MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF PELHAM HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2012 AT THE
TOWN HALL COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT: SUPERVISOR PETER DIPAOLA, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR WILLIAM
O’CONNOR, COUNCILMAN DANIEL MCLAUGHLIN, COUNCILWOMAN RAE
SZYMANSKI AND COUNCILMAN BLAKE BELL

RECORDING SECRETARY: TOWN CLERK TIMOTHY CASE.

OTHERS PRESENT: TOWN COUNSEL THOMAS KLEINBERGER, DEPUTY
TOWN CLERK JESSICA HYNES, CONFIDENTIAL SECRETARY TO
SUPERVISOR RUTHANN DE SIMONE AND A FEW MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC.

CALL TO ORDER - Town Supervisor Peter DiPaola called the regular meeting to order
at 7:00 pm and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

I. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

Approval of the minutes – Supervisor DiPaola asked for a motion to approve the
minutes from the September 10, 2012 public hearing.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:
Supervisor DiPaola Aye
Councilman McLaughlin Aye
Councilman Bell Aye
Councilman O’Connor Abstain
Councilwoman Szymanski Abstain

Motion carried unanimously.
II. Library Board member swearing in –

Supervisor DiPaola conducted a swearing in ceremony for two members of the library board, Mr. Robert Parisi and Mr. Peter Monaco. Mr. Parisi will be finishing Mr. John Lent’s term on the board and Mr. Monaco was sworn in to a new 5-year term.

Supervisor DiPaola again commended Mr. Lent and the entire library board for the great work they do with the library and thanked them for their service to the community.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Councilwoman Szymanski – Flycar report

1) June 2012 - 77 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 42 in the Village of Pelham and 31 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 6 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 1 call on 95. We also received 4 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle.

July 2012 - 90 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 34 in the Village of Pelham and 49 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 4 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 1 call on 95. We also received 7 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle.

August 2012 – 71 total EMS calls for the Town of Pelham with 32 in the Village of Pelham and 35 in Pelham Manor. Included in these numbers were 3 calls on the Hutchinson River Parkway and 1 call on 95. We also received 3 requests for mutual aid from New Rochelle and 1 from Eastchester.

There have been 531 total calls for 2012 through August.

2) Councilwoman Szymanski - Pelham Guidance Council Report

Melissa Ronan is the new President on the Pelham Guidance Council board. Alex Cecil is staying on the board but is no longer the President. Mrs. Ronan has several new ideas for fundraising and publicity that should help Pelham Guidance going forward.
B. Councilman Bell – Recreation Department Report

The last Recreation Department was held on September 9, 2012. There were 5 main topics that were discussed.

1) There was a long discussion about setting up a process to accept delivery of the soccer equipment/uniforms. They felt the need to be able to centralize the distribution of the equipment/uniforms and a need to temporarily store it in the Rec dept. offices.

2) The Rec. board has authorized the acquisition of a new golf cart for $3,600 to replace the 11-year old golf cart they had been using.

3) In conjunction with the Pelham school board and Pelham little league, the Recreation board has authorized $2,500 to help fund safety improvements at Richie Bell field. The money will help build fenced in dugouts and on-deck circles. The total cost of the project is $15,000.

4) The Rec. Dept. summer camps were highly successful this past summer with an average of between 60 and 70 campers per week.

5) Lastly, there was a discussion on how to better cover the receptionist duties at the Rec. Dept. offices while their receptionist is out on medical leave with a broken pelvis.

Supervisor DiPaola mentioned that he has been in contact with TD Bank. They are sending us a representative to help us expedite the credit card processing for the Rec dept. and for the court system.

C. Councilman McLaughlin – Library Report

Councilman McLaughlin introduced library board member Peter Monaco and asked Mr. Monaco to give an update on the library roof.

Mr. Monaco stated that the slate for the new library roof was delivered last week and that the contractor started work on the roof today. The contractor tore off half of the roof on the southern side of the library today. There had been concerns that the roof’s underlayment might be damaged on the south side but fortunately we found no damage. The siding on the south side of the library will be inspected tomorrow to determine if it needs replacing.

Supervisor DiPaola also mentioned the library did close at 1pm last Friday due to flooding in the parking lot from a heavy rain storm. The Pelham Children’s center also closed early that same day due to the storm. The Children’s center experienced some damage due to flooding from the storm.
D. Councilman O’Connor - Receiver of Taxes Report – Councilman O’Connor read into the record the monthly statement of the Receiver of Taxes. For the month of June 2012 the taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: State, County and Town taxes 43,751.10; school taxes 56,787.93; collection fee 306.65; credit card fee 74.53; penalties and interest 8,957.38; liens 37,578.42; taxpayer agreement 14,330.85; misc. 2,036.00; pro-ratas 272.08. The total received for the month of June was $164,094.94.

For the month of July 2012 the taxes, assessments, penalties and money collected during the month were as follows: State, County and Town taxes 51,729.20; refund of school and town tax penalty (s) -1,048.99, (t) -264.39; penalties and interest 17,289.25; liens 103,548.03; taxpayer agreement 2,353.62; misc. 1,596.25; pro-ratas 373.27. The total received for the month of July was $175,576.24.

IV. SUPERVISOR’S REPORT

A. Pelham Children’s Center - Supervisor DiPaola mention that they have come to an agreement on the lease and that there are only a few minor details that still need to be worked out. The lease will be a 3-year lease and be renegotiated every 3 years.

Councilman McLaughlin again added that the Pelham Children’s Center is at their maximum capacity of 44 students and that we are helping them look at optional space in order to grow their program.

B. Trotta Park update – Supervisor DiPaola stated that the architect that was being used for Trotta Park has been dropped and that we are looking for someone else to draw up new plans for the park.

C. Judges Bench - Supervisor DiPaola then discussed the plans to make the courtroom safer for the judges. The project has been re-designed in order to keep the costs low and still get the security needed. We are also seeking a grant to pay for the construction.
Councilman O’Connor then moved a resolution that we authorize the Town Supervisor to enter into a grant with the Department of Criminal Justice Services (DCJS) for the purpose of securing funds for a new judges bench.

Motion by: Councilman O’Connor  
Seconded by: Councilman Bell

Vote taken:  
Supervisor DiPaola Aye  
Councilman Bell Aye  
Councilman McLaughlin Aye  
Councilman O’Connor Aye  
Councilwoman Szymanski Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Budget Workshop – October 16, 2012 – The budget workshop will take place on October 16, 2012 and will last all day. Supervisor DiPaola is asking each department to be as tight as they can and to trim their budgets wherever possible. We have a 2% cap and are trying to stay within that cap.

E. Assessor – Base Proportions - Councilman Bell read into the record the 2012 adjusted base proportions for the Town of Pelham and the school district using the 2012 Final assessment roll as follows:

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Supervisor DiPaola then asked for a motion to adopt the 2012 base proportions for the Town of Pelham and for the school district.

Motion by: Councilwoman Szymanski
Seconded by: Councilman O’Connor

Vote taken:
Supervisor DiPaola Aye
Councilman McLaughlin Aye
Councilman Bell Aye
Councilman O’Connor Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

A member of the public, John Cassone 312 7th Avenue, asked if any progress was made about the deteriorating condition of the gazebo area adjacent to the Daronco Town House.

Supervisor DiPaola assured him that the board is working on a solution to improve the conditions.

Supervisor DiPaola also stated that we must try to stop youths from using the park after dusk. They are causing damage and this needs to be stopped. One potential solution was to start giving tickets out for violations.

V. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING

The Supervisor asked for a motion to enter into executive session.

Motion by: Councilman McLaughlin
Seconded by: Councilman O’Connor

Vote taken:
Supervisor DiPaola       Aye
Councilman Bell          Aye
Councilman McLaughlin    Aye
Councilman O’Connor      Aye
Councilwoman Szymanski   Aye

Motion carried unanimously and the legislative meeting ended at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

Timothy Case
Town Clerk
Pelham, New York