

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
August 15, 2017

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on August 15, 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 Joseph Dooley
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia

Absent: Councilman Glenn Bellitto

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

IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Minutes of the July 18, 2017 Regular Town Board Meeting and the August 3, 2017 Special Town Board Meeting.

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

VI. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for July 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 HEIGHTS AGENCY, INC.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Heights Agency, Inc., affecting premises known as Section 68, Block 2, Lot 7 – 7 Dempsey Place, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2012	2013	\$17,250.00	\$13,700.00	\$3,550.00
2013	2014	\$17,250.00	\$13,800.00	\$3,450.00
2014	2015	\$17,250.00	\$13,400.00	\$3,850.00
2015	2016	\$17,250.00	\$12,400.00	\$4,850.00
2016	2017	\$17,250.00	\$11,900.00	\$5,350.00

*To be bonded at a later date
Eastchester School District approved the settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$6,649.75

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY CVS ALBANY, LLC

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by CVS Albany, LLC affecting premises known as Section 60, Block 5, Lot 1 – 805 White Plains Road as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2011	2012	\$57,000.00	\$55,250.00	\$1,750.00
2012	2013	\$57,000.00	\$55,250.00	\$1,750.00
2013	2014	\$57,000.00	\$55,600.00	\$1,400.00
2014	2015	\$57,000.00	\$54,100.00	\$2,900.00
2015	2016	\$57,000.00	\$48,700.00	\$8,300.00
2016	2017	\$57,000.00	\$46,800.00	\$10,200.00

*To be bonded at a later date
 Eastchester School District approved the settlement
 TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$8,409.03

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY URSTADT BIDDLE PROPERTIES, INC.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Urstadt Biddle Properties, Inc. affecting premises known as Section 4, Block 4, Lot 1 – 109 – 11 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, and Section 63 H, Block 1, Lot 18 - 777 White Plains Road, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2010	2011	\$53,000.00	\$52,360.00	\$640.00
2011	2012	\$53,000.00	\$50,320.00	\$2,680.00
2012	2013	\$53,000.00	\$50,320.00	\$2,680.00
2013	2014	\$53,000.00	\$50,660.00	\$2,340.00
2014	2015	\$53,000.00	\$49,223.00	\$3,777.00
2015	2016	\$53,000.00	\$44,336.00	\$8,664.00
2016	2017	\$42,000.00	\$42,600.00	\$-0-

School District approved the settlement
 TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$ 698.15

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY FRANK TITONE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Frank Titone against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$2,200.00 for damages sustained to Mr. Titone’s vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester Highway Department vehicle on April 17, 2017.

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

C) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for July 2017 was received for filing.

Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of Highways, reported on the completion of the 2017 Street Resurfacing Project during which over 40 streets were paved. Mr. DiLeo reported the department has begun preparations for the fall leaf season.

D) BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT for July 2017 was received for filing.

E) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for July 2017 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the following Budget Transfers:

Transfers

From:	Personal Services	L7410.100	\$ 20,000.00
To:	Salaries PT/ Seasonal	L7410.102	\$ 20,000.00
From:	Service Contracts	L7410.468	\$ 3,000.00
To:	Bldg. Maint. Supplies	L7410.404	\$ 3,000.00
From:	Audio Visual	L7410.419	\$ 5,000.00
To:	Digital Collections	L7410.403	\$ 5,000.00

Revisions

Increase:	Safety Inspection Fees	B01560	\$ 20,000.00
Increase:	Materials & Supplies	B3620.401	\$ 20,000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Ciamarra, William	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/21/2017
Flamio, Matteo	Rec Attendant	\$9.00	6/21/2017
Tsayer, Mikhail	Rec Attendant	3,550.00	7/19/2017
Conklin, Hunter	Lifeguard	9.00	8/15/2017

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2017 BOND RATING AND RESULTS

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by Comptroller Donovan in which she reports the receipt of notification that Moody's has reaffirmed the Town of Eastchester's credit rating at Aaa. "The Aaa rating reflects the town's healthy reserve and liquidity, combined with a stable tax base, very low debt burden, and elevated pension burden."

Ms. Donovan reports, on July 19th, the Town went out for a bond issue in the amount of \$4,572,167 and received a total of seven bids. Financial Capital Markets won the bonds with a net rate of 1.8700180%. This is a clear indication that the Town's management is keeping a tight control on finances.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: POLICE LOCKER ROOM CHANGE ORDER

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing to \$4,900 in change order to the contract with L. Palumbo Contracting for work on the Police Locker Room Project.

Supervisor Colavita explained that two unforeseen issues emerged during the renovation of the locker room that required the re-enforcement of four steel beams and the need for the installation of a five inch concrete pad.

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

E) MEMORANDUM FROM SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RE: CSE (COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY) CONTRACT FOR EASTCHESTER'S CASE MANAGEMENT SERVICES BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to sign the Agreement with Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services for Case Management Services under the Community Services and Elderly Act (CSE), including Schedules B-1 and C-1 for a grant in the amount of \$29,860 for case management services for older residents.

The grant money is designated to help pay a portion of the Social Worker's salary. Case management consists of a full needs assessment, care planning, arranging for services, follow-up and monitoring services, maintaining compliance with regulations of the NY State Office for the Aging, and recording client information in its database.

Supervisor Colavita reported the Senior Programs and Services Office currently serves approximately 135 elderly residents who receive home delivered meals, bathing assistance, home health services and assist many other residents with needed information and referrals.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a location change for the second meeting in September, to be held on September 19, 2017, to Bronxville Village Hall, Bronxville at 8:00 p.m.

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

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia reported on the August 2nd Lake Isle Advisory Board Meeting at which the successful renovation to the sand traps was discussed as well as a discussion of the installation of the tennis bubble in the coming weeks. The summer tennis season will be extended as long as possible.

Mr. Marcoccia encouraged current members to submit their 2018 membership application prior to Labor Day to enjoy the current membership rates.

Councilman Dooley announced the Eastchester Historical Society Fall Fundraiser will be held on Friday, September 2nd at 6pm and will feature Charles Wissinger as the Marquis de Lafayette. Mr. Dooley commended the progress of the refurbishing work being completed at the Historical Society site and thanked the highway department and Town Planner Margaret Uhle for their assistance.

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. More information can be found at eastchestercup@gmail.com.

Councilwoman Nicholson reminded residents that the concert series is nearly concluded with only the following two events scheduled:

Wednesday, August 16 th Rain Date: August 17 th	Celtic Cross – 8:00 pm Sponsored by Hendry School of Irish Dance and the Eastchester Irish American Social Club
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Wednesday, August 23 rd Rain Date: August 24 th	Garth Road Park- 7:30 pm The Jon Bates Band Sponsored by Westchester Choice Realty and The Garth Road Cooperative Council
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Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Eastchester Environmental Committee's *Green Day* event will be held on Saturday, September 16th, on the grounds of Town Hall.

Supervisor Colavita congratulated the Eastchester Blue Devil's organization as they mark the 50th years of service to Eastchester youth.

In conclusion, the Supervisor thanked the Eastchester School District and the Tuckahoe School District for providing their facilities to the summer camp program at which over 850 campers participated. Mr. Colavita explained the town and districts maintain a strong working relationship throughout the year.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

David Levy commented on the renovation to the Court Room, stating it “looks real nice.” Supervisor Colavita explained much of the funding for the renovation was provided via a NYS grant.

Christine Coleman reported to the Town Board that in addition to employees of the Audi dealership parking on Stewart Avenue, cars are often parked without license plates or detailed on the side street preventing residents and their guests from parking. Dr. Coleman also reported the care of the property, specifically an unsightly fence, is lacking. The Supervisor responded by stating the Code Enforcement Officer would visit the site to inspect the site for violations; further, the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC) would be asked for a recommendation to the Town Board regarding the parking issues.

Ellen DelColle, TPAC Chair, reported that a survey of the neighbors was distributed by Police Lt. Barletta to collect input regarding the installation of a 4 hour parking zone on Stewart Avenue. Both TPAC and Lt. Barletta are working to resolve the issues of parking for both the residential neighbors and the car dealership.

Mike Denning inquired as to the status of the renovation of a portion of the catering facility at Lake Isle for the inclusion of a restaurant. The Supervisor explained the restaurant remains under construction and reported the Senior Nutrition Center will continue to use the Fairway Room until the completion of the Community Center.

Mr. Denning questioned the amendments to the Catering Contract that were approved by the Town Board in November, 2016.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with a moment of silence for longtime resident John Risi.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Laird
Town Clerk