

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
October 18, 2022**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, October 18, 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. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS - none

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the October 4, 2022 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) LAW DEPARTMENT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO RETAIN AI ENGINEERS INC., DOLPH ROTFELD ENGINEERING DIVISION TO PROVIDE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR VARIOUS IMPROVEMENTS AT LEEWOOD PARK

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Town to retain the services of AI Engineers Inc., Dolph Rotfeld Engineering Division to provide design and engineering services for various improvements that the Town of Eastchester will be implementing at Leewood Park. The Scope of Work is detailed in the Leewood Park Reconstruction Project Agreement and will include; Conceptual Plan and Investigation, Preliminary Site Design and Final Site Plan Design for a fee of \$188,000. Additional Support Engineering and Construction Administration and Inspection will be billed at an hourly rate in accordance with a rate schedule.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY TUCKAHOE DEVELOPERS, INC.

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Tuckahoe Developers, Inc., of Poughkeepsie Shopping Center, Inc., affecting premises known as Section 33, Block 9, Lot 1A; 8 Depot Square, Tuckahoe, NY as follows:

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2021	2022	\$ 45,430	\$ 29,970	\$ 15,460

Tuckahoe School Approval

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND.....\$ 587.65

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

B) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for September 2022 was received for filing.

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

D) TOWN CLERK’S REPORT for September 2022 was received for filing.

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS/REVISIONS

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the following Budget Transfers and Budget Revisions:

Transfers

From:	Administration- Small Equipment	E3600.203	\$	6,100.00
To:	Materials & Supplies	E3515.401	\$	2,000.00
	Contractual Services	E3515.450	\$	4,000.00
	Materials & Supplies	E3520.401	\$	100.00

Revisions

Increase:	Appropriated Fund Balance	B 0599	\$	145,900.00
Increase:	Equipment	B3120.201	\$	145,900.00
Increase:	Donations D.A.R.E	B 02704	\$	4,000.00
Increase:	D.A.R.E - Programing Materials	B2989.422	\$	4,000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM SUPERINTENDENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION RE: APPROVAL OF CONTRACT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER AND WESTCHESTER COUNTY SENIOR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES FOR FUNDING THROUGH THE NEW YORK STATE OFFICE FOR THE AGING FOR THE COMMUNITY SERVICES FOR THE ELDERLY (CSE) PROGRAM FROM APRIL 1, 2022 TO MARCH 31, 2023

Per a request from Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing Supervisor Colavita to sign the Agreement with Westchester County Department of Senior Programs and Services for CSE Transportation Services for funding not to exceed \$18,264 for actual services provided. The Town of Eastchester is required to contribute \$7,836 in matching funds. The funding will support transportation services for residents from their homes to the Lake Isle Nutrition Center and to their medical appointments.

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

LATE FLYING ITEM:

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the following RESOLUTION:

WHEREAS, Employee # 1596 (the “Employee”) is employed by the Town in the Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, on or about October 18, 2022, disciplinary charges were preferred against the Employee pursuant to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Eastchester and the Civil Service Employees Association, Local 860, CSEA Local 1000, AFSCME, AFL-CIO (hereinafter the “CBA”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article XXIII, Section 23.2(1) of the CBA, the Employee hereby is and shall be suspended, without pay, for thirty (30) calendar days commencing on October 19, 2022, pending the final disposition of the disciplinary charges.

BE IT RESOLVED, to suspend employee # 1596 for 30 calendar days without pay commencing on October 19, 2022 pending the final disposition of the disciplinary charges.

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

IV. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

V. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Each Member of the Town Council congratulated and thanked the Columbus Day Committee for all their hard work in planning the successful events of the Columbus Day weekend with thousands of people attending the carnival and enjoying the parade.

Councilman Marcoccia reminded the public that October is Fire Prevention Month; a time when everyone should confirm their smoke detectors are working properly and that all family members are familiar with a home escape plan.

Councilman Dooley commended the Library Board for their hard work in preparing a 5-year plan for the Library.

Councilwoman Nicholson encouraged residents to sign-up to receive the weekly electronic Eastchester Library Newsletter.

Councilwoman Marcotte announced early voting will take place from October 29th – November 6th at 23 Polling Sites throughout Westchester County, including at the Eastchester Library.

Mrs. Marcotte announced the following Halloween Programs: Truck or Treat at Eastchester Town Hall from 5:30-7 on October 28th, Creepy Candy Crawl from 4-5:30 on Main Street, Tuckahoe and the Rag-A-Muffin Parade on October 29th at 2 pm.

The Supervisor reported the NYS Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Monitoring System objectively identify issues with budgetary solvency—the ability to generate enough revenue to meet expenditures—for each county, city, town, village and school district in New York State. The System analyzes the financial information submitted by local governments against a set of uniform financial and environmental indicators. Supervisor Colavita announced the Town of Eastchester received a score of 0.0, which is the 'best' Fiscal Score calculation.

Supervisor Colavita reported the work on the 2023 Budget continues and it appears to be "in good shape." The Preliminary Budget will be presented in November.

In closing, the Supervisor announced this year Veterans Day will be a joint celebration to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Monument Park when then President Nixon came to Eastchester to dedicate the monument and the park while honoring our Veterans. The public is invited to join the Veterans at Memorial Park on Route 22 and California Road on November 11 at 11 am.

VI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - none

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Laird
Town Clerk