

**MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON JANUARY 7, 2013 AT THE  
TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:18 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLO, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI,  
COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL AND COUNCILMAN DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN

**ABSENT:** DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM O'CONNOR

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE.

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

**CALL TO ORDER** - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the legislative meeting to order at  
7:18 pm.

- I. TROTTA PARK-** Supervisor DiPaola opened up the meeting to public comments  
related to our last meeting in regards to Trotta Park.

After receiving no comments, Supervisor DiPaola announced that we have selected  
Eberlin & Eberlin to do the project. We have had good experiences with Eberlin &  
Eberlin and we are very comfortable with their work. Also, they are taking \$1,900 off of  
their original price.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to accept the proposal issued by Eberlin &  
Eberlin in the amount of \$7,000 for design services and four construction visits.

Motion by: Councilman Bell  
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously

Councilman McLaughlin then commended Supervisor DiPaola for all of his time and hard work that he has put into this project.

Supervisor DiPaola then asked Town attorney Kleinberger if we can proceed or if we need the Village of Pelham's approval.

Town attorney Kleinberger said Supervisor DiPaola could call or e-mail the Village of Pelham to let them know but it is not necessary to get their approval before proceeding.

## II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

**Approval of the minutes** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2012 meeting.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

## III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

### A. Councilman McLaughlin - Receiver of Taxes Report

Councilman McLaughlin read into the record the monthly statement of the Receiver of Taxes. For the month of December 2012 the taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: Town and County taxes 2012 – 8,104.26; school taxes 1,538,430.36; school collection fee 8,308.66; credit card fee-school 231.26; penalties and interest 4,735.13; liens 22,807.89; taxpayer agreement 1,031.68; pro-ratas 2,519.20. The total received for the month of December 2012 was \$1,586,168.44

**B. Councilwoman Szymanski – Flycar report**

December 2012 - 97 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 54 in the Village of Pelham and 33 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 5 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway. We also received 10 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle.

We received 834 total EMS calls for 2012 vs. 828 for 2011.

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

No Recreation report today.

**D. Councilman McLaughlin - Library Report**

Councilman McLaughlin reported that the next library board meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> where they will be proposing a new board member.

Councilman McLaughlin also provided an update to some library statistics reported by library board President Margaret Young at our last meeting. Councilman McLaughlin reiterated that in 2009, 71% of the borrowing done from the Pelham public library was done by Pelham residents. He added that in 2011 that number was 72%.

Supervisor DiPaola then discussed that while the library building is in good shape, maintenance and upkeep is continuously required. We are looking into doing some painting and possible replacement of some clapboard on the rear of the library building.

**IV. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT**

**A. Taxes**

The New York State Department of Taxation and Finance gave their state equalization rate, which is 100% for Pelham. In the list of towns in Westchester County, Pelham is among the lowest in percentage of change for home values with a decline of only 3.54%.

Supervisor DiPaola then commended Town Assessor Michele Casandra for the tremendous job she has done in updating and maintaining the assessments accurately.

**B.Red Cross**

We have received 50 emergency kits from the Red Cross for our shelter for use in the next disaster. We are also working on getting a supply of cots.

The Red Cross representative had no idea that the Town of Pelham had set up a shelter during Hurricane Sandy. She has offered help from the Red Cross going forward on maintaining supplies for our shelter.

**C. Pelham Children's Center**

We are continuing to work through the details of the new lease for the Pelham's Children's Center.

The PCC is also reviewing the security for facility in the aftermath of the Newtown, CT tragedy. One suggestion would be to install cameras to increase security. Supervisor DiPaola also suggested adding cameras to our Town Hall to help increase our security.

**D. PACT/PCG meeting**

Supervisor DiPaola has a meeting with PACT and PGC this Friday to discuss PACT applying for their second grant. We are helping them put together a plan because we are the fiscal agent for PACT. They also want to meet with us to go over their table of organization.

**E. Eagle Scout meeting**

Supervisor DiPaola is also meeting this Friday with future Eagle Scout Brett Bell to discuss his project that is helping us put together our Town's emergency preparedness plan.

**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 issue.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski  
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case  
Town Clerk  
Pelham, New York