

**MINUTES OF THE LEGISLATIVE MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN
OF PELHAM HELD ON TUESDAY JULY 7, 2020 VIA ZOOM CALL,
COMMENCING AT 7:00 PM**

PRESENT: TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR RAE SZYMANSKI, COUNCILMAN TIM CASE, COUNCILWOMAN KRISTEN BURKE, COUNCILWOMAN MAURA CURTIN AND TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK ANTOINETTE CLEMENTE

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DESIMONE, MOLLY GIROLAMO (DEPUTY TOWN CLERK), AUGUSTA TURNER (LIBRARY), MARYANNE JOYCE (FROM NY STATE SENATOR ALESSANDRA BIAGGI'S OFFICE) AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin called the Legislative Meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Town Supervisor Daniel McLaughlin asked the Board to review the minutes from the Legislative meeting held on June 2, 2020.

Motion By: Councilman Case
Seconded by: Councilwoman Szymanski

Vote Taken:
Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilman Case- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye

Motion carried unanimously

2. Molly Girolamo sworn in as Deputy Town Clerk

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1) DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR SZYMANSKI-

a. FLY CAR REPORT

Month of June 2020-

Pelham- 25

Pelham Manor- 27

HRP- 2

I95- 4

Back-up ambulance response time 7 minutes 52 seconds 50% of the calls were answered in 5 minutes and under. 62% of calls were answered in 6 minutes and under.

b. FOIL REQUEST

Received FOIL request for Empress contract and statistics. Rae forwarded to Tom Kleinberger (Town Attorney).

2) COUNCILMAN CASE- RECREATION

Recreation Camps started July 6, 2020 with fewer campers

Camps are taking place at four locations (Glover field, Prospect, Siwanoy and Franklin field) with groups of 10 campers/2 counselors per section. There are several sections running throughout the day.

Some sections of next week's camp are sold out and we will be increasing the numbers to 15 campers/2 counselors per group over various sections.

Councilman Case thanked the school administration and staff and the recreation department for their support and flexibility

Councilwoman Burke asked if campers were allowed into buildings in the case of emergency (ie. storms). Councilman Case will follow up with a safety plan.

3) COUNCILWOMAN BURKE- JUSTICE, TAX RECEIVER AND TOWN CLERK REPORTS

a. Court Report

Courts are expected to reopen in August.

Safety measures have been taken in the Town House (plexiglass, etc.)

b. Tax Receiver Report June 2020

Town/County 2020- \$134,457.44, Town/County 2019- \$0,

School Taxes- \$24,020.38 School Collection Fee- \$153.74,

Credit Card Fee (Town or School) \$0

Duplicate Payments (Town or School) \$0, Refund Sent- \$0

Penalties & Interest \$4,707.94{(S)\$2,900.90 (T/C)\$979.95 (L) \$481.55

(2019 T/C) \$945.54}

Liens- \$48,154.64- Tax Payers Agreement-\$1,474.07,

Misc. \$18.00, Pro-Ratas- \$0

Total- \$212,985.64

c. Town Clerk Monthly Report for June 2020

Marriage License- 3 @ \$40.00 = \$120.00

Marriage Sent to State- \$67.50

Marriage Transcripts- \$30.00

DEC- \$0 Dogs-\$39.00

EZPass- \$50.00

Misc -\$5.00 (dog replacement tag)

Total Deposit- \$244.00

Total Paid Out- \$67.50

Total to Town-\$176.50

d. Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Burke to connect with the two Police Chiefs regarding issues with the Passport company.

4) COUNCILWOMAN CURTIN-LIBRARY

Library is still operating with curbside service.

Supervisor McLaughlin, Councilwoman Curtin, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor-Ruthann DeSimone and Comptroller Samantha Losurdo held a meeting with the library staff to discuss the pending bathroom renovation.

Different timing and funding issues were discussed. We have a current accepted bid for renovation with the town being responsible for 50% (\$35,000) of the total cost to complete the project.

A motion was made to move forward with the project now while the library is closed utilizing \$26,000 of library reserves and \$9,000 from the town.

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke

Seconded: Councilman Case

Vote taken:

Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye
Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye
Councilman Case- Aye
Councilwoman Burke- Aye
Councilwoman Curtin- Aye

Motion carried unanimously

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

a. Assessor report - Grievance day is July 22nd by appointment only. Two sessions am and pm. Contact Joe Battaglia for more information

b. Molly Girolamo supervised her first election on June 23rd. Everything went well. We had to do a deep clean afterward which had to be added to the original deep clean invoice.

c. Supervisor McLaughlin, Confidential Secretary to the Supervisor Ruthann DeSimone and Comptroller Samantha Losurdo attended an online class on fund accounting -very informative.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

a. Update Town Website – Councilwoman Curtin

Supervisor McLaughlin and Councilwoman Curtin signed the agreement for the new town website/webcam. This will be up and running in 6-8 weeks.

b. Discussion on Town Facilities Usage

Councilwoman Burke reported receiving inquiries to use the Town House and other town properties from small business owners.

Councilwoman Szymanski reiterated that our usage policy allows for only non-profit organizations and this would require a policy change

Discussion about small businesses partnering with the Recreation department to utilize town space. Councilwoman Burke will circle back with the Recreation department.

c. Moving Town Board Meetings Back to Mondays

Councilman Case made a motion to move Town Board meetings back to Monday nights beginning in October 2020.

Second: Supervisor McLaughlin

Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye

Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye

Councilman Case- Aye

Councilwoman Burke- Aye

Councilwoman Curtin- Aye

Motion carried unanimously

****Note: August meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020
September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020**

New schedule (after Sept. 8 meeting):

Monday, October 5, 2020

Wednesday, October 14, 2020 (Budget Workshop)

Monday, November 9, 2020

Monday, November 30, 2020 (Public Hearing)

Monday, December 14, 2020 (Budget Adoption)

5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Presentation by Gabrielle Sasson – 29 Storer Ave. and Anna Riel - 39 1st Ave.

From Climate Smart Community Task Force

Looking for leadership and financial support from the town for food scrapping/waste to compost program

Village of Pelham is open to providing location for compost bin at the municipal lot behind Wolf's Lane

Westchester County moving forward with pick-up program starting in September

Over 20 Westchester communities already have compost programs

Initial cost associated with the program: \$9,000 start up (full year pick up and haul)

\$11,000 kits for residents to purchase

Supervisor McLaughlin commented that we are open to discussion regarding this program, but that financial support would be a challenge given the town's loss of court and recreation income.

Motion to end Legislative meeting at 8:16 PM

Motion by: Councilwoman Burke

Seconded by: Councilwoman Curtin

Vote Taken:

Supervisor McLaughlin- Aye

Deputy Town Supervisor Szymanski- Aye

Councilman Case- Aye

Councilwoman Burke- Aye

Councilwoman Curtin- Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette Clemente
Town Clerk