MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2025 COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN; DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR RAE SZYMANSKI; COUNCILWOMAN KRISTEN BURKE; COUNCILWOMAN KARA MCLOUGHLIN

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN MAURA CURTIN

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK – ANTOINETTE CLEMENTE; DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MOLLY GIROLAMO

OTHERS PRESENT: RUTHANN DESIMONE – CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR; TOM KLEINBERGER – TOWN ATTORNEY; MARK BLAUMBATT & JUDE VALERIOTI – EASTCHESTER EMS

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin opened the Legislative meeting at 7:00PM

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review and approve the minutes from the meeting held on February 3, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

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

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

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. The employee manual is currently being reviewed by outside counsel. It will include a new sexual harassment policy. There will be a follow up meeting to go over changes and to determine what the Board would like to adopt.

b. Annual sexual harassment training for the staff will take place this month. The training is conducted online with a follow up assessment to be turned in to the Supervisor's office.

a. EMS Statistics (Reported by Mark Baumblatt): 86 total calls

Pelham – 36
Pelham Manor – 36
Mutual Aid - 14

b. Discussion about the new carport, quarters for the EMS staff and a new radio base for EMS staff.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. February Mud Week camp was full and very successful.

b. Summer Day Camp is already full. Enrollment was increased to 120 campers. Big Tots and Tiny Tots still have availability.

c. Basketball playoffs are this week. County Center All Star Basketball tournament starts on March 12th – Pelham is sending four boys' teams and three girls' teams.

d. YMCA Teen Night for March 1st had to cancelled due to a plumbing issue.

e. Registration for Spring Rec programs will open on Monday, March 10th. Programs start in April and will include more STEM programs.

f. Glover practices are due to start up in March – weather permitting.

g. There were 19 Senior van trips for medical appointments in February.

h. Senior activities in February included: birthday celebrations, lunch sponsored by New Beginnings (memory and assisted care program), arts and crafts, Valentine's Day lunch, cards and bingo, exercise and yoga, tea social, pokeno game, a luncheon at the Westchester Culinary school.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. The Court will have a student intern this summer.

b. Discussion around using our $30,000 environmental grant for an electric van to the replace the current transport van which is in disrepair. Supervisor McLaughlin mentioned that we have extra funds left over from the constable car that might be available and that he is also in touch with Millenium Strategies regarding a grant that might be available for the transport van.

c. Glover Field update: Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Burke attended a committee meeting following the community forum and the next step is to send out a survey.

d. The Town received a $100,000 grant from NYSERDA to conduct a transportation study. First steps will include data collection and community forums.

a. Justice Report –

January 2025

Justice Kagan - $21,000.00
Justice Gardner - $42,655.00

b. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – January 2025

Town/County 2024	$7,028.09
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$16143,286.84
School Collection Fee	$135,617.62
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$702.81
Penalties and Interest (School)	$3,263.81

Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$0
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,555.32
Misc.	$0
Pro-Ratas	$0
Total	**$16,292,695.49**

c. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – February 2025

Town/County 2024	$13,862.04
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$4,305,305.71
School Collection Fee	$36,165.31
Duplicate Payments	$0
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$1,663.44
Penalties and Interest (School)	$50,818.11
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$0
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,555.32
Misc.	$255.00
Pro-Ratas	$11,046.75
Total	**$4,421,671.68**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY (Reported by Supervisor McLaughlin)

a. On March 8th from 2pm-3pm the library will host "Putting Your Affairs In Order". The presentation will be given by a financial service professional. Registration is recommended.

b. A six week seminar on "Managing Your Career In Changing Times" will take place from Wednesday, March 12th through April 16th at 1pm. The seminar will be facilitated by a professional career coach and registration is encouraged.

c. March 13th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm the Wolf Conservation Center will hold a talk about coyotes.

d. March 15th from 10am to 4pm there will be a six hour defensive driving course. The cost is $35 and registration is required.

e. Thursday, March 27th from 6:30pm- 7:30 there will be virtual program on teen job search tips. Topics include: job availability and where to look for them, resume tips and applications. Registration is required.

f. On Tuesday, April 15th from 11:15am to 12:15pm there will be Tai Chi on the library lawn. Beginners are welcome and no registration is required.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilwoman Curtin and Phil DeSimone have worked to get runners with our logo for the Town House and Town Hall. For $140 a month, we will have two sets which will be picked up every two weeks to be cleaned.

2. Supervisor McLaughlin sent out a memo from the WMOA regarding the hiring of legal representation for a Con Edison rate hearing. The firm would be representing multiple local municipalities and the cost would be shared (not to exceed $5,000 per municipality). Twenty participants would be needed to move forward.

Motion to pass a Resolution to hire Joel Dichter (Dichter Law LLC) as special counsel to represent the participating Westchester county municipalities in the Con Edison electric and gas rate case before the public service commission:

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

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

3. Supervisor McLauglin is waiting for information from the architect regarding the elevator for Town Hall. It was clarified that the space planner would come in after the elevator.

NO OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:40 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- Absent
Councilwoman McLoughlin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously

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