MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024 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

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR-RUTHANN DESIMONE

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin opened the meeting at 7:00 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 January 8, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

**** The Town Clerk made additions to the minutes in the section addressing traffic at Glover Field**

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

Organizational meeting minutes:

**** The Town Clerk added the swearing in of officials to the beginning of the Organizational 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.** We had our first month with EVAC, the ambulance is in the Town parking lot and the staff is using the Guild Room. We put out a memo reminding the Town staff that EVAC will have priority of the Guild Room until further notice.
- **b.** We received an extensive monthly report and we will condense it to make it more accessible to the public.
- **c.** Augusta Turner, Library Director, has been in touch with Mark (EVAC) to do some programming at the library.

d. January Statistics:

Total Calls: 90

I-95 – 1
Hutch- 2
Village of Pelham - 37
Village of Pelham Manor - 43
New Rochelle – 2 (Mutual Aid)
Tuckahoe – 1 (Mutual Aid)
Eastchester – 4 (Mutual Aid)

- Average response time for the flycar was 4 minutes and 54 seconds.
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 16 minutes and 31 seconds.
- Transportation time was 12 minutes and 58 seconds
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was 30 minutes and 54 seconds
  (Dr. Lahn is going to follow up to see if steps can be taken to reduce this amount time)

- 22 patients were taken to Lawrence, 20 were take to Sound Shore, 2 to Mount Vernon, 9 to White Plains, 2 to Montefiore.
- 10 calls were cancelled, 15 calls refused medical attention

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Seniors had a very busy January including a luncheon hosted by the Civics, pizza day, arts and crafts and bingo. Thank you to Councilwoman Curtin for securing bingo prizes. There were 33 van trips for medical appointments.
b. The Recreation department still has availability for February break camps. Spring registration starts on February 26. Summer camp registration is set to open on February 26.
c. There was a meeting to iron out the details for the Saturday after Thanksgiving event in the Town. The committee includes individuals from the Civics, Chamber of Commerce, the Town and Mayor Mullen. A lot of new ideas were generated and the event will continue to evolve.
d. Pelham Together's Winterfest was held on Saturday, February 3rd. It was a huge success with local music acts and one-pot meal contest. Multi generations were in attendance.

3)COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Councilwoman Burke received a letter from the head of Pelham Travel Soccer he is dismayed over the lack of field space at the Hutch school. When the bond was proposed it included use of the fields for various programs, something changed along the way and it is now unavailable for use. He is frustrated about the lack of field space. Supervisor McLaughlin suggested that this should be brought up at the next Rec commission meeting.

b. The constable vehicle is still not available there are problems with the radio. Councilwoman Burke questioned whether to take it to another shop to have it fixed as it keeps getting delayed.

c. Both Vylinda Adorno and Dallas Gillison are resigning from the constable team to take police officer positions. Chief Conte and the Town wish them both well.

d. Glover field update: there was a letter sent from the Town, School and PTAC to a number of local officials. County Executive Latimer has stepped in and is spearheading a group to meet. He also responded with a letter stating his plan to involve the Westchester County Planning Commission and the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council. A meeting is being planned.

e. The Town Justices reached out to request the addition of a Town Prosecutor to handle vehicle and traffic tickets, particularly tickets issued by NYS and Westchester County police. This would help with cases being dismissed when officers don't show up. The goal is to keep dangerous drivers off of the road and improve revenue. The prosecutor would work for a couple of hours a month and all of the speeding tickets would be scheduled for that time. The Board agreed that the position should be pursued.

f. Justice Report –

December 2023

Justice Kagan - $12,028.00

Justice Gardner - $43,335.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – January 2024

Town/County 2023	$0
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$19,874,801.45
School Collection Fee	$166,952.93
Duplicate Payments	$212.92
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest	$4,377.12
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,329.00
Misc.	$227.00
Pro-Ratas	$380.48
Total	**$20,049,274.90**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The library is celebrating Black History month in February and has accordingly put together an abridged list of books, music, movies and other resources.
b. The library has many things to offer other than books. You can check out bocci sets, birding backpacks, museum passes and a new addition of a measuring tool.
c. Other programming includes a Junior League sponsored author talk on "Beyond Happiness" and the 2nd annual stuffed animal sleep over. More information can be found on the library website.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- The Guild Room is currently being utilized to house EVAC. Supervisor McLaughlin stated that the room belongs to the Town and others who use the room will need to temporarily adjust until the new structure for EVAC is completed. He also emphasized that the EMS employees are not to be asked to leave the room for any reason unless instructed to do so by the Supervisor's or Town Clerk's office.
  Councilwoman Burke brought up that this presents a challenge for the court and gave a recent example of a prisoner who was acting erratically (the Guild Room is used for arraignments). Discussion around the appropriate place to hold arraignments and protocol for using the Guild Room.
  The Judges have requested the Guild Room on Wednesday mornings for two hours during court. There will be further discussion in executive session.

- The Army Band will be coming to Pelham on Sunday, April 21 in the High School gym.
- The Town of Pelham is hosting the Westchester Municipal Officials Association dinner on March 14 (subsequently changed to March 21) at Sergio's.
- Building plan update:
    - Town House- Councilwoman Curtin had a follow up meeting and will work with Phil DeSimone, Art Scinta and the architect to come up with a plan.
    - There is an architect working on a plan for the EMS structure. The structure will likely be on the Town property, but other areas are still being explored.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues at 7:58 PM

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

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