

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MAY 6, 2013 AT THE TOWN HALL
COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

LATE: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM O'CONNOR AND TOWN COUNSEL
THOMAS KLEINBERGER

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 regular meeting to order at
7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. Forgiveness of Tax Penalties Requests

A. Tax Penalties forgiveness requests –

Four separate taxpayers have recently sent letters to the Town of Pelham's
Receiver of Taxes, John Nesi to request forgiveness of penalties incurred for
paying their taxes late.

- 1) Lot 163.44.1.59
- 2) Lot 163.75-2-42
- 3) Lot 163.60.1-44
- 4) Lot 167.38-1-32

Town of Pelham receiver of taxes John Nesi does not recommend forgiving these
penalties due to the lack of extraordinary factors for them missing the payment
deadline.

Councilman Bell made a motion to adopt the recommendation of Mr. Nesi and
reject the taxpayer's request for forgiveness of the penalties.

Supervisor DiPaola added to the motion that we see no cause for changing Mr.
Nesi's decision.

Motion by: Councilman Bell
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

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

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 April 8, 2013.

Motion by: Councilman Bell
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:
Supervisor DiPaola Aye
Councilman Bell Aye
Councilman McLaughlin Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski Abstain
Councilman O'Connor Absent

Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

The Recreation Department's last meeting was held on April 8, 2013 were the following topics were discussed:

- 1) Adding new programs such as ballroom dancing and bridge classes.
- 2) Received additional nominations for the Dr. John Marshall award.
- 3) Received a report on the successful completion of the renovation of Richie Bell field. The Town provided partial funding for the renovation through the Rec. Dept.
- 4) The Rec board asked Councilman Bell if the Town would offer financial support for some of the maintenance equipment for the new turf field at Glover field. Councilman Bell responded that the Town would possibly be open to contributing pending a presentation of a proposal of what the commitment would be, including the costs.
- 5) The spring break all-star clinic received \$12,000 in program fees, the spring break basketball clinic brought in \$3,250 and the March 23rd family skate at the Ice Hutch was a success with approximately 50 people attending.
- 6) Pelham Rec. Rugby – a discussion about whether to allow non-residents players to continue to participate in the program. Councilman Bell asked that the Town Board be kept in the loop before a final decision is made.

Councilman McLaughlin commented that the field space in Pelham is already near capacity with Pelham residents and asked why rugby needs non-resident participation. Councilman McLaughlin also commented that this issue has come up in the past and can prove to be very divisive.

- 7) Discussions have been taking place about letting Rec. soccer add an additional fee to their registration form in order to raise money to put towards the reconstruction of the turf field in approximately 10 years.

Councilman Bell responded that he didn't feel the Town Board would be comfortable taking on this obligation now and also would not want to obligate a future Town Board with such a liability.

Supervisor DiPaola suggested asking participants for a separate donation as long as it was legal for us to allow it.

Councilman McLaughlin then suggested that we re-ignite the field committee to help work on issues such as this one.

- 8) Lastly, there is a possibility that Rec. Board Chairman, Bram Fierstein might be moving out of Pelham and subsequently would resign the chairmanship if he does move out of Pelham.

B. Councilman Szymanski -

Pelham Guidance Department report - Melissa Ronan is continuing to do a good job running the board. She has added several new members to the PGC

board of directors. The PCG annual meeting is Thursday, June 6th at 7:30pm. The main speaker at the meeting will be Mrs. Ronan.

C. Councilman McLaughlin – Library report

The new roof project is now complete and the payments have been made. The library is currently closed in order to complete the lighting project. The library is also being repainted as part of this project.

The library is scheduled to re-open on Monday May 13th.

The library generator is now connected to run 90% of the library in case on a power outage and a maintenance contract has been signed for the generator.

There will be a Library board meeting this Wednesday, May 8th to finalize their annual report.

D. Councilman O'Connor - Councilman O'Connor read into the record the Justice court report for March 2013:

Judge John Gardner - collections - \$ 48,701.50

Judge John DeChiaro - collections - \$ 41,678.50

E. Public comment – A member of the public, John Cassone wanted to make the Board aware of an incident that took place Saturday, May 4th at St. Catherine's Church. One of the parishioner's passed out and reaching 911 emergency services was a problem. Mr. Cassone reported that 3 calls were made to 911 and were all transferred. The Village of Pelham police were called and responded immediately. The Village of Pelham fire department also responded in a timely fashion. The flycar took approximately 10 minutes to arrive and ambulance took 15-20 minutes to arrive.

Supervisor DiPaola and the rest of the Town Board thought that the response time for the flycar was much too long and they intend to investigate the situation.

IV. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A. Trotta Park

The architect's estimates came in a little high for Trotta Park and have since been revised lower. Supervisor DiPaola has scheduled a meeting with representatives from the Village of Pelham to finalize the plans and then the construction plans can go out to bid.

B. Gazebo Park

Supervisor DiPaola stated the grass seed has been planted and the grass is growing in nicely. Almstead Tree took care of the canopy and the sprinkler system in Gazebo Park is working well. Supervisor DiPaola is continuing to work with Eberlin & Eberlin to put some benches in the park to enhance the concert viewing experience and as well as to discourage people from using the park as a soccer field.

C. Ambulance update

Supervisor DiPaola recently held a meeting with Empress Ambulance service to discuss continuing to improve the service. Supervisor DiPaola also stated that he would look into Mr. Cassone's earlier comments about the ambulance taking 15-20 minutes to get to a call.

D. R.E.A.L. program

The program that Supervisor DiPaola has spearheaded in Pelham to obtain and maintain a list of senior citizens in need during emergencies is moving along well. A mailer has gone out to notify people to sign up. Also, seniors were able to sign up at the recent senior meeting in Pelham.

E. Constable's Report – Stu Hanson

On May 18th there will be a demonstration of emergency vehicles at Huguenot Church. Both of the constable's cars will be there for the third year in a row.

The Glover Field duty is going well and will be winding down after the last Pelham varsity game takes place.

Court duty is going well. The plans for the upgrade to the courtroom are looking good.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and enter into executive session for a personnel matter.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

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

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York