

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
May 16, 2017**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on May 16, 2017 at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Town Clerk Linda Laird
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Town Attorney Louis Reda

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A) LOCAL LAW 2-2017 - PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3- 2000 THE VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC CODE, ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS SUB SECTION 8-9 SCHEDULE IX STOP INTERSECTIONS

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to Open the Public Hearing.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

Supervisor Colavita explained the amendment to the V& T Code will provide for the installation of stop signs on Locust Avenue at Lyons Road, Madison Road and Gaylor Road. The Supervisor thanked the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee for their review and recommendation regarding this matter. There being no public comment, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to Close the Public Hearing.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

Due to the proximity of the corner of Gaylor Road and Locust Avenue to the intersection of White Plains Road concern over a 'stacking up' of cars at the proposed stop sign was discussed. Councilwoman Nicholson and Councilman Dooley spoke in support of amending the proposed Local Law by omitting the language regarding the stop sign at the corner of Gaylor Road and Locust Avenue.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to Adopt Proposed Local Law 2 – 2017 as follows:

BE IT ENACTED by the town governing body of the Town of Eastchester as follows:

Section 1.

§ 2-9 of ARTICLE II, TRAFFIC REGULATIONS:

SUBSECTION 8-9. Schedule IX: is Amended to ADD the following Stop Signs:

Name of Street	Side	Location
Locust Avenue	Both	Lyons Road
Locust Avenue	Both	Madison Road

Section 2.

If any part or provision of this Local Law or the application thereof to any person or circumstance be adjudged invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such judgment shall be confined in its operation to the part or provision or application directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and shall not affect or impair the validity of the remainder of this Local Law or the application thereof to other persons or circumstances, and the town governing body of the Town of Eastchester hereby declares that it would have passed this Local Law or the remainder thereof had such invalid application or invalid provision been apparent.

Section 3.

All Ordinances, Local Laws and parts thereof inconsistent with this Local Law are hereby repealed.

Section 4.

This Local Law shall take effect immediately upon filing in the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with section twenty-seven of the Municipal Home Rule Law.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

V. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

Newly appointed Fire Chief Brian Tween publicly thanked former Fire Chief Michael Grogan for his 33 years of service to the Eastchester Fire Department. Having become a volunteer fireman at the age of 18, Chief Grogan retired on March 31, 2017. Chief Tween reminded residents that smoke detectors must be installed on each floor of a residence and must be replaced every ten years. While previous generations of smoke detectors required new batteries every six months, current models use the same batteries over the ten year period.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the Minutes of the April 4, 2017 Special and Regular Town Board Meetings, April 18, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting and the May 2, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for April 2017 of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY 727 EQUITIES LLC – 29 GABRIEL RESCIGNO DRIVE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by 727 Equities LLC affecting premises known as Section 63A, Block 2, Lots 6,8 and 10 – 29 Gabriel J. Rescigno Drive, Scarsdale as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2012	2013	\$49,680.00	\$45,000.00	\$4,680.00
2013	2014	\$49,680.00	\$45,000.00	\$4,680.00
2014	2015	\$49,680.00	\$43,000.00	\$6,680.00
2015	2016	\$49,680.00	\$40,000.00	\$9,680.00
2016	2017	\$49,680.00	\$38,000.00	\$11,680.00

*To be bonded at a later date
Eastchester School District approved the settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$11,903.46

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

C) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for April 2017 was received and filed.

D) **BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS** for April 2017 was received and filed.

E) **RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT** for April 2017 was received and filed.

F) **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** for April 2017 was received and filed.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PART TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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

NAME	JOB TITLE	TYPE	RATE	EFF DATE		DEPT
Ames, Megan	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	1/0/1900	Rehire	Lake Isle
Bellantoni, Francesco	EMT Supervisor	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Bobolakis, George	Laborer	Seasonal	12.00	6/2/2017	New	Highway
Brownstein, Jessica	SwimTeamSr.Asst.Coach	Seasonal	4,000.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Bryson, Patrick	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Burkhard, Phillip	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	8.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Chrisanthopoulos, Jeanne	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
Cooper, Una	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Corda, Alexander	Swim Team Asst. Coach	Seasonal	3,300.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Demo, Christine	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Dietzgen, Delaney	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
DiNardo, Kristen	Head Lifeguard	Seasonal	11.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
DiSanto, Michael	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Donovan, Brian	Laborer	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Police
Dookhie, Steven	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Gaudio, Gregory	Recreation Attendant Parking Enforcement	Seasonal	8.00	5/17/2017	Rehire Title	Lake Isle
Gerard, Frank	Officer	Part time	16.00	5/17/2017	Change	Police
Gonzalez, Brandon	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	8.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
Grayson, Kevin	Swim Team Dive Coach	Seasonal	5,000.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Heinzinger, Sean	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Lavelle, Kevin	SwimTeam Head Coach	Seasonal	13,000.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Leak, Christopher	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	6/2/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Louros, Nicholas	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Malizia, Nicholas	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Martinez, Alan	Laborer	Seasonal	12.00	6/2/2017	New	Highway
McLoone, Kaitlin	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
McQueen, Matthew	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Mikos, Scott	Administrative EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Mosler, Thomas	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Ortega, Christian	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
O'Sullivan, Maureen	Swim Team Asst. Coach	Seasonal	3,300.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Passalaris, Anargiros	Lifeguard	Seasonal	9.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
Quintano, Eva Ann	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Radesich, Elise	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	8.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
Reben, Gary	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Ricciardi, Dominique	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Satriale, John	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	8.00	5/17/2017	New	Lake Isle
Schaefer, Kathryn	Swim Team Asst. Coach	Seasonal	3,300.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Spinelli, Christopher	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Staffin, Tyler	Swim Team Asst. Coach	Seasonal	3,600.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Stanson, Emily	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Sussman, Gavin	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Tamarin, Mark	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle

Tiso, Andrew	Parking Enforcement Officer	Part time	16.00	5/17/2017	Title Change	Police
Torres, Georgina	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Wang, Isabel	EMT	Seasonal	12.00	5/17/2017	Rehire	Lake Isle
Williams, Mark	Laborer	Seasonal	12.00	6/2/2017	New	Highway

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: RESCIND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION to rescind a personal leave of absence for employee # 4161.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: EXTENSION OF LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION approving an extension of personal leave of absence for employee #2836 for a period of one month.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: PERMISSION TO BID – BUS SERVICE FOR SUMMER CAMP 2017

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Bus Service Bid for Summer Camp 2017.

Buses will be used for the following:

- Two (2) 44-passenger air conditioned school buses for daily shuttle. Tuesday, June 27-Friday, August 4, Mondays – Fridays (Not used on July 3rd & 4th). The buses will be used to transport campers from Eastchester High School and Anne Hutchinson School to Lake Isle Country Club for daily swimming. Buses will be used between 9:30am-2:30pm.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air conditioned school buses for each of the camp trips for Camp Galaxy Jr. & Sr. Trips will depart from Eastchester High School and Anne Hutchinson School. There will be 24 trips in the tri-state area.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air conditioned buses for Camp Quest A trips that will depart from Haindl Field to various locations in the tri-state area. Trips will take place June 26-July 14 (No trip July 4). 9 trips will be school bus trips, 5 trips will be coach bus trips.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air conditioned buses for Camp Quest B trips that will depart from Haindl Field to various locations in the tri-state area. Trips will take place July 17-August 4 10 trips will be school bus trips, 5 trips will be coach bus trips.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Marcoccia who was absent. Motion carried.

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Bellitto announced the Bronxville Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 29th at 9:00am and will include representatives of the Eastchester/Tuckahoe Post. A ceremony will be held at the Bronxville School followed by a children's fair that will continue throughout the day. To commemorate the 100th birthday of President John F. Kennedy a plaque, mounted on Tuckahoe marble, will be dedicated on the grounds of Village Hall. Mr. Bellitto explained that President Kennedy lived at 294 Pondfield Road in Bronxville from 1929 to 1941; having spent a quarter of his life in our community. In closing, Councilman Bellitto noted he was wearing three pins: the JFK Centennial pin, an Eastchester 350th Anniversary pin and the American Flag to commemorate the weekend and the community.

Councilman Dooley congratulated Ann Marie Flannery on being honored by St. Paul's Church. Under her guidance as President of the Eastchester Historical Society the organization has offered multiple educational programs, held several fund raising events and begun a renovation project at the site of the Marble School House.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the EIBL Summer Program will offer two divisions: Grades 7 and 8 (in Sept. 2017) and grades 9 – 12 (in Sept. 2017). All games will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Main Street Playground in Tuckahoe. The league will begin on July 5 (Wednesday) and run for five (5) weeks.

The Eastchester Youth Council (EYC) Summer Theatre will perform its 33 year Anniversary Show "Avenue Q"- School Edition on August 4th and 5th at Tuckahoe High School. Students ages 13 to College graduation who are residents of Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville are invited to join the cast, tech crew and orchestra.

Supervisor Colavita announced the Eastchester Beautification Foundation's annual membership drive is underway and encouraged residents to support this worthy organization.

In closing, the Supervisor reminded all those with Senior STAR exemptions that they must reapply with the Assessor's Office before the end of the workday on June 1st. The Assessor's Office will remain open until 6:00pm on June 1st to allow for last minute applications to be filed.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ann Marie Flannery and Lisa Halen invited the public to the Eastchester Historical Society Bar-B-Que to be held on the grounds of Eastchester Town Hall on Saturday, June 10th from 3-7pm. The event is sponsored by Westchester Funeral Home, celebrating its 185th year, and the Benedict Family.

Paul Mangione asked the Town Board to make a request to the City of New Rochelle to clean the storm drains in the area of Wilmot Road that are currently clogged with soil and dirt. The conditions prevent proper drainage of the Hutchinson Stream that runs behind Clarence Avenue in Eastchester. The stream, which is normally 6 inches wide, grows to five feet wide and 3 feet deep during heavy rains.

Supervisor Colavita responded by explaining Westchester County is working with the communities of Eastchester, Scarsdale, White Plains and New Rochelle regarding the Hutchinson 'River' waters that are fed into Lake Innisfree and matters associated with the dam. Currently the project is in the 'design phase;' however, the Supervisor stated he would contact New Rochelle in the short term to request a cleaning of the storm drains.

Mike Denning suggested the Town consider a "re-valuation" of property in Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville to 'create an even playing field' for property owners.

Supervisor Colavita responded by explaining that many matters would need consideration prior to a townwide revaluation, including but not limited to, the impact on Bronxville, the vast number of co-op apartments and the impact on seniors who have lived in their homes for many years. Further, the cost of a townwide revaluation is very expensive.

A group of residents requested the town address speeding on Madison Avenue, including the installation of speed bumps and/or the lowering of the speed limit.

Supervisor Colavita explained that, over the years, speed bumps have been installed on streets at the request of residents only to have their removal requested by the same residents. Further, since State Legislation must be passed authorizing a town to change the speed limit, the Supervisor asked Town Attorney Reda to research the matter for Town Board consideration.

Councilman Bellitto cited studies that conclude 40%-70% of drivers exceeding the speed limit on a given street live within a 5 block radius. While studies have shown speed bumps to be ineffective, as well as dangerous, speed limit warning signs that display speed at which a car is being driven have been proven to have a real impact of the speed at which cars drive through an area. The town recently purchase seven portable, solar powered, speed limit warning signs for use throughout the town, including on Madison Avenue. Mr. Bellitto spoke of the benefits of neighborhood involvement and individual commitment to abide by the speed limit as a means to impacting the speeding concerns.

Ellen Del Colle, Chairman of the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee explained the committee has taken complaint of speeding in neighborhoods very seriously and would support State Legislation for the lowering of the speed limit.

Supervisor Colavita concluded by stating an increase of enforcement by the Police Patrol division would be instituted.

There being no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk