



**A. Councilwoman Szymanski -**

Councilwoman Szymanski mentioned that the Pelham Guidance Center has sent us a mission statement for our review. She said that no decision has been made on changing the name of the PGC yet. Then the Town board discussed the fact that changing the name of the Pelham Guidance Center will not cause them to have to re-file for their 501c3 status because the 501c3 arm of the organization is the 'Friends of Pelham Guidance'

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

No Recreation report today.

Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that the credit card machines have been delivered to the Rec dept.

**C. Councilman McLaughlin - Library Report**

The latest library board meeting was held on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup>. Councilman McLaughlin discussed that two years ago the library put in a generator to be able to operate the sump pumps and the heat during a power outage. During the latest storm, Hurricane Sandy, the library had an electrician wire the generator to be able to operate the library at 90% capacity. The cost was \$3,400 but now the library will be able to open during future power outages to allow residents to use computers, charge cell phones and to keep warm as necessary.

**III. NEW BUSINESS**

Tax Penalties forgiveness requests –

- 1) Lot # 163.67-1-15 is asking for forgiveness of the penalties incurred for paying their taxes late.
- 2) Lot # 167-39-1-15 is asking for forgiveness of the penalties incurred for paying their taxes late.

Town of Pelham receiver of taxes John Nesi does not recommend forgiving these penalties.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to accept the receiver of taxes request to not forgive the penalties.

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

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

##### **A. Spring Road Field**

Supervisor DiPaola discussed that he has been working on an issue at the Spring Rd. field. Pelham put in a sprinkler system on the New York City field but now NYC will not allow us to use NYC water to operate it. Senator Klein is working this out for us with New York City.

##### **B. Trotta Park**

Supervisor DiPaola and Deputy Supervisor O'Connor recently met with the Village of Pelham's Mayor Hotchkiss and Deputy Mayor Geoff Lewis to discuss Trotta Park and the RFP that the Town recently published. Supervisor DiPaola said that the consensus at the meeting was that the project would be going forward.

Supervisor DiPaola then stated that we have received several replies to our RFP. Once we have all of the bids, we will select a qualified landscape architect to have him do a set of drawing. Once we have the drawings, we plan on sitting back down with the Village of Pelham representatives to discuss them and move the project forward.

### **C. Storm Update – Hurricane Sandy**

Supervisor DiPaola attended a meeting today (November 19, 2012) that was held by Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino and his staff to discuss Hurricane Sandy and the response to the storm by Con Edison. Supervisors, mayors and village manager's from Westchester County were all invited to discuss the many issues that their town and villages incurred relating to the storm and the storm cleanup.

Village of Pelham Manor village manager John Pierpont accompanied Supervisor DiPaola to the meeting. No one from the Village of Pelham chose to attend the meeting.

Supervisor DiPaola reported that many towns and villages all had similar problems during the storm but many of their situations were more severe than Pelham experienced. The biggest issue in restoring power was the ability to get power crews to their towns and to keep the crews once they were working in their towns. Pelham, through the hard work of our Town officials (especially Supervisor DiPaola), were able to get crews in Pelham and were able to keep them here in order to get the power restored more quickly than in most other areas.

One major issue that came up at the meeting was that Con Ed now serves approximately 4.2million customers while other power companies have a much smaller customer base. By comparison, LIPA serves only 1.7million. The feeling is that Con Ed's customer base has become too large and the company's service area should be broken up. Con Ed does not have enough crews and the response to this storm was abysmal. The Con Ed executives would not come to meetings or speak to the press at all during the power outage. Supervisor DiPaola went on to say that the investigation into Con Edison's response is ongoing and that Governor Cuomo is involved as well.

Also during today's meeting with the County Executive, Supervisor DiPaola proposed to the group the Connecticut bill that Councilman Bell brought up at our previous board meeting on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Another area of agreement with the supervisors and mayors that came up at today's meeting was that Con Ed's liaison program that they proposed last spring was also a failure. Supervisor DiPaola said that during the storm we called our liaison several times but he had no answers for us.

Several mayors/supervisors also mentioned that the storm response from the Red Cross was also very disappointing.

Lastly, at today's meeting the Town Supervisor from the Town of Cortland, Linda Puglisi, stopped the meeting in order to thank Pelham for the response

to the storm. Her daughter lives in Pelham and she was very impressed with Pelham's response and how quickly things were accomplished in Pelham.

**V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**

The Supervisor asked for a motion to enter into executive session to discuss a personal issue.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:27 pm.

**VI. MOTION TO REOPEN THE MEETING**

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to re-open the meeting to go back into public session.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously.

**A. Councilman Bell** proposed that the board approve the following resolution:



Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case  
Town Clerk  
Pelham, New York