MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 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: TOM KLEINBERGER – TOWN ATTORNEY, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE TOWN SUPERVISOR-RUTHANN DESIMONE, AUGUSTA TURNER – LIBRARY DIRECTOR

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 September 8, 2025.

Legislative meeting minutes:

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- Abstain
Councilwoman McLoughlin - Aye

Motion passed unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI

a. The Employee Handbook is with our lawyers and is set to be finalized by the November meeting. Deputy Supervisor Symanski will be holding in-service meetings with the staff in December. Next on the agenda will be an update of our emergency plan.

b. The Certificate of Need was officially accepted and will be up for approval at the November 20th NYS regional meeting.

c. EMS stats for September 2025: 100 calls

Pelham – 48
Pelham Manor – 41
I-95 – 2
Hutch – 2
Eastchester - 5
Bronxville – 2
Tuckahoe – 3
New Rochelle - 1

- Average response time for the ambulance and flycar was 5 minutes and 6 seconds.
- The onsite time (the time that the flycar is there until the ambulance comes) was 15.7 minutes.
- Transportation time average was 13 minutes 6 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 and 1 seconds.

2) COUNCILWOMAN MCLOUGHLIN- RECREATION/SENIORS

a. The Seniors had 31 roundtrips in the van for medical appointments.

b. A new program, Senior walking at Glover field, will take place on Wednesdays from 10am – 11am. This will continue as long as the weather holds up. Other activities included: a trip to Arthur Ave, birthday celebration, sandwich day, hot dog day, pizza day, arts and crafts, exercise/yoga, cards, bingo and mahjong.

c. Recreation Fall programming is underway. There are two after school programs each day at all four elementary schools. Registration numbers are close to max. There is a new homework help program for special needs students - they meet once a week. A mindful sports program took place on October 5th.

d. The Rec Halloween program will take place on Saturday, October 25th from 4pm-6pm. The parade starts at the Art Center and marches down 5th Ave. to the Town House.

e. The Marshall Award is scheduled for Tuesday, November 18th at 7pm. Joanne Case will be honored this year.

f. Registration for Winter Basketball will open at the end of October.

g. Pelham Together Youth Advisory Council Town Hall will be held on Wednesday, October 8th at 7pm at the Town House.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE – LEGAL

a. We are in the process of purchasing a new prisoner van (the old one caught fire). The cost will be $106,000. We will be applying $40,000 left over from the original grant to help defray the cost. In the meantime, we have done an inter-municipal agreement with Pelham Manor to use a police vehicle on Thursdays if needed.

b. A J-CAP grant is in the works for panic buttons connecting to the police department, bullet proof glass in the new space and security camera upgrades.

c. The Court and the Village of Pelham are still working out issues with the new parking ticket system.

d. NYSERDA grant for transit mobility services was submitted on September 25. We are still waiting for approval to release the study and recommendations to the public.

e. Glover field update: the transit committee is expected to provide recommendations soon.

f. Monthly Tax Receiver's Statement – September 2025

Town/County 2025	$14,147.40
Town/County 2024	$0
School Taxes	$31,788,874.29
School Collection Fee	$266,953.14
Duplicate Payments	$29,629.62
Duplicate Refunds	$0
Penalties and Interest (Town)	$3,824.49
Penalties and Interest (School)	$0
Penalties and Interest (Liens)	$990.31
Liens	$0
Taxpayers Agreement	$0
Misc.	$222.00
Pro-Ratas	$1,191.00
Total	**$32,098,183.47**

g. Justice Report:

August 2025:

Judge Kagan - $8,565.00

Judge Gardner - $17,730.00

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN – LIBRARY

a. The library signed a contract with Geddes Architects to look at schematic design. Phase one is fully funded with private donations and should take four to six months. After design details and cost estimates are completed, they will reengage with their capitol consultant (also fully funded) to begin a capitol campaign.

b. It is banned book week and the library is celebrating the freedom to read by highlighting challenged or banned books.

c. The library had its most successful K-day ever- 143 kindergarteners in Pelham now have library cards.

d. The library is hosting a United Way coat drive. New or gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and socks (new) can be dropped in a box at the Carol Ave. entrance until October 22nd.

e. Thursday, October 16th from 5:30pm to 8:45pm the library is holding a "Demystifying Medicare" program. Please register in advance.

f. Ongoing programs at the library include: adult book club, outside story time, mahjong, fiber Fridays, digitizing Wednesdays, lego club, STEM, English as a second language, crafty adults, walking club and tai chi.

g. Supervisor McLaughlin asked about the library website changing to ".gov".

h. Councilwoman Curtin is working on a proposal with Town Web to upgrade our site. There will be a nominal fee to upgrade. We are also looking at adding online payments and other features.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. Elevator update: we found an abandoned oil tank where the base of the elevator will be and are getting estimates to have it removed.

2. There is a schematic for the new court area and we are getting quotes for bullet proof glass. The initial quote was $20,000 – we are looking into alternatives.

3. The order for the new ambulance has been put in. The cost is $235,030.00 and we hope to get it by January. Our insurance payment of $197,000 will offset most of the cost.

4. The flycar is being repaired by Westchester Collision after being hit by another car. In the meantime, Eastchester has stepped up and temporarily replaced both the ambulance and the flycar.

5. NYS Office of the State Comptroller has given us our financial fiscal stress report and Pelham has passed with an excellent rating.

6. RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Board of the Town of Pelham authorizes the Pelham Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2025-26 grant cycle up to $30,000.00

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

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

Motion passed unanimously

7. RESOLUTION

Resolved, that the Town Board reappoint Nicholas Maloney to the Board of Assessment review for a term of five years commencing on October 1, 20025 and ending of September 30, 2030

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

8. RESOLUTION

TOWN OF PELHAM

Resolution to adopt 2025 Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions for the Town and School District

Resolved, that the Town Board adopt the 2025 Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions pursuant to Article 19, RPTL for the levy of Town and School taxes on the 2025 final assessment roll as follows:

Town of Pelham

Homestead	82.184900
Non-Homestead	17.815100

Pelham School District

Homestead	82.166920
Non-Homestead	17.833080

Motion by: Deputy Supervisor Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

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

Motion passed unanimously

NO OLD/NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

- David Montilla, Communications Director from the office of State Senator Fernandez gave the following updates:

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  - Governor Hochul is introducing a program offering community college to New Yorkers. She has also opened up a $3000 tax credit for small business to upgrade their security. Legislation has gone through to make sure money from the Sackler and other opioid lawsuits goes to prevention and recovery services.

Motion to adjourn the Legislative meeting at 7:48 PM.

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke
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