MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 4, 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: TOWN ATTORNEY -THOMAS KLEINBERGER, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR-RUTHANN DESIMONE

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 February 5, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

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

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. February Statistics:

Total Calls: 66

Hutch- 1
Village of Pelham - 24
Village of Pelham Manor - 32
Mutual Aid Calls – 10 (New Rochelle, Tuckahoe, Eastchester, Bronxville, Mount Vernon)

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was 4.98.
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 19.94.
- Transportation time was 13.7
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was almost 30 minutes.
- 10% of our patients were able to go to White Plains hospital. Two trips were made to Jacobi.
- 46 calls (70%) turned into transportation. 8 calls refused medical attention.

b. Mark would like to present at the April meeting to familiarize people with inner workings and progress so far.

c. The ambulance is still in the Town parking lot and the EMS staff are in the Guild Room during the day, they then go to Eastchester at night. Plans for permanent housing is actively being worked on.

d. We have almost completed the process to get our NPI (national provider identification) number, Medicaid and Medicare numbers to be able to bill.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Seniors have been busy with exercise, yoga, pottery class, Monday meetings, bridge, canasta, mahjong, bingo with the girl scouts, a visit from Pelham Manor Mayor Lapey and a Valentine's lunch courtesy of the town. Forty-three medical appointment trips in the van.

b. Recreation department is sponsoring two First Aid/CPR/AED training sessions: Tuesday, March 5 at 6:30pm and Sunday, April 7 at 9:00am. Both classes are full, but the department is working on adding another session.

c. Sexual Abuse Prevention training class for directors and head counselors of the summer camp program will take place in June.

d. We have two additional AED machines – one at Friendship and one at Glover. There is also a portable device on order, which will be available to travel around.

e. Winter basketball is winding down. It was a huge success.

f. Sign up for Spring recreation programs is open. Most programming starts the week after Spring Break. Recreation summer day camp is already full. Big Tots will be held at the high school – there are still openings. Tiny Tots registration opens on March 11. There are three locations for Tiny Tots.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. The constable car is up and running.

b. We are in the process of replacing the two constables that left.

c. Justice Kagan paid a visit to the jail and juvenile holding facility.

d. Town Attorney, Tom Kleinberger, has agreed to serve as the Town Prosecutor. The position has hours once a month and will work to expedite some of the moving violations from the state and county. The first session is tentatively set for March 27.

e. Councilwoman Burke and Supervisor McLaughlin met with the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council via Zoom regarding the Glover Field/Hutch entrance issue. The situation will now be part of a community planning workshop. It will include a community survey, site survey and report and recommendations for obtaining grant funding. A site visit will be scheduled in the next couple of weeks. Dr. Champ asked that the intersection by the library also be looked at because it is the natural path leading to the Glover entrance. The Board thanked County Executive Latimer for his assistance in moving this forward expeditiously.

d. Justice Report –

January 2024

Justice Kagan - $43,835.00

Justice Gardner - $29,250.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – February 2024

Town/County 2023	$2,228.11
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$3,737,151.94
School Collection Fee	$31,392.41
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$212.92
Penalties and Interest	$32,790.78
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,328.97
Misc.	$309.00
Pro-Ratas	$5,746.55
Total	**$3,81134.84**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. Councilwoman Curtin thanked Augusta Turner, the library staff, Philip DeSimone, EMS and everyone else involved in helping out when the heat went out at the library.
b. The library is celebrating Women's History Month. There is more information available on the library website.
c. Meteorologist, Joe Rao, is doing a Zoom presentation on March 12 about the solar eclipse that will happen on April 8.
d. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Curtin had a meeting with Ruthann DeSimone, Art Scinta and Danielle DeVito (architect) on the renovation at the Town House. There are photos and plans that are close to being ready to submit to NY state in order to receive the allotted grant. The renovations are to include bathrooms, kitchen and storage areas.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Supervisor McLaughlin thanked our Comptroller, Samantha Vitarello, for her hard work on the FEMA Covid grant. We will receive a check for around $30K for Covid related expenses.
- Supervisor McLaughlin submitted $85K worth of invoices to DASNY to be reimbursed for the constable grant.
- The ambulance grant has still not been approved for the $300K from the State Senator's office. Supervisor McLaughlin submitted a detailed spreadsheet of the ambulance expenses at the request of Senator Fernandez's office. The $150K from Amy Paulin's office has been approved, but not yet received.
- The Town is hosting the monthly meeting for the Westchester County Municiple Association on March 21st at Sergio's.
- We are still looking for space to house the ambulance.

NEW BUSINESS

- Deputy Supervisor Szymanski will update the Town's covid policy to align with recent CDC recommendations. Councilwoman Burke suggested that we also look at New York state guidelines.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:39 PM

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Councilwoman McLoughlin

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