

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD
ON NOVEMBER 3, 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, COUCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, AND TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER.

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK COLLEEN WALSH.

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICAN HYNES, 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. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The minutes from the Legislative Meeting of October 6, 2014 were approved.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman Case

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola Aye

Councilwoman Syzmanski Aye

Councilman Bell Aye

Councilman McLaughlin Aye

Councilman Case Aye

II. LIBRARY BOARD SWEARING IN

Catherine Campbell was sworn in by Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola. She will serve on the Board of the Pelham Library until September 30, 2019.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Rae Szymanski – Flycar

1. The reports for the flycar were not ready for the meeting. Those numbers should be ready for the next meeting.
2. The Community Care Center is ready to launch and will be included in the Town Budget for 2015.
3. The PACT Board will be been sworn in tonight.

B. Councilman Timothy Case – Recreation Department

1. The last meeting was October 14, 2014. Maintenance was the primary topic of that meeting. Budget preparations were also discussed.
2. The School Board has asked if the Town Board would reassemble the Fields Committee, and this process has begun.
3. The next meeting will be November 10, 2014.

C. Councilman Blake Bell - Legal

Councilman Bell had a meeting with the Chief of Constables, which will be reported upon during an Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

The Justice Reports for the Month of September, filed on October 16, 2014:

Justice John Gardner collected \$34,075.50

Justice John Dechiaro collected \$35,473.50

The Monthly Statement of the Receiver of Taxes, Town of Pelham for the Month of October 2014:

Town/County 2014	24,733.73
Town/County 2013	
School Taxes	13,778,764.24
School Collection Fee	74,416.43
Credit Card Fee (Town & School)	472.03
Duplicate Payments (Town)	(16,769.24)
Penalties and Interest	10,150.10
Liens	10,612.30
Taxpayers Agreement	9,686.47
Misc.	2,677.00
Pro-Ratas	8,406.05
Total	\$13,903,149.45

D. Councilman Daniel McLaughlin – Library

The Library Meeting will be held November 5. The roof, which had been damaged in this last storm, has been repaired. The Library Board has received notice that the initial approval for the grant of \$44,000.00 was received. The Town would be responsible for \$22,000 if the Library receives final approval, and that amount would be over the course of two years. This grant is to cover other capital projects: lighting, painting, and safety repairs (including exterior steps). Also, the Library Board has a new Trustee, Catherine Campbell.

E. Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola

1. The lot number for a request for forgiveness for a tax penalty, which was not granted as per the recommendation from the Receiver of Taxes, dated September 3, 2014, was Lot 163.44-1-50.

2. PACT BOARD SWEARING IN

Andrew Cavanagh	11/3/14-7/30/15
Anne Fredbeck	11/3/14-7/30/16
Elizabeth Hart	11/3/14-7/30/15
Virginia Hartmere	11/3/14-7/30/15
Kit Meyer	11/3/14-7/30/16
Marilyn Sibery	11/3/14-7/30/16
Maria Tiso	11/3/14-7/30/15
Nancy Tsang	11/3/14-7/30/16
Jeanmarie Ward	11/3/14-7/30/16

Virginia Hartmere discussed the PACT Town Hall style meetings which have been well-attended. There will be a Youth Recognition Award given out. Leadership Day is coming up. PACT will have a Youth Internship for summer, allowing 5 or 6 kids to have a leadership role. 75 people are now serving as a Board member or on a committee. There are a few family nights at the Pelham Picture House. PACT, Pelham's youth, and the Town's leadership are exploring possibilities for teenagers to occupy their free time. The Recreation Programs have also helped a great deal in giving our teens more activities including the Y-Night and sports.

3. The Tentative Budget for 2015

- a. Zero increase budget, due to an increase in revenues in addition to cost savings. This has also been due to grants received and efforts to keep expenses down and effective money management. The cost savings include reducing part-time employees and more-efficient lighting.
- b. The judges have been very effective in getting fines paid and up to date.
- c. John Cassone had a question regarding the lighting in the Townhouse and he was assured that energy efficient and brighter lighting is being installed.
- d. There is a projected increase in the mortgage tax for this year.

- e. The Community Care Center is included in the 2015 budget. This includes personnel, website development, marketing materials, and 4 community projects.
 - f. The final budget hearing will be held on December 1, 2014 and the budget will be adopted on December 15, 2014.
4. Sustainable Westchester, formerly known as EcoPel, is a group that is working to broaden public involvement in networking and ecological programs. It is a large group that now spans throughout Westchester. The group recommends methods to save energy. At this time, the Village of Pelham is also interested in joining together with the Town of Pelham.

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm and enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Motion by: Councilwoman Syzmanski

Seconded by: Councilman Case

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Walsh

Town Clerk

Pelham, New York