MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:17 PM

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR RAE SZYMANSKI, COUNCILWOMAN KRISTEN BURKE, COUNCILWOMAN MAURA CURTIN, COUNCILWOMAN KARA MCLOUGHLIN

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK ANTOINETTE CLEMENTE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MOLLY GIROLAMO

OTHERS PRESENT: TOM KLEINBERGER – TOWN ATTORNEY, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR-RUTHANN DESIMONE

CALL TO ORDER-

Supervisor McLaughlin opened the Legislative meeting at 7:17PM

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
Seconded by: Councilwoman McLoughlin

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

1. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
   Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the public hearing held on December 5, 2022.

Motion to approve the minutes from the public hearing/legislative meeting held on Monday, December 5, 2022.

**** A change will be made to Councilwoman Burke's report to reflect that Judge Kagan's trial ultimately settled before commencing. ****

Motion by: Supervisor McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. The RFP for EMS is due on Tuesday, January 17th (previously January 16th, but changed due to Town Hall being closed for MLK day)

b. Chief Blecher from Empress has left and the new chief is Scott O'Brien. He is scheduled to meet with the Town next Wednesday.

c. FLY CAR REPORT

Month of November 2022 -
Village of Pelham - 52
Pelham Manor- 50
HRP- 9
I95 – 4

The average time for the units backing up the fly car was 9 minutes 33 seconds.

At the suggestion of Lieutenant Bellantoni, Chief O'Brien moved the backup ambulance to Fifth Ave. next to the firehouse.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. The Senior medical van made 32 round trips during the month of December. Programming continues for Seniors including: exercise classes, yoga, arts and crafts, movie days, bingo, cards and special guests at meetings.

b. Recreation winter programming is in full swing.

Colonial	94 – afterschool program/51 Rec basketball
Siwanoy	84 – afterschool program/ 35 Rec basketball
Prospect Hill	95 – afterschool program/50 Rec basketball
Hutch	68 – afterschool program/28 Rec basketball

There are also various clinics to participate in.

c. Additionally, there was a YMCA teen night last Saturday and Rec continues to work with the schools to provide programming when they have half days.

d. The Rec board meets next week.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. The court has had some personnel changes and now has two full time Court Clerks working for the Justices. The court is looking for a full time assistant clerk as well.

b. Court has resumed on January 4. The large number of receivables from last month was due to a back log of suspensions.

c. It is grant application time and the court is putting in for plexiglass in the court room.

d. Justice Report –

November 2022

Justice Kagan - $34,383.00

Justice Gardner - $16,760.00

e. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – December 2022

Town/County 2022	$59.60
Town/County 2021	$0
School Taxes	$9,934,926.80
School Collection Fee	$83,454.73
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$-504.60
Penalties and Interest	$14,502.65
Liens	$40,110.34
Taxpayers Agreement	$0
Misc.	$2,323.78
Pro-Ratas	$6,182.99
Total	**$10,081,056.29**

f. Councilwoman McLoughlin inquired about doing an article on the Constables describing who they are and what they do. She will reach out to the Pelham Examiner.

g. Regarding the Junior League community round table which took place in November – they have asked the Town to host the next meeting. Councilwoman Burke will reach out to them to see if they have talked to the Village and to get more information.

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The Library has initiated a master planning process to consider how the library building and programming will evolve in the coming years.

b. There is a message board up on the library website asking community members to respond to the question "What would make our community a better place?" – this exercise is in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. day. Additional programming can be found on the library website and in the library newsletter.

c. The SAM grant for $280,000 was approved through Senator Biaggi's office. Our new contact for that office is Johana Guerrero, Deputy Chief of Staff at the office of NY State Senator Nathalia Fernandez.

d. Councilwoman Curtin spoke to the second graders at Hutchinson community day about the job of the Town Council. They sent a lovely thank you card.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Swearing in of new library trustee – Amie Hughes.

2. Motion to approve the new Constable Handbook.

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

3. Motion to hold a public hearing to discuss Local Law #1 of 2023 regarding Senior Exemptions at the Town Board meeting on February 6, 2023:

Motion by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

4. Motion to approve updated Vacation Policy

Motion by: Councilwoman McLoughlin
Seconded by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Deputy Supervisor Szymanski explained that the policy changes from vacation days being front loaded to being accrued. Employees may borrow from their future days and are not losing anything. If an employee leaves having used future days they will be charged back.

5. The Civics asked for involvement from the Town for their half marathon on November 25.

6. Little League asked for Town involvement for their opening day parade on April 15.

7. RESOLUTION to use Town funds for upgrades to the Town House that will then be reimbursed upon completion by the SAM grant:

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

****Supervisor McLaughlin clarified that the upgrades are for the use of ALL residents of the Town****

PUBLIC COMMENT

Johana Guerrero, Deputy Chief of Staff from NY State Senator Nathalia Fernandez's office introduced herself as our new point of contact.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative Meeting and move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter at 7:51PM.

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
Seconded by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette Clemente, Town Clerk
Molly Girolamo, Deputy Town Clerk