

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON OCTOBER 7, 2013 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM O’CONNOR, COUNCILMAN DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI AND COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE

**OTHERS PRESENT:** CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICA HYNES, TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, VILLAGE OF PELHAM TRUSTEE SUSAN MUTTI AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

**CALL TO ORDER** - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**I. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Assessor – Base Proportions** – Councilman O’Connor read into the record:

Resolved that the Town Board adopt the 2013 Current Percentages and Current Base Proportions pursuant to Article 19, RPTL for the levy of Town and School taxes on the 2013 assessment roll as follow:

**Town of Pelham**

Homestead	81.465430
Non-homestead	18.534570

**School District**

Homestead	81.572280
Non-homestead	18.427720

Supervisor DiPaola then asked for a motion to adopt the 2013 base proportions for the Town of Pelham and for the school district. The Pelham School Board has already approved the numbers.

Motion by: Councilman O’Connor  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

### **B. Swearing in Ceremony – Library Board**

Councilman McLaughlin announced that the Library board has two new members, Laura Woods and Steve Molineaux. They will be replacing Jack Kaufmann and Anne Calder, both of whom have recently resigned.

Supervisor DiPaola then conducted the oath of office for both new members.

### **C. Pelham Tree Program**

Village of Pelham Trustee Susan Mutti made a presentation to the Board about the Village of Pelham's tree program. The main goal of the tree program is to help residents obtain the best information in order to plant the appropriate type of trees. The tree committee is only advisory. There is no enforcement aspect.

Mrs. Mutti then asked to place information about the Villages' Tree Program on the Town of Pelham's website as a central location that all of the residents could access.

Supervisor DiPaola liked the idea and gave his ok.

## **II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 9, 2013.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

### III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### A. Councilwoman Szymanski – Flycar

May 2013 - 68 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 43 in the Village of Pelham and 19 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 4 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway. We also received 6 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle.

June 2013 – 68 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 45 in the Village of Pelham and 23 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 4 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 2 calls on I-95.

July 2013 – 86 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 41 in the Village of Pelham and 35 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 5 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 1 call on I-95. We also received 10 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle and 1 request for mutual aid from Eastchester.

August 2013 – 65 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 29 in the Village of Pelham and 30 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 9 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway. We also received 6 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle and 3 requests for mutual aid from Eastchester.

September 2013 – 81 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 52 in the Village of Pelham and 21 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 7 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 3 calls on I-95. We also received 8 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle.

Year to date the flycar has received 634 calls, approximately a 5% increase from 2012.

Supervisor DiPaola then discussed a few past incidents that have taken place where the flycar or ambulance was later than we would like. Supervisor DiPaola recently held a protocol meetings with Empress on these two isolated incidents and he is satisfied that the services will improve going forward.

Supervisor DiPaola then mentioned that we do need to replace the flycar and to also replace the Lifepak heart monitor and defibrillator that will cost approximately \$27,000.

We are attempting to obtain grants for both items from NY State.

**B. Councilman McLaughlin – Library report**

- 1) The library started a new program called “Pelham Reads” which tries to get Pelham residents involved in reading the same books.
- 2) Councilman McLaughlin said that V & R Contracting has been hired to fix the issues with the a/c unit on the roof of the library.
- 3) The library is looking to outsource their cleaning services.

**C. Councilman O’Connor – Councilman O’Connor read into the record the:**

1) **Justice court reports**

For August 2013: **Judge John Gardner** - collections - \$33,823.50

**Judge John DeChiaro** - collections - \$27,475.20

2) **Receiver of Taxes Report -**

Councilman O’Connor read into the record the monthly statement of the Receiver of Taxes. For the month of September 2013 the taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: Town and County taxes for 2013 18,339.98; school taxes 13,494.628.16; school collection fee 72,864.12; credit card fee 1,176.98; duplicate payments 5,219.42; penalties and interest 2,198.01; liens 22,855.51; taxpayer agreement 71,611.99; misc. 853.50; pro-ratas 6,368.83. The total received for the month of September was \$13,696,116.50.

**D. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report**

- 1) The next Rec. board meeting will take place on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The Pelham Hockey Association will appear at the meeting to ask for a return of some Rec. money that was previously taken away from them.
- 2) Glover field update - The field is almost completed and all of the work is scheduled to be finished by October 17<sup>th</sup>, just in time for Pelham HS homecoming, which is the weekend of October 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **IV. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

##### **A. Trotta Park**

Supervisor DiPaola and Pelham Trustee Susan Mutti have meeting tomorrow with the contractor for Trotta Park to discuss the logistics of the construction. The pavers have been ordered and should take 3-4 weeks for delivery. The contractor is ready to begin work once the pavers are in transit. The project is coming together and moving forward nicely.

Supervisor DiPaola commended Mrs. Mutti for all of her hard work and dedication to the project.

Pelham resident John Cassone asking if there has been any progress in getting money to fix the steps and the wall above Trotta Park.

Supervisor DiPaola said that he hasn't forgotten about it and he is working on it.

##### **B. Dinner with the Village Mayors**

Supervisor DiPaola announced that he has been having dinner with the Mayors of Pelham and Pelham Manor to discuss Pelham business and try to share ideas and help each other.

##### **C. Pelham Guidance Center**

The Pelham Guidance Center is now officially closed. Supervisor DiPaola commented that he has received positive feedback on this decision from the community. Supervisor DiPaola then stated that there is a committee in place to help get residents the help they need that will better match up resources with their needs.

##### **D. Junior League**

The Junior League has requested permission to place luminary kits on the grounds of Town Hall. The request was granted as long as they use flameless candles.

**E. Pelham Children’s Center – Pumpkin Sale**

The PCC pumpkin sale was a big success this year. They received a lot of interest from many new families. They sent us a letter thanking us for all of our help and for letting them put their jumping castle in our parking lot.

**F. Certiorari negotiations**

Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that the company that advises us on certiorari negotiations, Keene and Bean forgot to inform us that they raised their hourly rate. The difference came out to approximately \$300. Supervisor DiPaola stated that for the services they provide us, the extra charge was acceptable.

**G. Courtroom Construction**

The work on upgrading the courtroom is continuing. The audio system is still being worked on and the cabinets are set to go in soon. We are working on an additional grant to help us pay for increases in security for the building and grounds.

**H. Turf Field – Equipment purchases**

Supervisor DiPaola stated that several months ago, the Town Board agreed to purchase equipment for the turf field.

The Board then went into a lengthy discussion about the equipment that was being requested and which groups would benefit from each type of potential purchase. The Board has decided to purchase the following:

2 Aluminum soccer goals	\$4,360
2 Soccer goal wheel kits	620
1 Set of soccer corner flags	140
1 10’ Lacrosse safety net	16,000
1 Sweeper to clean the field	<u>3,750</u>
Total	<u>\$24,870</u>

The Board declined at this time the Pelham School Board’s request to purchase a John Deere Gator for approximately \$9,000.

Councilman O’Connor moved that the Town Board approve the request to pay for the above list of items with a total cost of \$24,870.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin  
 Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:18pm.

#### **VI. MOTION TO REOPEN THE MEETING**

- A.** The Supervisor asked for a motion to reopen the meeting and to accept the severance agreements for the two Pelham Guidance Center employees. The PGC employees have already signed the agreements.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye

Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

- B.** The Supervisor asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Miller from the Pelham Court Clerk's office.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

## **VII. MOTION TO RE-ADJOURN THE MEETING**

The Supervisor asked for a motion to close the meeting.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski	Aye
Councilman O'Connor	Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:26pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Case  
Town Clerk  
Pelham, New York

