

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 13TH, 2017 AT THE DARONCO TOWN HOUSE COMMENCING AT 7:01 PM

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI. TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK MICHAEL RECCA

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

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the legislative meeting to order at 7:01PM.

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. Supervisor DiPaola asked the Board to review the minutes from the January 9th Organizational meeting. After review, there were three changes recommended.
 - i. Motion to Approve Minutes, with the changes recommended by the board was made by Councilman Case
 - ii. Seconded by Councilman Bell
 1. Voting:
 - a. Supervisor DiPaola- Aye
 - b. Deputy Supervisor-McLaughlin- Aye
 - c. Councilman Bell- Aye
 - d. Councilman Case- Aye
 - e. Councilwoman Szymanski- Aye
 - iii. Motion carried unanimously
- b. Supervisor DiPaola asked the Board to review the minutes from the January 9th Legislative meeting. After review, there was one change recommended by the Board.
 - i. Motion to Approve Minutes, with the changes recommended by the board was made by Councilman Bell
 - ii. Seconded by Councilman Case
 1. Voting:
 - a. Supervisor DiPaola- Aye
 - b. Deputy Supervisor-McLaughlin- Aye

- c. Councilman Bell- Aye
- d. Councilman Case- Aye
- e. Councilwoman Szymanski- Aye

iii. Motion carried unanimously

II. Committee Reports

a. Councilwoman Szymanski-Fly Car

- i. Councilwoman Szymanski submitted reports on Fly Car usage and response times for the month of January 2017. Councilwoman Szymanski highlighted the following in her report:
 - 1. There were 31 Calls in Pelham, 21 in Pelham Manor, and 3 on the Hutchison River Parkway.
 - 2. 57% of calls were answered under 5 minutes and 42% within 5-9 minutes. There were less calls this month then there normally are.
 - 3. On 2/3/17, Pelham Community Rowing Association (PCRA) had an event at the PMHS, Empress provided a dedicated basic life support fly car for the event. This allowed the advanced life support fly car to be on alert for emergencies within the community that may have occurred during the event. Empress also provided a fly car for the Pelham Half Marathon back on 11/26/16
 - 4. Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin circulated a Wall Street Journal article on the success the Bronx County is having in deploying fly car's this year. The fly car responds to the emergency and then once the ambulance arrives, the ambulance transports the patient to the Emergency Room, allowing the fly car to stay in town to handle any subsequent emergencies. Our advanced life support fly car is essentially a floating emergency room, which is critical in life threatening situations.

b. Councilman Bell-Legal

- i. Tax Receiver Report- Monthly Statement from the Receiver of Taxes. The report for the month of January 2017 is below:
 - 1. Town County Taxes 2017 Received: \$ 0
 - 2. Town County Taxes 2016 Received: \$4,186.92
 - 3. School Taxes Received: \$19,717,453.36
 - 4. School Collection Fee: \$126,207.26
 - 5. Credit Card Fee (School): \$935.86
 - 6. Duplicate Payments-School: (\$30,169.07)
 - 7. Penalties & Interest: \$5,853.71

8. Liens: \$14,124.35
 9. Taxpayers Agreement: \$0
 10. Misc. \$360.00
 11. Pro-Ratas: \$5,512.67
 12. Total: \$19,904,803.26
- ii. Town Court Justice Fund Internal Reporting- For the month of January 2017, Justice DeChiaro remitted \$23,894.50, Justice Gardner remitted \$19,697.50
 - iii. Supervisor DiPaola and Councilman Bell met with the Constables regarding the establishment of this Benevolent Association, called the Constables Benevolent Association (CBA). The CBA is a vehicle for the Town to accept donations specifically earmarked for the Town Constables. Recognizing that there are other benevolent associations in town and in an effort to not compete with them the CBA has agreed to not solicit donations in town. As of now the CBA has corporate pledges of several thousand dollars. They are now working with the Board on the best uses of those monies. The primary goal is to not raise the tax levy so the Board will work the CBA to identify necessary items to purchase. Additionally, they have received a pledge for a new constable vehicle which is needed for us. All of the legal and accounting work is being done by volunteers to ensure that the CBA is following all necessary legal procedures to stay current as a non-profit organization.
 - iv. Supervisor DiPaola addressed the issue of back taxes, the Town of Pelham is actively seeking back taxes and using every legal method possible to recover these taxes. The revenue generated has allowed the town to not raise the tax levy the past 3 years.

c. Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin-Library

- i. Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin provided an update on the Library. There has been concern with traffic in and around the library especially during MS/HS dismissal. Cars are using the library parking lot as a two-way entrance/exit. The plan was to do a survey of the area to see if turning the parking lot into a one-way entrance and one way exit if it would fix the congestion issue. Supervisor DiPaola called the Village of Pelham Manor and Village Manager John Pierpont confirmed to Supervisor DiPaola that original permit given to the library only allows a one-way entrance and exit. Cars must enter on Wolfs and must exit on Carol. The Pelham Manor Police Department has not been enforcing this. The Town is going to add signage in the area. The Town will work with the School

requesting the school notify parents not to block the area and waiting for kids to dismiss at that area. The first step is to make the announcement and add signage but we may need to assign a constable if the situation does not improve.

ii. The next Library Board meeting is next month.

d. Councilman Case- Recreation

- i. Councilman Case provided an update on the Recreation Department. The next Recreation Commission is tonight, 2/13/17. The Recreation Department is looking for nominees for the annual Marshall Award. Nominees are chosen in March/April and the award is given out in May/June. The department is still working on finding a new registration system, but due to weather and some other scheduling issues those meetings haven't occurred yet. Fred Fiorito looked into changing the lights at Glover Field to LED and the cost was extraordinarily prohibitive. It would cost \$1,000,000 to convert the Lights. The Board was informally in agreement that they would not explore this further.
- ii. Councilman Case attended a PACT Board Meeting on January 25th, PACT is having their Town Hall at the Pelham Picture House on Wednesday March 15th. There will be a movie and then a discussion afterwards. JCafe and PACT have teamed up to create a safe place for kids to spend time afterschool. JCafe is offering Free Burgers on Mondays, 1/2 priced wings on Wednesday's for kids only. The Board is very appreciative of JCafe's efforts to help PACT.
- iii. PACT is hosting Field Fest 5/31/17, there will be bands, food, games etc. The kids are organizing everything. They are still searching for a location.

III. Supervisor's Report

- a. Supervisor DiPaola spoke about the Constable Program, this program has been great for our town and they provide a very real and necessary service for our town. The constables do a great job in the court room and the DA's, attorneys and guests all appreciate the work of the constables. The constables also do a great job helping our kids cross at Glover Field.
- b. The Board discussed how the closing of the Fulton Ave Drawbridge has affected traffic in the area around Glover Field, especially around 4-6 PM. After a lengthy discussion, the Board decided they would speak to the City of Mount Vernon about additional policing in that area during busy times around 4-6 PM. The meeting would be between our Chief of Constables and the Chief of Police.

IV. New Business

- a. Tax Certiorari Settlement. There is a resolution for the property 4301 Boston Post Road. There is a certiorari settlement proposed.
- b. Resolved, that the tax certiorari proceeding relating to the 4301 Boston Post Road LLC property (166.33-1-1) located at 4301 Boston Post Road, Pelham Manor be corrected and accepted by the Town's special counsel as follows:
 - i. 2015 Tax Year- No reduction, no refund
 - ii. 2016 Tax Year- Reduction of 1,349,000, at the tax rate of \$0.6955 per \$1000 of assessed value creates a refund due of \$938.23
 - iii. 2017 Tax Year- Reduction of 1,349,000, there is no refund due.
- c. There is no refund due in 2017 tax year because the bills have not been issued yet, thus the reduction in assessed value can be changed prior to the issuance of the bill.

V. Executive Session

- a. There was a motion by Councilwoman Syzmanski and seconded by Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin to enter into executive session to discuss matters relating to the employment history of a particular person and/or corporation.
- b. There was a motion by Councilman Bell and seconded by Councilman Case to exit Executive Session.

VI. Adjournment

- a. There was a motion to adjourn made by Councilman Syzmanski and seconded by Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Michael Recca

Town Clerk

Pelham, NY