

**MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE  
TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2018 AT DARONCO TOWN  
HOUSE, COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

**PRESENT:** SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL,  
COUNCILMAN TIMOTHY CASE, COUNCILWOMAN RAE SZYMANSKI, AND TOWN  
COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER

**ABSENT:** DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN and DEPUTY TOWN  
CLERK JESSICA HYNES

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** TOWN CLERK AMY RIOS

**OTHERS PRESENT:** CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR RUTHANN  
DESIMONE AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**CALL TO ORDER-** Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the Legislative Meeting to order at 7:00  
P.M.

**1) Approval of Minutes**

- a) Supervisor DiPaola asked the Board to review the minutes from the Public Hearing and  
Legislative meetings held on February 12, 2018.

1. Councilman Bell moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and  
Organizational Meeting contingent with a few spelling changes to be made.

Motion by: Councilman Case  
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Voting taken

Supervisor DiPaola- Aye  
Deputy Supervisor-McLaughlin- Not present  
Councilman Bell- Aye  
Councilman Case- Aye  
Councilwoman Szymanski- Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

**2) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**1) Councilwoman Szymanski - Fly Car**

- a) Councilwoman Szymanski provided the Board with the reports for the  
months of February 2018 for entry into the minutes.

b) February 2018 Report – Total 56 Calls

Pelham 29 calls

Pelham Manor 27 calls

Hutchison River Parkway 5 calls

50% answered in 5 minutes or less and 50% answered between 5 and 9 minutes.

- c) Back up ambulance time average was 8 minutes and 52 seconds. RuthAnn DiSimone observed that the ambulance has been on 1<sup>st</sup> Ave over by the Hutchison entrance, so that may be why the time has been reduced. The second ambulance will be on hand for the bridge closure this coming weekend. Scott has worked it out with Chief DiNapoli. Chief DiNapoli may not have sent the plans with all the other Village Chiefs or the Town Board. Councilwoman Szymanski has gotten the email addresses for everyone to make sure that future plans can be a cooperative effort.
- d) The BLS ambulance was at the Middle School for the rowing event in February. Jeff Baynan has asked also for the ambulance to be at the event in March at the Y in New Rochelle. Scott is not sure if they can be there Pelham Fly Car can be at that event. The New Rochelle Fly Car should be at that event. Councilwoman Szymanski will work the specifics out with Scott.

**2) Councilman Bell - Legal**

**A) Tax Receiver Report- Monthly Statement from the Receiver of Taxes.**

**(1) The report for the month of February 2018 is below:**

**(a) Town/County Taxes 2017 Received: \$ 0.00**

**(b) Town/County Taxes 2016 Received: \$0.00**

**(c) School Taxes Received: \$4,374,913.32**

**(d) School Collection Fee: \$28,003.33**

**(e) Credit Card Fee:**

**(i) Town- \$0**

**(ii) School- \$249.40**

**(f) Duplicate Payments-School: \$0.00**

**(g) Penalties & Interest: \$19,615.86**

(T) 0.00

(L) \$0.00

(S) \$19,615.86

**(h) Liens: \$0.00**

**(i) Taxpayers Agreement: \$34,551.21**

- (j) Misc. \$445.00
- (k) Pro-Ratas: \$659.41
- (l) Total: \$4,458,437.53

**B) Town Court Justice Fund Internal Reporting**

**(1) January 2018:**

- (a) Justice Gardner remitted \$33,618.50 filed 2/13/2018
- (b) Justice DeChiaro remitted \$33,554.50 filed 2/16/2018

**3) Supervisor DiPaola- Library**

Board meeting next week. They have asked the Town Board to be present to discuss some issues with their structure.

**4) Councilman Case – Recreation Department**

- (1) Missed last board meeting because of the Town board meeting. The next meeting is next Monday 3/12.
- (2) Everything is online and everything is going very smoothly.
  - (a) The last program to go online was basketball. All camps will be on next week. It will be even easier next year now that all the programs are online.

**5) Supervisor's Report**

**a) Storm Reports**

- A) Worked with both Villages to coordinate efforts. Were able to keep the Doranco Town House open as a warming center. No one has had to use it. One person was there today, but they may have gotten electricity. There is coverage until 6 am. I have a feeling that there may be quite a bit of coverage this week because we have another storm coming.
- B) Emergency Operation Center (EOC) phone call. Pelham had a lot of damage, there was a tremendous amount of trees that came down. But there was lots of damage to northern Westchester. One community had virtually no power and there is only 1 NYSEG truck there. Heritage Hills has no power, there is a central warming station. Another community was supposed to be turned back on by 11 pm, but there is no way that can happen. Con Ed had trucks come in from all over to help with the relief effort. There has not been an effort of this magnitude since Sandy.

C) Carolyn Veith – Resident Emergency Assistance List (REAL)

Program Coordinator – came in and called every person that was on the REAL list that was either a senior or a person in need of assistance in the affected area to make sure that they had their medicine, food, water and other basic necessities. Everyone was either being taken care of by a neighbor or a relative. This is the second or third time that this has been put into effect and it works really well. We are able to make sure that all of our residents are well taken care of. We urge everyone, if you know someone that is not on the list, please put them on the list. Carolyn is always asking people in the Seniors Program if there is anyone that is not on the list.

- b) There is another big storm coming up. There have been two reports, one says 6-12 and the other says 3-6. The winds are supposed to be up to 60 mph.
- (1) Holiday Tree has to come down. The arborist says the root system is completely gone and will have to come down. We will put another one in its place.
  - (2) Storm Recap – Councilman Bell – Town House open as a shelter for two nights, constables present both nights, Carolyn called the REAL list, the Library made announcements and was made available as a recharging station for residents. Supervisor DiPaola was on conference calls with Con Ed. Now there is the potential to be in this situation again. Potentially sheltering and constable present for safety reasons. There are cots in the FEMA closet.
    - (a) Do not come to shelter because of your pet. They can come to the shelter.

**6) New Business**

- A) Dog Mailer – The board really likes the mailer. Post the flyer in the supermarket, on the Town Clerk’s Board.
- (1) Doggy Day – Humane Society will be there. Lets invite Pelham Manor to come so that they can register dogs as well.
  - (2) Town Clerks Boards – they have been in Town since 1880’s. They are 8 feet tall because you were supposed to be able to read them from horse back. Councilman Blake is preparing an article about the Town Clerk’s Boards.
- B) Tax Receiver has received a request for penalty forgiveness. No action will be taken. The individual lost the payment in their car. This does not rise to the level of the statute of the law, therefore the Board will take no action.

- C) Children's Center was approached by Con Ed to switch to an energy efficient lighting for the whole facility. Con Ed had offered to partner with the Town, but the Town felt it would be nicer to take care of the entire cost. The project has been completed.

RESOLUTION TO REIMBURSE WILL DAN LIGHTING AND ELECTRIC INCORPORATED 126 SCOTT AVE BROOKLYN NY 11237 \$2,602.00 FOR WORK DONE ON THE CHILDREN'S CENTER.

Motion: Councilwoman Szymanski

Seconded: Councilman Bell

Voting taken

Supervisor DiPaola- Aye

Deputy Supervisor-McLaughlin- Not present

Councilman Bell- Aye

Councilman Case- Aye

Councilwoman Szymanski- Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

- D) Elevator – Confidential Secretary Ruthanne DeSimone received the contract for the elevator. The elevator will be where the ramp is. It will mimic the design of the building. It will be a stucco structure. It is an exterior elevator. The elevator will go to the basement up to the second floor. It will be ground level entry from outside. The store room will be turned into a hallway with enough width to have closets on the side for storage and it will be wide enough for a stroller and wheelchairs.
- E) Generator – Confidential Secretary Ruthanne DeSimone we can start drawing down on the money for the generator.

**7) Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm**

**A) Purpose**

**(1) To discuss legal matters concerning an employee**

Motion by: Councilman Case

Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Voting taken

Supervisor DiPaola- Aye  
Deputy Supervisor-McLaughlin- Not Present  
Councilman Bell- Aye  
Councilman Case- Aye  
Councilwoman Szymanski- Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Rios  
Town Clerk

