

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
February 10, 2015**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on February 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m., in the Marble Hall Meeting Room 100 Columbus Avenue, 1st floor, Tuckahoe, NY.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – FLAG

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Supervisor Anthony Colavita
Councilman Glenn Bellitto
Councilman Joseph Dooley (arrived at 7:15)
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson

Deputy Town Clerk Mary Swikata
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Town Attorney Louis Reda

Supervisor Colavita opened the meeting by stating he was glad to be in the Village Tuckahoe and introduced Mayor Steve Ecklund. Mayor Ecklund welcomed all to the Village of Tuckahoe and thanked Supervisor Colavita and Councilman Marcoccia for spearheading the concept of having meetings throughout the villages in the town, and said it's great to bring the meeting to Tuckahoe.

Supervisor Colavita stated it makes it easier for everyone in Tuckahoe to be here and thanked the Mayor for having the meeting in Tuckahoe. The Supervisor noted the intimate setting is nice and less intimidating than the meetings held at Town Hall. The Supervisor acknowledged Village Trustee Greg Luisi, and County Legislator Sheila Marcotte in the audience.

County Legislator Marcotte stated it was a great idea to have the meetings out in the public, giving people the opportunity to attend. County Legislator reminded the residents that the County budget passed with no tax increase from last year, and she will have a report on Scout Field next meeting.

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Minutes of the January 20, 2015 Special Town Board Meeting, the January 20, 2015 Regular Town Board Meeting and the January 24, 2015 Special 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 REPORTS

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for January 2015 Report of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report. Supervisor Colavita said there were 150 fewer parking summonses and the Vehicle and Traffic violations were down by 50 due to the snow and inclement weather.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AND AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND MIRIAM RAPPAPORT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL SUMMER THEATRE COMMENCING FEBRUARY 15, 2015 – FEBRUARY 15, 2016**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver an agreement made between the Town of Eastchester and Miriam Rappaport, as Director of the Annual Summer Theatre and to perform other functions in the Town, commencing February 15, 2015 and terminating February 15, 2016.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER A FACILITIES LEASE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND CONCORDIA COLLEGE FOR THE USE OF CONCORDIA COLLEGES FACILITIES FOR THE TOWN'S SUNDAYS ALIVE PROGRAM

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver a Facilities Lease Agreement made between the Town of Eastchester and Concordia College for the use of Concordia College's facilities for the Town's "Sundays Alive" program.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY JANET ARBUCCI

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a claim by Janet Arbucci against the Town of Eastchester in the sum of \$3,000.00 for damages sustained to Ms. Arbucci's vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a Town of Eastchester Highway Department vehicle on October 24, 2014.

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY COASTAL ELECTRICAL CONTRACTING CORP. A/K/A 95 LAKE AVE

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Coastal Electrical Contracting Corp./a/k/a 95 Lake Avenue affecting premises known as Section 32, Block 4, Lot 7 – 93-95 Lake Avenue Tuckahoe, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2012	2013	\$16,250.00	\$12,700.00	\$3,550.00
2013	2014	\$16,250.00	\$12,800.00	\$3,450.00

Tuckahoe School Board Approved the Settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND..... \$232.50

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY 94-100 MAIN STREET, 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 94-100 Main Street, LLC. affecting premises known as Section 28, Block 5, Lots 5 and 7 – 94 and 100 Main Street, Tuckahoe, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2008	2009	\$20,950.00	\$13,800.00	\$7,150.00
2009	2010	\$20,950.00	\$14,300.00	\$6,650.00

Tuckahoe School Board Approved the Settlement

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$354.80

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY GVK REALTY CORP

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by GVK Realty Corp. affecting premises known as Section 32, Block 7, Lot 20 – 90 Lake Avenue, Tuckahoe, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATIO	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2006	2007	\$14,850.00	\$12,800.00	\$2,050.00
2007	2008	\$14,850.00	\$13,100.00	\$1,750.00
2008	2009	\$14,850.00	\$13,250.00	\$1,600.00
2009	2010	\$14,850.00	\$13,300.00	\$1,550.00
2010	2011	\$14,850.00	\$13,150.00	\$1,700.00
2011	2012	\$14,850.00	\$12,650.00	\$2,200.00
2012	2013	\$14,850.00	\$12,650.00	\$2,200.00
2013	2014	\$14,850.00	\$12,500.00	\$2,350.00

Tuckahoe School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND \$438.95

On the roll call, all voted "AYE," except Councilman Dooley was ABSENT for the vote. Motion carried.

7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY HILLSIDE GLEN CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION 1

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Hillside Glen Condominium Association, 1, affecting premises known as Section 40, Block 2, Lots 45A1 through 45P9 – 60 Glen Road, Eastchester, as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2008	2009	\$83,300.00	\$41,650.00	\$41,650.00
2009	2010	\$83,300.00	\$41,650.00	\$41,650.00
2010	2011	\$83,300.00	\$45,795.00	\$37,505.00
2011	2012	\$83,300.00	\$41,650.00	\$41,650.00
2012	2013	\$83,300.00	\$41,650.00	\$41,650.00
2013	2014	\$83,300.00	\$41,650.00	\$41,650.00

*To be bonded at a later date - Eastchester School Board Approved the Settlement
TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND.....\$64,322.12

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

- C) BUILDING DEPARTMENT REPORT for January 2015 was received for filing.
- D) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for January 2015 was received for filing.
- E) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for January 2015 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

Councilman Joseph Dooley is in attendance at 7:15pm.

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS/REVISIONS

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

Transfers

General Fund			
From:	Personal Services	A3310.100	\$ 60,297.00
To:	Personal Services	A7150.100	\$ 60,297.00

Revisions

Street Lighting District			
To:	Real Property Taxes	SL01001	\$ 25,000.00
To:	Electricity	SL5182.406	\$ 25,000.00
Town Outside			
To:	Appropriated Fund Balance	B00599	\$170,000.00
To:	State Retirement	B9000.801	\$170,000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PART TIME SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

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

NAME	JOB TITLE	APPOINTMENT TYPE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	**RATE CHG N-NEW R-RATE/	TOWN DEPT.
Brian Donovan	Recreation Attendant	PTA	8.00	2/16/2015	New	Recreation
Nicholas Hunnewell	Laborer	Seasonal	10.00	2/11/2015	Rehire	Highway

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PERMISSION TO BID ON COMPUTER AND NETWORKING EQUIPMENT FOR THE TOWN'S IT SYSTEM

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo from Comptroller Donovan in which she explains the need to purchase computer and networking equipment to upgrade the Town's IT systems and requests the Town Board's approval to go out to bid for the equipment.

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a Resolution to authorize a bid for the purchase of computer and networking equipment for the Town's IT system.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: APPROVAL OF PROPOSAL STORMWATER MANAGEMENT YEAR 12-13

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION to accept Dolph Rotfeld Engineering's proposal to provide Engineering Services for Program Year 12-13 to comply with Stormwater Regulations for a cost not to exceed \$4,000.

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

E) MEMORANDUM FROM SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES RE: APPROVAL OF CSE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES CONTRACT 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 the CSE Transportation Service Contract between the Town of Eastchester and Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services.

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

F) MEMORANDUM FROM POLICE CHIEF RE: ADOPTION OF EASTCHESTER POLICE DEPARTMENT MANUAL

Supervisor Colavita stated the Police Department has updated its departmental policies and procedures and rules of conduct as a first step to accreditation by New York State. The Supervisor said it is a high standard to meet, and Police Chief Bonci and his department have been working very hard to achieve this accreditation. Chief Bonci stated updating the manual is the first building block towards their goal of accreditation, and year to year the department will make revisions. Chief Bonci said the manual will be distributed in digital form, making it easier to revise, as well as making it readily accessible by computer for the officers in patrol cars and all departmental staff in the building. Chief Bonci recognized the hard work of Police Officer Christian Koster and Lieutenant Jeffrey Hunter in updating the manual, and thanked the support of the Town Board and the Police Advisory Board.

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION to adopt the Eastchester Police Department Manual.

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

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS – none

IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia stated each year the Eastchester Town Board holds a meeting in the two villages, and it's a good venue for the Town Board to give updates on current town business and a great opportunity for the Board to listen to ideas on how to improve our town.

Councilman Marcoccia noted as in previous years, the Town and Village of Tuckahoe try to share services in an effort to save tax dollars. We enter into joint IMA agreements, such as bidding on road paving, and currently share a tax assessor. New York State has asked the Towns and Villages to try to find additional ways to share services, and says the town will, to the extent that they are viable options, consider them moving forward.

Councilman Marcoccia reported the 2015 Eastchester Budget keeps taxes in check. He gave the following example: an average property assessment in Tuckahoe (with an assessed value of \$7500), will see an increase of \$7.46 a year or \$0.62 cents a month. He went on to say as part of this budget, the Town allocated roughly \$40,000 to the Tuckahoe Community Center to help fund staffing needs. In addition, the Town Board has taken on an initiative to improve parks across our town, and the baseball field at Parkway Oval was improved. New concrete dugout pads were installed and fencing replaced, along with extensive subsurface drainage work. Councilman Marcoccia said more improvements will be done this coming year.

Regarding Lake Isle, Councilman Marcoccia stated that membership for 2015 begins March 15th, and the rates are the same as last year. Applications are to be mailed in early March, and Tennis discounts are available if you register before April 15th, and pool discounts if you register before April 30th. There will be an Open House on Saturday April 19th, and postcards will be mailed with all the details.

Councilman Bellitto said he had the pleasure of spending the morning in Tuckahoe helping out at the Tuckahoe Cub Scouts Pack 7 Breakfast held in Immaculate Conception cafeteria. The Cub Scouts teamed with the Eastchester-Tuckahoe Lion's Club to run the event which raised \$1546 for its scouting activities.

Councilman Bellitto noted the Library will have a Chinese New Year's program for ages 5 and up on February 18th at 2:00pm. The library will welcome the Year of the Sheep by reading stories, listening to traditional Chinese music and making crafts of a firecracker and lanterns, Online registration is required, and begins on February 11th at 11:00 am.

Councilman Bellitto noted the next meeting of the Eastchester Environmental Committee will have its next monthly meeting on Thursday, March 5th at 7:30 pm in the Community Room at Eastchester Town Hall.

Councilman Dooley reminded residents that The Winter Vacation Camp starts Tuesday, February 17th and ends Friday, February 20th, with the registration deadline is February 13th. The camp is held at Haindl Field for children grades K through 6th, with arts and crafts activities, entertainment, games and trips.

The Spring Vacation Camp starts Monday, March 30th and ends Friday April 3rd, with the registration deadline March 27th. The camp is held at Haindl Field for children grades K through 6th, with arts and crafts activities, entertainment, games and trips.

Councilman Dooley stated the registration information, camp dates and rates for Summer Camp 2015 are now available on the town's website. He noted that Early Bird Registration begins on Friday, March 20th at 7:00 pm through Monday, March 23rd.

Councilwoman Nicholson reminded residents that the Highway Department would like everyone to try to stay off the streets and park your cars in your driveway during the snowstorms, and asks that you do not shovel until plowing is complete.

Councilwoman Nicholson noted the Eastchester Irish-American Social Club will honor its Grand Marshall Joseph B. Houlihan, and Parade Honorees Stephen & Kathleen Huvane at its 11th Annual Parade on March 15th. The Sash Ceremony will be held on March 7th at Lake Isle. Step off for the parade is 3:00 at Immaculate Conception Church, and ending at Lake Isle.

Councilwoman Nicholson also stated that the Girl Scouts cookie sales will be starting at the end of the month, the American Cancer Society is holding its 7th Annual Eastchester Relay For Life Event in May at Concordia College, and you can log onto relayforlife.org for more information. Councilwoman Nicholson noted the St. Baldrick's fundraiser will be held on March 14th at Mickey Spillane's and she will be participating again.

Supervisor Colavita said separate tapings would be done for particular organizations being honored at Town Board meetings so they can take their time instead of being rushed before the meeting, and be aired more often.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Tom Andruss addressed the Board to let them know that Rev. Carl Maiello had cardiac issues and was admitted to White Plains hospital yesterday. The Supervisor wished Reverend Maiello a quick recovery.

County Legislator Sheila Marcotte spoke about the need for Snow Angels on Lorraine Drive, Anderson Avenue, Arlington Road and Grand Boulevard.

Reverend Tamara Kabemba addressed the Board regarding the effectiveness of the LED lights throughout the Town. The Supervisor stated that there are illumination standards and illumine counts that have to be met, and need to be followed for safety issues as well as liability purposes.

Reverend Kabemba noted that this is African American History Month and heard no reference for any community activities to celebrate. The Supervisor invited her to start an event, and mentioned various community events throughout the town he has attended in the past. The Supervisor thought it was time to do something and would reach out to the municipalities to further discuss.

Reverend Kabemba talked about safety issues regarding the pickup of her daughter in the morning between 8:00am and 8:30 am. She stated that cars frequently pass the bus in the morning when its stop signs are shown. The Supervisor will have Eastchester Police Chief Bonci and Tuckahoe Police Chief Costanzo look into this matter.

Reverend Kabemba asked about changes to the sewer system done in 2002, and how would current construction be monitored. The Supervisor explained that New York State mandated that the sewers be checked to make sure storm water sewer lines were not going into any sanitary sewer lines, and the Town inventories all the lines with cameras to determine breaks or need for repair. The Supervisor stated there are so many regulations for new construction that it is not an issue.

Reverend Kabemba also asked about camps or activities for children with special needs. Supervisor Colavita advised that she call Sally Veltidi, Eastchester Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, for further information. There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Mary Swikata
Deputy Town Clerk