

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON JULY 9, 2012 AT THE
TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.**

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM O'CONNOR, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL AND COUNCILMAN DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE.

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE AND SEVERAL 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** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the June 4, 2012 meeting.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II. TURF FIELD – Current Friends of Pelham Sports board members present- Mike Volpe and Vincent Mazzaro

Mike Volpe, 103 Boulevard, Pelham, NY, Board member of Friends of Pelham Sports.

Mike talked about the goals of the Friends of Pelham Sports. FPS will continue to serve the community in many other ways once the turf field is built. FPS will continue to raise private funds for future projects in order to relieve the burden on public funds. Mr. Volpe also stated that the FPS has the support of several of the rec sports in Pelham including football, soccer, lacrosse and baseball. The turf field would also benefit other Pelham organizations, not just the sports programs, i.e. Pelham Civics for their Pelham Olympics and the Relay for Life.

Mr. Volpe stated that the Pelham Rec soccer program has taken in a surplus of funds over the years and the FPS would like the Town Board to consider turning over some of those funds to FPS to help maintain the turf field once it is built.

Councilman McLaughlin asked about the specifics of how the money goes to the school.

FPS treasurer Vincent Mazzaro said that a check is written to the school and the school is in charge of building the field.

Supervisor DiPaola asked if there would be a larger cost for the school doing the project due to regulations, etc.

Mr. Mazzaro stated that their consultant's estimates have a contingency factor built into them to account for the higher costs.

Mr. Volpe stated that the price of a turf field has come down dramatically since the initial bond proposal that was voted down in Pelham.

Councilman O'Connor and Councilman Bell asked about specifics of what the maintenance would entail.

Mr. Mazzaro said that a sweeper would need to be purchased and that the field needs to be swept once a month.

Councilman Bell then discussed that the overall maintenance for a turf field would be lower than it is now for a grass field.

Councilman O'Connor stated that the way the budgeting is done, there is no surplus of funds. However, there are some reserves within the budget.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Flycar report –

Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that he has an upcoming meeting with Empress ambulance service and with the Pelham fire chiefs. The meeting with Empress is to discuss moving them closer to Pelham in order to improve response times.

B. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

- 1) The last Recreation Dept. meeting was held June 11, 2012. In the meeting there was a presentation made by the NY Life Insurance Co. to propose running a child ID program. The Pelham Rec board felt that such a program would be better run by the village police departments instead of the Rec Dept.
- 2) The Modell's coupon program to benefit the Pelham Rec. Dept. is underway and working fine.
- 3) The summer band concert series is underway.
- 4) The online sports pilot to pay rec fees online is still a work in progress. The program has been a success so far but there are glitches in the system that have to be worked out.
- 5) The Rec Dept. also provided a finance update. They have received \$187k in revenues so far this year which is well above last year's numbers. Participation in most rec programs is up.

C. Councilman O'Connor - Councilman O'Connor mentioned that a member of the PCRA, Tyler Madoff, has disappeared on a trip to Hawaii and that the board wishes to express their deepest sympathies to the Madoff family.

D. Councilman McLaughlin – Library Report

The library roof needs to be totally replaced. We have received the NY State Library grant to help fix the library roof. The NY State Library Association has given 50% of the total cost. We are applying for another grant from NY State to pay for the other 50%.

The Town Board went out and asked for 7 bids to fix the roof. We received 4 bids back. The other 3 bidders refused to bid at all due to the prevailing wage provision. The lowest bid was \$84,500 and came from V&R Contracting of NY Inc. The board feels very comfortable with V&R as they have done work for the town in the past and we have been satisfied with their work.

The four bids that were received:

Joseph Salvatore & Sons	\$110,000
A & D Roofing	\$ 97,000
Rome Roofing	\$ 96,500
V & R Contracting	\$ 84,500

IV. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- A. Trotta Park** - Supervisor DiPaola and Councilman O'Connor had a meeting with the Village of Pelham mayor and village board trustees. The Pelham Town Board asked the Village of Pelham to resolve a few issues as soon as possible so we can move forward and begin construction of Trotta Park.
- B.** Supervisor DiPaola had a breakfast meeting with Con Edison and asked them for a generator for the Town House. Con Edison declined the request but Supervisor DiPaola is still working on other ways to obtain a generator.
- C.** Con Edison is launching a community program where they plan to assign a representative for each local community to be a direct contact person to Con Ed in case of an emergency. This person would be responsible for prioritizing where Con Ed worker should restore power within that community first based on who needs it the most.
- D.** Supervisor DiPaola announced that the next Town Board meeting will be held on August 20, 2012 instead of August 13, 2012.
- E.** Supervisor DiPaola announced that a public hearing for the local law #1 will be held on August 20, 2012 at our next Town Board meeting. The Board has already negotiated a contract with the New Rochelle Humane Society. Councilman O'Connor stated that the Village of Pelham taxpayer would see an additional line item on their bill to reflect the cost of the dog license program.

F. Tax Penalties forgiveness requests –

- 1) Lot # 167-37-1-68 is asking for forgiveness of the penalties incurred for paying their taxes late because they forgot to pay on time.

Town of Pelham receiver of taxes John Nesi does not recommend forgiving these penalties.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to accept the receiver of taxes request to not forgive the penalties.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

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

- 2) Lot # 164-45-1-51 is also asking for forgiveness of the penalties incurred for paying their taxes late because they forgot to pay on time.

Town of Pelham receiver of taxes John Nesi does not recommend forgiving these penalties.

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to accept the receiver of taxes request to not forgive the penalties.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor
Seconded by: Councilman McLaughlin

Vote taken:

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

G. Constable Lance Pendleton has resigned his constable position because of a change in jobs.

H. County Executive Rob Astorino is coming to Pelham to hold a town hall meeting on July 18, 2012 at 7:00pm at the Daronco Town House.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

The Supervisor asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Motion by: Councilman O'Connor
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously and the legislative meeting ended at about 8:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York

