

MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
March 3, 2020

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on March 3, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Town Clerk Linda Laird
Town Attorney Louis Reda
Comptroller Dawn Donovan

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

V. APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the probationary appointment of Richard Ruggiero to the position of General Foreman (Group L, Step 3) at the annual salary of \$72,731 effective March 6, 2020.

If approved he will be required to serve a probationary period which will run not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks. Funds are provided in the 2020 budget.

Rocco Latella, Superintendent of Highways, spoke in support of the position, reporting that Mr. Ruggiero has been employed with the Town since 2003 and has been leader in the department and a dedicated employee.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the Minutes of the February 4, 2020 Special Town Board Meeting and the February 4, 2020 Regular Town Board Meeting.

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

VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND MIRIAM RAPPAPORT AS DIRECTOR OF THE ANNUAL SUMMER THEATRE COMMENCING 3/1/ 2020 AND TERMINATING 2/28/ 2021

Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley 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 March 1, 2020 and terminating February 29, 2021.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR A PARADE PERMIT SUBMITTED BY THE EASTCHESTER IRISH AMERICAN SOCIAL CLUB FOR THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE TO BE HELD ON MARCH 15, 2020

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the approval of an application for a parade permit submitted by the Eastchester Irish American Social Club Inc. for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to be held on March 15, 2020 and to waive the permit fee.

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

B) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for January 2020 was received for filing.

C) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for January 2020 was received for filing.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PART-TIME & SEASONAL EMPLOYEES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Bellitto to approve the following part-time and seasonal appointments:

NAME	JOB TITLE	APPT TYPE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	TYPE	TOWN DEPT.
Borges, Julia	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Hunter, Elizabeth	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Lavalle, Allison	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Naclario, Laura	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Radesich, Elise	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Syska, Debbie	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Marinello, Corinna	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Popoli, Isabella	Office Assistant	Seasonal	12.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Carreon, Jeffrey	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	13.00	3/4/2020	Rehire	Lake Isle
Provenzale, Sophia	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	10.00	2/18/2020	Rehire	Rec.
Santoro, Isabella	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	10.00	4/6/2020	Rehire	Rec.
Esposito, Sal	Recreation Attendant	Seasonal	10.00	4/6/2020	New	Rec.
Paez, Lidia	Cleaner	PTA	16.00	3/4/2020	Rate Chg.	Sr. Pgms

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: PERMISSION TO REJECT AND RE-BID FENCING AT TOWN OWNED PARK PROPERTIES WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

In a memo dated February 25, 2020, Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, reported the Town sent out bids for the Fencing of Town Owned Park Property Project and the bids were opened on February 4, 2020. One bid per category was received for each of the four locations of the town fields. It was discovered the lowest bidder made a mistake in the bid price submission.

At the recommendation of Superintendent Veltidi, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita approve a RESOLUTION to reject the bids for the Fencing of Town Owned Park Property Project and to authorize the re-bid of the Fencing of Town Owned Park Property Project.

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

C. MEMORANDUM FROM COURT RE: 2019-2020 JCAP GRANT ACCEPTANCE

Per a request of Town Judges Janet Calano and Frederick Salanitro, Councilman Bellitto offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION to accept the grant awarded of he Eastchester Justice Court from the New York State Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) in the amount of \$8,267.00

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

X. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia announced the Lake Isle application for the 2020 season will be mailed to all residents of Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville.

In closing, Councilman Marcoccia announced longtime resident, Stanley Winnis, will celebrate his 100th birthday on March 6th. Having served in WWII and later enjoying a successful career in accounting, Mr. Winnis has been a member of the Knights of Columbus for decades.

Councilman Bellitto commented on a recent visit to San Fratello's Deli in Tuckahoe. Mr. Bellitto's family comes from San Fratello in Sicily and a recent visit to the store felt like a "virtual mini vacation." With so many products from the region, Councilman Bellitto said he felt right at home.

Councilman Dooley encouraged residents to attend the St. Patrick's Day Parade on March 15 at 3:00 p.m. and congratulated the 2020 Grand Marshall, Tim McGrath and Cathie Deegan as the Parade Honoree.

Mr. Dooley reported the 2020 US Census will begin on April 1, 2020. A committee is being formed to help promote the importance of an accurate count. Anyone interested in being employed as a Census-taker can call 855-562-2020 for more information.

Councilwoman Nicholson reported the Recreation Spring Class schedule and information, as well as information regarding summer camp, can be found on the town website; www.eastchester.org. In addition, the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on April 4th at 2:00 p.m.

Mrs. Nicholas announced a 'Save-the Date' for two upcoming events: the 3rd annual CARE Coalition candlelight vigil will be held on May 28th at 7 pm and the Eastchester Rely for Life walk will take place on May 16th.

Supervisor Colavita referenced the public reaction to the coronavirus cases that have been reported in Westchester County, with no cases in the Town of Eastchester. The town government will continue to maintain contact with the Westchester County and New York State Departments of Health.

The Supervisor discussed an incident at the Waverly School in which an intruder entered the building during school hours. No contact was made with students and there were no injuries; however, parents and the community are rightfully concerned. As a result, the Eastchester School District is working to enhance security measures, including a bond proposal that will be put before the public.

In closing, Supervisor Colavita announced the framing of the Community Center is nearly complete and the building will be open before summer.

XI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Mary Amato expressed concern over the apparent change in a flight pattern over her neighborhood causing significant noise. Supervisor Colavita responded that he would contact Congressman Engel's Office for information.

David Levy spoke in opposition to the upcoming Eastchester School Bond Vote and the need for Code Enforcement to take place in the evenings and on weekends.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Laird
Town Clerk