

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD**  
**April 21, 2015**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on April 21, 2015 at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, Eastchester, New York.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – FLAG**

**III. ROLL CALL**

Present: Supervisor Anthony Colavita  
Councilman Glenn Bellitto  
Councilman Joseph Dooley  
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson  
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia

Town Clerk Linda Laird  
Town Attorney Louis Reda  
Comptroller Dawn Donovan

**IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS**

Fred Moses stated his disappointment that the proposed Capital Budget does not provide the funding of a renovation of the Highway Yard.

Robert Cartolano, President of the Eastchester Library Board of Trustee spoke in support of the proposed Capital Budget funding of replacing the roof at the Library as well as funding Phase 2 of the conversion to LED lights in the Library. Mr. Cartolano thanked the Town Board for their continued support of the Library.

**V. APPOINTMENTS**

**A) APPOINTMENTS – HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the probationary appointment of Joseph Mercorella Jr. of Eastchester, NY to the full time position of Laborer (Group E, Step 1) at the annual salary of \$43,594 effective April 24, 2015.

Mr. Mercorella will be required to serve a probationary period which will run not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the background investigation. Funds are provided in the 2015 budget.

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

**B) APPOINTMENT – EASTCHESTER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the appointment of Jennifer Read to the Eastchester Environmental Committee effective April 22, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

**C) APPOINTMENT – LAKE ISLE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the appointment of Donato Vaccaro to the Lake Isle Long Range Planning Committee effective April 22, 2015 – April 30, 2017.

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

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2015 Special Town Board Meeting and Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

**VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Chief Timothy Bonci presented for filing the following reports for February and March 2014 Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

- **Police Department Annual Report to be inserted-**

**CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Supervisor Colavita asked the Town Board to consider Correspondence Agenda XIII – B: MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS before proceeding with the Law Department Report.

Supervisor Colavita reviewed the following 2015 Capital Projects submitted by Town Comptroller Dawn Donovan. The items listed have been deemed to be necessary and essential to the operation of the Town. If approved all of the projects will be bonded.

**2015 Capital Budget Request**

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**LIBRARY**

ROOF REPLACEMENT	55,000.00
LED LIGHTS	35,000.00
	90,000.00

**HIGHWAY**

SMALL DUMP TRUCK	85,000.00
SIDEWALK & CURB REPLACE	150,000.00
STREET RESURFACING	850,000.00
LED LIGHTS	20,000.00
LARGE DUMP TRUCK	195,000.00
	1,300,000.00

**TOWN OUTSIDE**

POLICE LOCKER ROOM	100,000.00
MARBLE SCHOOL HOUSE MASTER PLAN	15,000.00
	115,000.00

**LAKE ISLE**

LADIES LOCKER ROOM	70,000.00
	70,000.00

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**TOWNWIDE**

FIELD & PARK REHABILITATION - PARKWAY

30,000.00

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TOTAL PROJECTS

1,605,000.00

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Supervisor Colavita explained a total of \$8.5 million in Capital Project requests were reviewed and prioritized by the Town Board, with several projects being approached in phases.

The Supervisor explained the proposed Street Resurfacing Project budget is \$850,000 due to necessary repairs in the wake of the difficult winter that left many of our streets in need of resurfacing. Councilman Dooley added the town will continue to urge Westchester County and New York State DOT to repave their roads; including, Wilmot Road, Mill Road and White Plains Road.

Regarding the projects to be funded at the library; \$35,000 is being budgeted to complete Phase 1 of the installation of LED lights. Councilman Bellitto explained the total cost is estimated to be \$100,000 and will be completed over several phases. Similarly, the 2015 Capital Budget to install LED lights will augment previous installations on Highland Avenue, California Road, Leewood Drive, Brook Street and Harney Avenue.

Councilman Dooley and Supervisor Colavita discussed the need to combine two lots of land to capture additional green space and parking at the Marble School House. An architect and engineer will be retained in this, Phase 1, of the project at the town owned site of the Eastchester Historical Society.

Supervisor Colavita described the scope of work to be completed in 2015 at Parkway Oval to include the replacement of the fence. The total cost is estimated to be \$60,000 of which \$30,000 will be bonded and \$30,000 of the Recreation Fund will be used. Councilman Marcoccia spoke in support of the proposed repairs as a follow-up to the new back stop and drainage completed in 2014.

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the 2015 Capital Projects as requested and to authorize bonding of such projects.

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

**B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY THE TRAVELERS HOME AND MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY A/S/O SHERLY AND MARTIN P. MUNDADAN**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by The Travelers Home and Marine Insurance Company a/s/o Sherly and Martin P. Mundadan against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$2,200.00 for damages sustained to the Mundadan's vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester Police Department vehicle on February 18, 2014.

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

**2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO AN INSURANCE RENEWAL WITH WELLS FARGO INSURANCE SERVICES FOR THE POLICY PERIOD APRIL 30, 2015 – APRIL 30, 2016**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Supervisor to enter into an insurance renewal with Wells Fargo Insurance Services for a total premium of \$395,031.00 for the policy period April 30, 2015 to April 30, 2016.

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

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A RENEWAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND NETWORK ADJUSTERS, INC. EFFECTIVE APRIL 30, 2015 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2016**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver a renewal agreement between the Town of Eastchester and Network Adjusters, Inc., effective April 30, 2015 through April 30, 2016.

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

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY 14 GRANT STREET 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 14 Grant Street LLC affecting premises known as Section 32, Block 2, Lot 2 – 14 Grant Street, Tuckahoe, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2007	2008	\$21,350.00	\$15,850.00	\$5,500.00
2008	2009	\$21,350.00	\$16,000.00	\$5,350.00
2009	2010	\$21,350.00	\$16,450.00	\$4,900.00
2010	2011	\$21,350.00	\$17,550.00	\$3,800.00
2011	2012	\$21,350.00	\$16,850.00	\$4,500.00
2012	2013	\$21,350.00	\$16,850.00	\$4,500.00
2013	2014	\$21,350.00	\$17,050.00	\$4,300.00

Tuckahoe School Board Approved the Settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$944.73

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

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY 600 WHITE PLAINS ROAD, LLC**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by 600 White Plains Road, LLC affecting premises known as Section 65A, Block 3, Lot 11 – 600 White Plains Road, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2006	2007	\$29,100.00	\$13,230.00	\$15,870.00
2007	2008	\$29,100.00	\$13,230.00	\$15,870.00
2008	2009	\$29,100.00	\$12,420.00	\$16,680.00
2009	2010	\$29,100.00	\$11,440.00	\$17,660.00
2010	2011	\$29,100.00	\$11,640.00	\$17,460.00
2011	2012	\$29,100.00	\$10,185.00	\$18,915.00
2012	2013	\$29,100.00	\$ 8,730.00	\$20,370.00

\*To be bonded at a later date

Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$31,491.81

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

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF CONSTRUCTION OF FIELD AND PARK REHABILITATION IMPROVEMENTS**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$30,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost of Construction of Field and Park Rehabilitation Improvements for use by the Department of Recreation, Parks and Buildings in and for the Town.

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

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF SIDEWALK AND CURB REPLACEMENT**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$150,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost of Sidewalk and Curb Replacement at various locations within the Town for use by the Department of Highway in and for the Town.

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

**8. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF STREET RESURFACING AND REPAIRS**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$850,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost of Street Resurfacing and Repairs at various locations within the Town for use by the Department of Highway in and for the Town.

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

**9. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF LADIES LOCKER ROOM AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB AND THE POLICE LOCKER ROOM**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$170,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost for various purposes such as the Reconstruction of Various Locker Rooms (a) the ladies locker room at Lake Isle Country Club for \$70,000.00 and (b) the Police locker room for \$100,000.00 for use by various departments in and for the Town.

Supervisor Colavita explained the ladies locker room will be relocated and improved and the renovation to the Police locker room will include the renovation of the men's locker room, weight room and a storage room. The Supervisor concluded by stating both projects are long overdue

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

**10. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF ONE LARGE AND ONE SMALL DUMP TRUCK**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$280,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester

County, New York to Finance the Cost of the Acquisition of (a) One large dump truck for \$195,000; and (b) One small truck for \$85,000 for use by the Department of Highway in and for the Town.

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

**11. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST TO ACQUIRE AND INSTALL LED LIGHTING IN THE LIBRARY, HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT AND TO PREPARE SURVEYS, PRELIMINARY AND DETAILED PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MARBLE SCHOOL HOUSE**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$70,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost for various purposes such as (a) Acquire and install LED lights in the Town Library for \$35,000; (b) Acquire and install LED lights for the Highway Department for \$20,000.00; and (c) Prepare surveys, preliminary and detailed plans for improvements at the Town-owned Marble School House for \$15,000.00 for use by the various departments in and for the Town.

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

**12. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT OF THE ROOF AT THE LIBRARY**

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Issuance of \$55,000.00 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, New York to Finance the Cost of the Replacement of the Roof at the Town-owned Library for the Cost of \$55,000.00 Bonds and \$150,000.00 from serial bonds approved on April 22, 2014 for a maximum cost \$205,000.00 for use by the Town of Eastchester's Library in and for the Town.

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

**13. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A PERMIT AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR SCOUT FIELD**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver a Permit Agreement between the Town of Eastchester and the County of Westchester for the Town to operate and maintain Scout Field as a municipal recreation facility for the term February 15, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

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

**C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT** for March 2015 was received for filing.

**D) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** for February 2015 was received for filing.

**VIII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEE**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the Seasonal Appointment of Rosa Godinez as Recreation Attendant at Lake Isle at a rate of \$10.00 per hour effective April 22, 2015.

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

**B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2015 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS**

- See above, prior to the Law Agenda -

**C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECTS 2014**

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing approval to close the completed capital projects listed below and transfer the unused funds to the Reserve for Debt. This will allow the use of the unused funds to pay the debt associated with the projects on future budgets.

<b>Project Code</b>	<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Unexpended</b>
H9438	Sanitation Truck – 2014	826.00
H9442	Auxiliary Vehicle – 2014	104.00
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**On the roll call, all voted "AYE." Motion carried.**

**D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: AUTHORIZATION OF TD BANK**

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION to authorize TD Bank as an authorized financial institution for the Town of Eastchester for 2015. The addition of TD Bank will broaden our prospects for potential investment opportunities.

**On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley who "ABSTAINED." Motion carried.**

**E) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: UNIFORM JUSTICE COURT ACT**

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION acknowledging the review of the 2014 financial audit of the Town of Eastchester's Justice Court.

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

**F) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – 2015 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go to bid for the 2015 Street Resurfacing Project.

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

**G) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID - 2015 SIDEWALK & CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go to bid for the 2015 Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Project.

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

**H) MEMORANUDM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PROCLAMATION OF ARBOR DAY**

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTOIN declaring Friday, April 24, 2015 as Arbor Day within the Town of Eastchester.

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

**I) MEMORANDUM FROM SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RE: WELLNESS IN NUTRITION PROGRAM (WIN) AND NUTRITION SERVICES INCENTIVE PROGRAM (NSIP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Councilman Marcoccia 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 WIN and NSIP funding including Schedule A and Schedule B for a total estimated amount of \$55,134.

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

**J) MEMORANDUM FROM SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RE: AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND TOWN OF GREENBURGH REGIONAL KITCHEN**

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing Supervisor Colavita to sign the Regional Kitchen Agreement with the Town of Greenburgh.

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

**IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none**

**X. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia announced Lake Isle's golf course is open and in full swing with outdoor tennis to open on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and the pool during Memorial Day weekend.

Councilman Marcoccia and Councilman Bellitto discussed the success of the April 18<sup>th</sup> Open House at Lake Isle that included a preview of the new catering facility. Scores of enthusiastic groups of potential members visited the facility. Mr. Marcoccia discussed plans for returning the senior nutrition center to Lake Isle by September.

In closing, Mr. Bellitto announced the Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale and the Eastchester Italian American Club Open House.

Councilman Dooley congratulated the cast of crew of Eastchester High School's production of *Shrek* for the 'unbelievable' show in which scores of students participated. Mr. Dooley reminded the public on the Pitch-In-For- Parks program to be held on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from noon to 3 pm. Crews will join forces to clean the area on the Bronx River Park between Harney Road and the Leewood Tunnel.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Highway Department is currently taking tree requests. If you would like a tree planted on your property, please call 961-8540. Mrs. Nicholson announced the Chamber of Commerce annual dinner will be held on April 25<sup>th</sup> at Leewood, honoring Robert Riggs, Linda Laird and the Eastchester Odyssey Diner.

In closing, Councilwoman Nicholson announced the annual Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25 at 10:00. The parade will leave Town Hall and proceed to Memorial Park.



Supervisor Colavita announced the Tax Office will be open for the extended hours for 8:00 am – 7:00 pm on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**XI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Jerry Frusciante, President of the Eastchester – Tuckahoe Senior Council asked for the schedule of returning the Senior Nutrition Center to Lake Isle from its temporary location of the Tuckahoe Community Center. Supervisor Colavita explained the return to Lake Isle would occur prior to the end of September and extended appreciation to the seniors for their patience.

Fred Moses renewed his call for the town to build additional senior housing.

Robert Cartolano announced the Library Board of Trustees has begun planning the celebration of the Eastchester Library's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2017. The library opened in May 1967.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird  
Town Clerk