MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 8, 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, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MOLLY GIROLAMO

OTHERS PRESENT: TOWN ATTORNEY -THOMAS KLEINBERGER; SAMANTHA VITARELLO-COMPTROLLER

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 March 4, 2024.

*Corrections from Councilwomen McLoughlin and Burke were made.

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. **March Statistics:**
Total Calls: 93

Hutch- 7
Village of Pelham - 45
Village of Pelham Manor - 40

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was 4.6.
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 19.49.
- Transportation time average was 13.75.
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was almost 28.44 minutes.

Mark Baumblatt (EVAC ALS Coordinator and Manager of Pelham EMS on behalf of EVAC) gave a presentation of current services. Highlights of the presentation include:

- There is an email address that goes directly to Mark: info@pelhamems.com

- Addressed the turnaround time at the hospitals. Working with the hospitals to improve this statistic.

- Described the intricacies of the system and how mutual aid works. Mark also gave details of how the response is based on need.

- Detailed the housing requirements for the staff, which include: a place to rest, shower, wash/dry clothing and prepare food. The Town continues to work on a permanent solution to house EMS. Mark also mentioned that ideally the ambulance and flycar will be in the same location. Supervisor McLaughlin outlined the timeline of progress to this point, including the exploration of a piece of property owned by Westchester County.

- Thank you to Phil DeSimone for securing equipment through grants.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Seniors used medical van 54 times in March. Other activities in March included: cookie decorating with Pelham Together, line dancing, St. Patrick's Day luncheon hosted by the Civics, pizza day, field trip to Westchester Culinary Arts program for lunch, arts and crafts, exercise /yoga class and cards.
b. The Spring Celebration took place on March 24. It included an egg hunt, music by Zev, refreshments, arts and crafts and a visit by the bunny.
c. The 4th and 5th grade girls from Colonial and 4th and 5th grade boys from Siwanoy celebrated being Rec basketball champs. Two Pelham boys teams and two girls teams won at the county championship.
d. On March 9 a pop-up sale took place for the Bizzy Girls program (an entrepreneurial class for 12-13 year olds).
e. Two AED/CPR training classes took place – one in March and one in April. Councilwoman Burke attended one of classes and was very impressed and urged community members to attend future training sessions.
f. Pelham Together teen advisory board went to Albany to participate in Mental Health Matters Day. They met with Assemblywoman Paulin and Senator Fernandez to discuss mental health issues. They will follow up with a wellness pitch to present to the school and the recreation depart and attempt to obtain pilot funding.
g. The Rec department and Pelham Together are working on a child abuse and neglect identification program to present to summer camp directors.
h. Pelham Together has a $8,000 grant for entrepreneurial programs including the Pelicones truck.
i. Pelham Together program on April 17 about connectedness and belonging.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Glover Complex safety update: There was a meeting of March 19 with Pelham Board members, NY metropolitan transportation council members, school district representatives and individuals from Executive Latimer's and Assemblywoman Paulin's offices. The group observed the Glover entrance as well as the crosswalk area by the library and were able to see the challenges the area presents. A study will be conducted to determine next steps. The lights across the Hutch are now working and the exit light time to leave Glover has been extended – these are welcome improvements, but do not solve the problem.

b. Tom Kleinberger is serving as a prosecutor for the Town to deal with county and state tickets and has been very helpful. There is a chance that MTA tickets will be included in the future.

c. Justice Kagan has brought up the idea of our Town Constables being trained to collect DNA samples.

d. Justice Report –

February 2024

Justice Kagan - $22,905.00

Justice Gardner - $60,113.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – March 2024

Town/County 2023	$2,336.27
Town/County 2022	$0
School Taxes	$106,888.25
School Collection Fee	$897.89
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest	$11,058.96
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,329.00
Misc.	$50.00
Pro-Ratas	$515.87
Total	**$124,076.24**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The library had an eclipse viewing party – they gave out 500 pairs of glasses and also received 75 new library card sign ups/renewals.
b. The library will be collecting single use batteries and gently used eye glasses for an Earth Day event on April 20.
c. The library received a $1,200 grant for Latino poetry and plans to have two programs – one in late September and another in early October in celebration of National Hispanic Heritage month.
d. There will be a crafty adults program on April 15 to make abstract wreaths.
e. This is an off year for Novel Night, so the Friends of Pelham Library will be hosting an Oktoberfest fundraiser on the library lawn on September 28.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. We received and deposited the constable grant which was for $80,000.

2. Councilwoman Curtin gave an update on the Town House grant. The NY State Preservation and Historical office found that we are able to move forward with the proposal we sent them. The proposal is now with DASNY (Dormitory Authority of the State of NY) and will go through a series of desk audits and legal before going back to the State for final approval. The hope is to start planning for renovations in advance of receiving the grant.

3. Supervisor McLaughlin is having a bank meeting tomorrow to discuss our reserves. In 2023 we made $192,000 of interest on our reserves.

4. The Town hosted the Westchester County Municipal dinner on March 21.

5. The Little League parade will be held on April 13. There will be a dedication of a bench for Mark Paradis.

NEW BUSINESS

- The Village of Pelham Sustainability Advisory board is hosting a heating and cooling information session on April 25 at the Town House.

- The Town will be participating in a Zoom call with the Westchester County Planning Commission on May 24. They will work with us on building use, transportation, flooding, etc…

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 8:14 PM and move to Executive Session.

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

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