Town of Pelham

PELHAM, NEW YORK 34 FIFTH AVE 10803

TOWN BOARD
Legislative Meeting Minutes
October 5, 2026

PELHAM TOWN BOARD MEMBERS

Theresa K. Mohan, *Town Supervisor*
Maura Curtin, *Deputy Supervisor*
Kristen Burke, *Councilmember*
Michael Jenks, *Councilmember*
Kara McLoughlin, *Councilmember*

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

Attendee Name	Present	Absent	Late	Arrived
Theresa K. Mohan	X	□	□	□
Maura Curtin	X	□	□	□
Kristen Burke	X	□	□	□
Michael Jenks	X	□	□	□
Kara McLoughlin	X	□	□	□

IV. Public Comment

- **Scott Wolfgang -** expressed concern regarding the proposed change of the November Town Board meeting date from November 2 to November 9, noting that the meeting typically includes discussion of the tentative budget prior to Election Day. The resident requested that residents be provided a high-level overview of the budget before the election. Mr. Wolfgang requested that the Town website be updated to include the specific time for the October 14 budget session. The Board acknowledged the issue and agreed to update the posting. The Board also confirmed that they will update the website and meeting will be open to the public but will not be livestreamed.

  The Town Board noted that an all-day budget session is scheduled for October 14 and that the tentative budget will be filed with the Town Clerk by October 30 as required by law.

- Several residents spoke regarding potential future siting of an EMS station and fly car facility near the post office.

  Residents expressed concerns about:

  - Increased noise from emergency vehicle sirens.
  - Traffic and pedestrian safety.
  - Impacts on neighborhood character and property values.
  - Suitability of the location for emergency response operations.

  The Board stated that:

  - No decision is currently pending regarding the EMS station location.
  - The Board is continuing to evaluate options as part of the Town's Facilities Master Plan.
  - The Board did not approve a $3.6 million EMS station project.
  - Cost estimates referenced publicly were preliminary figures developed during earlier planning efforts.
  - If future consideration is given to the post office property or any alternative EMS site, affected residents will be engaged in the process before any decision is made.

V. Reports

a. Town Council Reports

Deputy Supervisor Maura Curtin

- 108 EMS calls during September.
- Average response time of approximately 5.7 minutes for coverage in both Pelham and Pelham Manor.
- Similar to last month, there was another day where 4 to 5 significant calls came in in a short period of time.
- Emergency calls such as cardiac arrests generally receive response times under five minutes.

Councilwoman Kristen Burke

- A resolution will be presented tonight seeking authorization to apply for a $30,000 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) grant.
- Progress continues on an intermunicipal agreement among the Town, villages, school district, and City of Mount Vernon regarding Glover Field. A consultant study is required before pursuing available grant opportunities. Town counsel has reviewed the proposed agreement and identified no substantive concerns.

Councilman Michael Jenks

- The Library Booktoberfest event was a successful community gathering with more than 300 tickets sold. Approximately 254 people attended, with additional walk-up participation during the event. More than 100 raffle tickets were sold. Significant public interest was generated by the library transformation project renderings.
- During Kindergarten Card Day, 126 kindergarten students received library cards, representing approximately 56% of eligible students. An additional 10 family members obtained library cards. Total library attendance that day exceeded 425 visitors.

Councilwoman Kara McLoughlin

- Fall recreation programs are operating at or near capacity.
- Fall soccer enrollment includes 507 children in grades Pre-K through 7th.
- Women's field hockey open play has commenced on Tuesdays at Glover Field from 8pm-9:30pm.
- Adult Mahjong class begins October 20 and currently has a wait list.
- The Mindful Sports program for children with special needs was held September 26th.
- Art camp and sports camp programs sold out during a recent school holiday.
- Registration remains available for Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day activities on October 12th.
- A youth chess tournament is scheduled for November 1st at the Town House. Sign up on the website.
- The Halloween Parade and celebration will be held October 24 from 4pm-6pm.
- Winter basketball registration opens October 16th for grades 4-12.
- Senior programming continues with exercise, yoga, walking, arts and crafts, card games, and special events.
- Applications are being accepted for Recreation Commission vacancies, with a deadline of November 6.

b. Supervisor Report

Supervisor Mohan provided administrative updates, and outlined efforts to strengthen financial oversight and transparency, including:

- Review of the monthly general ledger reports and statements of revenues and expenditures.
- Continued modernization of Town systems.
- Expansion of volunteer opportunities for residents through appointments to Town boards and commissions, including the appointment this evening of members to the **Emergency Services Advisory Committee**, which will be chaired by Deputy Supervisor Curtin. Volunteer interest forms are also available for the **Recreation Commission**, and additional recruitment efforts are planned for the **Assessment Review Board** and other positions.
- The Town is beginning its budget development process and is actively pursuing grant opportunities, including funding through the NYS Justice Court Assistance Program and other sources to support projects identified in the Facilities Master Plan.
- The Town is reviewing its insurance coverage and preparing to solicit competitive bids to ensure adequate coverage and incorporate anticipated costs into the upcoming budget.
- The Supervisor noted that the Town's redesigned website has been launched and will continue to be refined to improve accessibility, transparency, and public access to information about Town services and government activities.
- **Retirement Recognition:** The Supervisor formally recognized the upcoming retirement of **RuthAnn DeSimone**, whose final day of service will be October 31. The Board expressed gratitude to Rudi for her many years of dedicated service and contributions to Town government.

VI. Resolution Authorizing the Pelham Town Court to Apply for a JCAP Grant

WHEREAS, the New York State Unified Court System makes funding available to local justice courts through the Justice Court Assistance Program ("JCAP"); and

WHEREAS, the Pelham Town Court seeks to apply for funding through the 2026–2027 JCAP grant cycle;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of the Town of the Town of Pelham authorizes the Pelham Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2026-27 grant cycle up to $30,000.00.

Resolution 2026-49 Grant	**Resolution Authorizing the Pelham Town Court to Apply for a JCAP**						
X Adopted ☐ Adopted as Amended ☐ Defeated ☐ Tabled ☐ Withdrawn ☐ Failed to Move			Yes / Aye	No / Nay	Abstain	Remote	Absent
	Theresa K. Mohan		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Maura Curtin		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kristen Burke	Second	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Michael Jenks	Motion	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin		X	☐	☐	☐	☐

VII. Resolution to Adopt 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions for the Town and School District

WHEREAS, Article 19 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law provides for the establishment and adjustment of homestead and non-homestead base proportions for purposes of the levy of real property taxes; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Pelham has calculated the 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions using the 2025 reference roll for application to the 2026 final assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt the 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions for the levy of Town and School taxes;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pelham hereby adopts the 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions using the 2025 reference roll pursuant to Article 19 of the New York State Real Property Tax Law for the levy of Town and School taxes on the 2026 final assessment roll as follows:

Town of Pelham
Homestead 82.064789
Non-Homestead 17.935211

Pelham School District
Homestead 82.047607
Non-Homestead 17.952393

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate Town officials are authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Resolution 2026-50	**Resolution to Adopt 2026 Adjusted Base Proportions for the Town and School District**						
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	Kristen Burke		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Michael Jenks	Second	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin	Motion	X	☐	☐	☐	☐

VIII. Resolution Appointing Members of the EMS Advisory Committee

WHEREAS, the Town Board has established an EMS Advisory Committee to advise the Town regarding emergency medical services and related matters affecting the Town of Pelham; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the EMS Advisory Committee Charter adopted by the Town Board, members of the Committee are appointed by the Town Board and serve staggered terms of two (2) to three (3) years as determined by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to make its initial appointments to the EMS Advisory Committee and establish staggered terms in order to promote continuity in the work of the Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pelham hereby appoints the following individuals as voting members of the EMS Advisory Committee for the terms indicated:

Two-Year Terms

- **Theresa Mohan** – Town Supervisor
- **Lindsey Luft –** Village Manager, Pelham Manor

Three-Year Terms

- **Maura Curtin** – Town Board Member
- **Gene Ianuzzi** – Resident and WREMSCO Vice Chair
- **Lt. Frank Bellantoni** – Representative, Village of Pelham Fire Department

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing terms shall commence upon adoption of this resolution and expire two (2) or three (3) years thereafter, as applicable, and that members may be reappointed in accordance with the EMS Advisory Committee Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that each member shall continue to serve until his or her successor is appointed, consistent with the EMS Advisory Committee Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that **Mark Baumblatt, EMS Director**, shall participate in the EMS Advisory Committee in an **ex officio, non-voting capacity**, in accordance with the Charter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board anticipates appointing additional members to the EMS Advisory Committee and may make such appointments by further resolution of the Town Board.

Resolution 2026-51	**Resolution Appointing Members of the EMS Advisory Committee**						
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	Kristen Burke	Second	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Michael Jenks	Motion	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin		X	☐	☐	☐	☐

IX. Resolution Amending the 2026 Town Board Meeting Schedule

WHEREAS, by Resolution 2026-08, adopted on January 12, 2026, the Town Board established the schedule of regular Town Board meetings for calendar year 2026, including a regular meeting scheduled for Monday, November 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to reschedule the November 2026 regular Town Board meeting;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Resolution 2026-08 is hereby amended to reschedule the regular Town Board meeting from **Monday, November 2, 2026** to **Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the November 9, 2026 meeting shall be held at the Daronco Town House, 20 Fifth Avenue, Pelham, New York, unless otherwise noticed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all other regular meeting dates established by Resolution 2026-08 shall remain unchanged.

Resolution 2026-52	Resolution Amending the 2026 Town Board Meeting Schedule						
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	Kristen Burke		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Michael Jenks		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin	Second	X	☐	☐	☐	☐

****Deputy Supervisor Curtin noted that the change is due to preparations for Election Day on November 3rd.**

RECURRING ITEMS

X. Approval of Minutes September 14, 2026

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	Kristen Burke		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Michael Jenks	Second	X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin		X	☐	☐	☐	☐

XI. Adjournment

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	Michael Jenks		X	☐	☐	☐	☐
	Kara McLoughlin		X	☐	☐	☐	☐