

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
March 19, 2019

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on March 19, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

I. ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Anthony Colavita
Councilman Glenn Bellitto
Councilman Joseph Dooley
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia

Present: Town Clerk Linda Laird
Town Attorney Louis Reda

II. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS – NONE

III. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for February 2019 of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

Councilman Bellitto referenced the Activity Report and asked Chief Bonci to describe the difference between “harassment” and “aggravated harassment.” Chief Bonci responded that generally, harassment occurs when a person strikes another person or attempt or threaten to do so. Aggravated harassment occurs when someone threatens a person because of their perceived race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, age, disability, or sexual orientation or when one person communicates with another person, anonymously or not, by telephone, mail, or other written communication in a manner likely to cause annoyance or alarm.

Chief Bonci provided the Attached summary of activity for 2018.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY PAUL DONOFRIO

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Paul Donofrio against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$3,231.20 for damages sustained to Mr. Donofrio’s vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester vehicle on March 4, 2019.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

C) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for February 2019 was received for filing.

Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of the Highway Department, reported after 23 snow events with 23 inches of snow, the department is gearing up for the tree planting program. Further, Mr. DiLeo reported the LED installation project has been completed.

D) BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT for January and February 2019 was received for filing.

E) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for January and February 2019 was received for filing.

F) TOWN CLERK’S REPORT for January and February 2019 was received for filing.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the Seasonal Appointment of Marisa Ungaro as a Recreation Attendant in the Recreation Department, effective March 8, 2019, at the rate of \$10.00 per hour.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE PETTY CASH FUNDS IN COURT

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Town Comptroller to increase the Court Petty Cash Fund from \$100 to \$300, to be used solely and exclusively for providing change to facilitate currency and coin receipts and not for any other purpose.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: CSEA UNION SETTLEMENT 2019-2021

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a CSEA Union Memorandum of Agreement for the years 2019 – 2021. The terms of the MOA are as follows:

- Effective January 1, 2019 salary increase of 2.0%.
- Effective January 1, 2020 salary increase of 2.25%.
- Effective January 1, 2021 salary increase of 2.0%.
- Effective January 1, 2020 require Town's participation in the NYS Retirement Plan 41-j which allows members to receive additional service credit for their unused sick leave at retirement instead of being paid for unused days.
- Amend Article XVIII section 17.4 – Disputes - that in connection with any arbitration proceeding that the full cost of the panel fees shall be borne by the losing party.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PROCLAMATION OF ARBOR DAY

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION proclaiming April 26, 2019 Arbor Day in the Town of Eastchester.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

E) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT 2018-2019

Per a request from Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of Highways, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION to accept Dolph Rotfeld Engineering's proposal in the amount of \$2,500 to assist with the preparation of the Town of Eastchester's Annual Stormwater Report for program year 2018 – 2019.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

F) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: 2019 MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION TO SOUTH EAST CONSORTIUM

Per a request from Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the contract between the Town of Eastchester and the South East Consortium (SEC) for \$28,586 for services they provide for the disabled in Eastchester, Bronxville and Tuckahoe.

Supervisor Colavita noted the contribution amount has been the same for the last 10 years and has been included and approved in the 2019 Recreation Budget.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a date change to the April Town Board meetings to ONE meeting only for the month to be held on April 9, 2019 at 8:00 pm.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.

VI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia announced registration is underway at Lake Isle with the registration office open M-F from 9-5 and from 10-4 on weekend days. Weather permitting; the Opening Day of golf will be the last week of March. In closing, Councilman Marcoccia invited the public to the Annual Lake Isle Open House on April 27th beginning at noon.

Councilman Bellitto announced registration for various Summer Camp programs will begin in the coming week. Refer to the Parks and Recreation page of the town website for specific dates and times.

Councilman Dooley congratulated the 2019 St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee on the success of the March 10th parade and thanked the Police, Auxiliary Police, Highway and Parks Department for their assistance.

Mr. Dooley announced the Library will host a 'book art' competition. The contest is free and open to all age groups. To enter, participants must create a work of art using a book. Use your own books or ask our Library Staff for free discarded books. Deadline for entry submission is April 26, 2019. Rules and entry forms are available at the library's circulation desk. Judges will award a first, second and third place prize. Winners will be announced on Saturday, May 4, 2019. All items will be displayed at the library from May 1st - May 10th. In closing, Mr. Dooley announced AARP provides free income tax filing assistance every Tuesday from 9am – 2 pm at the Eastchester Library. The service is provided on a first come, first serve basis.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Sakura Festival being held at Eastchester Middle School on March 30th.

Supervisor Colavita asked that the Town Board close the meeting with a moment of silence in memory of three individuals who served the Town of Eastchester. Ken Herbert served as a volunteer for Eastchester Little League and as a volunteer fire fighter for over thirty years. In addition to planning and providing oversight to the Town Center Project, Marvin Spector served on the Planning Board 'for decades.' Finally, with the anniversary of slaying of Michael Frey on 3/21/1996, the Supervisor asked that we keep Officer Frey in our thoughts. As is tradition, there will be a small ceremony at Town Hall at 3:00 pm and a Mass at Immaculate Conception Church at 7 pm on 3/21/19. The Supervisor also announced that a few tickets to the Michael Frey Pasta Night Dinner, being held on March 30th, are still available.

VII. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Jeff Meyer posed a series of questions regarding the storage and inventory of fire arms in the police department and questioned if there are weapons that are unaccounted for. Supervisor Colavita responded, "everything is accounted for" and that matters concerning the Police Department are confidential and won't be discussed.

On behalf of the Irish American Social Club, Mike Denning thanked the many sponsors of the St. Patrick's Day Festivities and the Police, Auxiliary Police, Highway and Parks Department for their assistance during the parade. Mr. Denning joined Mr. Meyer in expressing concern as to the way in which fire arms are stored and inventoried.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. with a moment of silence for Ken Herbert, Marvin Spector and Michael Frey.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk

Eastchester Police Department

Annual Supplemental Activity Summary 2018

Below is a supplemental summary of the Eastchester Police Department Activity. The intended purpose of this document is to highlight some of the activities that the department performs throughout the year, which are not covered on the standard year end report. Attached to the summary is a copy of the following:

Patrol Activity

- 7,793 Calls for Service
- 1,422 Medical Aided Calls
- 516 Accidents 0 Fatal
- Issued 17,934 Parking Summons
- Issued 4,403 Moving Violations
- Issued 127 Town Ordinance Violations

Detective Division

- 350 Arrests
- 607 Detective Investigations

Community Relations/ Policing

School Check-ins- All members participated in a program of unannounced random walk through visits of the schools in our jurisdiction, as well as lock-down drills.

Traffic & Parking Advisory Board- Lt. Rosenberg has met with the board at regularly scheduled public meetings, and works in conjunction with the board to respond to traffic and parking issues.

DARE Program

Our 3 DARE Officers participated in teaching the 10 week Elementary School DARE Program at the following schools:

- Ann Hutchinson School
- Greenvale School
- Middle School Element to 8th Graders at Eastchester Middle School
- 10th Grade Underage Drinking Awareness Program

Eastchester/ Tuckahoe Schools- Attended or participated in the following:

- Eastchester School Wellness program 3 Parental assemblies.
- Wellness Day
- Career Day
- Juvenile Law Day
- PTA Meetings
- Threat Assessment Meetings

School Safety- The department has participated in, and critiqued several announced, and unannounced lock down drills. Lockdown Drills have become a requirement and the frequency required has increased.

Car Seat Installation Program- Department Child Passenger Safety Technicians installed Child Restraint Seats and provided seats to families whose seats were inadequate, or could not afford a safe seat.

Chief's Office Activity

Organization Participation

- Member of Executive Board of the Westchester Co. Chief's Association
- Chairman Human Resources Committee
- Regularly Attended Westchester County Intelligence Meetings
- Attended the International Chiefs of Police Conference in Orlando
- Attended N.Y. S. Chief of Police Conference in Glen Cove, N.Y.

Grants

- **E.R.U. Grant:** Funds provided to develop and maintain a multi-jurisdictional S.W.A.T Team.
- **Bullet Proof Vest Partnership & N.Y. State Attorney Generals Grant**
- **Buckle Up N.Y. -** Funds used for seatbelt enforcement on designated waves of enforcement. The Department issued 30 Moving Violations during the Seat Belt Awareness week.
- **S.T.E.P Aggressive Driving Enforcement-** Used for the enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic Violations such as speeding, passing red lights, unsafe passing etc. The department issued 84 Violations coordinating with the beginning of the School Year
- **Community Fund-** \$8000.00 to Fund DARE Program

Training

In-service Training- Totaled 3484 hours- Officers received a minimum of 40 hours which is double the amount required by New York State Standards.

Active Shooter Training- All department members participated in training with Tuckahoe and Bronxville PDs.

Police One- Which are 5-10 minute Roll Call Videos- 122 total hours

Westchester County Police Academy Unified In Service

All patrol officers and patrol supervisors attended a 3-day/ 21 Hour In-service training program designed to meet the DCJS Requirement. Supervisory personnel receive an additional 7 hours of Police Supervision as part of the curriculum.

Motorcycle Unit- An additional member attended Motorcycle school and was certified as a Motorcycle Operator- He has participated in several events throughout the Town and County

All Patrol Supervisors attended Unified In-service for supervisors. First Line Supervision- 2 Members

- FBI LEEDA Executive Development Training 3 Members
- Police Supervision 2 members

Equipment/ Technology/ Program Upgrades

Patrol Vehicle Equipment- All patrol vehicles are equipped with Heavy Ballistic vests, ballistic Helmets and Patrol Rifles

State Accreditation: Maintained Compliance with State Accreditation Standards.

Mutual Aid Drill- Our Department hosted a Mutual Aid All Zone Drill.

Random Drug Testing- Continued an aggressive program to randomly test all members.

Department Organization- Restructured Organizational Chart and all associated responsibilities.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent job that all of our members have done this past year.