MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:40 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, MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin opened the meeting at 7:40 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

Motion passed unanimously

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 4, 2023.

Legislative meeting minutes:

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. Deputy Supervisor will circulate the new EMS report to the Board for their feedback.

b. The EMS team will be housed in the Guild Room of the Town House until a permanent structure can be built. Supervisor McLaughlin and Phil DeSimone are meeting with an architect to explore possibilities.

c. December report from Empress:

Village of Pelham - 42
Pelham Manor- 38
HRP- 3
I95 – 2

Average response time for the ambulance units that back up the flycar was 11 Minutes.

For the flycar: 72% of calls were answered in 7 minutes and under. 100% were answered in 9 minutes and under.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. The Seniors used the van 28 times for medical appointments in December.

b. Recreation Winter programs have started. Chess and Bizzy Girls are held in the Town House on Saturdays, along with adult Pickle Ball at Hutchinson School.

c. There is a new program called "Let's Connect" for elementary school aged students with emotional and social difficulties. It is a safe environment to hang out, do activities and get moving on the playground. There is still availability through the Rec department.

d. On Wednesday, January 10th there will be early release programming from 1pm – 3 pm at each elementary school. Sign up through individual schools or the Rec department.

e. Registration for Winter Break camps is open. Sign up on the Rec website.

f. Summer Camp information will be available at the end of February.

g. The Recreation department, in conjunction with SEPTA, will be hosting a talk on financial security for children with special needs on January 20.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. New York passed the Tenant Dignity and Safe Housing Act which became effective 12/30/2023. It is a new state law which allows tenants to bring an action in local court.

b. With the new Court Clerk up to speed, the court is working to suspend motorists who don't appear in court in a timely fashion. They still have to wait 60 days, but are working to make it happen closer to that timeframe.

c. Judge Kagan will be visiting Westchester County Jail and Juvenile Detention Center.

d. Councilwoman Burke drafted a letter regarding the Glover Field traffic situation which was sent out to local government officials. Westchester County Executive Latimer already reached out. The hope is to have the light at the intersection fixed immediately and to subsequently conduct a transportation department study.

e. There is a new law to keep kids safe in the event of a cardiac emergency. The Town has installed AED's at field locations around town and is following up on the recommendation of having an AED trained individual at events. Councilwoman McLoughlin mentioned that we are looking into adding even more devices.

b. Justice Report –

November 2023

Justice Kagan - $12,028.00

Justice Gardner - $43,335.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – December 2023

Town/County 2023	$14,936.05
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$9,069,622.24
School Collection Fee	$76,186.14
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest	$6,893.05
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,329.00
Misc.	$46.00
Pro-Ratas	$1,363.41
Total	**$9,171,375.89**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. On Thursday, January 11th the Library will hold a free program on long term care planning with a financial services professional. On January 18th there will be a program on wildlife habitat plantings on public land.

b. The Seniors are looking for donations for Bingo tournament prizes.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Grant update: We have paid for 50% of the ambulance and the constable car. We have received the grant for the constable car. Supervisor McLaughlin mentioned that while speaking to his contacts at the state level, they said they have not received the paperwork from the NY Senate to process the grant for the ambulance. He will follow up with the Senator's office.

NO NEW/OLD BUSINESS

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 8:09PM

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

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