

MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019, AT TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM.

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

ABSENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK AMY RIOS

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

CALL TO ORDER: Deputy Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin called the Legislative Meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Deputy Town Supervisor wanted to announce that he has spoken with the Town Supervisor DiPaola and he and his daughter are doing ok.

1) APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- a. Deputy Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review the minutes from the Public Hearing and the Legislative Meeting held on Monday, April 8, 2019 for approval. Minutes approved.

Motion by: Councilman Case
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

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

Motion carried unanimously

- 2) Councilman Bell applauded the work of the Constables during a Court session in which a defendant attacked his attorney. He was very impressed by how they deescalated the situation.
- 3) Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin gave a lesson on Town Government to a student visitor, Ryan Connell who is studying Criminal Justice from Iona College.

Committee Reports

I. Councilman Bell – Justice Reports and Tax Receiver Report –

a. TAX RECEIVER REPORT FOR APRIL 2019

Town/County Taxes 2019	\$13,163,085.03
Town/County Taxes 2018	\$3,383.25
School Taxes	\$101,309.66
School Collection Fee	\$648.35
Credit Card Fee (Town or School)	S \$161.05
	T 1,239.51
Duplicate Payments	2018
	T \$405.99
	S \$ 11,227.93
	Refund \$7,740.64
Penalties & Interest	\$11,633.92
Liens	\$0.00
Taxpayers Agreement	\$936.95
Misc.	\$365.00
Pro-Ratas	\$1,044.54
Total	\$13,291,547.90

II. Deputy Supervisor McLaughlin – Library

a. Board Meeting Last Wednesday May 1, 2019.

i. Discussed the survey responses

May 4th 353 responses

92% respondents use Pelham library, Mount Vernon 4% and Bronxville 9%

80% daily/weekly/monthly

95% take out books

45% wished the library had additional comfortable seating

43% wished the library was open for more hours – Currently the library is open for 40 hours per week. – not sure how this can be accomplished due to budget constraints. In the past it has been difficult to get staff in on Sunday.

12% the space and furnishings were poor

13% childrens space and furnishing poor

52% said they would like to have more author talks – Augusta has been trying to get more authors to come

87% 30-65 years old

ii. Programs

1. 2 book clubs

a. After Dark Book club at 7:30 pm

b. Morning Book club at 10:30 am

2. Museum Passes for a family of 4

3. Knitting Mondays at 6:30 – 8:45 pm

4. Adult Coloring

5. Upcoming Events

a. May 11th Treasures in the Attic

III. Councilman Case – Recreation

a. Marshall Award May 13th 7 pm – Shae Humpries

b. Glover Complex Late October/November – closing the field for updating. Hopefully it will be completed by Spring.

IV. Councilwoman Szymanski

a. March

77 calls

40 Pelham

37 Pelham Manor

9 Hutch

Average Ambulance Response Time 47% under 5 minutes

62% under 6 minutes

The backup ambulance average time was 9 minutes and 47 seconds

b. April

62 Calls

36 Pelham

26 Pelham Manor

2 Hutch

Average Ambulance Response Time 50% under 5 minutes

63% under 6 minutes

The backup ambulance average time was 9 minutes and 19 seconds

c. Discussion ensued about Empress being purchased.

V. New Business

a. Resignation of Daniel Manich from the Board of Assessment Review. Appointment of Nicholas Malone to fill the term which expires September 30, 2020.

b. Certiorari Settlement

Resolved, that the tax certiorari proceeding relating to the Acquisition America, LLC Property (1263.44-1-30) located at 21 5th Avenue, Pelham be corrected and accepted by the Town's special council as follows:

Assesment Year	Current AV	Corrected AV	Net Reduction	Tax Rate	Refund
2013	4,000,000	3,950,000	50,000	\$0.7445	\$37.23
2014	4,000,000	3,950,000	50,000	\$0.7171	\$35.86
2015	4,080,000	4,050,000	30,000	\$0.6955	\$20.87
2016	4,080,000	4,080,000	0	\$0.6793	\$0.00
2017	4,100,000	4,100,000	0	\$0.6625	\$0.00
				Total	\$93.95

Motion by: Councilman Bell

Seconded by: Councilman Case

Vote Taken

Town Supervisor DiPaola – Absent

Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye

Councilman Bell - Aye

Councilman Case – Aye

Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

- c. Village of Pelham has a Sustainability Advisory Board and they had a meeting last Saturday regarding confronting climate change and different initiatives in other Towns. Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin, Mayor Mullen and most of the Village Trustees were in attendance and Westchester County Executive George Latimer. They discussed managing trees and shrubs.
- d. Memorial Day Parade Monday May 27th Start in front of Manor Club at 11:30. Gather at 11 am. We encourage all the Board to march in the parade.

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:40 pm to discuss Personnel Matters.

Motion by: Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin

Seconded by: Councilwoman Case

Vote Taken

Town Supervisor DiPaola – Absent

Deputy Town Supervisor McLaughlin – Aye

Councilman Bell - Aye

Councilman Case – Aye

Councilwoman Szymanski – Aye

Motion carried unanimously

Respectfully Submitted

Amy Rios

Town Clerk