

**MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON APRIL 6, 2015
AT THE DARONCO TOWN HOUSE, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, AND DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, AND COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE.

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK COLLEEN WALSH.

OTHERS PRESENT: TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE.

CALL TO ORDER - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the legislative meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 4, 2015 Legislative Meeting.

Motion by: Councilman Case
Seconded by: Councilwoman Syzmanski

Vote taken:	
Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Abstained
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Abstained
Councilwoman Syzmanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 2, 2015 Legislative Meeting.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Abstained.

Motion carried unanimously.

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Councilwoman Szymanski – Flycar

The Flycar reports for February 2015 and March 2015 are attached at the end of these Minutes.

Melissa Ronan reports that the Community Cares Center is in full swing. The Junior League of Pelham is to partner with them to promote programs regarding the emotional well-being of our youth. They have met with Colonial School PTA about bringing programs there next year, and they have met with the substance abuse counselor at PMHS. They have approached the school system to make the community aware of their services, and they plan to contact the Pelham Weekly about doing an article to inform the public about their programs. CCC have met with teachers from PMS and PMHS, and they put on a Pajama Program to collect pajamas for homeless youth.

PACT has a Board Meeting on Wednesday 4/8/15 with their strategic planner to discuss their plan for self-sustaining finances.

2. Councilman Case – Recreation

The last Recreation Department meeting was 3/8/15. All reports indicate that the Department remains a busy place. The current programs are running well, and they are adding a few new programs. The Hutchinson Elementary School has asked the Recreation Department to design programs for them during the 6 or 7 mornings that the schools have delayed openings, which may offered to the other schools as well.

The John Marshall Award will be presented at the June 8 meeting.

The engineer from the Spring Road Water Project has received comments back from NYC and he is in the process of responding. Final approval is possible as soon as April.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with 300 people who attended, including Senator Klein and Senator Engle. Afterwards, the Recreation Department had arts and crafts and face painting in the Daronco Townhouse.

Councilman McLaughlin and Councilman Case attended a Fields Committee Meeting. Friendship Field will not currently be converted to a softball field, which was under discussion. Also discussed was the installation of an electric gate at Glover to help keep people off the fields at night. The schools have asked if the Town would split the cost of \$20,000.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve these funds for a security gate:

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
 Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Councilman Bell – Legal

1. Justice Reports for February 2015

Justice John Dechiaro	\$27,703.30
Justice John Gardner	\$30,361.00

2. The monthly statement for the receiver of taxes for the month of March 2015.

Town/County Taxes 2014	7,124.99
School Taxes	149,829.15
School Collection Fee	809.15
Credit Card Fee	0
Duplicate Payments	0
Penalties and Interests	16,498.56
Liens	6,441.24
Taxpayers Agreement	1,345.59
Misc.	54.00
Pro-Ratas	6,294.79
Total	188,397.47

4. Councilman McLaughlin – Library

There will be a Library Board Meeting on April 8, 2015. At the last Board Meeting, there was discussion regarding the several bank accounts for the Library. Chase has informed the Library that they will be charged monthly for those accounts. The accounts are being transferred to a bank which will not charge the Library.

Best practices will include an audit claims process. For \$100 an hour per month, the bills will be reviewed and approved.

The Museum Pass Program includes 6 tickets to the Intrepid and other NYC and Westchester Museums which are free for Library Patrons.

5. Public Comment

Luke Hellum, a senior at PMHS and a resident of First Street, has completed his Science Research Project, which involved social media use in assisting residents after Superstorm Sandy, specifically The Moms of Pelham Group on Facebook. Information covered through social media included which gas stations were open, how long the lines were, the fact that DeCicco's was willing to start people's food in their freezers, government information, private homes which were opening their doors for laundry, showers, and charging electronics.

Supervisor DiPaola shared that the Town of Pelham Facebook started during the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy to inform residents about emergency provisions and to best inform residents about progress that was being made and to distribute pertinent information until the crisis had passed. The Town is continuing to add members to this page and providing information regarding health alerts, emergency responses, and Pelham Town History.

6. Supervisor's Report

Town Counsel Thomas Kleinberger proposed the following resolution:

Therefore be it resolved that William M. O'Connor, former Town Deputy Supervisor, residing at 684 Esplanade is hereby designated as an additional Town of Pelham marriage officer, who shall have the authority pursuant to Section 11-c, et. seq. of the New York Domestic Relations Law to solemnize a marriage within the territory of the Town of Pelham.

The Supervisor asked for a motion to approve this resolution.

Motion by: Councilman Case

Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Stewart Hanson, Chief of the Constables, reported that they have been busy with prisoner transport and a busy court schedule. There was discussion of the best place for the Court Reporter to sit while Court is in session. Additionally, the location of the safe which stores the ammunition will remain in the basement of the Daronco Townhouse, and further discussion will be held for a final decision.

Supervisor DiPaola has met with both incoming Village Mayors and he wishes them both the very best in their upcoming terms.

III. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 pm.

Motion by: Councilman Bell
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Colleen Walsh
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York