

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
August 16, 2016

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on August 16, 2016 at 8:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, 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
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson

Deputy Town Clerk Mary Swikata
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Deputy Town Attorney Robert Tudisco

IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JULY 26, 2016 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Glenn Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Anthony Colavita to approve the Minutes of the July 26, 2016 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

Chief Bonci noted the Westchester County Policy Academy, in conjunction with the FBI, will be offering command level training with classes in Westchester. It is a real advantage that this training is in the County, and Chief Bonci hopes to enroll as many officers as possible.

Supervisor Colavita touched upon the present danger of prescription drugs and heroin, and stated there was a meeting between Tuckahoe, Bronxville and Eastchester Police along with the school district to discuss a volunteer program to give education and information to kids, as well as a resource for parents who think their kids are using heroin. Supervisor Colavita thanked Chief Bonci for spearheading this program. With the implementation of the program, Chief Bonci stated he wants to help those struggling, in lieu of arresting those with drug issues. This is an outreach program, and he noted we have many resources in the area, including The Maxwell Institute and St. Vincent's Hospital.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY ROBERT PINEAU

Supervisor Anthony Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Luigi Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Robert Pineau against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$683.20 for damages sustained to Mr. Pineau's vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester Highway Department vehicle on July 21, 2016.

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

LATE FLYING ITEM:

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN ADDENDUM TO THE GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Supervisor Anthony Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Joseph Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the approval of an addendum to the Golf Course Maintenance agreement which states that "Valley Crest Golf Course Maintenance, Inc." has changed its name to "Bright View Golf Maintenance Inc." effective July 1, 2016.

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

C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for July 2016 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Councilman Glenn Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Luigi Marcoccia to approve the following Seasonal Appointments effective August 17, 2016:

NAME	JOB TITLE	RATE	TOWN DEPT.
Graham, Isabel	Lifeguard	9.00	Lake Isle
Scovotti, Daniel	Lifeguard	9.00	Lake Isle
Scovotti, Margaret	Lifeguard	9.00	Lake Isle

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia stated the last teen pool party, for ages 12 through 17, was tonight from 8:30pm to 11pm with an admission fee of \$5.00 for a night of swimming and music. The snack bar will be open to purchase food. Councilman Marcoccia noted that swim night continues every Friday in August at the adult pool. Member appreciation Wednesdays at Lake Isle will continue through August for all pool members, and you can bring a guest and pay the discounted rate of \$10 per adult and \$4 per child. The official last day of the pool is Monday, September 4th, and a few bonus days will be added based on staff availability. The last day of outdoor tennis will be Monday, September 5th. Those interested in playing indoor tennis can stop by Sportime or visit them on their website at www.sportimemy.com/Lake-Isle.

Councilman Marcoccia noted the Summer Concert Series at Lake Isle has one more concert on Wednesday, August 17th at 8pm at Garth Road Park.

Councilman Marcoccia listed the many renovations to the library over the past few years, and some projects set to begin. They include: Renovation work in the adult library including new carpeting and new LED lighting. These projects are funded by the New York State Construction Grant. Also, thanks to the 2nd Annual 5K, the library was able to purchase new furniture for their teen section. The Teen Advisory Committee has decided to call the newly renovated space "Teen Central". The town also plans on using Capital Funds for LED lighting on the lower level along with replacement of old shelving in the main reading area. Councilman Marcoccia says the library is also finalizing its grant application for 2016-2017. The Children's and Teen Summer Reading games are concluding, with over 500 participants.

Councilman Marcoccia stated Barnes & Noble will be having a Job Fair at the Eastchester Public Library on August 30th from 9am-4pm and August 31st from 11am-7pm. Those wishing more information can apply online by August 28th at bn.com/jobfairs.

Councilman Bellitto listed the dates of meetings of various boards. They include: The Architectural Review Board, Thursday September 1st at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium; The Zoning Board of Appeals, Thursday September 13th at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium; Traffic & Parking Advisory Committee, Tuesday September 20th at 7pm in the Community Room; Planning Board, Thursday September 22nd at 7pm in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Councilman Dooley spoke of the Eastchester Historical Society's Annual Fundraiser to be held on Friday, September 16th

at the Marbledale School House. There will be a John Adams impersonator, along with dinner for a cost of \$100. For further information visit their website at www.eastchesterhistoricsociety.com.

Councilwoman Nicholson also reminded the residents that the last concert of the summer is tomorrow night. The band Bookends is performing, sponsored by Westchester Choice Realty and the Garth Road Cooperative Council.

Councilwoman Nicholson noted the many fall programs and information about the 3rd Annual Eastchester 5K will be available online at www.eastchester.org in the Recreation Section by the end of the month. Councilwoman Nicholson stated The Eastchester Environmental Committee is looking for nominations for the Green Medallion awards. The Town of Eastchester Environmental Committee Achievement Awards Program recognizes students, community groups, and businesses that conduct or participate in activities that benefit the Town's environment. More information regarding these awards can be found online at Info@GreenEastchester.com.

Councilwoman Nicholson stated that Bike Sunday on the Bronx River Parkway will be in late September and more information can be found online at Info@GreenEastchester.com.

Supervisor Colavita announced the 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony will be held at Town Hall on Sunday at 8:30am. Following at 9:30am, there will be registration for the 9/11 motorcycle run.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Rachel Zolottev, John Mariani, Chris Miranda, Mary Ann Principe, Sharon Osbourne, Bruce Dysenchuk, Patricia Guldner, Sam Nakhel, Tom Messina, Mike Giordano, Linda MacAndrew Lydon, Marina Stathos, Peter DeFelice, David Ringle, Jessica Cioffoletti, Natalie Klonaridis, Andrea Marais, Lisa Brown, Joe Starace and Isabella Cedrone voiced concerns regarding the proposed construction of a Marriott SpringHill Suites Hotel on Marbledale Road in the Village of Tuckahoe. The 7 acre site, the location of a marble quarry until 1958, was used as a municipal dump for twenty years. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has classified the Tuckahoe Marbledale Road Quarry Dump as a Brownfield (BCP) in need of cleanup. The Marriott hotel project is proposed for the center 3.43 acres of the site, no testing has been done on the surrounding 3.5 acres of the dump.

Supervisor Colavita indicated the Town of Eastchester has no authority over a project located within the Village of Tuckahoe; however welcomed the comments and concerns over the matter. Statements included requests that the Village require more extensive testing and analysis for potential threats of exposure to the toxic waste. Further comments expressed concerns that construction on the site could potentially release contaminated vapors and dust into the air and/or groundwater. The group concluded a proper evaluation of that risk has not been performed; therefore the risk posed to our community is unknown.

There being no further public comment, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Mary T. Swikata
Deputy Town Clerk