

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 25, 2013

PRESENT: Mayor O'Connor
Trustee Sellier
Trustee Vandenberg
Trustee Annunziata
Manager Pierpont

ABSENT: Trustee Schwarzfeld
Attorney McLaughlin

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND FIRE SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT

Mayor O'Connor led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance and notified those in attendance where the fire exits were located.

MINUTES

The Mayor asked if there were any comments or questions on the March 11, 2013 minutes. There were no comments or questions.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the minutes from the March 11, 2013 Board of Trustees meeting be and hereby are approved.

PROCLAMATION MEMORIALIZING JAMES APICELLA

Mayor O'Connor read the proclamation and presented it to Mr. Apicella's widow Carol and his son Peter.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, James "Jim" Apicella, a long time Pelham Manor resident and faithful attendee at Village Board of Trustees meetings, passed away on March 7th of this year, and

WHEREAS, Jim was a World War II veteran, active during the "Battle of the Bulge" and serving with American forces in the Occupation of Japan, and

WHEREAS, Jim was a family man, serving as Committee Chairman of Boy Scouts Troop 4 Pelham and leading many well remembered camping trips, and

WHEREAS, Jim took a keen interest in our Village and its governance, and

WHEREAS, Jim thoughtfully complimented and criticized Village policies, laws and regulations, always conducting himself as a gentleman, and

WHEREAS, Jim was the model of an engaged citizen who actively cared for and enjoyed his community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, James O'Connor, Mayor of the Village of Pelham Manor, do hereby express, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the residents of Pelham Manor, our profound respect for the contributions Jim made at our meetings and our sadness at Jim's passing and the loss it represents to our community, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this proclamation be presented to Jim's wife and children as a symbol of our gratitude and admiration for him.

RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013-2014

The Mayor said that the Tentative Budget Hearing is going to be scheduled and he gave the highlights of the proposed budget.

The Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget will include a proposed tax levy increase of three point four one percent. The proposed Homestead, or residential, tax levy increase is two point nine one percent. The proposed Non Homestead, or commercial, tax levy increase is five point four one percent. The budget includes funds for the Police and Department of Public Works contracts. A new garbage truck is included in the Tentative Budget without incurring debt.

Mayor O'Connor noted that pension and fuel and heating costs are up significantly. He commented that it was a very impressive budget which is not an easy thing to do in these economic times. He then asked the Board to schedule the Public Hearing on the budget.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That a Public Hearing on the Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 be and hereby is scheduled for April 8, 2013.

REPORTS

The Village Treasurer reported that the salt supplies are now depleted and revenues are tracking as anticipated.

The DPW report reflects more normal amounts of organic recyclables being collected.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the reports be and hereby are approved.

APPOINTMENT OF CHERYL KAESER TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Mayor O'Connor said that Cheryl Kaeser has been a resident in the Village for about twenty years. She is a very active member of the Pelham community. She is a deacon at Huguenot Memorial Church. He said that she will be an excellent addition to the Board.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, that Cheryl Kaeser be and hereby is appointed to the Board of Appeals.

RESOLUTION FOR TAX CERTIORARI SETTLEMENT FOR ACADIA PELHAM MANOR LLC

Mayor O'Connor said that this settlement has already been ordered by the court. The certiorari was for tax years two thousand nine, two thousand ten, two thousand eleven, two thousand twelve and two thousand thirteen. This settles all five years, but the tax rebate is for the first three years. No reduction was given for two thousand twelve and two thousand thirteen. The amount of the settlement is one hundred seventeen thousand three hundred seventy nine dollars and eighty six cents.

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Tax Certiorari refund for Acadia Pelham Manor LLC in the amount of one hundred seventeen thousand three hundred seventy nine dollars and eighty six cents be and hereby is approved.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN ABSTRACT OF VOUCHERS NUMBERS 18838-18892

After discussion and upon motion duly made and seconded, it was unanimously

RESOLVED, That the Mayor be and hereby is authorized to sign Abstract of Vouchers Numbers 18838-18892.

Mayor-Elect Sellier noted that it was Mayor O'Connor's last meeting. The welcomed the O'Connor family and said that although this was Jim O'Connor's last meeting he was sure it would not be his last service to the Village.

Mayor-Elect Sellier said that a proclamation honoring James O'Connor will be formally introduced for approval at another board meeting. He then read the proclamation.

Mayor O'Connor said that it had been a distinct pleasure to serve this Village. He said that Pelham Manor is an exceptionally well managed village. It has quality services and is seeking new revenues. He thanked his fellow board members, the Village Attorney, the Board of Appeals and Planning Board members. He congratulated Mayor-Elect Sellier. He extended his thanks to the office staff, the Department of Public Works, the Police and Fire Departments. He especially thanked Village Manager John Pierpont. He said the manager is a thinker, planner, and worrier who makes us all look good.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Anthony Marrella, 103 Iden Avenue, congratulated both Mayor O'Connor and Mayor-Elect Sellier.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

No action was taken in executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Clerk