

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
October 17, 2017**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on October 17, 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
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia

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

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

A) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF LOCAL LAW 3-2017 PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 3 – 2000, THE V&T CODE OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, ARTICLE III, PARKING, STANDING AND STOPPING SCHEDULE XVIII: TIME LIMIT PARKING (Stewart Avenue 2 Hour Parking Zone)

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to open the Public Hearing. The Local Law will establish a 2 hour parking zone on the west side of Stewart Avenue between Park Avenue and Lincoln Avenue from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm.

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

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." Motion carried.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to adopt Local Law 3 – 2017.

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

V. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the probationary appointment of Douglas Scott of Fairfield, CT to the position of Recreation Supervisor (Group VII, Step 6) at the annual salary of \$67,133 effective November 3, 2017.

Mr. Scott has successfully completed the examination for Recreation Supervisor and his name appears on the Westchester County Civil Service exam # 67-683. Supervisor Colavita explained Mr. Scott currently holds the same position of Recreation Supervisor in another municipality.

If approved he will be required to serve a probationary period which will run not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks. Funds are provided in the 2017 budget.

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

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the Minutes of the September 19, 2017 and the October 3, 2017 Town Board Meetings.

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

VIII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

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

Chief Bonci reported the Bike Patrol had been employed to help maintain order during the Columbus Day Festival. With traffic control provided by the Auxiliary Police and Officers providing a presence at the Festival, no report of incident was made during the celebration.

The Chief reported Supervising Officers are currently attending classes at the Westchester County Police Academy.

B) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of the Highway Department, reported two trucks are currently assigned to 'leaf pick-up' with additional trucks dispatched as needed. Supervisor Colavita reminded residents to rake leaves into a pile on the grass, near the curb – not in the street.

C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for September 2017 was received for filing.

D) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for September 2017 was received for filing.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	TYPE	TOWN DEPT.
Puccini, Thomas	Rec Attendant	\$16.00	9/25/2017	Rate Change	Recreation
DeVito, Dominick	Rec Attendant	\$17.00	9/25/2017	Rate Change	Recreation
Retta, Joseph	Rec Attendant	\$17.00	9/25/2017	Rate Change	Recreation
Salza, Fulvio	Rec Attendant	\$16.00	10/24/2017	Rate Change	Recreation
Ficuciello, Marc	Laborer	\$12.00	10/18/2017	New	Highway

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION to close the following Capital Projects and transfer the unused portion of each to reserve for debt.

PROJECT CODE	PROJECT NAME	UNEXPENDED
H9445	Parkway Bridge – 2014	0.00
H9451	Street Resurfacing – 2015	0.00
H9458	Sanitation Truck - 2016	0.00
H9459	Sidewalk & Curbs – 2014	0.00
H9460	Street Resurfacing – 2016	0.00
H9463	Bldg. Dept. Filing System – 2016	0.00
H0464	Court Room Improvement – 2016	404.60
H9466	Library Patio – 2016	394.39
	Total	<u>\$798.99</u>

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – TREE SERVICE CONTRACT

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go out to bid for the Tree Service Contract.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM TOWN CLERK RE: REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF 2018 PARKING MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR GRAYROCK ROAD COMMUTER LOT

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2018 Parking Management Plan (PMP) for the Grayrock Commuter Lot and for the Board to approve the 2018 Rules and Regulations.

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

X. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Due to the fact that Election Day falls on November 7th, the first Tuesday of the month, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a change in the date of the November 7, 2017 Town Board Meeting to Wednesday, November 8, 2017.

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

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia and Supervisor Colavita congratulated the Columbus Day Committee on the success of the Columbus Day Parade and Festival. The Supervisor reported a 'record number' of people attended the festival on Saturday and Sunday of the celebration. In addition to thanking the members of the Columbus Day Committee for their efforts, the Police, Auxiliary Police, Highway Department and Lake Isle staff were recognized for their participation and contribution to the success of the Festival.

Councilman Bellitto and Councilman Dooley had no report.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the annual Rag-A-Muffin Parade will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 2:00pm. The parade will step off from Eastchester Middle School and proceed to Town Hall where snacks will be provided by the Eastchester Little League. The parade is open to all preschoolers through 6th graders. A DJ will play Halloween Favorites at Town Hall and all participants will receive a goodie bag. The event is sponsored by Comizio Orthodontics.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the first ever Volleyball Clinic offered in conjunction with Eastchester High School's Volleyball Coaches and Volleyball players. The clinic will introduce participants to the game of volleyball where they will learn how to pass, set, serve and work as a team. The clinic will be held on October, 29th November 5th, 12th and 19th from 9:30am-11:00am in the Eastchester High School Gym. The program is open to all K-6th graders in Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville School Districts. The fee is \$75.00 and includes a t-shirt.

Supervisor Colavita explained the Eastchester Beautification Yellow Rose Awards are awarded for ongoing attractive good maintenance of property, new planting, signs and architectural details; as well as contribution of service, time and materials. The Supervisor congratulated the Eastchester Beautification Foundation's 2016-2017 Yellow Rose Award recipients:

Volunteers and Service to the Town: Lynne Richy, Agnes Holzberg/Greenknolls Association, Kathleen Schroko/Greenknolls Association and Laura Raffiani.

Store Front and Window Display: Eye Designs of Westchester, North End Quality Meats and PLI Realty.

Landscaping: Essex Co-op Garth Road, Interlaken Owners, Inc., Town Houses at Lake Isle, 111 Brook Street and Vernon Hills Shopping Center.

Architectural Renovation: Barnes and Noble, Mickey Spillane's, Mona Lisa Salumaria and County Market.

Further, the Supervisor thanked the EBF Executive Board Members; Judy Blau, Maura McMahon, Susan Kutzin, Janet Hill, Loraine Mariani, Julie Lipton, Jennifer Read and Irene Sarno, for all the work they do for the community;.

XII. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

William Kopp suggested the name of the Columbus Day Parade and Festival be changed to Italian-American Heritage Day.

Councilman Bellitto responded to the suggestion that the town celebrate Italian-American Day in place of Columbus Day by proclaiming Columbus Day is a national holiday and the town cannot unilaterally change the name of the day. Further, he explained that there are residents from scores of nationalities living in Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville and it would be discriminatory to the others if an Italian-American Day were to be designated.

Dr. Kopp expressed concern over the plans to build a 64 bed medical facility at the corner of Mill Road and North Avenue in New Rochelle, on acreage bordering Eastchester. He anticipates an increase in traffic on Mill Road.

Joan Mehos, President of the Interlaken Gardens Coop Board of Directors, concurred with Dr. Kopp regarding the impact the medical facility will have on traffic in the area, specifically on California Road.

Christine Coleman thanked the Town Board and the Traffic Advisory Board for the responsiveness that neighbors on Stewart Avenue received regarding parking difficulties and the addition of the two hour no parking zone.

Bill West, President of Eastchester Youth Soccer, reported there are currently 1390 children registered with the league and another 40 on the waiting list. Currently the fields are used at capacity and additional locations are needed. Mr. West inquired as to the status of 'upper' Scout Field. Supervisor Colavita responded the project is in the 'design phase,' which is being completed by Westchester County. Currently the plans include the installation of a small athletic field and a separate designated area suitable for dogs. In addition to planning, the County will install the field and hydration, the town will install both the fence and field furniture and pave the driveway.

Mike Denning discussed the current campaign for Supervisor and issues regarding political lawn signs.

David Levy discussed his desire to appeal a ruling made by the Building and Planning Department and was told the venue for appeal is the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk