

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON NOVEMBER 4, 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, TOWN ASSESSOR MICHELE CASANDRA 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. Tax Certiorari

Councilman O’Connor read into record a certiorari.

Resolved, that the tax certiorari proceeding relating to the Acquisition America, LLC Property (163.44-1-30) located at 21 5th Avenue, Pelham be corrected and accepted by the Town’s special counsel as follows:

<u>Tax Year</u>	<u>Net Reduction</u>	<u>Refund</u>
2007	\$400,000	\$257.28
2008	\$630,000	\$391.48
2009	\$780,000	\$468.62
2010	\$975,000	\$595.92
2011	\$975,000	\$618.54
2012	\$785,000	\$551.38
2013	\$585,000	\$432.02

Total refund – \$3,315.25

Councilman O’Connor requested a motion to accept the tax settlement related to the Acquisition America, LLC Property (163.44-1-30) located at 21 5th Avenue, Pelham.

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

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Pelham Jewish Center

The Pelham Jewish Center is asking our Town Assessor, Michele Casandra to accept a retroactive application to receive a refund for their 2012 Town taxes. The PJC purchased the property in December 2011, so therefore missed the May 1st filing deadline for this exemption. They did apply and are exempt from the 2012 assessment roles.

Our NYS representatives, Amy Paulin and Jeff Klein submitted legislation that was passed and signed by the Governor to authorize the Assessor of the Town of Pelham to accept an application for exemption from real property taxes pursuant to section 420-a of the Real Property Tax Law to be applied retroactively to the 2011 assessment roll.

Councilwoman Szymanski then moved for the assessor to approve the Pelham Jewish Center's application and to authorize a refund of the Town taxes.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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 October 7, 2013.

Motion by: Councilman O’Connor
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

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

No flycar report tonight.

B. Councilman McLaughlin – Library report

- 1) The library’s next board meeting on Wednesday, November 6th.
- 2) Councilman McLaughlin received e-mail from the library board President regarding the split of the bill related to the driveway, fence and the air conditioning repairs. It was agreed to prior to the work that the cost would be split 50/50 between the Town and the Library. The total bill was \$34,558 and the library will be sending us a check for \$17,279.

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

1) Justice court reports

For September 2013: **Judge John Gardner** - collections - \$42,171

Judge John DeChiaro - collections - \$24,761

D. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

Councilman Bell did not have a Recreation commission report tonight, as there has not been a Rec. meeting since our last board meeting.

IV. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

A. Trotta Park

Trotta Park is coming along nicely. They are done laying the bricks and the planters are ready to be put in place. Now we are waiting for the furniture to be delivered. They were only a few surprises when we began construction but they have all been resolved. A gas line was sitting on the surface that should have been buried. Con Ed came in and replaced all of the electrical.

The ceremony to dedicate the park will take place in the spring of 2014.

B. 2014 Budget Overview

Our tentative Town budget comes in with a -0.118% tax levy change for 2014.

The cost of the Pelham Guidance council has been removed from the 2014 budget, however the budget does include a \$50,000 line item under the PCG line that can be used in order to help transition the program. This is not expected to be an annual budget item for the town.

The library budget increase is related to increased labor costs.

There is no increase in staffing levels in the Town budget for 2014.

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: Councilwoman Szymanski

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York