

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER  
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD  
April 5, 2022**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 at 8:00 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 Joseph Dooley  
Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson  
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia  
Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte

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

**IV. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Karen Shively inquired about Law Agenda Item 2. Supervisor Colavita explained the Town has applied for a \$250,000 New York State grant to be used for repairs at Leewood Park. The repairs constitute a Type II action under the NYS Environmental Quality Review Act; therefore, no additional SEQRA review is required. The town plans to install a new playground, expand the parking lot, relocate the baseball field to a flatter area, resurface 6 tennis courts, install a new fence, sidewalk and lighting. In addition, the Supervisor explained the wooded area needs attention, and improvements to drainage is planned. There are no plans to install a large, artificial turf field on the grounds.

**V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 2022 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) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT**

- 1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT OF COVENANTS AND RESTRICTIONS, SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT PLAN, TOWN OF EASTCHESTER, PERTAINING TO THE SENIOR HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT 40 JACKSON AVENUE AND THE RELATED FORM TP-584; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE TOWN ATTORNEY'S OFFICE TO CAUSE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT TO BE RECORDED IN THE OFFICE OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY CLERK, DIVISION OF LAND RECORDS**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Town Supervisor to execute the First Amendment to agreement of covenants and restrictions, Senior Housing Development Plan, Town of Eastchester, pertaining to the Senior Housing Development at 40 Jackson Avenue and the related Form TP-584; and further authorizing the Town Attorney's office to cause the First Amendment to the agreement to be recorded in the office of the Westchester County Clerk, Division of Land Records.

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

- 2. RESOLUTION FINDING THAT THE PROPOSED REPAIRS TO CERTAIN FACILITIES AT LEEWOOD PARK CONSTITUTES A TYPE II ACTION UNDER THE NEW YORK STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT THEREFORE REQUIRING NO ADDITIONAL SEQRA REVIEW**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION finding that the proposed repairs to certain facilities at Leewood Park constitutes a Type II action under the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act therefore requiring no additional SEQRA review.

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

**3. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS/RENOVATIONS AND FENCING WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$90,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, NY to finance the cost of Playground Improvements/Renovations within the Town of Eastchester at an estimated cost of \$50,000; Fencing for Various Parks within the Town of Eastchester at an estimated cost of \$40,000

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

**Agenda Item VII.C was considered here. See below.**

**4. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE THE COST OF DUMP TRUCK AND ROLL OFF TRUCK**

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$425,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, NY, to finance the cost for the Acquisition of various trucks and equipment including; a) Dump Truck at an estimated cost of \$230,000; b) Roll Off Truck at an estimated cost \$195,000 for use within the Town of Eastchester.

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

**5. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE SIDEWALK AND CURB RECONSTRUCTION WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTCHETER**

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of **\$300,000** Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, NY to finance the cost for the Sidewalk and Curb Reconstruction within the Town of Eastchester.

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

**6. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE STREET RESURFACING WITHIN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$900,000 Bonds of the Town of Eastchester, Westchester, NY to finance the cost of the Street Resurfacing within the Town of Eastchester.

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

**7. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE TREE REMOVAL AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM DESIGN AT LAKE ISLE COUNTRY CLUB**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Issuance of \$128,238 for the Town of Eastchester, Westchester, NY to finance the cost of Tree Removal at an estimated cost of \$90,238 and Irrigation System Design at an estimated cost of \$38,000 at Lake Isle Country Club.

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

**B) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT** for February, 2022 was reviewed for filing.

**VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

**A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEES**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the following Seasonal Appointments:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE</b>	<b>**RATE CHG N-NEW R-RATE/ TITLE CHG</b>	<b>DEPT.</b>
Jones, Andrew	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	4/11/2022	New	Recreation
Plakopitas, Victoria	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	4/11/2022	Rate	Recreation
Thomson, Bridget	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	4/11/2022	New	Recreation
Fox, Alexa	Office Assistant	\$14.00	4/5/2022	Rehire	Lake Isle

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

**B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: CLOSE CAPITAL PROJECTS**

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION to close the following completed Capital Projects and to use the unused funds to pay the debt associated with the projects on future budgets.

Project Code	Project Name	Unexpended
H9448	Library LED Lights – 2015	0.00
H9457	Library LED Lights – 2016	0.00
H9462	Police LED Lights – 2016	841.57
H9487	Air Conditioners – 2019	575.03
H9498	Highway Dump Truck – 2020	10,805.71
H9500	Street Resurfacing – 2020	0.00
H9501	Sidewalk & Curbs – 2020	0.00
		<u>\$12,222.31</u>

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

\*NOTE TO READER: the following was considered prior to Law Agenda Item A. 4

**C) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: 2022 CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS**

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan in which she requested approval of the following 2022 Capital Projects. The items listed have been deemed to be necessary and essential to the operation of the Town. If approved, all of the projects will be bonded.

**TOWNWIDE**

Playground Renovations	50,000
Fencing- Various Parks	40,000

**HIGHWAY**

Dump Truck	230,000
Roll Off Truck	195,000
Street Resurfacing	900,000
Sidewalk & Curb Replacement	300,000
	<u>1,715,000</u>

**LAKE ISLE**

Renovations  
(Tree Removal \$90,238 Irrigation  
System Design \$38,000) 128,238

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the 2022 Capital Projects as requested and to authorize bonding of such projects.

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

**D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – 2022 SIDEWALK AND CURB REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go out to bid for the 2022 Sidewalk and Curb Replacement Project.

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

**E) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – 2022 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT**

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go out to bid for the 2022 Street Resurfacing Project.

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

**F) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: PERMISSION TO BID – BUS SERVICE FOR 2022 CAMP SEASON**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Recreation Department to go out to bid for buses for the 2022 Camp Season. Buses will be used for the following:

- Two (2) 44-passenger air-conditioned school buses for daily shuttle. Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup> -August 5<sup>th</sup>, Mondays – Fridays (Not used on July 4<sup>th</sup>). The buses will be used to transport campers from Greenvale and Anne Hutchinson School to Lake Isle Country Club for daily swimming. Buses will be used between 9:30am-2:30pm.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air-conditioned school buses for each of the camp trips for Camp Galaxy Jr. & Sr. Trips will depart from Greenvale and Anne Hutchinson School. There will be 21 trips in the tri-state area.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air-conditioned buses for Camp Quest A trips that will depart from Haindl Field to various locations in the tri-state area. Trips will take place June 27<sup>th</sup>-July 15<sup>th</sup> (No trip July 4). 10 trips will be school bus trips, 4 trips will be coach bus trips.
- Two (2) 44-passenger air-conditioned buses for Camp Quest B trips that will depart from Haindl Field to various locations in the tri-state area. Trips will take place July 18<sup>th</sup> -August 5<sup>th</sup>. 11 trips will be school bus trips, 4 trips will be coach bus trips.

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

**VIII. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none**

**IX. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcocchia stressed the importance of the Capital Projects and continued investment in the town's infrastructure. Opening day of the golf course was held on March 25<sup>th</sup>. In closing, Councilman Marcocchia announced the next Lake Isle Advisory Board Meeting will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Councilman Dooley thanked all who worked on drafting the Capital Budget.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the next TPAC meeting will be held on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in the Community Room. In closing, Mrs. Marcotte reminded the public of the *Egg-stravaganza* on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30 – 2:00 at Town Hall that will feature vehicles from Eastchester Fire, Police, EVAC and Auxiliary Police. Children will have the opportunity to visit each vehicle and receive a special treat.

Councilwoman Marcotte congratulated Cornell's True Value Store on being nominated for the New York State's Historic Business Preservation Registry. The program is administered by the Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, and highlights businesses that have been in operation for at least 50 years and have contributed to their communities' history. Cornell's traces its root back to the early 1800's, making it one of the oldest business entities in Westchester county. The store first appeared as a general store in the Village of Tuckahoe in 1800.

Around 1908, the store was purchased by two brothers, Charlie and Bailey Cornell. They incorporated the store as Cornell Brothers Inc. in 1909, and built it into a thriving hardware mecca. John Fix (1902-1997) began working at Cornell's in 1916, after school and weekends. Over time, he bought into the business, and the Cornell's True Value Store continues to be owned and managed by the Fix Family.

Mrs. Marcotte announced the Village of Bronxville will celebrate Earth Day and on April 30<sup>th</sup> residents can pick-up compost for their gardens during Compost Give Back Day.

In closing, Councilwoman Marcotte announced the Village of Bronxville will hold its 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Day Parade. Preparations are underway to ensure it is one of the best yet!

Supervisor Colavita reported on the Hometown Hero Ceremony held by Girl Scout Troop 1531 at which they honored military members, past and current, by donating 74 banners for installation around town. The Supervisor said the group had "hit it out of the park" with their presentation. The Supervisor acknowledged and thanked the Highway Department for installing the banners throughout town.

In closing, Supervisor Colavita congratulated the Eastchester High School Varsity Cheerleader Team on placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in a National Championship and in winning the Section 1 Title.

**X. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Frank Sweeny reiterated his call for the cable companies to stop the practice of leaving behind unused wires hanging from the poles. Town Attorney Lou Reda responded that Councilwoman Marcotte and the Cable Advisory Board remain mindful of the issue as they re-negotiate the cable franchise agreements.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

Linda Laird  
Town Clerk