

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON JULY 1, 2013 AT THE TOWN
HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

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

ABSENT: DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM O'CONNOR, TOWN COUNSEL
THOMAS KLEINBERGER AND DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICA HYNES

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE

OTHERS PRESENT: 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.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Supervisor Peter DiPaola ask for a moment of silence for the 19
firefighters that lost their lives in Arizona.

I. OATH OF OFFICE

- 1) Constable** - Chief Constable Stewart Hanson introduced Terrence Brown to the
Town Board and recommended him for appointment as a new member of the
Town Constables.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to accept Terrence Brown as a Town
Constable.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor DiPaola then conducted the Oath of Office for Terrence Brown as the newest Town Constable.

2) Recreation Board - Supervisor DiPaola introduced Danny Green, who is being proposed for a seat on the Recreation Board. Mr. Green is a longtime resident of Pelham and is currently a patrolman on the Village of Pelham police force. Mr. Green will be filling Bram Fierstein's seat on the Rec Board.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to elect Danny Green to the Town of Pelham's Recreation Board.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor DiPaola then conducted the Oath of Office for Danny Green to the Recreation Board.

3) Town Assessor - Supervisor DiPaola reappointed Michele Casandra as Assessor for the Town of Pelham. Supervisor DiPaola then commented on the excellent job Ms. Casandra does as the Town Assessor.

Supervisor DiPaola then conducted the Oath of Office Michele Casandra as Assessor for the Town of Pelham.

4) Board of Review – Reappointment of William Clements to the Board of Review.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to reappointment of William Clements to the Board of Review.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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 June 3, 2013.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

- 1) On Friday, June 7th, Councilman Bell and Councilman McLaughlin attended a meeting of the newly re-constituted fields committee. The primary reason for the meeting was to meet Pelham's new Athletic Director. One of the main discussion points at the meeting was to give an overview of how successful the working relationship between the Town Rec. Dept., the School Board and the Pelham school officials has been in the past.

Councilman McLaughlin also made sure that everyone at the meeting was aware of many of the past agreements between the Town and Pelham School Board relating to Glover field. If the school board ever tries to do something at the fields not related to athletics, we are entitled to take back the fields.

- 2) Also, an update was given on the turf field construction. There was a slight delay due to the issuing of some permits, but everything is still on schedule.
- 3) The Pelham rugby situation has been resolved. The non-residents players can remain on our teams but they will no longer allow new non-residents players to be added to the program.
- 4) The Rec Dept. will hold a concussion class for all coaches of our Rec. sports programs sometime in September.
- 5) The enrollment numbers of the Rec Dept. summer camps look very good so far. They expect day camp numbers to be in the high 60's each week. Preliminary numbers for our summer sports clinics are also looking good. Many people do not sign up for these camps until the day of the camps.

The revenues from the Rec. Dept. programs are up this year vs. last year.

Lastly, the Recreation Dept. employs approximately 87 Pelham kids for the summer. They have also added many non-paid CIT positions this summer in order to train kids for next year.

- 6) The senior van made 130 trips in May. In June the number was 148 trips made. This is a sizable increase over past years.

Supervisor DiPaola then commended Carolyn Veith, our Senior Advocate for her excellent work in helping out an elderly resident in need. The resident was without gas service for almost three months because he couldn't get Con Edison to fix the problem. Within hours of being alerted to the problem, Ms. Veith contacted Senator Klein's office and coordinated with Con Ed to get the resident back into service.

B. Councilwoman Szymanski

- 1) **Pelham Guidance Center** – The PGC board is working on their new vision for the organization and is in the process of breaking the plan down into actionable steps. The name of the organization will also change and will be revealed in the near future.

A lot of the work that the PCG will do going forward will be group related work. They are coming up with programs for kids groups, parent groups, etc.

C. Councilman McLaughlin – Library report

There has been no Library board meeting since our last Town Board meeting.

The library is working on outsourcing the cleaning function.

Councilman Bell said that Huguenot Church in Pelham has had success in outsourcing functions such as cleaning, etc.

Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that the back steps at the library require some maintenance. He is proposing a redesign of the area to lessen the maintenance in the future.

IV. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

A. Constables

Supervisor DiPaola is asking the constables to monitor the area around the Town House, including Gazebo Park. He is putting on a regular tour from 5pm-9pm on Tuesday-Friday to patrol the area. The long-term plan is to add cameras to the area to monitor the area.

B. Police station lease

The police station lease for the Village of Pelham Police Dept. is coming due soon. Supervisor DiPaola is going to ask the police to monitor a close circuit camera feed of the area as part of the new lease.

C. Town-wide Town Hall meeting

There was some discussion about holding a public Town Hall style meeting where the public can come ask questions of representatives from all three governing bodies, the Town of Pelham, the Village of Pelham and the Village of Pelham Manor.

D. Gazebo Park

The area around Gazebo Park looks great but there is going to be another reseeding of the area. Supervisor DiPaola stated that the sprinkler system must be run 7 days a week to maintain the work that has been done in the park.

E. Pelham Children's Center

The Pelham Children's Center air conditioning system broke down recently and the whole system was fixed and back working within 2 ½ days. The PCC staff was very appreciative of the speedy service.

F. Trotta Park

We have the plans for Trotta Park and they will be distributed shortly.

V. TOWN HOUSE USAGE

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the use of the Town House for a wedding.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously.

VI. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 7:45pm

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York

