

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
September 20, 2022**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, September 20, 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. PUBLIC HEARING – Local law 2-2022

A) PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A LOCAL LAW PROVIDING FOR THE AMENDMENT OF LOCAL LAW NO. 11-1985, ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 1985 AND LOCAL LAW NO. 1-2018 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 16, 2018 KNOWN AS THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER THE VETERANS EXEMPTION REDUCTION OF MAXIMUM EXEMPTION

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to Open the Public Hearing. An Affidavit of Publication of the Meeting Notice was received.

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

There being no further Public Comment, Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to Close the Public Hearing. It was reported that no written comments had been submitted prior to the Hearing.

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte. to approve a RESOLUTION to Adopt Local Law 2-2022.

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

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS – Considered and approved prior to the Public Hearing

A) APPOINTMENT – PARKS DEPARTMENT

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION approving the probationary appointment of John Follen of Eastchester, NY to the full-time position of Laborer (Group E, Step 1 Sch.3) at the annual salary of \$47,897 effective October 3, 2022.

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. The appointment is contingent on the successful completion of the background investigation and pre-employment testing. Funds are provided in the 2022 budget.

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

B) DESIGNATION – POLICE DETECTIVE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was unanimously seconded by each Member of the Town Board to approve a RESOLUTION to assign Police Officer John Yanni to the Detective Bureau. The assignment would be effective starting September 30, 2022.

<u>Annual Salary</u>	<u>Holiday Pay</u>	<u>Longevity</u>
\$129,526	\$6,531	\$2,000

Funds are provided in the 2022 budget.

Dt. Yanni thanked the Town Board for the assignment and acknowledged the many friends, family and fellow members of Eastchester PD for their support.

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 September 6, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting, the September 7, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting and the September 14, 2022 Special Town Board Meeting as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

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

VIII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

- A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT for August 2022 was received for filing.
- B) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for August 2022 was received for filing.
- C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for August 2022 was received for filing.
- D) TOWN CLERK’S REPORT for August 2022 was received for filing.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS/REVISIONS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the following Budget Transfers and Budget Revisions:

Transfers

From:	Stenographic Services	A1110.469	\$	380.00
To:	Small Equipment	A1110.203	\$	380.00
From:	Service Contracts	L7410.468	\$	3,000.00
To:	Bldg. Maint. & Supplies	L7410.404	\$	3,000.00
From:	Contractual Services	A7141.450	\$	28,900.00
To:	Material & Supplies	A7141.401	\$	6,835.00
To:	Transportation	A7141.431	\$	22,065.00

Revisions

Increase:	Recreation- Camp Fees	A02002	\$	145,562.00
Increase:	Contractual Services	A7140.450	\$	79,985.00
Increase:	Salaries- PT/Seasonal	A7141.102	\$	41,775.00
Increase:	Transportation	A7141.431	\$	23,802.00
Increase:	Community Fund (Aging)	A 03790	\$	3,000.00
Increase:	Community Affairs	A6910.457	\$	3,000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH WESTCHESTER PUBLIC/PRIVATE MEMBERSHIP FUND FOR AGING SERVICES, INC. FOR TELEHEALTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS (TIPS) PROGRAM

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, in which she explains TIPS is a Telehealth Intervention Programs for Seniors that delivers health related services and information via telecommunication technology. Social programs such as care coaching and caregiver circles are also part of the service program. The use of students as technicians offers an intergenerational approach. The interaction in a community setting and the other service offerings available make this program unique in the health field.

Telehealth is a growing field referring to any health services or information delivered via technology. Through regular remote monitoring our Senior participants in the program will be able to self-manage chronic conditions, avoid unplanned and emergency medical visits and reduce medical expenses for themselves and caregivers.

Participants will have their vital signs- blood pressure, pulse, blood oxygen levels and weight checked weekly by a trained technician. The data is transmitted to a nurse who reviews it remotely and sends messages back to be reviewed the next session. If there is a cause for immediate concern the nurse may contact the patient, caregiver or primary care physician directly.

Per a recommendation of Ms. Veltidi, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with the Westchester Public/Private Membership Fund for Aging Services, Inc. for the TIPS program with the intention of starting the program in November at the Lake Isle Nutrition Center.

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: APPROVAL OF GRANT FROM WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM FOR JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2022

Per a request from Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION to accept a Youth Employment Grant from the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the Youth Employment Program in the amount of \$8,250 for January 1st 2022 to December 31st, 2022. This past summer, the Town of Eastchester employed 153 Summer Staff. This grant will help offset some of the costs of hiring these employees.

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

D) MEMORANDUM FROM TOWN JUSTICE RE: PERMISSION TO APPLY FOR FUNDING FROM THE JUSTICE COURT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (JCAP) GRANT

Per a request from the Justice Court, Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Eastchester Town Court to apply for a JCAP grant in the 2022-23 grant cycle for up to \$30,000.

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

X) **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS** - none

XI) COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia referenced a communication from Con Edison in which it was announced that natural gas and electric costs will increase dramatically in the coming months. It is anticipated that the average bill for gas during winter 2023 will be 32% higher than last year, with an estimated 23% increase in electricity.

Supervisor Colavita urged residents to explore all options of natural gas delivery by researching available ESCOs (Energy Service Company) as an option to Con Edison.

Councilman Dooley invited the public to attend a Gold Star Mother Ceremony at Memorial Park on Sunday, September 25th at 10 a.m. Further, Mr. Dooley announced the Annual Meeting of the Lake Isle Advisory Board will be held on Wednesday, September 21st at 8 pm.

Councilwoman Nicholson reported the 9/11 Never Forget Mobile Museum will return to Eastchester on September 28th and 29th in the Lake Isle parking lot. The high-tech, 83-foot tractor-trailer will be visited by students each morning and be open to the general public in the afternoons. Mrs. Nicolson thanked the Rotary and Foley Foundation for their sponsorship and providing the community with the opportunity to visit the exhibit.

Councilwoman Marcotte reported registration for the Eastchester Instructional Basketball League for 4th to 8th graders is available on the Recreation page of the website. On-line registration for Teen Scene will be available starting September 29th.

In closing, Mrs. Marcotte invited residents to attend the Annual Yard Sale which will be held on Sunday, September 25th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to benefit the Eastchester Historical Society. An 'appraiser' will be on site from 10-3 providing verbal appraisals of household items (no coins or stamps) for a suggested donation of \$10.

Supervisor Colavita announced the Eastchester Tax Office will offer extended hours on September 30th from 8 am – 7 pm for the collection of the 1st half of Eastchester and Tuckahoe School taxes.

Mr. Colavita reported the Town Board and Department Heads have begun the 2023 Budget process and indicated that he is "confident of the good result."

XII) SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD -none

There being no further business, the Meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Minutes prepared by;

**Linda Laird
Town Clerk**