PM210.14 from the Chazen Companies regarding On-Call Inspection Support. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve Proposal Number PM210.07 from the Chazen Companies regarding 146 East Main Street Code Review & Inspections Report. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve Change Orders No. 1, 2 & 4 for the Elm Street Sidewalk Project. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the minutes from December 21, 2020, January 4, 2021 & January 19, 2021. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve the Metro North Treasurer's Report for December 2020. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Trustee Peters stated the village water system is still operating under a Consent Order and the Board is asking people to conserve water. He said the Board is hoping for some permitting in the near future but they were unsure what that would be. Trustee Peters said the water system was holding its own with the Umscheid well in use under emergency permission.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to approve payment of the January bills in the amount of \$160,574.46. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

MOTION by Trustee Peters to approve payment of EFC Pay Request No. 3 in the amount of \$207,425.33. **SECONDED** by Trustee Burweger. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Mayor Taylor said there were negative comments made during the last snowstorm on social media regarding garbage pickup since the storm and pickup both fell on Monday. She stated garbage pickup is a service the village provides and would continue to provide, however, when there is snow and only 5 members of the Highway crew that the priority would be snow removal to keep the roads clear and safe. She apologized that it was not on the website fast enough and the Board would try to do a better job of that. Mayor Taylor said she would like to commend the

Highway Department on the job they did during the snowstorm. She said she would rather commend them for the excellent job they did rather than for them to have to take the negativity on social media. She apologized if it inconvenienced anyone but safety was her first priority. Mayor Taylor said she was saddened by all the nasty and negative comments on social media (she was not on social media for that reason) and the Board discussed it and was going to remove the village Facebook page until the Board could hire someone to manage it better. She said it was not the official way to send out information for the village – the website is the official program for people to go to for information. She said the Board would revisit the issue in the near future.

MOTION by Trustee Burweger to adjourn the meeting at 7:13 P.M. and go into Public Comment. **SECONDED** by Trustee Peters. There was no discussion; all were in favor and the motion carried.

Village Clerk