

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
November 15, 2016

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on November 15, 2016 at 7:00 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

Town Clerk Linda Laird
Comptroller Dawn Donovan
Town Attorney Louis J. Reda

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

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2016 Town Board Meeting Minutes 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

The following reports for October 2016 were received for filing; Report of Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

Further, Police Chief Bonci reported that many of the recommendations of The President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing, presented during training in Washington DC, were put in place as part of the Eastchester Police Department's accreditation process. The 'six pillars' of recommendations include: Building Trust & Legitimacy, Policy & Oversight, Technology & Social Media, Community Policing & Crime Reduction and Officer wellness and safety.

B. RECIEVER OF TAXES REPORT for October 2016 was received for filing.

C. TOWN CLERK REPORT for October 2016 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

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

From:	Contingencies	E3600.499	\$ 57,800.00
	Social Security	E3600.803	\$ 25,000.00
	Unemployment	E3600.805	\$ 2,400.00
To:	P.T. Salaries	E3300.102	\$ 30,200.00
	Utilities	E3600.435	\$ 45,000.00
	Contractual Services	E3600.450	\$ 10,000.00

From:	Unemployment	E3600.805	\$ 60,000.00
	Legal Expense	E3600.462	\$ 7,911.00
To:	Contractual Services	E3520.450	\$ 67,911.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: LEAVE OF ABSENCE EXTENSION

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION granting an extension of a personal leave of absence for employee #2836 for an additional 5 months without pay and benefits as set forth in Article XV of the collective bargaining agreement.

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the following seasonal appointments to assist with the EIBL program in the Recreation Department:

NAME	JOB TITLE	APPOINTMENT TYPE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE
Pelham, Andrew	Recreation Attendant	New	\$8.00	12/1/2016
Calabro, Joseph	Recreation Attendant	New	\$8.00	12/1/2016
Cesarini, Nicholas	Recreation Attendant	New	\$8.00	12/1/2016
Ciamarra, Joseph	Recreation Attendant	New	\$8.00	12/1/2016
Danko, Thomas	Recreation Attendant	New	\$8.00	12/1/2016
Doherty, Nicole	Recreation Attendant	New	\$10.00	12/1/2016
Garcia, Chelsea	Recreation Attendant	New	\$10.00	12/1/2016
Gonzalez, Justin	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$9.00	12/1/2016
Pinto, Philip	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$9.00	12/1/2016
Retta, Joseph	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$13.00	12/1/2016
Salanitro, Rosemarie	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$15.00	11/4/2016
Speropoulos, Nicholas	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$8.00	11/4/2016
Stern, Matthew	Recreation Attendant	Rehire	\$8.00	11/4/2016

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERVISOR RE: PUBLIC HEARING FOR 2017 BUDGET

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to set a Public Hearing for the 2017 budget for Tuesday, December 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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

VIII. **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** - none

IX. **COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia announced the Eastchester Community Action Program purchased a new van that will be used to support the food pantry activities, transport students to camp as well as other activities. The organization has been saving for the van for several years and the proceeds of the 5K Run allowed ECAP to reach their goal.

Mr. Marcoccia reported on the Lake Isle Advisory Board and Town Board Budget Workshop at which the 2017 Budget was discussed and it was decided that for 2017 all greens fees will be reduced by \$5, Resident family pool membership will remain frozen all other Resident membership rates will increase by 2% and Non-Resident membership rates will remain frozen. A \$100 credit will be granted to any current(2017) member who brings in a NEW family pool membership (new is defined as having never been a member before, or has not been here in 2014, 2015 or 2016).

In closing, Councilman Marcoccia reported on the success of the Veteran's Day events and thanked all the Vets for their service.

Councilman Bellitto acknowledged TPAC Chair Ellen Del Colle and discussed the hard work done by the Traffic and Parking Advisory Board. A matter that is brought before and discussed at nearly every TPAC meeting is a concern regarding cars speeding through neighborhoods. Residents often recommend a solution, such as the installation of speed bumps, the lowering of the speed limit or the creation of a one-way street. Mr. Bellitto explained that each of these solutions has its own 'pit-fall.' Studies find speed bumps often cause cars to veer left or right, causing additional hazards and as time passes the bumps deteriorate and are noisy. Research confirms that cars accelerate on one-way streets and, regarding changes to the speed limit, only the State Legislation can impose such changes; neither TPAC nor the Town Board can adopt such measures. Mr. Bellitto explained one action that can be done locally to reduce speeding is the temporary installation of the 'speed trailer' that displays the speed of oncoming traffic. The device provides motorists with a reminder that they are speeding through their own neighborhood.

Councilman Dooley announced Eastchester Historical Society's annual holiday party at the Marble School House on Sunday, December 4th from 1 – 4pm.

Mr. Dooley reminded residents to rake leaves into a pile on the grass, near the curb – not in the street.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the EIBL High School Boys League is open to all male residents in 9th-12th Grade who do not play for a school team. All registration forms are due by Friday, December 16th at 4:30pm. Teams will have one practice per week at night and games will be played on Saturdays starting in January 2017.

Supervisor Colavita applauded the involvement of the Town Board Members in their role as liaison to various Boards and Commissions.

X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Ted L'Estrange, Otisville, NY, recited concern and condemnation of China's state-sanctioned harvesting of organs for profit. Mr. L'Estrange is an advocate for The International Coalition to End Forced Organ Harvesting In China.

Peter DeFelice questioned amendments made to the catering agreement that were approved at the October 20, 2016 Town Board Meeting.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by,

Linda Laird
Town Clerk