MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:14 PM

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILWOMAN KRISTEN BURKE, COUNCILWOMAN MAURA CURTIN, COUNCILWOMAN KARA MCLOUGHLIN

ABSENT: DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR RAE SZYMANSKI

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 Legislative meeting at 7:14 PM

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 2, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI (Reported by Supervisor McLaughlin)

a. EMS Statistics:

December: 130 total calls, 75% of which were transported to a hospital
Mutual Aide: 26 (Tuckahoe – 5; Eastchester – 13; Bronxville – 5; New Rochelle – 2)

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was under 5.6 minutes .
- Lawrence Hospital continues to have long turnaround times which they are working on.
- There was a DOA in December.

b. The ambulance carport is due to be delivered by the end of the month. When the police department moves to the new building, the plan is to move the EMS into that space until a permanent solution is determined.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. The medical van for seniors was used 25 times in December.

b. Senior activities included a birthday cake celebration, vocalist and piano player, a visit from State Assemblywoman Amy Paulin, arts and crafts, cards and bingo, a visit to Arthur Ave., exercise and yoga, a tea social and pokeno. There was a Christmas luncheon at the Davenport, a trip to “Hairspray” in White Plains followed by a Civics sponsored lunch at Marcello’s.

c. Recreation programming started this week. The STEM program is pretty much sold out. Basketball is up and running. Registration is open for the half day program on 1/15.

d. Mike and Jeremy from the Recreation department presented to Hutchinson School students about what the Rec department does and how it plays a role in the community.

e. There will be a meeting in early February to determine camp locations for the summer. Registration will open up after the February break. Information will be posted on the website.

f. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman McLoughlin met with the architect for future renovations to Town Hall/Town House. They will connect him with Phil DeSimone to discuss specs. More information to come.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. The courts were quiet in December due to the holidays.

b. The Justices are anxious to work with the space planner in order to reconfigure the clerks' location.

c. **Glover update**: notices have started going out for a virtual town hall meeting which will take place on January 30th at 7PM. Early stage concepts will be presented and the floor will be open for community input. Flyers are being distributed and it will be posted on various websites.

d. Justice Report –

November 2024

Justice Kagan - $47,496.00

Justice Gardner - $7,992.00

December 2024

Justice Kagan - $5,075.00

Justice Gardner - $46,732.00

e. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – December 2024

Town/County 2024	$3,770.74
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$13,317,518.18
School Collection Fee	$111,921.62
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$(23,661.50)
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$377.07
Penalties and Interest (School)	$11,015.27
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$0
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$4.734.95
Misc.	$91.00
Pro-Ratas	$1,330.35
Total	**$13,450,759.18**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. Beginning January 6, the library hours are 10AM – 8PM (M, TH), 10AM – 5PM (T,W,F) and 10AM – 4PM (Sat.). The library will be closed next Monday (1/20) for Martin Luther King Jr. day. As a reminder – the library does not follow the school schedule. Patrons should call or check the website for any closings.

b. Kids reading to canines is an ongoing program which gives kids a safe space to become comfortable reading out loud. The program takes place on Thursdays from 3:30PM-4:30PM. See the reference desk to reserve a spot.

c. Pelham High School student, Selena Nezaj has reached out with a programming idea for the library -- "Albanian for Kids". Fridays, January 10,17,24 and 31 from 3:30PM – 4:30PM.

d. STEM story time with high school students (for children 5 & up) will take place on Saturdays, January 11 and 25 from 11AM – 12PM.

e. There will be Girl Scout "Girls Mixer" for girls in 5th grade through high school on January 29 from 1PM -2:30PM. (which is Lunar New Year so the schools are closed). The program will guide girls through friendship and sisterhood.

f. Lego play for kids takes place on Wednesdays from 3:30PM – 4:30PM.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- We received the grant check for the ambulance from Senator Fernandez' office for $228,000. We have now received a total of $378,000 in grant money for the ambulance.

- On December 3, we had a kick off meeting with Millennium Strategies to show participants how to log on to see which grants are available.

- In December, Supervisor McLaughlin attended a senior citizens Christmas luncheon, the Pelham Manor Fire Inspection dinner and a Westchester Municipal Association dinner. In January, there was an Association of Towns lunch for Supervisors which included Confidential Secretaries and a Westchester Municipal dinner in Eastchester

- There was a meeting with our insurance broker in December to discuss increasing rates. It was determined that our current renewal will be for 11 months (ending in November) in order to get new rates in advance of the budget adoption.

- Supervisor McLaughlin suggested that we utilize the elevator grant to install it in advance of any renovations. A local architect was brought in to survey the situation and give a quote on installation. He does space planning as well and will give us a separate quote for that.

- The Town Historian sent the Board a comprehensive year-end report.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

- Councilwoman Curtin submitted a request to Senator Fernandez' office requesting funds for Town Hall/Town House renovations. She outlined the reasons for the renovations. More information to come.

PUBLIC COMMENT

- A representative from Senator Fernandez' office gave an update.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:41 PM to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel and contracts.

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
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