MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 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

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 April 7, 2024.

Legislative meeting minutes:

Motion by: Councilwoman Curtin
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. EMS Statistics (Reported by Mark Baumblatt, EVAC)

- Calls remain consistent around 100-105 total calls which are pretty much split evenly between the Village of Pelham and Village of Pelham Manor.
- Monthly stats will be posted on the website.
- The following noteworthy situations were highlighted:

1. In 2024 an 89 year old female went into cardiac arrest from choking when Pelham EMS and Pelham Manor Police Dept. came on to the scene. She was resuscitated and discharged. The group of individuals who participated in the save will be recognized on May 20th.

2. A Pelham Manor fireman fell into cardiac arrest in April and a group effort from both Police Departments, EVAC and both Fire Departments saved his life. A reception to honor all involved is being planned.

3. A high angle construction fall rescue which included another group effort.

- Mark Baumblatt read a letter he wrote to the regional EMS council nominating EVAC for an annual award. **He then announced that Pelham EVAC was awarded the Westchester County 2024 EMS Agency of the Year**. A banner was presented to the Board.

b. We need to close the loop on the Certificate of Need. Deputy Supervisor Szymanski is working with EVAC to get this completed and will report back.

c. The carport in the parking lot is now fully functional and the Town is working on completing the space for them on the first floor of Town Hall.

d. The new employee handbook is nearing completion and will be distributed to staff. It will include updates to various policies. Annual sexual harassment training has been completed by the staff.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. Recreation Spring programming is in full swing and will continue until May/June. The Spring event in April was a huge success (it was moved from Saturday to Sunday due to weather).

b. Special Needs Mindfulness Sports program scheduled for May 4 had to be canceled and will be rescheduled.

c. Summer Camp update: Prospect AM Tiny Tots is full. There are still Tiny Tots spots available at Colonial and Siwanoy and Prospect PM. Big Tots space is still available. Summer clinic sign up is open. Tiny Tots shirts and tags will be handed out on Tuesday, May 13 from 4PM-7PM at the Town House. Day Camp shirts will be handed out on Tuesday, May 20 from 4PM-7PM at the Town House and Big Tots will be handed out on Tuesday, May 27 from 4PM-7PM. See the Recreation website for more details.

d. The senior medical van made 28 trips in April. The Seniors activities included a Pelham Civics luncheon, a birthday cake celebration, a trip to WCC where the culinary school made them lunch, a tea social, pizza day, arts and crafts, an accordion player and bingo.

e. Pelham Together update:

- Pelham Together Youth Council held a meeting on April 29 about "trusted adults", what constitutes one and how the community can better support them.
- On Saturday, May 10 at 2PM at Shea Station there will be a meeting on how to handle Snapchat with your children.
- Pelicones will reopen for business on May 17, please contact the Pelham Together website for more information including how to book the truck for events.
- The Pelham Together internship program is still looking for organizations interested in sponsoring high school student interns. If interested, contact LWoodward @pelhamtogether.org
- There will be a Pelham Overnight to raise awareness for mental health on June 13 at Ingalls Field from 6PM to 12:30 AM.

f. Councilwoman McLoughlin and Councilwoman Curtin attended a non-partisan League of Women Voters "Running and Winning" event on April 30. It included women elected officials and female highschoolers. Councilwoman Curtin encouraged students to attend local Board meetings in their communities.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. Both Judges have signed and sent letters seeking grant money for a new prisoner transport vehicle.

b. Panic buttons are being reconnected with the help of Guardian Security. It will cost a few thousand dollars.

c. The criminal court clerk attended an appellate procedure seminar last week and will also attend one on DWI procedure.

d. There is a jury trial scheduled for May 20 and May 21.

e. NYSERDA grant update: a mobility feasibility survey went out to targeted groups in the community including The Civics, the schools, Chamber of Commerce, Junior League and the senior citizens. Councilwoman Burke will explore extending the survey for another week. The report should be finalized in time for us to apply for a grant to execute any suggestions.

a. Justice Report – to be reported next month

b. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – April 2025

Town/County 2024	$16,030,503.73
Town/County 2023	$3,219.29
School Taxes	$73,74.19
School Collection Fee	$614.66
Duplicate Payments	$8,261.15
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$0
Penalties and Interest (School)	$8,854.65
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$1,012.63
Liens	$9,205.76
Taxpayers Agreement	$4,642.39
Misc.	$150.00
Pro-Ratas	$6,063.14
Total	**$16,145,701.59.**

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. There will be Ukulele for Beginners on Thursdays: May 8th,15 and 22 from 6:30-7:30. The library has some ukuleles to borrow (indicate need at registration). To register, email: ngross@pelhamlibrary.org. Registration is limited to 12 people.

b. Caregiver/toddler/baby outdoor yoga session run by yoga instructor, Samantha Scinta, on May 17 -31st Saturdays from 10:30AM-11AM. This is a drop- in program.

c. Tutoring/homework help by high school student volunteers is happening every Tuesday in May from 3:30-4:30 for K-6. This is a drop- in program.

d. Notary services are available at the library during regular hours. Call in advance to make sure the notary is available.

e. Councilwoman Curtin attended the Pelham Tree Conservancy Kick Off event with Dr. Andrew Reinmann, who spoke on the environmental importance of planting native trees. This group was recently formed by Art Scinta with the idea to increase our canopy in Pelham as we continue to lose mature trees.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. **Resolution to reappointment the Assessor, Joe Battaglia, to a new six year term beginning October 1, 2025 and ending on September 30 2031.**

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
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

*Greg Farrell from the Pelham Examiner asked to speak during the discussion period and suggested that more could be have been done to reach out to constituents regarding this matter. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Burke responded that this is a personnel matter and the reappointment is required by New York State law.

2. A decision has been made to locate the EMS group on the first floor of Town Hall and renovations of that space are underway. The Board is also considering moving the court to the first floor as well so the court clerks can all be in one location. They are also considering using one of the downstairs offices for a Supervisor/ Board room. The space planner will revisit the buildings after the elevator is put in.

3. The elevator architect is coming on Thursday to start work on the elevator. The elevator will be able to accommodate individuals, wheelchairs and commercial items (file cabinets, etc..).

4. Councilwoman Curtin suggested we begin work on the Town House bathrooms/kitchen since we have the grant money in place.

5. Councilwoman McLoughlin suggested we look into upgrading the sound system in the Town House. There was money allotted for this in the budget.

NO PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 8:06 PM and move to Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

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