MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR RAE SZYMANSKI, COUNCILWOMAN KRISTEN BURKE (via conference call), 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, AUGUSTA TURNER – LIBRARY DIRECTOR, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 5, 2023.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Abstain due to remote location
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. FLY CAR REPORT
Month of June 2023
Village of Pelham - 36
Pelham Manor- 34
HRP- 1
I95 – 1
Average response time for the ambulance units that back up the flycar was 8 minutes and 37 seconds. 53% of the fly car calls were answered in under 6 minutes. 70% of the fly car calls were answered in under 7 minutes.

b. ID pictures will likely take place in September.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Seniors have been very active. They had 42 round trips in the senior van to appointments last month. There are two Civics sponsored events in July – a lunch on July 17 in the Town House and show/luncheon on July 20. On August 16 there will be a trip to Atlantic City which includes transportation and $20 worth of chips. Some of the seniors are also participating in an intergenerational volunteer program with high school students to complete crafts to donate to the Boys and Girls club.

b. Recreation camps are underway and sold out. There are limited spots in some of the summer clinics. A new event for special education students called Mindfulness Sports will take place on Wednesdays (July 12, July 26 and August 9). More information on the website or through the Rec office.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Court is continuing the search for a Court Clerk. They have posted on LinkedIn and are setting up interviews. Court will be closed for annual vacation for two weeks in mid-August. Councilwoman Burke received a call from the Chief Judge Attorney for NYS praising the accuracy of Pelham's court reporting.

b. Justice Report –

May 2023

Justice Kagan - $20,320.00

Justice Gardner - $38,940.00

f. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – June 2023

Town/County 2023	$64,287.82
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$50,113.68
School Collection Fee	$420.96
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	-$0
Penalties and Interest	$8,644.01
Liens	$6,322.43
Taxpayers Agreement	$0
Misc.	$110.00
Pro-Ratas	$769.62
Total	**$131,668.52**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. Novel Night will take place on September 30. Tickets will go on sale July 26 and usually sell out.

b. 195 kids are signed up for the summer reading program at the library. The program will end with a visit from Pelicones ice cream truck. Additional library programming includes: Bubble Bus, Animal Embassy and Crafty Adults. More information can be found on the library website.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor McLaughlin, Steve Madey, Director of the Pelham Children's Center and Phillip DeSimone met to discuss the use of the playground behind the Town House. There has been some misuse so a proper use sign is being made as well as a camera being moved to a location where the playground can be monitored.

2) The Pelham Pride party held on June 16 was moved inside the Town House due to weather and was very successful.

3) Supervisor McLaughlin praised Gillian Ho from the Pelham Examiner for doing a wonderful job describing the EMS process in her article and thanked County Executive George Latimer and his staff for agreeing to relocate an ambulance to Wilson Woods which is very helpful to the Town.

4) Supervisor McLaughlin gave a recap of the ambulance RFP process that was initiated in November of 2022. He then announced that after careful consideration, if a Resolution is approved tonight, the Town has decided to go in to contract negotiations with Eastchester. He offered the following reasons for the decision:

- History of providing excellent customer service
- Competitive pricing
- Located in an adjacent community
- Will help execute social media and help recruit volunteers

Resolution

Supervisor McLaughlin proposed a Resolution to accept the Eastchester bid and enter into contract negotiations with them.

Motion by: Supervisor McLaughlin
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Abstained due to remote location
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

- Deputy Supervisor Szymanski emphasized that Eastchester will provide more transparency with numbers that are being reported. They are also community based and community focused and will have a Facebook page for us, provide babysitting classes, CPR classes and help with recruiting volunteers.
- Councilwoman Curtin thanked the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor for their work on this initiative. She also thanked County Executive Latimer and State Senator Fernandez. She added that Senator Fernandez's office is committed to helping us fund an ambulance.
- Councilwoman Burke (who must abstain from voting due to remote location) expressed her support for this and thanked all who have been working on the initiative.
- Councilwoman McLoughlin reiterated her support and thanked all who have been working on this.
- Deputy Supervisor Szymanski introduced members of the EVAC team. She thanked Fire Chief Benkwitt for his help as well.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Sustainability report - Councilwoman Burke thanked Village of Pelham Sustainability Board Member, Tom White, who helped the Town with benchmarking the energy efficiency of the Town buildings. A report will be posted on the Town website. More information on an electronic vehicle program and heating /cooling campaign will be coming in the next few months.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Katie Keenan (225 Elderwood) – Thanked the Board for their responsiveness to the ambulance concerns and asked for more information regarding transparency and accountability. Also reiterated the desire for a dedicated ambulance.

  Supervisor McLaughlin responded that all of these points will be addressed in the contract negotiations and outlined the budget process.

- Ashley Mills (215 Loring) – Asked about the timing.

  The Supervisor responded that we still have a contract with Empress until the new one takes effect and we also have mutual aid support including the ambulance that the County has placed at Wilson Woods in Mount Vernon.

- Marin Zelinski (60 First St.) – Asked if Board members receive a monthly receipts and disbursements report.

Supervisor McLaughlin explained that he is the CFO and approves all budgeted expenses and that going forward Board members will receive a monthly report. It was also explained that the year end report is not circulated until after the State audit is conducted (usually around July).

- Gene Iannuzzi (21 Fifth Ave.) – Recapped his involvement is the process and expressed how the collaboration was exactly how government should work. He believes the outcome will provide long term success. Encouraged the community to support the initiative going forward and grow involvement. He also commended Empress for their years of service to the Town.

- Ray Florida - Suggested forming a committee and said he would continue to be involved. He also stated that the system Eastchester has in place is amazing. Reiterated that community involvement is important.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:43 PM.

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Abstained due to remote location
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

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