

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD  
May 21, 2019**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on May 21, 2019 at 8:00 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  
Comptroller Dawn Donovan  
Town Attorney Louis Reda

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS - none**

**IV. APPOINTMENTS**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the provisional appointment of Rocco Latella to the position of Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways, effective May 31, 2019 at the annual salary of \$108,500.

Rocco has been employed by the Town since December 19, 1990. He has been a General Foreman since February, 2012. Funds are available in the 2019 budget.

Supervisor Colavita congratulated Mr. Latella on the appointment and thanked him for his many years of service and for always doing an "excellent job."

Mr. Latella thanked the Town Board for the opportunity and stated it is an honor to serve the residents of Eastchester.

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

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the Minutes of the May 7, 2019 Town Board Meeting as prepared by Deputy Town Clerk Mary Swikata.

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

**VI. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

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

Chief Bonci reported the Police Memorial was held on May 11<sup>th</sup> and honored Detective Timothy Morris, Police Officer Ernest Graf and Lieutenant William Curran.

Chief Bonci reported he and the Police Lieutenants attended a class presented by the Westchester District Attorney and the Police Chief Association for training on various Criminal Reforms, Bail Reform and other issues being considered by the NYS Legislature.

In addition, the Chief reported on The Real Time Crime Center at which the Westchester County Police serves as a host to share law enforcement databases of police, corrections and probation records, public records and other open-source data, license-plate readers, tracking technology and facial recognition software with local departments. Police use an online chatroom that includes nearly all Westchester departments as well as departments in neighboring counties and

states to share information. The Eastchester Police Department will soon participate in manning the Center 8 hours each week.

Councilman Bellitto requested clarification on several items reported in the April Reports including a reduction in the number of parking summonses in 2019 over the number in 2018. Chief Bonci responded he would follow-up with Councilman Bellitto regarding the questions, including an analysis of the impact of the revenues from PANGO.

**B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH – 15 CEDAR STREET AND 1 CEDAR STREET**

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by St. Joseph's Church affecting premises known as Section 3, Block 1, Lot 7 – 15 Cedar Street, Bronxville, NY and Section 3, Block 1, Lot 9 – 1 Cedar Street, Bronxville, NY as follows:

*15 Cedar Street, Bronxville, Sec. 3, Bl. 1, Lot 7*

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$ 30,700	\$11,400	\$19,300
2017	2018	\$ 30,700	\$10,900	\$19,800
2018	2019	\$ 30,700	\$10,550	\$20,150

*1 Cedar Street, Bronxville, Sec. 3, Bl. 1, Lot 9*

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$ 219,250	\$81,300	\$137,950
2017	2018	\$ 219,250	\$78,000	\$141,250
2018	2019	\$ 219,250	\$75,350	\$143,900

*The above-referenced property is exempt from all taxes except for sewer & fire district. Therefore, the recent settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding will require no refunds of town taxes.*

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

**2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION – 18 & 19 WINTERHILL ROAD AND 265 WHITE PLAINS ROAD**

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Church of the Immaculate Conception affecting premises known as Section 74, Block 3, Lots 9-E, 9-T, 18 & 19 – Winterhill Road, and Section 74, Block 3, Lot 1 – 265 White Plains Road, as follows:

*Winterhill Road – Sec. 74, Bl. 3, Lot 9-E*

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION **	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$30,600	\$8,200	\$22,400
2017	2018	\$30,600	\$7,900	\$22,700
2018	2019	\$30,600	\$7,600	Assessment has been reduced on the 2019 County & Town tax bill

**TOTAL SEWER REFUND .....\$ 261.27**

*Winterhill Road – Sec. 74, Bl. 3, Lot 9-T*

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION **	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$276,200	\$74,150	\$202,050
2017	2018	\$276,200	\$71,100	\$205,100
2018	2019	\$276,200	\$68,700	\$207,500

*265 White Plains Road – Sec. 74, Bl. 3, Lot 1*

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$34,050	\$9,150	\$24,900
2017	2018	\$34,050	\$8,750	\$25,300
2018	2019	\$34,050	\$8,450	\$25,600

The above-referenced property is exempt from all taxes except for sewer & fire district. Therefore, the recent settlement of a tax certiorari proceeding will require no refunds of town taxes.

No School approval necessary

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

**B) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT** for April 2019 was received for filing.

Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of Highways, reported 60 trees have been planted throughout town and the Street Resurfacing and Curb/Sidewalk Replacement Projects for 2019 are about to begin. Mr. DiLeo reported Con-Edison will be resurfacing streets and replacing curbs in areas affected by the ongoing 36" Gas Main Project. Supervisor Colavita announced the segment of the Project, impacting communities between White Plains and the Bronx, that includes Eastchester is being halted as of mid-July. Con-Edison is complying with a request from the Supervisor to recognize the impact the project has on various neighborhoods in town and to "make good" and restore lawns, driveways, etc. that were damaged by the construction. An email chain has been established with Con-Edison, residents and the Town. Anyone wishing to be included should contact the Supervisor's Office.

In closing, Mr. DiLeo wished Mr. Latella success in his position as Deputy Town Superintendent of Highways.

**C) BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT** for March and April 2019 was received for filing.

**D) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT** for April 2019 was received for filing.

**E) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** for March and April 2019 was received for filing.

## VII. CORRESPONDENCE

### A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the following Seasonal Appointments:

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE	EFFECTIVE	N-NEW
BALAEZ, JOSEPH	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Barr, Victoria	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
Bell, Jacob	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
BELLANTONI, FRANCESCO	EMT SUPERVISOR	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
BOX, JAKE	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
BRYSON, STEPHEN	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Burke, Melissa	Rec Attendant	\$8.50	6/12/2019	Rehire
Cacciola, Danielle	Rec.Assistant	\$20.00	6/1/2019	Rehire
CAPELLAN, KENNETH RAY	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Capriglione, Matthew	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
CARRATURO, AMELIA	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
CIPRIANO, FRANK	SECURITY	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Constantino, Paul	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
Contessa, Dora	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
CUCCINELLO, GIANNA	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
DANKO, THOMAS	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
DATOR, MARC	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
DEBENEDICTIS, ALEXANDRA	LIFEGUARD	11.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
DiSanto, Nicole	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
EVANGELISTA, ANTHONY	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
Fata, James	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
FERRARA, ANDREW	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE

FERRARA, NICHOLAS	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Fliszary, Elena	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
Fotiadis, Peter	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
FOX, ALEXA	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
Gallo, Sydeny	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
GARDINI, NICHOLAS	RECREATION ATTENDANT	10.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
GATRELL, ETHAN	LIFEGUARD	11.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
GIULIANO, DOMINIC	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
GONZALEZ, BRENDON	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
GONZALEZ, ISABELLA	LIFEGUARD	11.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Gramaglia, Jack	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
KELLAHER, JAMES	RECREATION ATTENDANT	10.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
LEE, JUSTIN	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
LUBRINO, ANDREW	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
Malango, Ivelisse	House Cleaner	\$14.00	5/13/2019	New Hire
MALIZIA, NICHOLAS	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
MCCLOONE, KAITLIN	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
McCloskey, Meghan	Rec Attendant	\$11.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
McGettigan, Ella	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
McGuinn, Michael	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New
McTIERNAN, MARGARET	RECREATION LEADER	6,500.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
MIKOS, SCOTT	ADMINISTRATIVE EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
MORENO, JOHANN	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
Nardi, Gianna	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	Rehire
NOLAN, NICHOLAS	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
ORTEGA, CHRISTIAN	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
PENA, RICHARD	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Pezzola, Joseph	Rec Attendant	\$8.50	6/12/2019	Rehire
Pfeffer, Jonah	Rec Attendant	\$11.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
PFEFFER, JONAH	LIFEGUARD	11.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
POPOLI, ISABELLA	OFFICE ASSISTANT	12.00	5/22/2019	NEW HIRE
REBEN, GARY	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Rinaldi, Matthew	Rec Attendant	\$8.50	6/12/2019	Rehire
RODRIGUEZ, JAKE	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Russo. Ariana	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
Santo, Emma	Rec Attendant	\$8.00	6/12/2019	New Hire
SPINELLI, JOSEPH	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
STANSON, EMILY	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
SULLIIVAN, SEAN	RECREATION ATTENDANT	8.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
SULLIVAN, DANIEL	RECREATION ATTENDANT	10.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
TORRES, GEORGINA	EMT	12.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
VOLI, FREDERICO	LIFEGUARD	11.00	5/22/2019	REHIRE
Walzer, Ryan	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/12/2019	Rehire

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

#### **B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SPECIAL SICK LEAVE ACCOUNT**

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION to approve a Stipulation of Agreement between CSEA and the Town establishing a one-time voluntary sick leave account.

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

#### **VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none**

#### **IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia announced the pools and outdoor tennis season opens at Lake Isle on Saturday, May 25<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Bellitto reported on a program presented by *Stronger Together: Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe Coalition*, a newly formed group whose mission is to promote health and wellness in our community and reduce youth substance use. Held on May 8<sup>th</sup> at Concordia College, parents, educators, law enforcement officers, elected officials, and concerned citizens from Bronxville, Eastchester, and Tuckahoe gathered for a presentation and discussion about the Juul/vape epidemic that has overwhelmed middle and high schools in our area.

In addition, Councilman Bellitto extended an invitation to all residents to attend the Bronxville Memorial Day Parade on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. The parade will step off at 8:45 a.m. from the Leonard Moran Square and proceed up Pondfield Road to the Bronxville School.

Councilman Dooley announced the Eastchester Library will be closed on Sundays between May 26<sup>th</sup> and the end of October. Further, during the months of July and August, the library will be open from 9am – 1 pm on Saturdays.

Mr. Dooley announced the Eastchester Beautification Annual Meeting will be held at the Eastchester Library from 7:15 – 8:30pm on Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Councilwoman Nicholson invited the public to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CARE Coalition Candlelight Vigil being held at Gazebo Park on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. Further, Mrs. Nicholson reported on the success of the Relay for Life event held on the ground of Lake Isle on May 18<sup>th</sup> with participation of over 250 walkers.

Supervisor Colavita reminded those enrolled in the Senior STAR and Enhanced STAR program must reapply to stay in the program by June 1<sup>st</sup>. Since June 1<sup>st</sup> falls on a Saturday, the Assessor's Office will stay open until 6:30 p.m. on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Supervisor explained other changes to STAR are being proposed by the NYS Legislature and stated the Town will keep residents informed of all changes.

Supervisor Colavita reported the renovations to the Garth Road Playground area and baseball field were completed prior to the Eastchester Little League Opening Day, at which over 400 people attended.

#### **X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Paul Correale, 70 Webster Road, discussed an ongoing problem that has occurred on the property located at 76 Webster Road. A house, located on the site, was demolished nearly two years ago and construction on two new homes commenced. However, the construction site has been plagued with problems and that the matter has been in the Eastchester Court several times. Mr. Correale described extensive flooding on the site and the impact on his home and the neighborhood.

Town Attorney Lou Reda reported a letter had been sent to the owner of the property this week stating the flooding and violations on the site must be corrected within 48 hours. Supervisor Colavita expressed frustration on behalf of Mr. Correale and the neighbors in the area and explained the town is prepared to take the matter in hand by putting a lien on the property to cover the costs of remediation, including draining the property and backfilling the hole.

Janice Martin expressed disappointment that only 15% of the units at 40 Jackson Avenue will be offered as "affordable" and there are no units designated as 'low income.'" Further, Ms. Martin supported the town's position that the units should be offered to Eastchester town residents.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes Prepared By,

Linda Laird  
Town Clerk