

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION**  
**TOWN AND VILLAGE OF PAWLING CONSOLIDATION REFERENDUM**  
**TO BE HELD PURSUANT TO A CITIZEN INITIATED CONSOLIDATION PETITION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Pawling Town Board will hold a referendum to be held on November 30, 2020 at the Lathrop Building, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling, New York between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM on the proposed consolidation of the Village and Town of Pawling pursuant to a Citizen's Petition.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT the New York State Reorganization and Citizen Empowerment Act provides for a process for citizens to petition for a public vote on dissolving or consolidating local governments. The Town of Pawling, Dutchess County, New York State received a citizen's petition to call for a public referendum to consolidate the Village and Town of Pawling government. Upon review, the Town Clerk opined that the petition met the requirement that ten percent of the registered voters sign the petition. The Town Clerk certified the petition with 618 valid signatures on August 10, 2020, and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT the Town Board duly adopted a Resolution on September 2, 2020 calling for a Referendum on the Proposed Consolidation of the Village of Pawling and Town of Pawling pursuant to a Citizen Initiated Consolidation Petition, such referendum to be held on November 30, 2020 at the Lathrop Building, 2 Lakeside Drive, Pawling, New York between the hours of 12:00 noon and 7:00 PM.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, the referendum question placed upon the ballot will substantially be as follows: Shall the Village of Pawling be consolidated with the Town of Pawling?

Yes   
No

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT, should the results of both the Village and Town referendum be in favor of consolidating, the Village and Town Board have one hundred and eighty (180) days to prepare and approve a consolidation plan which will include the required elements as outlined in General Municipal Law Article 17-A. The proposed plan will outline how the Village and Town will consolidate and what government services, local laws and positions will be continued or not continued as a result of the consolidation. Village and Town residents will then have 45 days to each petition for a referendum on the Plan. The petition must be signed by 25% of registered voters. If the referendum passes both referendums, the Village and Town will consolidate on a date set in the Consolidation Plan. If no petition is brought within 45 days, the Village and Town will consolidate on the date set in the Consolidation Plan.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT a copy of the resolution and a copy of the petition can be examined on at the Pawling Town Hall, 160 Charles Coleman Blvd, Pawling, New York 12564 during open office hours or at [www.labergegroup.com/pawling](http://www.labergegroup.com/pawling).

Dated: October 28, 2020

By order of the Pawling Town Board  
Cathy Giordano, Town Clerk