

**MINUTES OF THE BUDGET HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
PELHAM HELD ON MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH, 2017 AT PELHAM TOWN HALL,
COMMENCING AT 7:04 PM**

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

ABSENT: DEPUTY TOWN SUPERVISOR DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK MICHAEL RECCA

OTHERS PRESENT: CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO THE SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DESIMONE, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK JESSICA HYNES, MAGGIE KLEIN, EDITOR-IN-CHIEF PELHAM PLUS

CALL TO ORDER- Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the Budget Hearing to order at 7:04PM.

I. Discussion on the 2018 Town of Pelham Budget

- a. Supervisor DiPaola asked the Board to review draft budget for the 2018 Fiscal Year.
 - i. Councilman Bell remarked that he was pleased that the property tax levy was proposed at nearly zero percent (.03%) as has been the case in the previous three budgets.
 - ii. Maggie Klein from the Pelham Plus asked why the board did not adopt a zero increase when the percentage increase was so small.
 - iii. The Board responded that when adjusting the figures to keep the tax levy increase as low as possible and it when adjusting figures in the budget they could not get to exactly 0% tax levy increase.
- b. Supervisor DiPaola remarked that the budget is appropriating less reserves than the Town historically has done. This budget the Town is appropriating \$475,000 indicating the Town is less reliant on reserves to develop the budget. In the past nearly \$600,000 was appropriated.
- c. In the 2018 budget there are increased expenses for healthcare, but anticipated increased revenues for Recreation will offset these increases.
- d. Maggie Klein from the Pelham Plus asked if there are any staffing cuts.
 - i. The board responded there are no staff cuts in the 2018 budget.

II. There was a motion made by Councilwoman Szymanski and seconded by Councilman Bell to adjourn the 2018 Budget Hearing.

III. The motion passed unanimously.

The Budget hearing was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Recca
Town Clerk