

VILLAGE OF PELHAM
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
 TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005, 7:30 PM
 VILLAGE HALL - 195 SPARKS AVENUE, PELHAM, NY
MINUTES

1. Meeting Called To Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Mayor's Report
4. Trustees' Reports
5. Village Administrator's Report
6. Public Comment

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	Village Property and Downtown	7:40 p.m.
7	Presentation of options and alternatives by Cherbuliez & Munz Landscape Architects and Planners for Wolfs Lane Downtown Streetscape and Parking Master Plan	Discussed
	Veterans' Tax Rates	9:00 p.m.
8	Adopting the increased Section 458-a alternative Veteran's Exemption Maximum levels	Tabled for more info.
	Land Use	9:15 p.m.
9	Authorizing an amendment to the site plan by GDC Development for a change in foundation and drainage plan on the lot south of First Street	Tabled
	Parking	9:20 p.m.
10	Enacting "No Parking, no stopping, no standing" at the southwest corner of 7 th Street and 4 th Avenue	Approved
11	Enacting "No Parking" on the north side of First Street, from 3 rd Avenue to a point approximately 30 feet east	Tabled
	Human Resources	9:30 p.m.
12	Authorizing the appointment of a Police Officer candidate	Approved
	Housekeeping	9:40 p.m.
13	Authorizing and approving the accounts payable	Approved
14	Old Business/New Business:	
15	Minutes: October 18, 2005	Tabled
16	Adjournment	

Next Meetings are as follows:

Regular Board Meetings Tuesdays November 15, December 6 and December 20, 2005
 Meetings start at 7:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

* Agenda is subject to change until the night of the meeting.

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VILLAGE HALL - 195 SPARKS AVENUE, PELHAM, NY
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2005

Item #1 – Meeting called to order: The meeting of the Village of Pelham Board of Trustees was called to order by Mayor Michael J. Clain at 7:30pm.

The following members of the Board of Trustees were present:

Mayor Michael Clain, Trustees Ciro Greco, Mia Homan, Edward Hotchkiss (7:40 p.m.), David Merrick and Peter Potocki. Absent – Trustee Michael Rozycki.

Village staff in attendance:

Village Administrator Richard Slingerland, Deputy Volunteer Fire Chief Richard Carfora, Career Firefighter Robert Benkwitt and Volunteer Firefighter Frusciante.

Item #2 – Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Michael J. Clain.

Item #3 -- Mayor's Report:

Mayor Clain reported that the Pelham Picture House Preservation, in cooperation with the Village has been awarded a \$200,000 grant through the New York Main Street Grant Program. The Pelham Picture House will receive \$100,000 towards restoration of the facility, and the Village will receive \$100,000 towards downtown streetscape and business improvements.

Item #4 – Trustees' Reports

Trustee Ciro Greco reported that collective bargaining negotiations with the Firefighters Union were continuing, but looked very positive.

Trustee Potocki reported that there have been a series of robberies and attempted robberies in the area, and the Police Department is investigating. He praised Police Officers Veteri, Borsella and Police K-9 "Dutch" for their roles in apprehending criminals and discovering evidence in recent crimes. He also reported that the new Police Officer will be hired November 7th, and will be sworn in along with the new Police K-9 on November 15th.

Trustee Homan had nothing to report.

Trustee Merrick asked about the Fire Horns in the Village, at the request of Marcie Wiehagen. Deputy Volunteer Fire Chief Rich Carfora explained that the horns are used to notify Volunteer Firefighters of an emergency. Firefighters do carry voice pagers, however there are radio dead spots requiring the continued use of the horns. Mayor Clain requested Deputy Chief Carfora to provide a written recommendation with regard to the horn to be reviewed at a future meeting.

Trustee Hotchkiss discussed the recent meeting held with a representative from Parkeon, the maker of Muni-Meter multi-space parking meters. Village Administrator Slingerland and General Foreman Harry Pallett also attended the meeting. The replacing the aging mechanical meters with electronic multi-space meters is an option to be taken into consideration. Issues to be discussed include the number of spaces gained through use of the meters, time savings by completing coin collection in a single day, and reduced work load due to less maintenance of the machines. Trustee Merrick requested a current inventory of all failed mechanical meters in the Village, due to recent complaints that the meters are malfunctioning more frequently.

Item #5 – Village Administrator’s Report

The Village Administrator reported that the Village would be meeting soon with the County’s consultant on the Traffic Light Timing Study, and would report back to the Board upon receipt of the results. He reported there would be a walk-through on Thursday, November 3rd with Metro North upon completion of their equipment project along the tracks, to discuss screening for the new equipment shed. He also reported that the Village’s auditors would make their presentation to the Board November 15th.

Item #6 – Public Comment:

Lieutenant Jack Tyrell of the Pelham, New Hampshire Fire Department requested an update on their recent bid to purchase the 1975 Seagrave Aerial Ladder Truck. This unit was recently declared as surplus property by the Village, and put up for sale through open auction. Administrator Slingerland explained that the Village had obtained an updated appraisal on the apparatus, and would be discussing its options, and then would follow-up with the Fire Chief of the Pelham, New Hampshire Fire Department.

Village Property and Downtown

Item #7 -- Presentation of options and alternatives by Cherbuliez & Munz Landscape Architects and Planners for Wolfs Lane Downtown Streetscape and Parking Master Plan.

Mayor Clain opened discussion on this issue by explaining how this project was initiated. The purpose of the project was to consider creating additional parking between Boulevard and Second Street at the urging of the merchants on that block, and to improve the underutilized green-space from Boulevard to First Street. Mayor Clain has requested from the Police Department a count of the number of open parking spaces at three intervals during the day, for 21 days. These counts will be taken at 12pm, 3pm and 7pm. In addition, a meeting has already been held with the residents of Nyac Avenue as well as members of the Pelham Preservation and Garden Society. Mayor Clain stated that he was interested in creating a dialogue, and was disappointed by flyers recently distributed throughout the Village stating “Mayor Clain plans to pave over our parks”.

Lucille Munz and Tonya Dayson of Cherbuliez / Munz Landscape Architects began the discussion by reviewing the existing conditions of the park, as well as encroachment by resident properties that abut the green-space. They propose to make improvements to the sidewalks, crosswalks, internal paths, trees, lighting, and corner plazas. They presented four schematics detailing potential plans, some of which increase vehicle parking capacity.

The following is a list of people who spoke with regard to these proposals, with differing points of view, as follows:

Dominique Browning of 222 Nyac Avenue.

Mrs. Linda Wolski of Nyac Avenue.

Nanette Conners of Provisions on Wolfs Lane and 22-year resident of Pelham.

Nicholas Elezaj of Nicholas Day Spa at 203 Wolfs Lane.

Anne Sorice of 236 Cliff Avenue and President of the Pelham Picture House.

John Walsh of Nyac Avenue.

Joel Jae of Manning Circle.

Marianne Joyce of Nyac Avenue.

Todd Zuzulo of T&L Trophy on Wolfs Lane.

Mary Veith of Nyac Avenue.

Dennis Armiento of Nyac Avenue.

Item #8 -- Adopting the increased Section 458-a alternative Veteran's Exemption Maximum levels.

Tabled for more information and to hold a public hearing on the matter at the December 6, 2005 Board Meeting.

Item #9 -- Authorizing an amendment to the site plan by GDC Development for a change in foundation and drainage plan on the lot south of First Street.

Tabled, to discuss the matter of a permanent easement from GDC and access to the Village's storm and sanitary sewer drains.

Parking

Item # 10 - Enacting "No Parking, no stopping, no standing" at the southwest corner of 7th Street and 4th Avenue

§ 90-15. No parking any time.

The parking of vehicles is prohibited at all times in those streets or parts of streets described in Schedule X (§ 90-49).

§ 90-17. Standing prohibited.

The standing of vehicles at any time is hereby prohibited in the locations described in Schedule XI (§ 90-50).

§ 90-18. Stopping prohibited.

The stopping of vehicles at any time is hereby prohibited in the locations described in Schedule XII (§ 90-51).

After discussion, a motion was made by Trustee Homan, with a second by Trustee Merrick to adopt the Resolution. The resolution was approved by vote of five in favor, none opposed, one abstention (Hotchkiss) and Trustee Rozycki absent.

RESOLUTION

ENACTING "NO PARKING, NO STOPPING, NO STANDING"
AT THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE INTERSECTION OF
7TH STREET AND 4TH AVENUE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees hereby amends the appropriate sections and schedules of the Village Code (Schedules X, XI and XII) for "No Parking, no stopping, no standing" at the southwest corner of 7th Street and 4th Avenue, from the corner, to the first driveway on the west side of 4th Avenue, south of 7th Street.

Item # 11 - Enacting "No Parking" on the north side of First Street, from 3rd Avenue to a point approximately 30 feet eastward

After discussion, a decision was made to table this matter until the next regular meeting.

Human Resources

Item # 12 - Authorizing the appointment of a Police Officer candidate

This appointment has received the approval from Westchester County Civil Service, and we can proceed with the appointment. Mr. Corrado will attend the November 15th Board Meeting to take his oath of office.

A motion was made by Trustee Merrick, with a second by Trustee Homan to adopt the Resolution. The resolution was approved by vote of six in favor, none opposed, and Trustee Rozycki absent.

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF AN OFFER OF EMPLOYMENT
AND APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR
OF CHRISTOPHER CORRADO AS A POLICE OFFICER
WITH THE VILLAGE OF PELHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Pelham hereby authorizes the Mayor to appoint Christopher Corrado of Pelham Manor, NY, to the position of Police Officer – Grade Four (4), at a salary of \$50,094, with an official start date of Monday, November 7, 2005, subject to the requirements of Civil Service, for a twelve (12) month probationary period, and authorizes the Mayor, the Village Administrator and the Police Chief to take the necessary and appropriate actions to effect this offer of employment.

HousekeepingItem # 13 - Authorizing and approving the accounts payable

The following approval is contingent upon Trustee Homan receiving proper backup of the expenses to be paid.

A motion was made by Trustee Merrick, with a second by Trustee Homan to adopt the Resolution, contingent upon Trustee Homan receiving the proper backup information for the bill she had questioned. The resolution was approved by vote of six in favor, none opposed, and Trustee Rozycki absent.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5-524 of the New York State Village Law, the Board of Trustees shall audit all claims against the Village.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees after audit of the following claims, authorizes payment for services rendered and materials received, for the following items that have been submitted to the Treasurer's Office for payment and authorized by the Village Administrator:

<u>Fund Name:</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	\$206,405.81
Water Fund	\$360.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$15,259.23
Trust and Agency Fund	\$3680.00
H3 Fund	\$0.00
Grand Total	\$225,705.04

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby approves payment of the above-mentioned claims and authorizes payment thereof.

Item # 14 - Old Business / New Business

There was no new or old business discussed at the meeting. However, John Cassone asked to speak, and urged the Board to vote on the increases in the levels for the Alternative Veteran's property tax exemptions. He commented that the rates had not increased (base values of property exemptions) but that property levels had increased dramatically. The Board advised Mr. Cassone the Village would seek more information on the financial impacts before the next Board meeting on November 15, 2005

Item # 15 - Minutes: October 18, 2005

This item was tabled until the next regular meeting.

Item # 16 - Adjournment

A motion was made by Trustee Homan, with a second by Trustee Greco to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters including a management position in the Fire Department, and the collective bargaining negotiations with the Firefighters union. The motion passed with six in favor, none opposed, and Trustee Rozycki absent.

A motion was made by Trustee Homan, with a second by Trustee Merrick to adjourn the regular session of the Board Meeting. The motion was approved by vote of six in favor, none opposed, and Trustee Rozycki absent. The meeting adjourned at 10:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis DelBorgo, Administrative Aide

Richard Slingerland, Administrator/Deputy Clerk