MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SZYMANSI, 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, MARK BAUMBLATT – EMS, JOHN BOYCE- RECREATION BOARD

Motion to open the Public Hearing:

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
Seconded by: Councilwoman McLoughlin

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to move to Executive Session:

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

Motion to reopen the Public Hearing:

Motion by: Councilwoman McLoughlin
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

- The budget is available in the Town Clerk's office
- We will be using available reserves of $280,000 (we did not use any reserves last year)
- The new tax rate will be .81, which equates to approximately $23 tax increase per million.
- We will be taking over the bottom half of the Town House when the police department moves out which will be a cost of at least $100,000 and we've had an increase in medical, liability and retirement expenses.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to pass the 2025 Budget:

Motion by: Deputy 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

Motion passed unanimously

Motion to close the Public Hearing:

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

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin opened the Legislative meeting at 7:03 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

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 November 4, 2024.

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Abstain
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

2. SWEARING IN OF LIBRARY BOARD MEMBER CATHERINE SHEEHY.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. EMS Statistics: (reported by Mark Baumblatt from Eastchester EMS)

- We have hit over 1,000 calls
- In November there were 14 outbound mutual aid calls which is good because it shows benevolence and drives more revenue into the Town.
- We have also been successful in getting patients to their preferred hospitals.
- Year-end report will be provided in January

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Registration is still open for Winter Rec programs. Programming starts in January.

b. The STEM program, which was being piloted, was very successful and is being rolled out to all of the elementary schools. There is currently a waitlist for this program.

c. We have added a Saturday morning soccer clinic at the Hutchinson school gym.

d. The basketball program has over 400 participants signed up. This program is for grades 4-12.

e. A holiday party for adults and children with different needs is being held on December 3 at the Town House.

f. The first YMCA teen night will be held on Saturday, December 14.

g. Seniors used the medical van 2 times in November. Other programming included: singer Nick Sabatini, a Civics luncheon, arts and crafts, Arthur Ave. trip, Westchester Culinary school trip, birthday celebration, cards and bingo and exercise/yoga classes.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Justice Kagan is covering a case in Eastchester where the sitting judge had to recuse himself from the case.

b. Paperwork was submitted for the clean energy community grant for the EV chargers. Supervisor McLaughlin and Phil DeSimone met with a company to get an installation estimate. The price seemed a bit high, but we were able to use it as an estimate to submit with the grant paperwork. We also received two additional quotes that were lower. There is an opportunity for revenue if the EV chargers are installed. We should receive the $30,000 check for the grant soon.

c. We were awarded a $100,000 NYSERDA grant for a mobility study to explore Circuit and other mobility options. We picked a state recommended vendor to conduct the study.

d. Glover Field update: the Village would like to conduct a traffic and engineering study before we move forward.

e. Justice Report –

October 2024

Justice Kagan - $53,530.00

Justice Gardner - $27,588.00

f. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – November 2024

Town/County 2024	$0
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$311,252.22
School Collection Fee	$2,614.50
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$0
Penalties and Interest (School)	$6,445.01
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$406.90
Liens	$6,781.61
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,472.32
Misc.	$0
Pro-Ratas	$5,732.56
Total	**$335,705.12**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. There are three new online resources available for library card holders: MANGO (learning foreign languages); Medici TV (entertainment); The Shelf (Spanish language entertainment). Library card holders also have access to free Consumer Reports, Kanopy (entertainment) and Libby (books).

b. The library will host a countdown at noon on New Years Eve. Also, Santa paid a visit to the library on November 30.

c. The Children's Room has been updated to include more toys and more space.

d. Augusta Turner, Library Director, thanked the Board for passing the library budget and announced that consequently, the library will be able to extend hours on Mondays and open at 10AM rather than 1PM. She added that 58% of Pelham residents have a library card.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- Supervisor McLaughlin thanked everyone involved in the in the Pelham Winterfest and Half Marathon/10K run including, the Civics, Chamber Commerce, the Town, the Village, Police and Fire departments, EMS and Steve Madey (Santa). It was a great event.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1) Request for tax penalty forgiveness for property S/B/L 05167.45-1-48 (1446 Roosevelt Place)

Motion to deny request per NY State Law:

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Absent
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:37PM to go into Executive Session to discuss a contract.

Motion by: Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman McLoughlin

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Absent
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

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