MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 7, 2025 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

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 March 3, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Councilwoman McLoughlin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Burke

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

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski and Mark Baumblatt (EVAC) are currently working with New York State to make our temporary "Certificate of Need" permanent. This must take place in the next 8 months.

b. EMS Statistics : 100 total calls

Pelham – 40
Pelham Manor – 37
Mutual Aid – 23 outbound; 3 inbound

Two special hospital requests (one to Greenwich Hospital for a baby whose doctor practices there; one to NY Presbyterian for a special heart valve)

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was 5 minutes 7 seconds .
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 18.87.
- Transportation time average was 13 minutes 48 seconds.
- Turnaround time (the EMS cannot be released to come back until there is a report from the hospital) was an average of 30 minutes.

c. The new carport is up in the Town parking lot. Electricity is being put in now. The next step is to update quarters for the staff on the first floor of Town Hall.

d. Mark Baumblatt is also working on a Facebook page for Pelham EMS.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Councilwoman McLoughlin and Deputy Supervisor Szymanski presented plaques to the Prospect Boys and Siwanoy Girls 4th/5th grade basketball champions.

b. The Recreation Spring event will take place on Saturday, April 12th at 10AM. Activities will include music, arts and crafts, a face painter and the egg hunt which will begin at 10AM sharp. Raindate: Sunday, April 13th.

c. Sign up for Spring Break camp (April 14-17) is underway.

d. There is a new Rec program for elementary school children called Fashion Design. It will be held on Saturdays.

e. More than 40 girls showed up to a flag football clinic and 22 signed up. There is also a boys flag football program with 22 participants.

f. A Mahjong for beginners program will begin on April 23rd. The class is full and has a waitlist. A second class is in the works.

g. Senior programs continue with: Monday club, exercise, cards, yoga and various luncheons.

h. Summer concerts will start in June on Mondays at 7:30PM in Gazebo Park.

i. Pelham Village Police, Pelham Manor Police and the Town of Pelham are establishing a list of contact information for senior citizens and residents with special needs. The list will be utilized to check on the well being of these residents during weather events or other emergencies. All information will be kept confidential. Contact Carolyn Veith, Senior Citizen Advocate in the Rec office for more information or to be added to the list.

j. Pelham Together held a successful bowling night fundraiser for adults and raised $12,000. On April 29th at 7PM they will hold a town hall meeting with their youth council titled "How Do Young People Define Trusted Adults". There will also be a "Mental Health Never Sleeps" overnight event at Glover Field on Saturday, May 3 to promote mental health awareness. There is an intern networking event at TD Bank on June 12th at 7PM. There are still opportunities to mentor interns this summer. More information on the Pelham Together website. Other recent activities include: LA fire relief package, 6th grade skate night, "Mental Health Matters" day in Albany with Assemblywoman Paulin and Senator Fernandez.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. The court is submitting letters to Senators Schumer and Gillibrand for grant money for a new transport vehicle.

b. The Glover Field survey is now closed and we are waiting for the results report.

c. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Burke have been working closely with NYSERDA in order to implement the transit mobility study. There will be a survey which will target different groups (ie. seniors, commuters, teens) and individual interviews with community groups and individuals

d. Justice Report –

February 2025

Justice Kagan - $46,335.00
Justice Gardner - $13,023.00

March 2025

Justice Kagan - $26,030.00
Justice Gardner - $39,820.00

a. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – March 2025

Town/County 2024	$0
Town/County 2023	$0
School Taxes	$147,661.12
School Collection Fee	$1,245.37
Duplicate Payments	$7,044.25
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$0
Penalties and Interest (School)	$14,890.14
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$0
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$2,472.32
Misc.	$41.00
Pro-Ratas	$6,764.05
Total	**$173,074.00**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The library will have programming for Earth Day on April 22nd. Thursday, April 10th at 7PM will be the kick off date of a new organization, the "Pelham New Tree Conservancy" in conjunction with ECOPEL. One of their goals will be to plant 300 native trees this year. On Saturday, April 12 Pelham Girl Scout Troop

2617 and ECOPEL will be holding a program on transforming unused grass spaces into thriving wildlife habitats.

b. Beginning Tuesday, April 29th the library will offer drop in Mahjong from 12PM-2:30PM (18 and over). This program is for individuals who are already familiar with the game.

c. Novel Night will be held on October 4th. This is the main fundraiser for the library and they are currently looking for hosts for book themed dinners. More information can be found on the library website.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1) Supervisor McLaughlin attended an Eagle Scout Coat of Honor ceremony for Matthew Johnson and Julien Kalehoff. Matthew did a beatification project at the New Rochelle YMCA which can now be used for their pre school program. Julien completed a clean up project for the bathrooms at Shore Park.

2) Supervisor McLaughlin attended a Rotary meeting to do a presentation on Town of Pelham's responsibilities.

3) With the departure of the Police department, the Town Hall parking lot spaces will be reassigned. The parking spots we gained will be used for: disabled parking (1); Children's Center (1); guest parking and/or EV charging (2). Before any new signage goes up, the parking lot needs to be repaved. Phil DeSimone is getting quotes.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1) There is a proposal on the table to purchase the land by the Post Office from Westchester County for $50,000. If approved, this land would be used to house the EMS.

2) Supervisor McLaughlin asked for a motion to approve a Resolution to appoint the Assessor to a six year term. This is a NY State requirement and must be voted on by October 20255.

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

*The Board discussed and will vote at the next meeting in May.

3) Request for tax penalty forgiveness on property S/B/L#05/166.28-1-10. Owner asked that 2024/2025 second half of School Tax penalty be waived due to a banking error.

The Board reviewed the materials and voted not to waive the penalty per NYS Real Property Tax Law 924a and Westchester County Tax law 283.221.

Motion: Supervisor McLaughin
Second: Councilwoman McLoughlin

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

Motion passed unanimously

4) Supervisor McLaughlin received two quotes to put an elevator in Town Hall. Both companies who submitted quotes have worked with municipalities before.

Motion to accept the lower quote:

Motion: Councilwoman McLoughlin
Second: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski

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

Motion passed unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Montilla, Communications Director form the office of State Senator Nathalia Fernandez, gave an update:

  - Paper shredder event on April 11 from 10AM-1PM at the New Rochelle train station.
  - Free mammograms in the Bronx at the Castle Hill Boys and Girls Club on May 29.
  - Red Cross smoke alarm installation event on May 3 from 9AM-4PM in New Rochelle.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:52 PM and move to Executive Session to discuss a lease negotiation.

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

Motion passed unanimously

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