

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
January 6, 2015

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on January 6, 2015 at 7:00 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
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson

Town Clerk Linda Laird
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Town Attorney Louis Reda

IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF AGENDA ITEMS

Peter DeFelice spoke in opposition to renewing the contract with Valley Crest as the public did not have a copy of the contract prior to the Town Board Meeting.

V. APPOINTMENTS

A) BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Christopher Tiso to the Board of Assessment Review effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019.

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the re-appointment of Walter Lindstrom to the Board of Assessment Review effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019.

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

B) PLANNING BOARD

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Philip Nemecek to the Planning Board effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019.

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

C) RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Charles Law and Angela Shaw to the Recreation Advisory Board effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2019.

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

D) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the following re-appointments to the Architectural Review Board; Maria Bonasia, Edna McIntrye, Laura Raffiani (as Chairperson), Carolos Garcia-Bou, Jennifer Nemecek and Judy Blau as an alternate member for a term effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2017.

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

E) BOARD OF ELECTRICAL CONTROL - Tabled

F) CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the re-appointment of Keith Bloomfield, Nicholas Dator and Thomas Kennedy to the Cable Television Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Upon appointment, the Supervisor designated Mr. Keith Bloomfield as Chairman of the Cable Television Advisory Committee effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

G) COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Jennifer E. McNamee, Julie Sullivan, Fran Clark, and Florence Kooluris to the Committee for the Disabled effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

Upon appointment, the Supervisor designated Jennifer McNamee as Chairperson of the Committee for the Disabled effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

H) HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to re-appoint Nick Gerald, George Papademetriou and Lt. Robert Jensen of the Eastchester Police Department to the Hazard Mitigation Committee effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015.

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

I) ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to re-appoint Patricia Mastellone, Paul Parisi, Nancy Heffernan and Peter Telesco, Jr. to the Eastchester Environmental Committee effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016.

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

J) LAKE ISLE LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to re-appoint William McCarthy to the Lake Isle Long Range Planning Committee effective January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2016.

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

Supervisor Colavita thanked the many volunteers for the good work they do for the Town on various boards; the hard work is appreciated.

VI. MINUTES

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the November 10, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2014 Regular Town Board Meeting Minutes, November 22, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes and the November 24, 2014 Special Town Board Meeting Minutes and the December 2, 2014 Town Board Meeting Minutes as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

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

VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY CATHERINE BODAN

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Catherine Bodan against the Town of Eastchester in the sum of \$2,351.54 for damages sustained to her vehicle on November 2, 2014 by a Town-owned tree.

Town Attorney Lou Reda responded to a question from Councilman Bellitto regarding the circumstances surrounding the damages caused by the tree. Mr. Reda explained the town rarely settles matters involving a tree; however, the Highway Department had received notice regarding the tree and was awaiting assistance from Con-Edison in order to have the tree trimmed and/or removed.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY MICHAEL COCIANGA

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the settlement of a claim by Michael Cocianga against the Town of Eastchester in the sum of \$1,368.22 for damages sustained to Mr. Cocianga's vehicle when it was accidentally struck by a fallen Town of Eastchester street light fixture on November 24, 2014.

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

3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER THE RENEWAL OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND VALLEY CREST GOLF MAINTENANCE, INC. COMMENCING JANUARY 1, 2015 – DECEMBER 31, 2017

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a **RESOLUTION** authorizing the Supervisor to execute and deliver the renewal of an Agreement between the Town of Eastchester and Valley Crest Golf Maintenance, Inc., commencing on January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017.

Supervisor Colavita stated his office had received "not one complaint" regarding the golf course since the privatization of golf course maintenance and the hiring of Valley Crest in 2012. In addition to doing "an excellent job," the Supervisor reminded the public Valley Crest purchased the equipment used to maintain the course from Lake Isle for \$200,000. Lake Isle continues to benefit from privatization with an approximate savings of \$200,000 per year.

Councilman Marcoccia agreed that Valley Crest does a great job and added he is 'pleased to have them on board for the next three years.' The Councilman Marcoccia and Supervisor Colavita outlined key components of the Agreement:

VALLEYCREST will have use of the Maintenance Building, Pesticide Storage Building, Golf Course Pump House and Irrigation System.

VALLEYCREST agrees to keep the buildings, surrounding premises and equipment in good state of repair, free from hazardous conditions and deterioration. The standard to be used shall be consistent with the current conditions and Lake Isle Country Club Golf Course Operations.

VALLEYCREST will be responsible for payment of all telephone bills which will be maintained in VALLEYCREST'S name. VALLEYCREST will be responsible for all janitorial services of all buildings occupied, as well as 7th tee bathrooms. VALLEYCREST agrees to perform the total Renovation of the Bunkers on holes #3 and #10. Design will be developed by Golf Course Architect, Erik Larsen, through sketches, field direction and instruction. The TOWN shall have final approval in regard to all work to be completed. Said work shall be completed by December 31, 2015.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE – VALLEYCREST MAINTENANCE PAYMENTS:

Per Year (contract will be for 3 years)	\$ 902,172.00	Year 1
	\$ 902,172.00	Year 2
	\$ Year 3 = Year 2 Plus CPI or	
	3%, whichever is less	

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

VIII. **CORRESPONDENCE** - none

IX. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** - none

X. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia discussed plans underway by Lake Isle Management to prepare a marketing plan that incorporates social media, website design and e-mail targeting. Mr. Marcoccia will keep the public updated as the project progresses. In closing, Councilman Marcoccia announced the upcoming annual Martin Luther King Breakfast to be held on Monday, January 19th from 9-11 a.m. at the Reform Church. Tickets are \$35 per person with the proceeds to benefit the Eastchester Community Action Program.

Councilman Bellitto spoke eloquently when detailing a memorial service held on Saturday December 27th for NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos both of whom were targeted as Police Officers and murdered on December 20th. The service was fittingly held at the Eastchester Police Officer Michael Frey Memorial who himself was slain on March 21, 1996 and was attended by many past and current members of the Department. In this, the 350th anniversary of the town, Mr. Bellitto called Officer Frey a true hero of 3½ centuries and stated he would always be remembered as such. In closing, Councilman Bellitto stated his thankfulness for the courage of the police of today, yesterday and tomorrow.

Councilman Dooley had no report

Councilwoman Nicholson reported on the achievement of our local Girl and Boy Scouts noting 12 girls would be receiving the highest honor – the Gold Star Award; furthermore, 3 local Boy Scouts have completed the requirements and will be named as Eagle Scouts.

Supervisor Colavita concurred with Councilman Bellitto regarding the tragic and senseless killing of two NYPD Officers and reminded the public that the vast majority of Police Officers are good and decent men and women who live their lives to a higher standard and rush to help when called. They deserve to know the public appreciates their service and will stand by them without reservation. The Supervisor stated the images of the memorial for Officer Ramos reminded him of the profound respect he has for those who put on the uniform knowing that every third day a Police Officer is killed in the line of duty. Supervisor Colavita concluded by stating the meeting would be adjourned with a moment of silence for fallen NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos and Eastchester Police Officer Michael Frey.

XI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Peter DeFelice stated 'there's no question Valley Crest is doing a good job' and questioned the 'profitability of the golf program specifically and Lake Isle overall.' Councilman Dooley responded by stating the overall health of Lake Isle should be considered – not each component. He explained the number pool membership unreliably correlates with the weather and emphasized the need to view the club overall and the benefits of 'Comprehensive Memberships.'

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a moment of silence for fallen NYPD Officers Wenjian Liu and Rafael Ramos and Eastchester Police Officer Michael Frey.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird
Town Clerk