MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, JULY 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; RUTHANN DESIMONE – CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR

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 June 3, 2024.

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. Supervisor McLaughlin, Deputy Supervisor Szymanski, Gene Ianuzzi and members of the EMS team attended the senior meeting on June 24 to discuss emergency services.

b. June Statistics:

Pelham: 52
Pelham Manor: 45
I-95: 2
Hutch: 9

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was under 5 minutes .
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 18.
- Transportation time average was 12 minutes.
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was an average of 27 minutes which is a significant improvement over the last two months.

c. Six month statistics are being reviewed. So far they are as follows:

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was under 5 minutes.
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 18.47 minutes.
- Transportation time average was 12.80 minutes.
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was an average of 28.7 minutes which is a significant improvement over the last two months.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a.All summer camps are up and running. They are replacing the playground equipment at Colonial so they are operating in a condensed fashion until the completion of the project. Day camp, Big Tots and Tiny Tots are completely full. There is still space in some of the clinics – sign up on the website. Anyone with financial need is encouraged to contact Diane Bartley.
Fall programming is being planned with signups taking place in mid to late August.

b. The summer concerts are up and running.

c. Seniors have Arts and Crafts on Wednesdays and a trip to Arthur Ave. at the end of July. There were 30 senior van trips in June.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a.The courts are closed for two weeks in August. The constables have been trained for DNA swabbing – they are waiting to receive the kits from the police.

b. Justice Report –

May 2024

Justice Kagan - $51,970.00

Justice Gardner - $43,922.00

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – June 2024

Town/County 2024	$64,378.86
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$17,516.45
School Collection Fee	$147.15
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest	$4,636.52
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$3,031.39
Misc.	$20.00
Pro-Ratas	$0
Total	**$89,730.37**

d. Board members received an email from the Westchester County clean energy community regarding a grant. Councilwoman Burke reached out to a member of the county and we are already participating in the building benchmarking. There is an opportunity to receive sustainability expertise from the county. The Town would commit to six hours of manpower to help facilitate. The Board agreed that we should move forward with this project.

e. There will be transportation grant money available this September which could help fund Circuit cars. Potentially there is $500,000- $3,000,000 available, provided the Town funds 20% of the cost of the program (which could be covered by advertising and sponsorship). More information to come.

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The Friends of the Library will have a fundraiser on September 28th. Tickets are on sale now.

b. Summer reading program is going on now and will wrap up on August 16. There is still time to register.

c. The library is offering a defensive driving course on July 13 from 10am-4pm which can lead to insurance discounts and point reductions. It is a 6 hour course for $35.

d. Other library programming includes: Monday, July 15 – book discussion of "The Anxious Generation" and August 1 – local author, Paul Freedman will discuss his book "Bite by Bite". Also, a crafty adults program will take place on July 22. More information can be found on the library website.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1.) Supervisor McLaughlin received a call regarding ball playing in Gazebo park. The Board discussed the situation and agreed that the "no ball playing" rule should be enforced.

2.) Discussion around noise and parking at the library for events at Memorial Field.

3.) Supervisor McLaughlin brought up the idea of hiring a grant writer. The Board is interested and will gather information.

4.) Discussion around hiring a space planner for town properties. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski and Councilwoman McLoughlin are both reaching out to contacts they have in the that field.

5.) We received a grant check for $149,000 from State Assemblywoman Paulin's office. Councilwoman Curtin will follow up on the funds from State Senator Fernandez's office.

6.) Councilwoman Curtin reported on the elevator grant for $328,000 from 2018. We can still use these funds, we just need to update the reason for the delay in moving forward. (the electricity could not be turned off in this building because the police force is 24/7 and cannot be without electricity). The Board just needs to fill out a questionnaire in order to proceed. Councilwoman Curtin suggested creating a "master plan" for our space which involves everyone. Supervisor McLaughlin suggested that this be brought up at budget time.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Johanna from Senator Fernandez's office reported that there will be a Town Hall at Daronco Town House on Tuesday, July 11 at 8pm to address noise issues in the area. Supervisor McLaughlin suggested that a representative from the county be present. Councilwoman Curtin suggested that a schedule be published so that people are aware and can plan accordingly.

- The Board voted to cancel the August Board meeting, unless need arises.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:57 PM.

Motion by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski
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