

PRELIMINARY MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MARCH 5, 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 6:58 P.M.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE.

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

CALL TO ORDER - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the regular meeting to order at 6:58 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- I. Approval of the minutes** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 19, 2012 meeting.

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

Vote taken:

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| Supervisor DiPaola | Aye |
| Councilman McLaughlin | Aye |
| Councilman O’Connor | Aye |
| Councilwoman Szymanski | Abstain |
| Councilman Bell | Abstain |

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of the minutes – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2012 regular board meeting.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Szymanski - Councilwoman Szymanski is waiting to get the most recent flycar report. She also discussed that the Pelham Guidance meeting is next Wednesday, March 14th and she will have a full report from that meeting at the next Town Board meeting. Supervisor DiPaola asked about the possibility of finding a tenant to rent one of the Pelham Guidance storefronts. Councilwoman Szymanski confirmed that we are currently looking for a tenant to rent one of the storefronts.

B. Councilman Bell – Recreation Commission Report

- 1) The Rec Board asked if the Town could make changes to the Town website to better promote the senior van. Councilman Bell said that he would write up the proposed changes and submit them to Supervisor DiPaola.
- 2) The Rec Board is looking for either quarterly or monthly updates on their financial performance so they can better track their actual vs. budgeted finances. The Pelham Board all agreed that this was a very good idea.
- 3) The Rec Board also requested to see the legal memo the Town Board received in regards to the changes to the open meeting law, specifically how the new law relates to what must be posted on their website. It was agreed upon to get them a copy of the memo.
- 4) Night at the Y – The YMCA nights have seen a slight decline in participation. The Rec Board is considering charging \$40 registration to sign up for 4 nights so that people that sign up for the night actually go to it. This would help to cover the costs a little better.
- 5) Senior discussion – A few new programs are being considered for the senior citizens. The first program is a helping hands program that would involve high school students helping senior with some everyday tasks that they cannot do on their own. This program would also help the high school students to complete their community service requirements that they need to graduate from Pelham High School. Another program being discussed is the 'file for life program'. This program would list medical information on a card that would be posted on the senior's refrigerator. There was some concern at our meeting about this program.

Councilwoman Szymanski said that she would be happy to discuss the concerns with this program before anything was finalized.

- 6) Councilman McLaughlin addressed Mike from Senator Klein's office about getting some cap money for a senior citizens van for Pelham. We are looking for a van that would fit approximately 15-18 people to take seniors around to do tasks that they cannot otherwise get out to do.

C. Councilman McLaughlin – Library Report

- 1) Councilman McLaughlin reported on several stats relevant to the library's business. Visits to 2011 totaled 94,304, Registered library cardholders was 6,804 and visits to the website saw a large increase to 24,397.
- 2) Councilman McLaughlin also discussed some numbers from the Pelham School Board meeting in regards to the recent school budget. The proposed budget for the coming year is 65.5mm. The tax levy increase would be 2.99%. The homestead rate would be \$18.37 and the non-homestead rate \$24.14. Reserve funds release \$1500M from un-appropriated, \$500M from retirement reserve fund and \$700M from capital reserve.

After the Library report, Supervisor DiPaola conducted a swearing in ceremony for two Pelham Library Board members-Everett Potter and Stevenson Swanson.

D. Councilman O'Connor

- 1) Councilman O'Connor read into the record the monthly statement of the Receiver of Taxes for the month of January 2012. The taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: State, County and Town taxes 9333.66; School taxes 16,704,456.56; collection fee 90,819.84; credit card fee 1,313.27; duplicate payments-school 41,416.21 (to refund); penalties and interest 14,339.27; liens 56,521.84; taxpayer agreement 2,985.34; Misc. 250.00; pro-ratas 6,493.92. The total received for the month of January was \$16,927,929.91.
- 2) Councilman O'Connor also discussed that the PCRA raised \$30,000 last Saturday.

III. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

Supervisor DiPaola interjected that he wanted to deal with two certioraris.

1) Simberkoff Properties, 4370 Boston Post Rd.

Net reduction for the years 2008-2010

| | <u>Reduction</u> | <u>Refund</u> |
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| Lot 8 | \$10,000 | 18.46 |
| Lot 9 | \$10,000 | 120.02 |
| Lot 10 | \$10,000 | 433.90 |

The Supervisor requested a motion to accept the tax settlement of the Simberkoff Properties, 4370 Boston Post Rd.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman O'Connor

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

2) Friedland/Pelhamdale LLC Property, 4662-4676 Boston Post Rd.

Net reduction for 2011 – \$50,000, Refund \$35.12

The Supervisor requested a motion to accept the tax settlement of the Friedland/Pelhamdale LLC Property, 4662-4676 Boston Post Rd.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman O'Connor

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Constable Chief Stewart Hanson presented an award to police constable Michael Farley for his dedication and contributions as one of the department's top performers. Mr. Hanson stated that PC Farley's performance brings great credit upon himself, the department and the Town of Pelham.
- 4) Dog licenses - Supervisor DiPaola discussed an upcoming meeting that Councilman McLaughlin and he will be attending with the Village of Pelham in regards to dog licenses. The meeting will be with the Robert Yamuder and Mayor Hotchkiss from the Village of Pelham and will take place Friday, March 9th, 2012.
- 5) New employee - Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that the controller's office has a new part-time employee- Laura Vasami.
- 6) Trotta Park – Supervisor DiPaola said that the plans for Trotta Park had finally been approved.
- 7) Town Hall roof repairs – The Board all discussed the need to have the roof of Town Hall repaired. The decision was made to go ahead with the preventive repairs in order to maintain the building properly and avoid a greater cost in the future.
- 8) Recreation Department golf cart – The Rec dept. was granted a request to secure a new rebuilt golf cart to replace the current golf cart that is approximately eleven years old.

- 9) Hudson Valley Bank resolution – Supervisor DiPaola ask to a resolution to change the signatories from Mr. Joe Solimine to Mr. Peter DiPaola.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- 10) Sport gear switch – A proposal was made by a Pelham 7th grader AJ Genovesi to use the Daronco Town House for a sports swap day. The swap would consist of people donating lightly used sports equipment that would be sold to others, presumably cheaper than new equipment. The proceeds would be donated to charity. After much discussion of what types of equipment can and

can't be sold legally, it was decided that Town Attorney Kleinberger would review the program and come back to the board with his recommendation.

IV. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

No further new or old business, the Supervisor asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously and the legislative meeting ended at about 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York

