

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2012 AT THE
TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00P.M.**

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL AND
COUNCILMAN DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN.

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM
O'CONNOR

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE.

OTHERS PRESENT: TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, 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. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Szymanski - Flycar report

There is no flycar report as Councilwoman Szymanski was not present. She will
update the flycar report at the next meeting.

B. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

The Recreation commission meeting is taking place later tonight so Councilman Bell
will have a full report at next month's meeting.

C. Councilman McLaughlin – Library Report

The next Library Board meeting will be Wednesday, September 12 where they will
be installing new officers on their board. Current President John Lent will be
resigning after 11 years on the board with the last 4 years as the President. Margaret
Young will be the next Library Board President.

Both Supervisor DiPaola and Councilman McLaughlin paid Mr. Lent their highest compliments on the great job he has done as President of the Library board. Supervisor DiPaola commented that Mr. Lent will be missed and Supervisor DiPaola is making it a point to go to the Library meeting on Wednesday in order to let Mr. Lent know how much his job has been appreciated.

II. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- A. Approval of the minutes** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2012 public hearing.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously.

- B. Approval of the minutes** – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the August 20, 2012 legislative meeting.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously.

III. SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

- A. Trotta Park update** – Supervisor DiPaola said that we are moving forward with the plans for Trotta Park after resolving the major stumbling block.
- B. Pelham Children's Center** – Supervisor DiPaola stated that the Pelham Children's Center lease negotiations are ongoing. The next meeting with the PCC is scheduled to take place on September 18th. Minor details are left to work out and it should not be a problem to come to an agreement. Supervisor DiPaola then mention that one problem that the Children's center has expressed is that the space constricts the amount of students they can have in the program.

Councilman McLaughlin added that the PCC has 44 children and that is the maximum number of children that they are allowed to have based on the square footage. The PCC says that they cannot make a profit with only 44 students. Over the long run, the PCC would like to find a larger space in order to expand.

- C. 9/11 Ceremony** – A 9/11 ceremony will be held tomorrow morning in Pelham to commemorate the 11th anniversary of the 9/11/01 attacks.
- D. Empress Ambulance meetings** - Supervisor DiPaola discussed the ongoing protocol meetings with Empress Ambulance that are being held in order to see if we can continue to improve the service. Meeting will be held at least four times a year and will include the Village of Pelham manager and the Village of Pelham Manor administrator, as well as the fire chiefs and a police representative from each village.

We are also exploring the possibility of finding a place to leave an ambulance somewhere in Pelham. It would not be here on a permanent basis but would only be used as a staging area. Empress needs a few staging areas on our side of Westchester County due to several new contracts they have been given. We are trying to be the first in line in order to have Pelham be a staging area.

- E. Senior Citizen Information Sheet**-Councilman McLaughlin mentioned that back in June, Con Edison discussed a plan with the Town to appoint a community liaison in each town to be a contact person in case of an emergency. This person would be responsible for contacting Con Ed in case of a power outage in order for Con Ed to prioritize who need power restored first based on need, i.e. 24 hour oxygen requirement, etc.

Supervisor DiPaola said that the senior citizen information sheet would provide a list of those seniors that need immediate assistance. The question is how to go about updating the list. A few suggestions were to place a notice in the Pelham Weekly, to send letters out through the rec dept., or to send constables door to door. Also mentioned were handing out information sheets at senior citizens meetings and contacting local churches in order to build a database of citizens with needs.

F. Receiver of Taxes Report - Councilman Bell read into the record the monthly statement of the Receiver of Taxes. For the month of August 2012 the taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: State, County and Town taxes 14,551.53; penalties and interest 1,317.33; liens 9,957.49; taxpayer agreement 29,510.36; Misc. 2,376.00; pro-ratas 531.96. The total received for the month of August was \$58,244.67.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. A member of the public, John Cassone 312 7th Avenue, asked about the deteriorating condition of the gazebo area adjacent to the Daronco Town House. Supervisor DiPaola stated that this is a serious issue that has been discussed and needs to be resolved. A few members of the public are using this area for activities that are not allowed such as skateboarding and playing soccer. There is damage being caused to the property and it needs to stop. The Town board will discuss the best way to move forward to stop this whether it is the use of security cameras or a fence, etc.

B. Another member of the public, Steve Tsang 52 Young Ave, Pelham, raised concerns over the potential consolidation of the Village of Pelham Fire Department with the New Rochelle Fire Department.

Mr. Tsang was told that while the members of the Town board agreed with his concerns, this is a Village of Pelham issue and not a Town of Pelham issue. He was directed to go to the Village of Pelham with his issues.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

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

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:

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

Councilwoman Szymanski Absent

Motion carried unanimously and the legislative meeting ended at about 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York