

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER  
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD  
June 21, 2022**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, June 21, 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 Reda  
Comptroller Dawn Donovan

**IV. POLICE OFFICER SWEARING IN CEREMONY**

Supervisor Colavita administered the Oath of Office to Police Officers Michael Pascale, Jacob Risi and Brian Donovan who were appointed in December 2021. Michael Pascale transferred from another department and has been 'already doing a great job' and Officers Risi and Donovan have successfully completed the Police Academy.

**V. FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD -none**

**VI. APPOINTMENTS**

**A) POLICE OFFICERS**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the probationary appointment of John Blume of Eastchester, New York to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department. The appointment would be effective on July 18, 2022.

<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Holiday Pay</u>
\$55,506.00	\$2,799.00

Candidate Blume appeared on the Police Officer eligible list #60-194 established in September, 2021 and shall serve a probationary term of not less than twelve weeks and not more than seventy-eight weeks. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the background investigation, medical exam and completion of Westchester County Civil Service paperwork.

Funds have been provided in the 2022 budget.

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the probationary appointment of Ryan Blume of Eastchester, New York to the position of Police Officer in the Police Department. The appointment would be effective on July 18, 2022 to coincide with the start of the Police Academy.

<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Holiday Pay</u>
\$55,506.00	\$2,799.00

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Funds have been provided in the 2022 budget.

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

**B) TOWN ASSESSOR**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the appointment of Michelle Liscio to the position of Town Assessor effective June 24, 2022 – September 30, 2025 at the annual salary set forth in the budget.

The Supervisor thanked retiring Assessor, Todd Huttunen, for doing an “excellent job in a tough position.” He added that Michelle has worked in the Assessor Office for eight years and has been tutored for the position.

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

**C) TRAFFIC AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the appointment of William Conway to the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee effective June 22, 2022 through December 31, 2022.

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

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the Minutes of the June 7, 2022 Town Board Meeting.

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

**VIII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT**

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for May 2022; Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Patrol Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Accident Report.

**B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A SUBROGATION CLAIM BY ALLSTATE FIRE & CASUALTY**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a subrogation claim by Allstate Fire & Casualty v. Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$3,000 for damages to Alex George’s vehicle, by a Town vehicle, on October 6, 2020.

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

**C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT** for May 2022 was received for filing.

**D) TOWN CLERK’S REPORT** for April and May 2022 was received for filing.

**IX. CORRESPONDENCE**

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the following Seasonal Appointment at Lake Isle, effective June 22, 2022:

<b>LAST NAME</b>	<b>FIRST NAME</b>	<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>RATE</b>
Bagan	Phillip	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Anello	Jack	Lifeguard	14.00

Bojaj	Sofia	Lifeguard	14.00
Edlitz	Javin	Lifeguard	14.00
Eforo	Edward	Lifeguard	14.00
Groninger	Henry	Lifeguard	14.00
Grubelic	Marina	Lifeguard	14.00
Jensen	Andrew	Lifeguard	14.00
Kacmarczyk	Sorin	Lifeguard	14.00
Kiely	Margaret	Lifeguard	14.00
Kolndreu	Sofia	Lifeguard	14.00
Lally	William	Lifeguard	14.00
Lathan	Malaya	Lifeguard	14.00
Letizia	Jason	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Massa	Ryan	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Preuss	Josephe	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Pulitano	Raffaele	Lifeguard	14.00
Ricciardi	Brittany	Lifeguard	14.00
Schwab	Jesse	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Siegal	Sam	Lifeguard	14.00
Solano	Steven	Recreation Attendant	11.00
Malone	Taylor	Lifeguard	14.00
Byrne	Ava	Lifeguard	14.00

As well as the following Seasonal Appointments in the Recreation Department, effective June 27, 2022:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>JOB TITLE</b>	<b>RATE</b>	<b>TYPE</b>
Anderson, Charles	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Attisani, Domenic	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Barreto, Kayla	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Bernardi, Amanda	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	New
Bowers, Emily	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Brennan, Lindsey	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Brown, Molly	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Cabrera, Lesly	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Calby, Dean	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	Rate Change
Cen, Emily	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Collins, Ciaran	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Cooperman, Josh	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Decairano, Steven	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
DeGennaro, Robert	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Delli Colli, Savannah	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Devito, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	Rate Change
Donovan, Erin	Rec Attendant	\$15.00	Rate Change
Everts, Justin	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Forgione, Giuliana	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Gaudio, Diane	Rec Attendant	\$25.00	
Herrera, Anthony	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Hunter, Jillian	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Imoukhuede, Victor	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Johnson, Ian	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Jones, Avery	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New

Korb, Jack	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Lacalamite, Ava	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Lanzetta, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
LaVerghetta, Gianluca	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Lebrini, Daniella	Rec Attendant	\$13.00	Rate Change
Lorenzo, Jaime	Rec Attendant	\$25.00	Rate Change
McCarthy, Anthony	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
McCloskey, Meghan	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	Rate Change
McMahon, Ava	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Milaccio, Emma	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Mottura, Natalia	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Muniz, Christian	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Muniz, Josh	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Muniz, Luis	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Narain, Kaitlin	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
O'Connell, Pierce	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
O'Mahony, Michael	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
O'Neill, Connell	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Pezzola, Christopher	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Pothakul, Katelyn	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Receine, Joseph	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	Rate Change
Reda, Maria	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Rinaldi, Michael	Rec Attendant	\$14.00	Rate Change
Rivers, Jameer	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Rodriguez, Kailani	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Romano, Luke	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Ruffo, Victoria	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Serratore, Mark	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Sheehan, Caleigh	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Smith, Jason	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Tatezawa, Yuki	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Taylor, Jason	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New
Tulipano, Vincent	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	Rate Change
West, Olivia	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	Rate Change
Wingertzahn, Claire	Rec Attendant	\$12.00	New

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

**B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: PROCUREMENT POLICY UPDATE**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a revision of the Town of Eastchester procurement policy by updating Section XII - OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING DECISIONS. The revision is pursuant to Chapter 402 of the Laws of 2007, effective July 1, 2022.

Anthony Colavita-	Town Supervisor
Luigi Marcoccia -	Town Council
Joseph D. Dooley-	Town Council
Theresa Nicholson-	Town Council
Sheila Marcotte-	Town Council
Dawn T. Donovan -	Town Comptroller

Janet M. Calano -	Town Justice
Frederick Salanitro -	Town Justice
Linda Laird -	Town Clerk
Rocco Cacciola-	Receiver of Taxes
Rocco Latella-	Superintendent of Highway
Joseph Rodriguez-	Police Chief
Louis Reda-	Town Attorney
Sally Veltidi -	Superintendent of Bldg., Parks & Recreation, Sr. Services
Michelle Liscio-	Town Assessor
Margaret Uhle -	Director of Building, Planning and Zoning
Tracy Wright -	Library Director
George Papademetriou-	Lake Isle Manager

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

**C) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: PERMISSION TO BID – HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE GARAGE EXPANSION PROJECT**

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Highway Department to go out to bid for the Highway Maintenance Garage Expansion Project to include foundation work, steel building and electrical work.

Supervisor Colavita reminded the public that at the Town Board meeting of September 21, 2021 permission was granted to go out to bid for foundation work only. The bid documents have been revised to include foundation work, the steel building and electrical work.

This project will provide a two-bay garage to enable the repair of multiple vehicles simultaneously. In addition, vehicle storage will be available for winter time use and new, modern lifts for cars and trucks, increasing safety. Mechanics will be able to perform repairs indoors, out of the elements. Lastly, all town wide vehicle repairs will be done at one central location.

Funding for this project has been provided for under the capital budget.

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

**D) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS RE: HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM – DRAINAGE STUDY – CRAWFORD STREET AREA**

Supervisor Colavita reported the Highway Department submitted an Advanced Assistance application to NYS Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Services to obtain \$290,000 funding through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. The funding would be used to perform a hydrologic/hydraulic evaluation, study and design to mitigate flood concerns within the Crawford Street area. As part of the Hazard Mitigation Grant process, a local cost share of \$29,000 (10%) is required.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the local cost share of \$29,000 for funding under a Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for a hydrologic/hydraulic evaluation, study and design to mitigate flood concerns within the Crawford Street area and for the Town Supervisor to be designated as the authorized representative.

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

**E) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FUND – TEEN SCENE**

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing Supervisor Colavita to sign an Agreement with The Community Fund and Teen Scene and to accept a grant in the amount of \$10,000 for Teen Scene. In traditional years this grant has funded the following programs for the Teen Scene Program:

- Transportation for Trips
- Various Special Holiday Trips and Events
- DJs for Dance Nights
- Game Nights for South East Consortium Teen Night

For the Summer of 2022 there will be 2 Teen Pool Parties at Lake Isle Country Club. With this new grant, the DJ used for the Pool Parties will be covered with the allocated funds.

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

**F) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT FROM COMMUNITY FUND – SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES**

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing Supervisor Colavita to sign an Agreement with The Community Fund and to accept a grant in the amount of \$44,500 for Senior Programs and Services. In traditional years this grant has funded the following programs for the Senior Programs and Services Department:

- Shopping & Errands Transportation
- Light Housecleaning
- Nutrition Center Bus Escort
- Medical Transportation Escort
- Programs at the Lake Isle Nutrition Center
- Programs at the Garth Road Center
- Programs at 46 Jackson for Thursday Morning Group
- Food Shopping for Seniors

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

**G) MEMORANDUM FROM LAKE ISLE GENERAL MANAGER RE: ADDENDUM TO EXISTING AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND BRIGHTVIEW GOLF MAINTENANCE**

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by George Papademetriou, Lake Isle General Manager, in which he details renovation plans to the golf course. Shifting from the previous focus of drainage work and new blacktop cart paths, this year strategic and safety minded tree work has been made the highest priority. A tree management program is more critical than can be normally imagined. One main reason for that is the importance of adequate sunlight and airflow for strong turf growth to the golf course. Any deficiency of that can lead to weak, diseased-prone turf that brings down the quality of a golf course. Another main reason with an even greater importance is the concern of safety with many trees diseased, dead and/or overgrown. General trimming should be performed regularly but this has gone much longer than normal.

Therefore, approval of an addendum to the existing license agreement between the Town of Eastchester and Brightview Golf Maintenance must be approved as well as authorization to fund this capital work in the amount of \$90,238. Funding has already been approved as part of the 2022 Capital Budget and will be added to the 2022 Brightview contract payment amount.

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the following Addendum (in italic below) to be included in the existing license agreement between the Town of Eastchester and Brightview Golf Maintenance, and authorization to fund this capital work in the amount of \$90,238:

*ADDENDUM*

*For the extensive maintenance of existing trees on the golf course following a tree management program that is important for improving turf conditions and in maintaining golfer safety. Trees have been specifically earmarked by Lake Isle consultant.*

*All other provisions in the original contract shall remain in full force and effect.*

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

**X. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to set Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. as the date of the single Town Board Meeting in July.

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

**XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS**

Councilman Marcoccia reported the pool at Lake Isle will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. throughout the summer.

Mr. Marcoccia reminded residents that pool side dining is available Thursday – Saturdays and that the Wednesday Night Summer Concert Series will begin on June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Driving Range.

Councilman Dooley encouraged golfers to join the very successful Men’s Golf League and the Women’s Golf League at Lake Isle. In closing, Mr. Dooley congratulated all graduates!

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the Library’s Summer Events and Programs have been added to the Library website including information on the summer reading program. Mrs. Nicholson announced the next TPAC meeting will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7pm at Town Hall.

Councilwoman Marcotte announced there are openings for the Bronxville Sports and Science Camp where children will gain experience in a variety of sports, enrich them in the field of science exploration, and empower them with decision-making skills. More information can be found on the Town’s website.

Mrs. Marcotte announced Early Voting for the June 28<sup>th</sup> Primary is underway, with expended hours on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Supervisor Colavita announced the Town of Eastchester continues to maintain its status as a *Tree City USA*.

The Supervisor congratulated Eastchester resident Paul Asaro, who has been a Special Olympics New York athlete since 1994 and a coach since 2008. Mr. Asaro recently won a gold medal for the first-ever open swim competition and a silver medal in the Triathlon during which he excelled in the 440-yard swim, 10.8 mile bike ride and a 5k run with a time of 1:33:35.

**XII. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none**

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Laird  
Town Clerk