

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN OF
PELHAM HELD ON AUGUST 20, 2012 AT THE TOWN HALL
COMMENCING AT 7:00P.M.**

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

ABSENT: TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE AND VARIOUS 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.

Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola then called for a moment of silence for Councilman McLaughlin brother and Councilman O'Connor close friend, Ben Newman, who both recently passed away.

I. PUBLIC HEARING – Local Law #1 Dog Licensing

- 1) Supervisor Peter DiPaola stated that the Village of Pelham has requested that the Town of Pelham take over dog licensing duties from the Village of Pelham. A local law needs to be passed describing the requirements and the fees.
- 2) Councilman O'Connor is fundamentally opposed to the takeover of the dog licensing and thinks this action by the Village of Pelham lacks common sense. The Town had no choice in this matter and is being forced to take over the dog licensing by the village. He also stated that the Village of Pelham's actions would create additional costs to the taxpayer that would otherwise be unnecessary.
- 3) Supervisor Peter DiPaola and Councilman O'Connor both stated that any costs of the dog licensing would be billed to the Village of Pelham taxpayer only and not to the Village of Pelham Manor taxpayer.
- 4) Councilman O'Connor commended the Supervisor for working very hard to try to keep the dog licensing program cost efficient while also changing vendors in order to get the best service possible. Councilman O'Connor also said that the Town will work hard to try to get more dogs licensed in order to increase revenues to help lower the overall cost to the taxpayer.

- 5) Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to pass the Local Law #1 for dog licensing.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

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

Motion carried unanimously.

II. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE PUBLIC HEARING

Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to close the public hearing on dog licensing at approximately 7:15pm.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case

Town Clerk
Pelham, New York