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Town Board Receives Water Quality Update

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Water quality was first on the agenda of the Pawling Town Board meeting convened on Wednesday, May 10. JoAnne Daley, Pawling’s Municipal Separate Storm SewerSystems (MS4) Coordinator presented a report regarding the town’s MS4 conveyance. Daley apprised the board of a billboard campaign that will be launching to improve awareness about water quality and proper recreational use of waterways. This campaign is financed through the MS4 Dutchess County Coordination Committee, which includes 13 communities and Dutchess County Public Works. The billboards will be located on Route 376 in Hopewell, as well as Route 9 southbound headed to Poughkeepsie. Daley also told the board that the town will be pursuing water quality improvement grants this year to continue mapping the town’s infrastructure. The grants are offered and funded by The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The board approved the 2017 Storm Water Management Program as outlined by Ms. Daley. Residents interested in learning more about the program will find the Storm Water MS4 page listed under “Departments” on the Town of Pawling website. Residents may also call Ms. Daley at (845) 855- 0959.

In other matters the town addressed ongoing repairs and construction at Lakeside Park, the Town Hall, and Town Court, and approved an Amnesty Program for expired building permits.

Wendel Weber, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds for the Town of Pawling, updated the board on the continuing progress of repairs to the roof of the Lathrop Building at Lakeside Park. Specifically, a request for proposal was set forth to begin silicone roofing repairs rather than an outright roof replacement. Weber explained that the air conditioning units will also need to be removed and replaced. The town board approved these requests unanimously.

The town board confirmed that the Pawling Town Court would continue with regularly scheduled proceedings this month, each Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Town Hall. The Town Hall is currently undergoing renovations to both the front entrance as well as to the justice bench through a donation from the New York State Justice Counsel. Board members Confirmed that town constables Would be coordinating with the Town Building Department to Accommodate security screenings For visitors using the side entrance While construction is in progress.

The town board approved an Amnesty program for expired building permits within the town. Covering only residential building permits, the amnesty allows for a payment of a one-time fee of \$150 rather than the previous charge of half the total building permit price. This program went in to effect on May 11 and will last through December 31. For further information Regarding the expired building permit amnesty program, residents may contact the Town Building Department at (845)855-3244.

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