

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
March 7, 2017

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on March 7, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

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

Town Clerk Linda Laird
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Town Attorney Louis J. Reda

IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

On behalf of the Eastchester Irish American Social Club, John Collins invited the public to enjoy the 13th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade on Sunday March 12, 2017 as it proceeds on White Plains Road from the Immaculate Conception Church to Lake Isle. Mr. Collins introduced Patrick Murtaugh, 'the voice of the parade,' for purposes of discussing the Grand Marshall and Honorees. Mr. Murtaugh congratulated Grand Marshal Sean Mackin and Parade Honorees Nancy Heffernan, Caroline O'Connell and Margaret Reynolds Stapleton and thanked them for their service to both the Club and the town.

Note to the reader: During the First Opportunity to Address the Board, residents are asked to limit their comments to Agenda Items. Frequently, a clarification or general question concerning an Agenda Item is requested. To benefit the reader, the clarifications and additional information regarding a given Agenda Item will be included at the point when the Item is considered and discussed by the Town Board. All comments in favor or opposition to an Agenda Item will be included here.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A) APPOINTMENT – GENERAL REPAIRER/MEO

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION to appoint Luis Ayala to the position of General Repairer/MEO effective March 10, 2017 at the annual salary of \$67,000.00 (Group I, Step 4). Mr. Ayala will serve probation of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks.

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

B) APPOINTMENT – GENERAL FOREMAN

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the a RESOLUTION to appoint Thomas Lillo to the position of General Foreman effective March 10, 2017 at the annual salary of \$87,815.00 (Group L, Step 5). Mr. Ayala will serve probation of a minimum of twelve weeks to a maximum of fifty-two weeks.

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

VI. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PARADE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY THE EASTCHESTER IRISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB INC. FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE ON MARCH 12, 2017

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the approval of an application for a parade permit submitted by the Eastchester Irish American Social Club Inc. for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 12, 2017. The \$10.permit fee is waived.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND MIRIAM RAPPAPORT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL SUMMER THEATRE AND TO PERFORM OTHER FUNCTIONS IN THE TOWN COMMENCING MARCH 1, 2017 – FEBRUARY 28, 2018

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver an agreement made between the Town of Eastchester and Miriam Rappaport, as Director of the Annual Summer Theatre and to perform other functions in the Town, commencing March 1, 2017 and terminating February 28, 2018.

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

CORRESPONDENCE AGENDA ITEM:

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – FIELD AND PARK REHABILITATION – DUNWOODIE PARK

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION to approve the 2017 Capital Project – Field and Park Rehabilitation of Dunwoodie Park. Supervisor Colavita explained, in partnership with the Eastchester/Tuckahoe/Bronxville Baseball League, renovations will be made to the baseball field at Dunwoodie Park and will include fencing, dugouts, bleachers, plantings and a regrading of the field. It is anticipated the total cost of the project to be \$100,000.

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FIANCE THE COST OF FIELD AND PARK IMPROVEMENTS FOR USE BY DUNWOODIE FIELD BY THE TOWN PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$50,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost of Field and Park Improvements for use by Dunwoodie Field by the Town Parks and Recreation Department in and for the Town.

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY META PROPERTIES LLC/ELDRED PRESERVE, LLC – 297 MAIN STREET

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Meta Properties LLC/Eldred Preserve, LLC affecting premises known as Section 67, Block 2, Lot 15– 297 Main Street, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2015	2016	\$10,400.00	\$8,900.00	\$1,500.00

Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$481.88

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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY SCI FUNERAL SERVICES OF NY, INC. – 828 SCARSDALE AVENUE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by SCI Funeral Services of NY, Inc. affecting premises known Section 50, Block 2, Lots 19 and 21 – 824 – 828 Scarsdale Avenue, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2010	2011	\$54,100.00	\$30,800.00	\$23,300.00
2011	2012	\$54,100.00	\$29,600.00	\$24,500.00
2012	2013	\$54,100.00	\$29,600.00	\$24,500.00
2013	2014	\$54,100.00	\$29,800.00	\$24,300.00
2014	2015	\$54,100.00	\$28,200.00	\$25,900.00
2015	2016	\$54,100.00	\$25,400.00	\$28,700.00

*Bonded 2/14/2017

Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$45,234.31

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

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY SLEEPY HOLLOW REALTY CORP. – 46 JACKSON AVENUE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Sleepy Hollow Realty Corp. affecting premises known as Section 68, Block 4, Lot 22– 46 Jackson Avenue, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2008	2009	\$150,000.00	\$115,350.00	\$34,650.00
2009	2010	\$150,000.00	\$118,100.00	\$31,900.00
2010	2011	\$150,000.00	\$127,600.00	\$22,400.00
2011	2012	\$150,000.00	\$132,400.00	\$17,600.00
2012	2013	\$150,000.00	\$140,800.00	\$ 9,200.00
2013	2014	\$150,000.00	\$136,400.00	\$13,600.00
2014	2015	\$150,000.00	\$129,700.00	\$20,300.00
2015	2016	\$150,000.00	\$117,500.00	\$32,500.00

*Bonded 2-14-2017

Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$51,043.45

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

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY ELIDE ENTERPRISES, LLC. – 40 JACKSON AVENUE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Elide Enterprises, LLC affecting premises known as Section 68, Block 4, Lots 36A, 36T and 38– 40 Jackson Avenue, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2008	2009	\$10,050.00	\$7,700.00	\$2,350.00
2009	2010	\$10,050.00	\$7,950.00	\$2,100.00
2010	2011	\$10,050.00	\$8,550.00	\$1,500.00
2011	2012	\$10,050.00	\$8,250.00	\$1,800.00
2012	2013	\$10,050.00	\$8,250.00	\$1,800.00
2013	2014	\$10,050.00	\$8,300.00	\$1,750.00
2014	2015	\$10,050.00	\$7,850.00	\$2,200.00

Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$3,763.53

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

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the following Budget Transfer:

From: Food (subcontracts) A6872.407 \$4,000.00
TO: Material & Supplies A6872.401 \$4000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL APPOINTMENTS

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

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	TYPE	DEPT
Alarcon, Elder	Recreation Attendant	11.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Arias, Amber	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	New	Lake Isle
Carreon, Jeffrey	Recreation Attendant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Donovan, Brian	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Farrell, Laura	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Godinez, Rosa	Recreation Attendant	11.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Ibanez, Juliana	Recreation Attendant	8.00	2/21/2017	Rehire	Rec.
Ioannidis, Lorraine	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Marsich, Malgorzata	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	New	Lake Isle
Naclario, Laura	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Nanni, Victoria	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Radesich, Lauren	Office Assistant	10.00	3/15/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT – SECTION 2019-A

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION to acknowledge the review of the 2016 financial audit of the Town of Eastchester's Justice Court.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2017 CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST – FIELD AND PARK REHABILITATION – DUNWOODIE PARK - See above

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

Each year the Town applies for and obtains membership with "Tree City USA." As part of the application process the town is required to proclaim one day as Arbor Day within the Town of Eastchester; therefore, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION declaring Friday, April 28, 2017 as Arbor Day within the Town of Eastchester.

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

F) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL FOR ANNUAL STORMWATER REPORT 2016-2017

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley 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 2016-2017.

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

G) MEMORANDUM FROM POLICE RE: AUTHORIZATION TO REBID POLICE LOCKER ROOM PROJECT

In November 2016 one bid was submitted to the Police Locker Room Renovation Project. The bid exceeded the budget for the project.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to reject the November 2016 bid and to authorize the rebid of the Police Locker Room Renovation Project.

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

VIII. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** - none

IX. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia reported on various projects underway at Lake Isle. In addition to the renovation of the golf course bunkers, construction of the restaurant is about to begin and the bid specs for the new Senior Center building are being prepared.

Councilman Marcoccia congratulated the Tuckahoe Tigers Cheerleading Team for placing first at the National High School Cheerleading Championship, Senior Rec Division, in Orlando, Florida. The girls competed against the nation's top twenty teams and is the first team from Tuckahoe to win a national title.

Councilman Bellitto reflected that St. Patrick's Day marks the passage of winter and arrival of spring and announced the following March meetings schedule: Zoning Board of Appeals Meeting will be held on March 14 at 7:00 pm, Planning Board will be held on March 23 at 7:00 pm and Traffic & Parking Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Marcy 28th at 7:00 pm.

Councilman Dooley thanked Eastchester Irish American Club parade committee for their hard work in bringing the 'great event' of the St. Patrick's Day Parade to Eastchester each year.

In addition, Mr. Dooley and Supervisor Colavita extended congratulations the Eastchester Girls Varsity Basketball team for reaching the Section 1 Class A semifinals at the Westchester County Center. In front of hundreds of fans, the team "played their hearts out" and in the final seconds, "lost with dignity and grace."

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Eastchester Recreation Department will offer week long mini-camps for residents in K-6th grades during the school spring break. The camp are limited to 40 campers per week and sign-up is taken on a first come first serve basis. In addition, the Bronxville Varsity Basketball Coaches will offer the Bronco Hoops Spring Break Basketball Camp, a week long mini-camp held during the school spring break, to teach the fundamental skills and strategy of basketball in a manner that is both fun and educational.

Supervisor Colavita provided an update on efforts in monitoring the proposed construction of a Marriott SpringHill Suites Hotel on Marbledale Road in the Village of Tuckahoe. The 7 acre site, the location of a marble quarry until 1958, was used as a municipal dump for twenty years. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has classified the Tuckahoe Marbledale Road Quarry Dump as a Brownfield (BCP) in need of cleanup. Some residents called for testing in the surrounding areas of Eastchester.

Supervisor Colavita indicated that while the Town of Eastchester has no authority over a project located within the Village of Tuckahoe, it will continue to meet with representatives of the NYS DEC, the Eastchester School District and consultant Paul Ciminello of Ecosystem Strategies regarding the project. In addition, on February 6th, the Town Board approved an agreement between the Town and Ecosystems Strategies to provide ambient air quality sampling at five locations in the area along the Eastchester border of Tuckahoe. Supervisor Colavita reported initial results indicate "nothing unusual and no evidence of danger in the air."

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

Peter DeFelice spoke in opposition to the amendments to the Eastchester Events Agreement.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk