MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2019, AT DARONCO TOWN HOUSE COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, COUNCILMAN TIM CASE, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI AND TOWN COUNSEL TOM KLEINGERGER.

ABSENT: NONE

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK AMY RIOS

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DESIMONE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK FRANCINE CAMPION, AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

CALL TO ORDER: Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the Legislative Meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

1) **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
   a. Town Supervisor DiPaola asked the Board to review the minutes from the Legislative Meeting held on Monday October 7, 2019 for approval with minor changes to be made.

      Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
      Seconded by: Councilman Case

      Vote Taken
      Town Supervisor DiPaola – Aye
      Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye
      Councilman Bell - Aye
      Councilman Case – Aye
      Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

      Motion carried unanimously

Committee Reports

2) **Councilman Bell –**
   a. **MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES**

September 2019	
Town/County Taxes 2019	$6,432.40
Town/County Taxes 2018	$0.00
School Taxes	$24,204,050.35
	-$15.41
	$24,204,034.94
School Collection Fee	$154,887.74
	+$15.41
	$154,903.15
Credit Card Fee (Town & School)	$0.00
Duplicate Payments (Town or School)	$34,299.80 (total refund)
Penalties & Interest (Town)	$450.11
Liens	$0.00

Taxpayers Agreement	$796.74
Misc.	$20.00
Pro-Ratas	$336.59
Total	$24,401,273.73

b. MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE RECEIVER OF TAXES

October 2019

Town/County Taxes 2019	$4,443.97
Town/County Taxes 2018	$0.00
School Taxes	$6,513,745.64
School Collection Fee	$41,719.22
Credit Card Fee (Town & School)	$0.00
Duplicate Payments (Town or School)	$-34,299.80 (refund sent)
Penalties & Interest (School)	$9,428.90
(Town)	$311.08
(Liens)	$743.79
Total	$10,483.77

Liens	$14,875.83
Taxpayers Agreement	$1,463.86
Misc.	$397.00
Pro-Ratas	$16,055.32
Total	$6,568,884.81

c. **MONTHLY STATEMENT OF THE TOWN CLERK**

October 2019

6 Marriage Licenses ($40 each)	$240.00
6 Sent to the State Dept of Health ($22.50 each)	$135.00 CH# 1068
12 Marriage Transcripts ($10 each)	$120.00
19 Hunting/Fishing Licenses	$778.00
To DEC	$0.00
7 Dogs (7 at $16 and 0 at $23)	$112.00
1 Replacement Tag	$5.00
9 EZ Pass Tags ($25 each)	$225.00
Misc.	$105.00
Total Deposit Cash and Checks	$1,389.00
Total Credit Card Deposit	$206.00
Total Deposit	$1,595.00

3) Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin- Library

a. There is a stair rotten in the staff entrance that needs to be repaired.

b. Board meeting with the Library discussed the FTE (Full Time Equivilent) increasing. Asked for additional information from Keith Keaveney. Still have not gotten that information. The board needs that information in order to decide on the increase.

c. There was an issue when Senator Biaggi was at the Library and she had to admonish some youths. It was after school and the library was packed, it was not a major event and was only a small fraction of the discussion. Most of what was discussed was funding for expanding the library. There is some concern that the funding we will get from Senator

Biaggi and Assembly Member Amy Paulin may not be enough and we will need to supplement with some fundraising.

d. The tree came down today.

4) **Councilwoman Szymanski**

Ambulance Response Time Report

October

83 calls
42 Pelham
41 Pelham Manor
6 Hutch
1 I95

Average Ambulance Response Time for the backup was 56% under 6 minutes 45% under 7.44 minutes.

a. Spoke with Scott on Friday at the last football game. Based on what happened at the last game when the fly car had to leave, they put a BLS ambulance there. Next year we need to be more diligent with giving Empress the full sports schedule for home games. It is in our contract to have an ambulance on site for games. There was a discussion about if it is a NYS Law to have an ambulance at every game.

5) Recreation – Councilman Case

a. Field work ongoing at Glover. Hoping end of March early April. Depends on how the turf settles.

b. Tennis Courts – did not paint the lines. It needs to be above 50 degrees so that won't happen until spring.

c. The Recreation Department will not have summer programs at Prospect Hill or Hutchinson for Summer 2020 due to construction at both sites.

d. ½ Marathon coming up Nov. 30th. Will start and end at the Town House. Should there be an ambulance present?

e. Rec Board Meeting Tues 11/12.

6) Supervisor Report – Supervisor DiPaola

a. Tentative Budget Overview

i. Councilman Bell suggested dipping into the contingency fund to get the budget down below the tax cap since it hadn't been touched at all this year. Ruthanne DiSimone suggested not using that because there are a lot of renovation projects going on and we may need to have a little bit of room. There are several things that can be done to get us under budget.

1. Built into the budget right now is a 2% increase for the staff. There are a couple of requests for full time requests for a few different offices including the judges, tax office, recreation department and the library.

2. We increased the mortgage tax $20,000. We usually leave that as a cushion, but it is coming in around $400,000 this year, so we bumped that up to $360,000.

3. We discussed increasing the collection fees for the school taxes to 0.0074%. If we are going to increase it, we will need a resolution.

b. **RESOLUTION** – Councilman Bell moved the following resolution: RESOLVED, that the school collection be increased from 0.0064% to 0.0074% effective January 1, 2020.
Motion by Councilman Bell
Seconded by Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote Taken
Town Supervisor DiPaola – Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye
Councilman Bell - Aye
Councilman Case – Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

b. TAX PENALTY FORGIVENESS REQUEST

Lot 164.37-1-1 Taxpayer has suffered, and is continuing to suffer a life-threatening illness and, consequently, were late on the School Tax due September 30, 2019. After paying a 2% late penalty fee of $140.45, the taxpayers for the lot seek a penalty forgiveness in the amount of $140.45. Discussion followed noting that such a request fits within the narrow bounds of discretion that, by law, allows the Town Board to approve the penalty forgiveness request.

Motion by Councilman Bell
Seconded by Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin

Vote Taken
Town Supervisor DiPaola – Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye
Councilman Bell - Aye
Councilman Case – Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

c. SENIOR CITIZEN ACCOUNT

The Town Seniors, in years past, created a 501(c)(3) that maintained a bank account that, with interest, has grown to an amount of $54,410.32. The Town Seniors now offer to the Town a donation in that amount to permit them to close the account and ask that the Town respect their wishes that, if the money is accepted, it be used for the benefit of the Seniors program.

Discussion followed regarding the Seniors program and how the money might be spent.

RESOLUTION – Councilman Bell moved the following resolution: RESOVLED, that the Town Board of the Town of Pelham accept from the Town Seniors the donation of $54,410.32 from the Town Seniors' bank account which, thereafter, will be closed. The Town intends, consistently with the law and its legal obligations and its discretion to appropriate these funds for the benefit of the Seniors and the Senior Program that is part of the Recreation Department of the Town. This Resolution is to be revisited on an annual basis

with said money to be used to increase the revenue of the "Miscellaneous" line item in the budget. The Town Board will consider increasing appropriate Senior Program grants within its budget on an as needed basis as is determined to be legally necessary and appropriate for such purposes.

Motion by Councilman Bell
Seconded by Councilman Case

Vote Taken
Town Supervisor DiPaola – Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye
Councilman Bell - Aye
Councilman Case – Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

Discussed putting it in the Organizational Meeting so that it is taken care of every year at the beginning of the year.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:34 pm to discuss employee issues.

Motion by: Councilman Case
Seconded by: Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin

Vote Taken
Town Supervisor DiPaola – Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Absent
Councilman Bell - Aye
Councilman Case – Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted
Amy Rios
Town Clerk