

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON JULY 14, 2014 AT THE TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLO, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, COUCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE, AND TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER .

ABSENT: COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK COLLEEN WALSH.

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICAN HYNES, 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. Town Supervisor DiPaola welcomed Senator Klein's new representative Christina Lang to the meeting. Ms. Lang is a resident of the Town of Pelham.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the legislative meeting held on June 2, 2014.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman Case.

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola Aye

Councilman Bell Aye

Councilman McLaughlin Aye

Councilman Case Aye

II. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Rae Szymanski – Flycar

Councilwoman Szymanski was on business in Chicago. The latest numbers on the Flycar were not available for the meeting. The new Flycar should be delivered within a week. The Zoll defibrillator has been installed in the Flycar.

B. Councilman Dan McLaughlin – Library

Margaret Young, Chairman of the Library Board, attended the meeting to update the Town Board regarding the Library. (Ms. Young’s agenda and the information that she provided is attached at the end of these Minutes.)

1. Statistics from 2013
2. Grant Proposals to NYS for the Library
3. There have been two Estate Gifts made to the Library recently.

Statistics: these are available every year. The statistics include Pelham’s usage, the collection, and more. The Library is currently experiencing space constraints. The staff is weeding the collection according to which books have not been checked out recently.

eBooks have experienced an enormous growth, and these are purchased by WLS. The increase was 2,700 to currently 50,000.

Programs and attendance: Pelham Reads has been a huge success. Story time also has robust numbers for attendance. It is now being limited to 40 people for safety and the enjoyment of the program.

The number of cardholders decreased as these were also weeded for those that moved away or have not been active in the last few years. Circulation is trending down as people are spending less leisure time reading. The staff currently include 10 people, which is adequate for our Town.

Other facts of note in the information provided:

Benefits for staff is the biggest budget increase as these represent 40% of the average compensation package.

Print books are 35% of the collection.

Children's Programs are currently our strongest programs.

Grant Proposals:

Capital improvements are among the highlighted items bundled into this grant. The Library will go to the State to ask for the funds. These include roof repairs, interior lighting, exterior painting, the sign at Wolfs Lane, improvements to the basement stairwell, improve exterior lighting, and repair the back stairs which are disintegrating.

NYS requires that the Town is committed to the items in the grant before accepting the Proposal.

Estate Gifts:

Lenore Lam: Ms. Lam was a Pelham teacher at PMS, and she left \$26,000 in her will for Children's Books. This will be used, beginning with the 2015 budget, as \$5000 expenditures over five years.

Ted Mayer has gifted the Town Library with \$50,000 in his estate. Mr. Mayer was a Pelham resident and also a library employee. A small family foundation is being established to help best utilize the funds.

With the savings from the Children's Books due to Ms. Lam's gift to the Library, the Library Board is exploring a Library Museum Pass Program. There are 9 museums and the Library would hold annual memberships. Cardholders would take out the pass for a

day. In other municipalities, the passes are very popular. For five years, the 9-museum passes are \$12,000. The Library would continue with the museums that are used the most often.

The new Library website will be live shortly.

C. Councilman Timothy Case – Recreation Department

John Nesi received the John Marshall Award on June 9, 2014 at the Townhouse for his work with Pelham Little League. There was a great turnout for the event.

The Recreation Board Meeting addressed a few issues:

1. There had been a small issue of communication between the new Athletic Director and the Recreation Department, but this has been addressed and resolved.
2. Financially, the Rec Dept. is ahead of last year's numbers.
3. For Spring Road, the engineer is filing paperwork regarding the water situation. The engineer is filing with NYC to have the water meter there. The irrigation system is in place.
4. Town Council Tom Kleinberger will work with Councilman Case to get the contract for Spring Street, due in a year and a half, done on time.

D. Councilman Blake Bell

Two weeks ago, Councilman Bell met with the Chief of Constables, Stu Hansen, to make it clear that the Constables will focus on core issues, including patrolling Town Property and crossing young people to Glover Field. Vehicle traffic being handled in Mt. Vernon will be discussed further.

The Justice Reports for the Month of May:

Justice John Gardner collected \$27,897.00

Justice John Dechiaro collected \$36,367.00.

The Justice Reports for the Month of June:

Justice John Dechiaro collected \$40,903.50

Monthly Statement of the Receiver of Taxes, Town of Pelham for the Month of May 2014

Town/County 2014	2,253,799.26
Town/County 2013	2,177.71
School Taxes	70,415.45
School Collection Fee	380.80
Credit Card Fee (Town & School)	492.38
Duplicate Payments (Town)	(1,354.57)
Penalties and Interest	14,274.08
Taxpayers Agreement	157.47
Misc.	477.00
Pro-Ratas	4,164.80
Total	\$2,344,984.38

Monthly Statement of the Receiver of Taxes, Town of Pelham for the Month of June 2014

Town/County 2014	48,860.66
Town/County 2013	0
School Taxes	9,310.52
School Collection Fee	50.28
Credit Card Fee (Town & School)	0
Duplicate Payments (Town)	0
Penalties and Interest	3,217.46
Taxpayers Agreement	157.47

Misc.	130.00
Pro-Ratas	4,693.63
Total	\$72,003.70

E. Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola

1. Town Supervisor DiPaola had dinner with the two mayors and the President of the Board of Education to discuss ways in which they can all work together including the lighting and cameras at the Daronco Townhouse.
2. Penalty Waiver request for Lot 163.84-1-52 per a letter that was sent to the Receiver of Taxes. The Supervisor suggests that the advice of the Receiver of Taxes is followed.

The Supervisor asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm and enter into executive session to discuss a legal matter.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilman Case

Vote taken:

Supervisor DiPaola	Aye
Councilman Bell	Aye
Councilman McLaughlin	Aye
Councilman Case	Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at 8:09 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Walsh

Town Clerk

Pelham, New York