

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
Special Meeting June 20, 2017

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Town Board held on January 3, 2017 at 7:15 p.m. in the Supervisor's Conference Room, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

Supervisor Colavita called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. noting the presence of the Town Board, Police Chief Timothy Bonci and Town Clerk Linda Laird. The Supervisor stated the purpose of the meeting is interview two candidates for the position of Police Officer.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk

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Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on June 20, 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. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Peter DeFelice inquired about the scheduling of programs and availability for groups to use the proposed Community Center. Supervisor Colavita explained the facility will be available for use by many groups and will be the site of the Nutrition Center.

V. APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the probationary appointment of John Castellano to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department, effective July 31, 2017 at the annual salary of \$37,638.00.

Annual Salary
\$37,638.00

Holiday Pay
\$1,898.00

Candidate Castellano appeared on the Police Officer eligible list #69-589 established in August, 2013 and shall serve a probationary term of not less than twelve weeks and not more than seventy eight weeks. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the background investigation, medical exam and completion of Westchester County Civil Service paperwork.

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the probationary appointment of Jovanna Mendez to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department, effective July 31, 2017 at the annual salary of \$37,638.00.

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| <u>Annual Salary</u> | <u>Holiday Pay</u> |
| \$37,638.00 | \$1,898.00 |

Candidate Mendez appeared on the Police Officer eligible list #69-589 established in August, 2013 and shall serve a probationary term of not less than twelve weeks and not more than seventy eight weeks. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the background investigation, medical exam and completion of Westchester County Civil Service paperwork.

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 May 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 SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE OF BRONXVILLE, THE VILLAGE OF TUCKAHOE AND THE EASTCHESTER AND TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO STREET RESURFACING

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor of the Town of Eastchester to execute the Intermunicipal Agreement with the Village of Bronxville, the Village of Tuckahoe, and the Eastchester and Tuckahoe Union Free School District with respect to Street Resurfacing

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY 60-66 MARBLEDALE ROAD LLC

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by 60-66 Marbledale Road, LLC affecting premises known as Section 35, Block 2, Lot 1 – 60 Marbledale Road, Tuckahoe, as follows:

| ASSESSMENT YEAR | TAX YEAR | ASSESSED VALUATION | PROPOSED SETTLEMENT | AMOUNT OF REDUCTION |
|-----------------|----------|--------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| 2010 | 2011 | \$28,250.00 | \$23,500.00 | \$4,750.00 |
| 2011 | 2012 | \$28,250.00 | \$22,600.00 | \$5,650.00 |
| 2012 | 2013 | \$28,250.00 | \$22,600.00 | \$5,650.00 |
| 2013 | 2014 | \$28,250.00 | \$22,750.00 | \$5,500.00 |
| 2014 | 2015 | \$28,250.00 | \$21,500.00 | \$6,750.00 |
| 2015 | 2016 | \$28,250.00 | \$19,400.00 | \$8,850.00 |
| 2016 | 2017 | \$28,250.00 | \$18,600.00 | \$9,650.00 |

Tuckahoe School District approved the settlement
 TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$1,578.44

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

Supervisor Colavita asked that Town Board consider Correspondence Agenda Item VII – D:

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS REQUEST

Supervisor Colavita summarized the Community Center Project to be located near the 18th green at Lake Isle, adjacent to the catering facility in the area next to the men’s locker room. The one story pre-fabricated structure will serve as the home of the Eastchester Nutrition Center as well as providing meeting and activity spaces for community organizations.

Additionally, an overview of the Hutchinson River Flood Mitigation Project was provided. Supervisor Colavita explained 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 an Intermunicipal Agreement is being drafted to begin the 'design phase' of the project with Westchester County contributing 50% of the costs and the local municipalities contributing 50%. Eastchester's responsibility is \$38,000.

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION approving the following 2017 Capital Projects and to authorize bonding for the projects:

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| Community Center at Lake Isle | \$1,750,000.00 |
| Hutchinson River Flood Mitigation Project | \$38,000.00 |

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY CENTER AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$1,750,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the cost of the construction of a Community Center at Lake Isle Country Club in and for the Town.

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS FOR THE TOWN

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$38,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the cost of the construction of Flood Mitigation Projects in and for the Town.

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

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, THE VILLAGE OF SCARSDALE AND THE CITY OF NEW ROCHELLE PERTAINING TO PARTICIPATING IN THE HUTCHINSON RIVER FLOOD MITIGATION PROGRAM TO PARTNER WITH WESTCHESTER COUNTY FOR PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION FOR FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECTS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver an Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) between the Town of Eastchester, the Village of Scarsdale and the City of New Rochelle pertaining to participating in the Hutchinson River Flood Mitigation Program, whereby the above mentioned municipalities will partner with Westchester County to fund the planning and construction for flood mitigation projects within all the municipalities.

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

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

D) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for June 2017 was received and filed.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the following list of Seasonal Appointments, effective June 21, 2017:

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Title</i> | <i>Rate</i> | <i>Type</i> | <i>Dept.</i> |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Aliberto, Julia | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Allen, Laura | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Allen, Ryan | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Arroyo, Bryan | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |

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| Asher, Michael | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Biancardi, Domenic | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Blume, John | Rec Attendant | \$9.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Blute, Caroline | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Bonanno, James | Lifeguard | 9.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Branzan, Diana | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Bugbee, Katie | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Cabellero, Tiffani | Rec Attendant | \$13.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Capazzo, Georgine | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Carreon, Maria Bianca | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Catalano, Biagio | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Chiarello, Matteo | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Collins, Conor | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Conklin, Chad | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Danko, Thomas | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Deane, Brian | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Dedvukaj, Gjon | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Diaz, Kaylin | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| DiSanto, Karly | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Fay, Ailish | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Gambardella, Janeen | Rec Attendant | \$12.00 | New | Rec |
| Gerber, Ryan | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Gresia, Matthew | Rec Attendant | \$11.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Guimaras, Lucas | Rec Attendant | \$9.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Izzo, Lisa | Rec Attendant | \$15.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Kajoshi, Adnan | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Kennedy, Julia | Rec Attendant | \$9.00 | New | Rec |
| Kitrell, Javon | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Kouloumbis, Michael | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Kunda, Keelan | Rec Attendant | \$9.50 | Rehire | Rec |
| Limekiller, Jonathan | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Lin, Jamie | Rec Attendant | \$9.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| LoBono, Madeline | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Longua, Zachary | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Lorenzo, Jaime | Rec Attendant | \$16.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Maddalone, Alece | Rec Attendant | \$15.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Mancusi, John | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Marcotte, Matthew | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| McGovern, Aiden | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| McHugh, Connor | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| Milo, Nicholas | lifeguard | \$9.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Nolan, Nicholas | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | New | Lake Isle |
| O'Connell, Thomas | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Pacifico, Melissa | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |

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| Philippopoulos, Anastasia | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Pierson, Jayshon | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Piro, Madison | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Pisto, Jessica | Lifeguard | \$14.00 | New | Rec |
| Portante, Julianna | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Pregiato, Sage | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Raspiller, Heidi | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Retta, Kristen | Rec Attendant | \$14.00 | New | Rec |
| Rinaldi, Matthew | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Risi, Julianna | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Salanitro, Samantha | Rec Attendant | \$9.50 | Rehire | Rec |
| Santo, Emma | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Sisto, Eugene | EMT | 12.00 | Rehire | Lake Isle |
| Spinelli, Bianca | Rec Attendant | \$13.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Stern, Matthew | Rec Attendant | \$8.50 | Rehire | Rec |
| Suarez, Samantha | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Tassielli, Nicole | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Torres, Alaysia | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | New | Rec |
| Vasquez, Sebastian | Rec Attendant | \$13.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Vigliotti, Vincent | Recreation Attendant | 8.00 | Rehire | Lake Isle |
| Walpole, Shane | Lifeguard | \$9.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Walzer, Ryan | Rec Attendant | \$8.00 | Rehire | Rec |
| Wiley, John | Rec Attendant | \$8.50 | Rehire | Rec |
| Zeolla, Joseph | Lifeguard | \$9.00 | New | Rec |

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: STIPEND – SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve an annual stipend of \$10,000 to be given along with her civil service salary of \$69,960 (Grade VII Step 5A) as Social Worker to Janice Munson to oversee Senior Programs and Services, effective on June 23, 2017. Janice has been with the Town since 2007 as a Social Worker for Sr. Programs and Services. With the retirement of Gilda Press on June 2, 2017, Janice will be taking on some of her responsibilities.

Funds are provided in the 2017 budget.

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SALARY CHANGE – SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES – NUTRITION PROGRAM

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION to increase the salary of Sally Veltidi by \$10,000 from \$120,100 to \$130,100 effective June 23, 2017.

In addition to her current responsibilities as Superintendent of Recreation and Parks, Sally will be in charge of Senior Programs & Services and the Nutrition Program. Funds are provided in the 2017 budget.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2017 CAPITAL PROJECTS REQUEST

See Law Agenda Above

E) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: CSE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Councilwoman Nicholson offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing Supervisor Colavita to sign the Second Amendment to the Transportation Services Agreement with Westchester County Department of Senior Program and Services including Schedule B-1 to receive a \$18,284 grant designated for transportation services provided to senior citizens.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

A) JULY AND AUGUST TOWN BOARD MEETING DATES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the Town Board meeting dates for the months of July and August to be on Tuesday, July 18th and Tuesday, August 15, 2017 at 8:00 pm.

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

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia reported Lake Isle is 'up and running' with membership available throughout the summer. Mr. Marcoccia announced that many festivities are planned at the pool during the 4th of July weekend and that teen parties scheduled for July 11th, July 25th, August 1st, and August 15th are for Teen Scene Members and Lake Isle Members between the ages of 12 and 17. Additionally, the adult pool will be open for 'late night swim' on Fridays from 8pm-10pm, beginning on July 7th.

In closing, Councilman Marcoccia announced tickets are available for the July 21st Summer Dance & Barbecue, offered by Mulino's at Lake Isle with Master of Ceremonies Goumba Johnny, and music by Johnny Rocks. Tickets are \$48 per person and include food till 9:30pm and a cash bar from 7pm to midnight.

Councilman Bellitto explained the benefits of a mulching lawn mower. Recommended by the Eastchester Environmental Committee, a mulching mower traps the cut grass blades and repeatedly cuts them with a very sharp blades insuring what drops back to the lawn in the form of a fine powder. Mr. Bellitto reported he has been using one with great result.

Councilman Dooley announced the 3rd Annual Eastchester 5K Run will be held on September 24th to benefit the Tuckahoe/Eastchester Girl Scout Cabin Fund and Eastchester Historical Society Restoration Fund. The cost is \$10 for students and \$25 for adults. More information can be found on the town's website.

In closing, Mr. Dooley provided a 'save the date' of October 2nd for the Eastchester Italian American Club vs the Eastchester Irish American Social Club Annual Golf Outing to benefit each club's scholarship funds.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the upcoming concerts to be held at the Lake Isle Driving Range beginning at 8:00 pm each Wednesday until August 17th and at the Garth Road Park on August 23rd.

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| Wednesday, July 5 Rain date: TBA | Tangled Vine Sponsored by The Eastchester Rotary Club |
| Wednesday, July 12 Rain date: July 13 | Bob Larro Orchestra Sponsored by Berkshire Hathaway |
| Wednesday, July 19 Rain date: July 20 | Epic Soul Sponsored by Supervisor Colavita and the Eastchester Town Board |
| Wednesday, July 26 Rain date: July 27 | FDR Drive Sponsored by Eastchester Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce |

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| Wednesday, August 2 nd Rain date August 3 rd | House Arrest Sponsored by EYSA (Eastchester Youth Soccer Association) |
| Wednesday, August 9 th Rain date: August 10 th | Bookends Band Sponsored by Cornell's True Value Hardware |
| Wednesday, August 16 th Rain Date: August 17 th | Celtic Cross Sponsored by Hendry School of Irish Dance and the Eastchester Irish American Social Club |
| Wednesday, August 23 rd Rain Date: August 24 th | Garth Road Park- 7:30pm The Jon Bates Band Sponsored by Westchester Choice Realty and The Garth Road Cooperative Council |

In closing, Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Town Yard Sale will be held on September 17th in the Library Parking Lot.

Supervisor Colavita reported on the June 15th Countywide Shared Services Panel that was convened to work on ways to lower property taxes and comply with state mandates. He and Comptroller Donovan joined Westchester County Executive Rob Astorino at the first meeting of the countywide panel at the County Center in White Plains.

The Supervisor explained the meeting is one of many taking place in counties throughout New York in accordance with a measure included in the 2017-2018 state budget; however, the 'big ticket items' controlled by state, state mandates and state agencies are not included. Supervisor Colavita explained towns and villages have been sharing services for years, and unless the state provides relief from state mandates and obligations, property owners are never going to be able to recognize a reduction in property taxes.

In closing, Supervisor Colavita thanked Barry Kramer, President of the Garth Road Council for organizing a recent meeting between the group and the town officials.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Peter DeFelice discussed the way in which Columbus Festival income and expenses are reported.

Karen Schivley spoke of the poor condition of the tennis courts at Leewood Park and voiced concerns of 'talk' of the installation of a large turf field in the park. In addition to concerns regarding parking, noise and the unsightliness of a turf field, Ms. Shivley stated 'kids need a place to play that doesn't involve organized sports; a place to fly a kite or catch butterflies.'

Supervisor Colavita explained there are no current plans or proposal for a turf field. 'Just an idea' has been voiced in response to the growing need for an additional 'grid iron' field on which soccer and lacrosse could be played and which could be accommodated by the size of Leewood Park. The Supervisor assured Ms. Shivley that the Leewood Civic Association and neighbors in the area of the Leewood Park would be consulted on the many issues that would need to be addressed prior to any renovation of the park.

Michael Denning spoke in support of grass fields over turf fields which tend to retain heat and can get very hot. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

Linda Laird
Town Clerk