

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
June 5, 2018

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on June 5, 2018 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. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Minutes of the May 15, 2018 Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

VI. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AMENDMENT TO THE TOWN BOARD RESOLUTION DATED JULY 14, 2009 WHEREBY THE EASTCHESTER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION;

WHEREAS, by resolution at a Town Board meeting on July 14, 2009, an Environmental Committee was established; and The Town Board now wishes to amend Section 2 of the previous resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester is hereby authorized to appoint alternate members to the Eastchester Environmental Committee for the purposes of adding additional members to the Committee.

WHEREAS, the Town Board may appoint an alternate member for a term of two (2) years from the date of the appointment by The Town Board.

WEHREAS, the Chairperson of the Environmental Committee may designate such alternate member to substitute for a member when such member is unable to serve for the reason of a conflict of interest, an extended illness or resignation by another member.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A RECREATION FEE – WATER STREET

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settling of a recreation fee for the property located on Water Street (Section 65A, Block 2, Lots 4&5) Eastchester, NY, in the amount of \$45,000.00.

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY LES-TODD REALTY CORP – 88 LAKE AVE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Les-Todd Realty Corp., affecting premises known as Section 32, Block 7, Lot 1A – 88 Lake Avenue, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2013	2014	\$ 47,600.00	\$ 47,600.00	\$ -0-
2014	2015	\$ 47,600.00	\$ 46,800.00	\$ 800.00
2015	2016	\$ 47,600.00	\$ 43,700.00	\$ 3,900.00
2016	2017	\$ 47,600.00	\$ 45,800.00	\$ 1,800.00
2017	2018	\$ 47,600.00	\$ 44,450.00	\$ 3,150.00

School District approved the settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND:\$ 334.35

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

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY ARDG, LLC. – 9 MIDLAND PLACE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by ARDG, LLC., affecting premises known as Section 29, Block 10, Lot 3 – 9 Midland Place, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2010	2011	\$11,750	\$11,750	\$ 0
2011	2012	\$11,750	\$11,750	\$ 0
2012	2013	\$11,750	\$ 9,625	\$2,125
2013	2014	\$11,750	\$ 9,520	\$2,230
2014	2015	\$11,750	\$ 7,900	\$3,850
2015	2016	\$11,750	\$ 7,200	\$4,550
2016	2017	\$11,750	\$ 7,000	\$4,750

School District approved the settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND:\$ 597.40

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

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS/REVISIONS

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the following Budget Revisions and Budget Transfers:

		<u>Transfers</u>	
From:	Personal Services	B3120.100	\$ 125,000.00
To:	Overtime- Straight	B3120.103S	\$ 125,000.00
		<u>Revisions</u>	
Increase:	Equipment	B3120.201	\$ 31,200.00
Increase:	State Aid Public Safety	B03389	\$ 31,200.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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

NAME	TITLE	RATE	EFF. DATE	TYPE	DEPT.
Anello, Nicolette	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Avlonitis, Jordan	Rec Attendant	9.50	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Bajana, Bridget	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Banks, Margaret	Rec Attendant	12.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Barbieri, Lucas	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Biancardi, Daniela	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Blume, John	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Box, Jake	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Brennan, Caroline	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Bryson, Stephen	EMT	12.00	6/6/2018	Rehire	Lake Isle
Bugbee, Katherine	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Cacciola, Mark	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Calano, Peter	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Calby, Bridget	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Capellan, Kenneth	EMT	12.00	6/6/2018	Rehire	Lake Isle
Carpio, Ethan	Lifeguard	11.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Cartolano, Amy	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Cirillo, Juliana	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Colavita, Caroline	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Colavita, Olivia	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Cooper, Andre	Laborer	12.00	6/6/2018	New	Highway
Cooper, Seamus	Lifeguard	11.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Crai, Rachel	Rec Attendant	11.50	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Cullen, Caitlin	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Deane, Allegra	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
DiFalco, Genine Marie	Rec Attendant	16.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Eke, Nkechi	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Esposito, Christian	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Felipe, Jack	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Ferrone, Katherine	Lifeguard	11.00	6/6/2018	Rehire	Lake Isle
Fogliano, Giuliana	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec
Fong, James	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Froehlich, Catherine	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Gallo, Sydney	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Gleason, Gabriella	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Gonzalez, Isabella	Lifeguard	11.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Goodman, Geraldine	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Gordon, Kathryn	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Gramaglia, Jack	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Green, Tania	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Gresia, Joseph	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Guilanti, Perry Lee	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Hessel, John	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Holzberg, Joseph	Rec Attendant	9.50	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Horvath, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec

Izzo, Lisa	Rec Attendant	15.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Keenan, Michela	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Laboy, Jalen	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Lee, Rory	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Levy, Joseph	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
LoBono, Madeline	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Lombardo, Kristen	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Loparrino, Marc	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
LoParrino, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Lorenzo, Jaime	Rec Attendant	20.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec
Loukas, Deanna	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Luna, Matthew	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Macaluso, Sefanie	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Malki, Eran	Laborer	12.00	6/6/2018	New	Highway
Mancuso, Dominic	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
McCloskey, Meghan	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Meduri, Justin	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Milo, Nicholas	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Mullen, Grace	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Murphy, James	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Navaretta, Peter	Laborer	12.00	6/6/2018	New	Highway
Negro, Jillian	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec
Nunes, Justin	Laborer	12.00	6/6/2018	New	Highway
Papaleo, Victoria	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Perez, Erika	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Pfister, Jenna	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Pingel, Fritz	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Pinto, Chloe	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Pinto, Thomas	Rec Attendant	14.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Pisacreta, Joseph	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Pisto, Jessica	Lifeguard	18.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec
Policiccho, Luca	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Popov, Michael	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Puccini, Thomas	Rec Attendant	16.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Raymond, Ann	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Reda, Ava	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Reitano, Lenny	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Rodriguez, Matthew	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Salzano, Alexander	Recreation Attendant	10.00	6/6/2018	Rehire	Lake Isle
Santionni, Michael	Rec Attendant	20.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec
Sasso, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Smith, Madeline	Lifeguard	11.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Spinelli, Joseph	EMT	12.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Stapleton, Owen	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Steward, Amari	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec

Sullivan, Molly	Rec Attendant	10.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Sypher, Liana	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Tallent, Julia	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Tassielli, Nicole	Rec Attendant	9.00	6/20/2018	Rehire	Rec
Tyrrell, Lisa	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Viti, John	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Widmaier, Eva	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Williamson, Naya	Recreation Attendant	8.00	6/6/2018	New	Lake Isle
Zamar, Marisa	Rec Attendant	8.00	6/20/2018	New	Rec
Zeolla, Michael	Lifeguard	11.00	6/20/2018	Rate Change	Rec

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION to grant a leave of absence for Employee #3548, pursuant to Section 71 of the Civil Service Law, effective December 14, 2017 through December 13, 2018. The leave would be without pay.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM LAKE ISLE GENERAL MANAGER RE: ADDENDUM TO EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND BRIGHTVIEW GOLD MAINTENANCE – BUNKERS

Supervisor Colavita reported for the past several years there has been an addendum made each year to the Brightview Golf Maintenance agreement to have Brightview fully renovate sand bunkers on the Lake Isle golf course. To date, bunker renovations have been made to holes 1,2,3,5,6,7,9,10,16 and 18. This year this same renovation work is taking place to holes 4 and 12. Of all bunker work completed thus far, these two holes are requiring the greatest amount of work.

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve an Addendum to be included in the existing license agreement between the Town of Eastchester and Brightview Golf Maintenance to fund the capital work to renovation bunkers 4 and 12 at the cost of \$7,500. Funding has already been approved as part of the 2018 Capital Budget and will be added to the 2018 contract payment amount.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS -none

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia announced *Gigante Restaurant and Bar* at Lake Isle has opened for dinner and will be offering lunch as well in the coming week.

Mr. Marcoccia congratulated the Veteran groups of Tuckahoe, Bronxville and Eastchester on the success of the Memorial Day commemorations and activities.

Councilman Bellitto read the following heartfelt statement:

“This past Wednesday evening, I attended, with all of the Town Board members, the Candlelight Vigil in Gazebo Park, organized by the Care Coalition. The Care Coalition is a group of private citizens dedicated to saving the lives of children by combatting the opioid epidemic and drug and alcohol addictions.

The large group of people who attended, showing their support for fighting the opioid crisis which continues to spread across the nation was very impressive.

During this past Christmas Season, my wife, Kyle, and I lost our son, Gage, to an opioid overdose. Gage was 19 years old and would have been 20 on Christmas Day. Gage was a sophomore at Columbia University, where he died in his dorm room.

Tomorrow morning, I will go to Bronxville Cemetery to make final decisions about Gage's gravestone. My wife, Kyle, has refused to enter Bronxville Cemetery since Gage's burial in December.

In spite of everything, last week's Candlelight Vigil left me very optimistic about the future. This was because the event brought together two vital components in the fight against the opioid epidemic. These two components are communication and community.

Let me first mention communication.

When Kyle and I wrote Gage's obituary, we included that he died of an opioid overdose. We didn't give it a second thought. That was how he died. At the beginning of Gage's wake, people told us how courageous we were. I thanked them but didn't know for what. Soon after, somebody coupled the words bravery and the obituary.

In the past, I have read about the stigma some people feel about having a drug overdose death in their family. Kyle and I have never thought that about Gage's death.

Indeed, Eastchester Town has validated our thoughts many times over. The residents of Bronxville, Eastchester and Tuckahoe always have comforted Kyle and me with wide open arms.

Opioid addiction continues to sweep the nation, and it is touching families everywhere. It is vital to remember that the crisis is not something that is only out there, but, unfortunately, is right here as well.

Ever since Gage died, many people have taken me aside at social, governmental, and organizational events all over the Town of Eastchester. They have told me of family members and friends who have died of opioid overdoses in the past year or who are right now in the throes of opioid addiction.

I think that people talk to me about their family members struggles with drugs because Kyle and I have been open about Gage's opioid death. Openness begets openness.

Therefore, I think that an immediate and effective way to step up the fight against this devastating drug epidemic is simply to start talking about it. If more families who are affected decide to no longer suffer in silence, it will become quite clear very quickly just how widespread this problem is.

A second component to fight the drug epidemic is to leverage the power of community. If communication about drug abuse becomes more common, I am confident that more and more people will be moved to help in the fight.

There are numerous ways that we can fight against the opioid epidemic.

Making sure that there is a sustained focus on kids staying away from drugs, including marijuana in all of the schools, the scout programs, the sports leagues and anywhere kids gather.

Watching out for one another – a kid telling a kid, or a parent telling a parent that the kid might have a drug problem.

More people learning how to use the opioid antidote, Narcan, which is now a nasal spray. Councilman Joe Dooley and I took the Narcon training course at the Eastchester Public Library the week before last.

All of the above is too late for Kyle and me, regarding Gage.

I have been wearing Gage's high school class ring to help keep his memory close to me.

At home, Kyle and I have made a location, a make shift Eternal Flame. On a wall in Gage's bedroom, there is a light which we have not turned off since Gage's death.

But for so many of you, it is not too late.

If you tend to think that addiction will not touch your family, you are like how Kyle and I were. Also, my family, in terms of parental-child communication and parental-child interaction, is probably not all that different from yours.

So, to the Care Coalition, thank you for your continued service to the community. The Candlelight Vigil was a very visible great beginning to increasing the community's focus on addiction. Now, it is up to all of us in Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville, in ways large or small, in ways organized or personal, to turn that increased focus into sustained action."

Councilman Dooley announced that although registration for the summer camps has closed; there will be several mini camps offered this summer with information available at www.eastchester.org. The Library will have summer programs offered in the coming weeks, including the Summer Reading Program that will run from June 25 – August 14th.

The first of eight events offered as part of the Summer Concert Series begins on July 11th at Lake Isle and concludes with a concert on Garth Road on August 22nd.

Mr. Dooley encouraged the public to support the efforts of the Eastchester Beautification Foundation and reported on the Annual Meeting at which the organizations' extensive contribution to the community was highlighted.

In closing, Councilman Dooley congratulated all those graduating from college, including his daughter Caroline.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced a 'save the date' for the Chamber of Commerce Local Business Fair to be held on July 21st and the Eastchester Historical Society's *Evening with Edgar Allan Poe* to be held on September 28th. More information for each event will be presented at a future meeting.

Supervisor Colavita reported the driving rain did not prevent the Relay For Life event from being a tremendous success with Team Wonder Woman and Team DeVito each raising upwards of \$40,000 each.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

David Layne spoke on behalf of the CARE Coalition and reported on the tremendous support and attendance at the Candlelight Vigil held on Wednesday, May 30th at Gazebo Park. The evening served as *a night of remembrance and hope for those affected by substance abuse*.

Mr. Layne explained the mission of the Coalition is to engage the community in spreading the word that the community is united in helping those struggling to find help, hope and healing. Dominique Ricciardi reported on the initial reaction to the website LoveNeverGivesUp.com. Within weeks of its launch, over 3000 unique visitors have signed into the site to access the directory of resources, to submit a personal story or to join a prayer team or submit a prayer request.

Supervisor Colavita reaffirmed the support of the Town to the work of the Coalition and predicted the organization would continue to grow and get stronger.

David Levy reported the grounds of Town Hall had been mowed on Memorial Day, a Federal Holiday and suggested that tickets be issued to residents and businesses that put trash to the curb outside of 24 hours of pick-up.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk