

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
November 20, 2018**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on November 20, 2018 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 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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Minutes of the November 7, 2018 Town Board Meeting Minutes as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

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

Police Chief Tim Bonci presented the following reports for October 2018; Report of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

Chief Bonci reported the six recruits currently enrolled at the Police Academy are doing well and will be reporting to duty in early 2019. In addition, the Chief reported on an exercise that was recently held in Town with emergency responders from within our Mutual Aid Zone.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD TO APPROVE THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED TRANSFER OF A PORTION OF THE STREET KNOWN AS SIWANoy BOULEVARD BETWEEN RIDGE STREET AND CRAWFORD STREET TO THE TUCKAHOE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 8 OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW AND THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ENUMERATED AT 6 NYCRR, PART 617 (COLLECTIVELY SEQRA)**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Supervisor and The Town Board pursuant to SEQRA, to hereby declare its intent to serve as lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed action to transfer a portion of the street known as Siwanoy Boulevard between Ridge Street and Crawford Street to the Tuckahoe Union Free School District.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Eastchester has proposed transferring a portion of the street known as Siwanoy Boulevard between Ridge Street and Crawford Street to the Tuckahoe Union Free School District; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that the Proposed Action is an Unlisted Action in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder at 6 NYCRR Part 617 (collectively "SEQRA"); and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to assume Lead Agency status in connection with the SEQRA review of the Proposed Action.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Town Board declares its intent to become Lead Agency in connection with the SEQRA review of the Proposed Action.
2. The Town Board will distribute a cover letter (the Letter) along with this Notice of Intent to be Lead Agency, and Part I of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) to all other involved agencies.
3. The involved agencies will have 30 days from the date of the Letter to comment on the Town Board's intent to become Lead Agency and to indicate concerns regarding the potential impacts of the Proposed Action.
4. If an agency fails to respond within 30 days of the date of the Letter, the Town Board shall interpret this to mean that the agency has no interest in the choice of Lead Agency and has no comments regarding the Proposed Action at this time.
5. If no objections are received within 30 days of the date of the Letter, the Town Board will assume the role of Lead Agency in the environmental review of the Proposed Action.

Supervisor Colavita explained the Town and the Tuckahoe School District Safety Committee have worked together for years in addressing traffic, street closure and parking matters to guarantee the safety of children in the Cottle School and Middle/High School neighborhood. The District control of the opening and closing of the small section of Siwanoy Boulevard will enhance student safety.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN BOARD TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER TO THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER'S HUD PROGRAM TO THE NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF HOMES AND COMMUNITY RENEWAL (DHCR)

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to Table the Item until a future meeting.

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY KIM MITCHELL

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Kim Mitchell against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$615.14 for damages sustained to Ms. Mitchell's vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester vehicle on October 1, 2018.

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

C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for October 2018 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From:	Investigations	B3120.412	\$ 1,780.00
To:	Telecommunications	B3120.428	\$ 1,780.00
From:	Sr. Nutrition- Food	A6872.407	\$ 5,000.00
To:	Sr. Pgms.- Community Affairs	A6910.457	\$ 5,000.00

From:	Personal Services	L7410.100	\$ 20,000.00
To:	Salaries P.T. / Seasonal	L7410.102	\$ 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 Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Seasonal Appointment of Patrick Crean and Gianna Ciardiello as Rec Attendants in the Recreation Department effective December 1, 2018 for the hourly rate of \$9.00.

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERVISOR RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2019 BUDGET

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to set a Public Hearing to receive public comment on the 2019 Preliminary Budget for Tuesday, December 4, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia reported the staff at Lake Isle has begun the planning phase for the 2019 season and announced on-line enrollment would be offered in the coming year.

At the request of Councilman Bellitto, Councilwoman Nicholson announced upcoming Recreation Programs including the Holiday Programs during the month of December including: Santa Stop on December 1st at Gazebo Park from noon to 2:00 p.m., the annual Gingerbread House Contest at Haindl Field Rec Room on December 2nd from noon to 2:00 p.m., the Holiday Lights ceremony on December 2nd at Memorial Park at 4:30 p.m. and the Chanukah Menorah Lighting and Gelt Drop on December 6th at 5:30 p.m., also at Memorial Park.

Councilman Dooley and Supervisor Colavita commended the members of the Highway Department for their hard work and diligence during a recent snow storm that took the area by surprise and left many communities in disarray. While impassable roadways caused commuters to be stranded for hours throughout the region, Eastchester roads were kept clear as crews worked through the night .

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Peter DeFelice reiterated his opposition to the Lake Isle Caterer contract that was approved in 2014 and 2016. Mr. DeFelice commended Anthony J. Colavita (former Supervisor from 10/9/1970 – 2/20/1981) for having the forethought to initiate a referendum to approve the purchase of Lake Isle Country Club.

David Levy reminded residents to be mindful of changes to the Sanitation Schedule due to the holidays.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk