MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 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: 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 October 2, 2023.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

Councilwoman Curtin submitted a clarification to the minutes regarding the grant for Daronco Town House. The minutes were updated to reflect the change.

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. STATISTICS REPORT
Month of October 2023
Village of Pelham - 33
Pelham Manor- 45
HRP- 2
I95 – 2

Flycar responded in 9 minutes or less for 100 % of the calls.

Average response time for the ambulance units that back up the flycar was 9 minutes and 54 seconds.

15 times in the month of October there were more than two calls at once.

Mutual aid in the Village of Pelham:
Empress – 1
Westchester county units - 15
Scarsdale -1
Eastchester – 1

Village of Pelham Manor:
Empress – 8
Westchester County – 14
Eastchester – 3
Larchmont Volunteer – 1

b. We are very close to completing the contract with Eastchester and the Board will be meeting in Executive Session tonight to discuss.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Recreation has been very busy. Despite all of the recent rain, they are finding ways to make things work.
b. There were 26 van trips to medical appointments for the Seniors. There is also programming for the Seniors nearly every day in the month of November – including a Thanksgiving luncheon.
c. The Halloween parade was a huge success with hundreds of children participating. The parade concluded at the Town House with food, arts and crafts, games and music.
d. There is a winter brochure available detailing upcoming Rec programming. The brochure went out in school backpacks.
e. There was a mindfulness sports program for children with special needs last Saturday. There is a special needs holiday party scheduled for December 6.
f. Basketball sign ups are underway and filling up fast.
g. The Westchester District Attorney's office came to speak to the Seniors about online safety.
h. Councilwoman Curtin highlighted a Rec program called Bizzy Girls which promotes entrepreneurship for girls. It will take place on Saturdays in January - March and is open to girls ages 8-13.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. There is a jury trial scheduled for November 14.
b. The new Court Clerk is settling in nicely.
c. We received a concern from a resident about the Glover complex entrance. It has also been brought to the attention of the School Board. There is a meeting with Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilwoman Burke, Chief Constable Conte and Superintendent Champ scheduled to discuss the situation.
d. Circuit EV rideshare update – Councilwoman Burke will present to the Junior League community roundtable which is focusing on sustainability and pedestrian safety. She will also reach out to the Chamber of Commerce.

b. Justice Report –

September 2023

Justice Kagan - $9,850.00

Justice Gardner - $60,533.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – October 2023

Town/County 2023	$5,907.21
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$7,530,667.52
School Collection Fee	$63,281.29
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$6,471.50
Penalties and Interest	$10,494.80
Liens	$16,470.37
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,329.00
Misc.	$364.00
Pro-Ratas	$388.09
Total	**$7,623,430.78**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. There was an introduction to babysitting course at the library last weekend which included basic first aid.
b. It was announced at the library board meeting last week that the library will be acquiring an optimal scanner that residents will be able to use for scanning photos. The service will be available to residents by appointment for 45 minute slots.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) The annual Town Tree Lighting will take place on Saturday, November 25 in conjunction with the Chamber of Commerce Winter Wonderland event. The Civics half marathon will also take place that day.

   Councilwoman Curtin added that there will be a ceremony to honor Veterans on Saturday, November 11 at 11AM in Veterans Park.

NEW BUSINESS

1) Supervisor McLaughlin circulated a proposal to the Board to start looking at an architectural plan for a garage to house the new ambulance. Areas considered include: the Library, Town Hall and Pelham Manor Firehouse. The initial impression is that Pelham Manor firehouse would be the best location.

   Motion to approve the proposal:

   Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
   Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

   Discussion around different options for placement of the ambulance. Eastchester recommended having the ambulance and flycar together.

   Councilwoman McLoughlin asked about the size of the bay in Pelham Manor. Supervisor McLaughlin replied that the current bay is big enough, but will need some modifications.

   Councilwoman Burke asked if this would be a permanent solution. Supervisor McLaughlin responded that that is the current idea.

   Councilwoman Curtin asked about next steps. Supervisor McLaughlin stated that if we move forward with Pelham Manor it would require an inter municipal agreement.

   Councilwoman Burke asked if there was a way to have a temporary car port type structure at Town Hall. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski responded that we need electricity and staff quarters. She also expressed her opinion that ultimately the ambulance should be in the center of Town.

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

   Motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Katie Keenan (225 Elderwood) - Thanked the Board for securing an ambulance. Asked if anything stands in the way of the contract being finalized. The Board responded that they are currently looking for a place to house the ambulance and noted that the cost of the ambulance is in the 2024 budget which is up for approval in December. It was also clarified that part of the new contract would include the option for the ambulance to attend school athletic events at an additional but reduced rate, but is the responsibility of the school to secure the service.
- Brittany Price (255 Elderwood)– asked if there was an opportunity to ask any other developer to include an ambulance bay in upcoming construction. Discussion around that and similar options and the pros and cons.
- Mark Cardwell – (86 Reed) – Thanked the Board for the work on the ambulance. Expressed concern about coverage between now and the end of the year. Asked if Eastchester EMS could start early. The Board responded that we can't end our contract with Empress early and we do not have the funds to cover that for this year.
- Gene Ianuzzi – (21 Fifth) – Expressed that we now have a good foundation and everything else can now fall into place. Recommended the documentary "Honorable but Broken: EMS in Crisis". Commended the Board for their commitment to the initiative.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations at 7:53 PM

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

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