

**TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
December 6, 2022**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, December 6, 2022 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 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

A. PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER'S 2023 CALENDAR YEAR BUDGET

Comptroller Dawn Donovan provided an overview of the 2023 Budget.

The total budget for 2023 is \$37,923,041 which represents a \$1,237,985 increase over the 2022 budget.

The total Townwide Tax levy for the 2023 budget is \$4,010,051. The 2023 Town Outside budget will generate a 0% property tax rate increase. The impact of the Town Outside Budget will have in the Village of Bronxville, with an average assessment of \$21,700, will be \$35.39 more per year (\$2.95 per month); an average house in the Village of Tuckahoe with an average assessment of \$7,300 will pay \$11.91 more per year (\$0.99 per month).

The current and projected tax rates are as follows:

	TAX RATES	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
Entire Town	39.7235	38.9025
Town Outside	309.9142	309.8173
Sewer Charge	7.3100	7.4721
Garth Resident Parking District	49.7669	49.6740

The 2023 Budget marks the 12th year of Tax Cap Compliance. Additionally, the Office of the State Comptroller (OSC) reviews the Town's fiscal stress on an annual basis and we continue to be in the no designation category. Moody's has reaffirmed our Aaa rating which is key in keeping our borrowing rates low.

The Supervisor explained the town is required, under Westchester County Tax Law, to collect taxes for the Eastchester and Tuckahoe School Districts, the County, Fire District and multiple special districts. Each agency submits a warrant for the total requested amount. The town must remit the amount requested, whether or not collected from the taxpayers. For those living in the 'town outside,' 12½% of the total property taxes paid are paid to the Town of Eastchester with 1¼% of the Village homeowners' property tax bill is paid to the Town.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to Open the Public Hearing. He read the following Notice and announced an Affidavit of Publication of the Public Hearing Notice was received:

Please take notice that the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester shall hold its annual budget hearing on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 to consider the adoption of the Town of Eastchester's 2023 calendar year budget. Said hearing on this Preliminary Budget shall be held at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York at 7:00 p.m.

The salaries of Elected Officials incorporated in said preliminary budget are as follows:

		Each	Total
Supervisor	(1)	\$98,093	\$98,093
Council Members	(4)	\$15,831	\$63,324
Judges	(2)	\$42,545	\$85,090
Receiver of Taxes	(1)	\$65,000	\$65,000
Town Clerk	(1)	\$87,605	\$87,605

All residents of the community may present written or oral comments at the above-described place, date and time.

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

There being no public comment, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to Close the Public Hearing.

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

The Town Board individually took the opportunity to thank Comptroller Donovan and the Department Heads for their input in creating the 2023 Budget.

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to Adopt the 2023 Budget as presented in the Tentative Budget.

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

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

VI. APPOINTMENTS

Per the recommendation of Supervisor Colavita, Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to re-appointment of Michael O'Leary to the Board of Assessment review effective October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2027.

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

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Dooley offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2022 Regular Town Board Meeting and the November 21, 28 and 29, 2022 Special Town Board Meetings.

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

VIII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY BURIM RUGOVA

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a claim by Burim Rugova against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$4,111.65 for damages sustained to Mr. Rugova's vehicle on July 26, 2022.

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

2. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CERTIORARI PROCEEDING BY ACME MARKETS, INC. – 8 CEDAR STREET & 12 CEDAR STREET

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION

authorizing the settlement of a certiorari proceeding instituted by Acme Markets, Inc., affecting premises known as Section 4, Block 3, Lots 17.A & 17.B; 8 Cedar Street & 12 Cedar Street, Bronxville, NY as follows:

Section 4, Block 3, Lot 17.A

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2017	2018	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
2018	2019	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
2019	2020	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
2020	2021	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
2021	2022	\$10,000	\$10,000	0
2022	2023	\$ 9,700	\$ 9,700	0

*No School Approval Necessary

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND.....\$ -0-

Section 4, Block 3, Lot 17.B

ASSESSMENT YEAR	TAX YEAR	ASSESSED VALUATION	PROPOSED SETTLEMENT A.V.	AMOUNT OF REDUCTION
2017	2018	\$100,000	\$100,000	0
2018	2019	\$100,000	\$ 87,180	\$ 12,820
2019	2020	\$100,000	\$ 86,570	\$ 13,430
2020	2021	\$100,000	\$ 89,440	\$ 10,560
2021	2022	\$100,000	\$ 86,120	\$ 13,880
2022	2023	\$ 87,160	\$ 83,000	\$ 4,160

*No School Approval Necessary

TOTAL TOWN TAX REFUND.....\$ 1,866.80

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

B) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for October 2022 was received for filing.

C) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for October 2022 was received for filing.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approved the following Part Time and Seasonal Appointments in the Recreation Department:

NAME	JOB TITLE	APPOINTMENT	RATE	EFFECTIVE
Bhatt, Ravi	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$14.00	12/10/2022
Blume, Owen	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Capriotti, Jenna	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$13.00	12/10/2022
Cinguina, John	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	1/14/2023
Cinguina, Mary	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$14.00	12/10/2022
Consentino, Lola	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Constantino, Kristina	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$20.00	12/10/2022
Cosgrove, Angelica	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Danko, Tyler	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Del Brocco, Marisa	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Devito, Nicholas	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$14.00	12/10/2022
Fortunato, Jade	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$14.00	12/10/2022
Guarino, Thomas	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$18.00	12/10/2022
Jones, Andrew	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Kolndreu, Sofia	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$14.00	12/10/2022

Lotto, Sophia	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Lorenzo, Jaime	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$25.00	12/10/2022
Luciano, James	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$13.00	12/10/2022
Morano, Dominick	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Pinto, Thomas	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$18.00	12/10/2022
Puccini, Levia	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Puccini, Thomas	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$25.00	12/10/2022
Retta, Joseph	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$18.00	12/10/2022
Rivers, Jameer	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Salza, Fulvio	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$18.00	12/10/2022
Sabia, Joesph	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Schneider, Jake	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Stern, Ryan	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Tallent, James	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Triano, Alexandra	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$12.00	12/10/2022
Tucker, Harrison	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$14.00	12/10/2022
Ungaro, Marisa	Rec Attendant	Seasonal	\$15.00	12/10/2022
Wade, Ava	Rec Attendant	PTA	\$12.00	12/10/2022

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: ADOPTION OF 2023 PRELIMINARY TOWN OF EASTCHESTER BUDGET – see above. Matter considered following the Public Hearing.

X. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

XI. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

Councilman Marcoccia reminded residents to shop locally during the holiday season.

Councilman Dooley echoed Mr. Marcoccia’s statement and added to “eat locally” in support of our many restaurants.

Councilwoman Nicholson announced the upcoming programs at the Library.

Councilwoman Marcotte invited residents to attend the Winter-Festival to be held at Town Hall on Sunday, December 11th from 11 – 2, as well as the arrival of Santa in the Bronxville shopping district at 3 pm. Mrs. Marcotte also encouraged residents to donate to the Eastchester Fire Districts “Toys for Tots” campaign.

In closing, Mrs. Marcotte invited the public to join the Veterans in commemorating the 81st Anniversary of Pearl Harbor by attending the 12/7 ceremony at Town Hall at 7:55 a.m.

Supervisor Colavita had no additional report.

XII. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Frank Sweeney thanked Supervisor Colavita for recognizing the success of the Women’s Swim program in Eastchester and invited the public to the North Eastchester Civic Association holiday tree lighting ceremony on Friday, December 9th at 5:45 p.m.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Linda Laird
Town Clerk