MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 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: RUTHANN DESIMONE – CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR, TOM KLEINBERGER – TOWN ATTORNEY, AGUSTA TURNER -LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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 September 9, 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

*****Supervisor McLaughlin clarified his statement from the September 9th meeting: The grant from Senator Fernandez's office has not yet been approved, it is awaiting approval at the state level.**

2. SWEARING IN OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE – ANDREW PIERPONT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. EMS Statistics:

Spetember: 96 total
Pelham: 50
Pelham Manor: 37
I-95: 1
Hutch: 7
Other towns: 9

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was under 5.4 minutes .
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 18.79.
- Transportation time average was 12.30 minutes.
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was an average of 28.36.

b. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski was contacted by the school to help facilitate having an ambulance at certain sporting events.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. The senior van took 43 trips to medical appointments. They also went to Saxon Woods, had a Civics sponsored lunch, arts and crafts, cards, a speaker on loneliness and a trip to Arthur Ave.

b. The recreation department programs are in full swing including a pilot program a Hutch which will likely continue in the Spring.

c. Indoor Pickleball will take place on Saturday mornings from December through February. Registration is limited and will start soon.

d. On October 20th from 5pm-7pm at Glover field, Recreation will hold an event with Varsity athletes and students with various abilities and special needs. There will be games, refreshments and music.

e. The annual Halloween parade will be held on Saturday, October 26th at 4pm. The parade starts at the Pelham Art Center and finishes at the Town House with music and refreshments.

f. Rec Basketball registration is open for grades 4-12. Register online.

g. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman McLoughlin met with the space planner and gave him a tour of our facilities. He will come back to us with terms of engagement.

h. Planning is underway for small business Saturday, which will include the Civics run, breakfast with Santa and the annual Town tree lighting. Activities will take place at the Gazebo park and down Fifth Ave.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Glover Field update: there was a second meeting with the committee to discuss more details. There will be a follow up meeting where a "story book" (a video montage of what the new corridor will look like) will be presented. Councilwoman Burke will reach out to both Villages to make sure everyone is on the same page.

b. We are still working on the grants for possible e-charging stations.

c. Justice Report –

August 2024

Justice Kagan - $9,633.00

Justice Gardner - $0

d. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – September 2024

Town/County 2024	$8,450.52
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$27,628,822.78
School Collection Fee	$232,081.59
Duplicate Payments	$58,286.15
Duplicate Refunds	$47,730.70
Penalties and Interest	$591.54
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$0
Misc.	$26.00
Pro-Ratas	$0
Total	**$27,880,527.87**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. Catherine Campbell and Keith Keaveny both ended their service terms with the library and were presented with proclamations from the Town. Andrew Pierpont will serve as a new member of the Board and Rob Gimigliano will serve as the President.

b. The Library is partnering with the United Way from now until October 21st for a coat drive. There will be a drop box by the Carol Place entrance.

c. The Board of Elections will hold an event at the library on Thursday, October 10th from 12pm-9pm to help individuals register to vote and apply for absentee and early voting ballots.

d. The library will host a Diwali celebration via Zoom on October 16th from 7pm-9pm.

e. Ongoing library programs include ESL classes, Digitizing Tuesdays and Friday Crafts. More information can be found on the library website.

f. Over 119 children got their library cards on K-Day in September.

g. On September 28th the Friends of the Library held a successful "Booktober" fundraiser.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor McLaughlin spoke to a grant writing organization Millenium Strategies. They are coming up with a proposal for us.

2) We need to propose a Local Law to surpass the tax cap of 2%. A public hearing will be held on November 4th.

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

3) Resolution to appoint Michael Sheehy to serve on the Board of Assessment as an alternate member for a term commencing October 1, 2024 and ending September 25, 2025. He would be trained and would step in in the event there is not a quorum. Discussion around the process and who appoints board members.

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
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

Motion passed unanimously

4) **Resolution to approve Base Proportions:**

TOWN OF PELHAM

Resolution to adopt 2024 Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions for the Town and School District

Resolved, that the Town Board adopt the 2024 Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions pursuant to Article 19, RPTL for the levy of Town and School taxes on the 2024 final assessment roll as follows:

Town of Pelham

Homestead	82.387640
Non-Homestead	17.612360

Pelham School District

Homestead	82.371290
Non-Homestead	17.628710

Motion by: Deputy Town 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

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1) Supervisor McLaughlin and Deputy Supervisor Szymanski are meeting with Westchester County on Friday to discuss the property by the post office and if it can be used to house our EMS.

2) Board members attended a noise complaint meeting. The noise continues to be a problem. There were 19 complaints in one night recently.

3) Supervisor McLaughlin distributed our financial report and asked that the board review it and come to the budget meeting with any questions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- Marin Zelinsky – 60 1st St. – asked if the Town could facilitate programming for younger seniors including the capability to mail flyers or knock on doors. The Board suggested she meet with the Senior Advocate. Councilwoman Curtin revisited the idea of a informational mailing to go out with the annual tax statement.

- Ed Doty – 15 Oak Ave. – asked about the timeline of Town House renovations. Supervisor McLaughlin explained that we are working with the space planner and we will incorporate the renovations into the big picture plan. Councilwoman Curtin emphasized that we will be using the grant money we received to upgrade the bathrooms and kitchen after the space is planned.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 8:07PM to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract.

Motion by: Councilwoman McLoughlin
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

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