MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 10, 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:00 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: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR-RUTHANN DESIMONE, AUGUSTA TURNER – LIBRARY DIRECTOR, ARTHUR SCINTA – TOWN HISTORIAN AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the legislative meeting held on March 6, 2023.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

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. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski thanked the Board members and Town employees for generosity and kindness during her recent knee surgery.

b. FLY CAR REPORT
Month of March 2023 - 85
Village of Pelham - 41
Pelham Manor- 38
HRP- 5
I95 – 1

49% of calls were answered in under 6 minutes.

c. Discussion around educating the public on our EMS services and the procedures. Supervisor McLaughlin noted that at this time our budget does not allow for a dedicated stand by ambulance in Pelham.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Senior citizens had 37 round trips for appointments in March. On May 22nd the Red Cross will present a home fire safety presentation to the Seniors, including a free smoke alarm installation program. The Board discussed the Town being added as an additional insured on the Red Cross insurance for the event.

b. There was a very successful Spring event on April 3 through the Rec department which included a 6,000 egg hunt, arts and crafts and photos with the bunny. The event was moved from Saturday to Sunday due to rain – it was suggested that if this happens in the future to push the event forward to 11am or 12pm to avoid conflicting with church services. There was also discussion about the possibility of moving the event to Franklin field which is a bigger space and would include the option of moving inside the school in the case of rain.

c. Spring Break camps were a huge success. There are still a few openings left in Big Tots and Tiny Tots for the Summer. Day camp is full.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Courts are in the process of hiring a new full time court clerk.

b. The Court completed its first jury trial in three years.

c. Court will be closed on May 4 for court clerk training.

d. The New York State Court Administration has developed a chart for using inclusive language in the court room.

e. Junior League is asking to use the Town House on May 8 for their annual community round table.

b. Justice Report –

March 2023

Justice Kagan - $57,000.00

Justice Gardner - $48,926.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – February 2023

Town/County 2022	$9,387.54
Town/County 2021	$0
School Taxes	$253,843.09
School Collection Fee	$2,132.31
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest	$39,694.91
Liens	$51,955.52
Taxpayers Agreement	$0
Misc.	$1,294.27
Pro-Ratas	$717.91
Total	**$359,025.55**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The library will hold a program called " The Bronx: the way it was" on April 29 from 1pm-2pm. Saturday, April 15th will be an Earth Day program presented by Pelham Eliminates Plastics which includes story time for children ages 4 and up.

b. Councilwoman Curtin attended the March Chamber of Commerce meeting and a separate meeting with the Chamber's local government synergy and offered information regarding a possible $250,000 grant being offered by Westchester County for downtown revitalization.

c. Councilwomen Curtin and McLoughlin are still exploring possible pool options with Scarsdale.

d. Councilwoman Curtin has followed up with Senator Fernandez's office regarding our SAM grant and they are following up with Albany.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor McLaughlin attended an Eagle Scout ceremony for Matthew Michaeloff who completed a planting project at the Pelham library.

NEW/OLD BUSINESS

1) Pelham Town Historian Art Scinta provided an update at the last Town Board meeting on the digitizing project of the Town Historian collection. In particular, the Pelham Sun from 1998-2005 have never been microfilmed and they take up a lot of space so we are digitizing these historical newspapers. Once we know the cost, we will also start digitizing prior issues that are on microfilm. Historian Scinta has been able to secure space in a database with the Westchester Historical Society, and therefore once the digitization project is complete, we will be able to store them in Elmsford. Once that's finished, we will look into digitizing the Pelham Weekly that has never been microfilmed, then the Pelham Weekly that have been microfilmed. Historian Scinta was able to take the hard copies of the Pelham Sun (from 1998-2005) down to their storage location in North Carolina, while enroute to a wedding of a former Pelhamite!

2) Pelham Together has requested space for an art installation in Gazebo Park in the month of May. Students use mesh wraps to go around the trees (not touching the trees) with colorful fabrics woven in and positive messages. The installation would run for four weeks and the Pelham Together volunteers will remove it at the end.

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

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

Motion passed unanimously

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:31 PM.

Motion by: Deputy 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

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