

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
November 21, 2017**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on November 21, 2017 at 7:00 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. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2017 Town Board Meeting as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

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 October 2017 of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

Chief Bonci reported a 5 Year Strategic Plan for the Police Department is being drafted with the assistance of a professor from Iona College. The Chief also reported two recruits will graduate the Police Academy in mid-December and that it is anticipated additional recruits will be hired before the start of the January session of the Academy.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY OLYMPIA REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATES, LLC.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Olympia Real Estate Associates, LLC affecting premises known as Section 75, Block 1, Lot 3-288 White Plains Road, Eastchester:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2012	2013	\$13,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
2013	2014	\$13,000.00	\$10,050.00	\$ 2,950.00
2014	2015	\$13,000.00	\$ 9,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
2015	2016	\$13,000.00	\$ 8,550.00	\$ 4,450.00
2016	2017	\$13,000.00	\$ 8,250.00	\$ 4,750.00

Eastchester School District approved the settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$ 5,896.14

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY BEDROCK PROPERTIES, 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 Bedrock Properties, LLC affecting premises known as Section 60, Block 4, Lots 36 & 30 – 8 Fisher Avenue, Tuckahoe as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2016	2017	\$17,500.00	\$12,800.00	\$4,700.00

Eastchester School District approved the settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$ 1,563.67

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLING OF A RECREATION FEE – 76 WEBSTER ROAD

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settling of a recreation fee for the property located at 76 Webster Road (Section 61, Block 1, Lot 83) Scarsdale, NY, in the amount of \$30,000.00.

The Supervisor explained the Planning Board can determine, when a sub-division is approved, if it is appropriate to require the dedication of park space or to determine a Recreation Fee is to be collected. The fee would be based on the value of the property and used to improve an established park. Since the town is a mature community, the Planning Board deemed it appropriate to impose the Recreation Fee.

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

C) BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORTS for August, September and October 2017 were received for filing.

D) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for October, 2017 was received for filing.

E) TOWN CLERK’S REPORT for October, 2017 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PART TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the following Seasonal Appointments as Recreation Attendant in the Recreation Department, effective December 2, 2017: Dominick Mancuso at \$9.00 per hour, John Risi at \$11.00 per hour and Liam Schulz at \$9.00 per hour.

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – UNIFORMS

Per a request from Hector DiLeo, Superintendent of Highways, 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 uniforms.

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: REJECTION OF BIDS FOR TOWN COMMUNITY CENTER AND LAKE ISLE

Per a recommendation from Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to reject the Town Community Center at Lake Isle bids due to the fact that the bids submitted exceeded the funds budgeted for the project.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERVISOR RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2018 BUDGET

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to set a Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget for Tuesday, December 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia reported he had attended a recent Library Board of Trustee Meeting to review the 2018 Library Budget and to tour the completed improvement projects at the Library including the new lighting, furniture, carpet and shelving installation projects. Mr. Marcoccia reminded the public the Library will be closed November 23rd and 24th for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Councilman Bellitto announced the next Traffic and Parking Advisory Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 28th at 7:00 pm in the Community Room.

Councilman Dooley announced Eastchester Historical Society's annual holiday party will be held at the Marble School House on Sunday, December 3rd from 1 – 4pm. Further, Mr. Dooley announced the following Neighborhood Tree Lighting Ceremony's; Wilmot Manor at 6:00pm on December 1st, Green Knowles at 3:30pm and Twin Lakes, held at the Girl Scout Cabin, at 4:00pm on December 2nd and the Huntley Civic Association will hold its ceremony at 3:30 on December 10th at the Joyce Road Park.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Annual Gingerbread House decorating contest will be held at the Haindl Field Rec Room on Sunday, December 3rd from 10am – 2 pm and the Annual Santa Stop at Gazebo Park will also be held on December 3rd from 2-4 pm. Mrs. Nicolson asked those interested in participating to contact the Recreation Department at 771-3311.

On behalf of the Town Board, Supervisor Colavita extending Happy Thanksgiving wishes to all.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

David Levy presented a poster that opposed the renovation of Scout Field and called it "organized lies." Further, Mr. Levy expressed concern the incoming County Executive, George Latimer, will increase county taxes. In closing, Mr. Levy suggested tickets be issued to residents and businesses that put trash out days before pick-up.

Peter DeFelice reiterated his opposition to the amended Eastchester Events Agreement for catering at Lake Isle.

Carl Albano, Superintendent of the Tuckahoe School District, announced the December 5, 2017 Bond Referendum to support the addition of 8 classrooms to the Cottle School and upgrades and renovations to the libraries, cafeterias and the gym. In addition, a necessary locking system and other security upgrades will be included in the project.

Mike Denning asked several questions pertaining to the Lake Isle Catering Facility and proposed restaurant. In response, the Supervisor Colavita explained no Building Permit Fee was required; however, inspections are being made at each stage of the renovation and a Temporary Certificate of Compliance has been issued to Eastchester Events for the operation of the facility.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk