

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR TOWN BOARD MEETING
November 21, 2023**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 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. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS – none

V. APPOINTMENTS/DESIGNATIONS

A) DESIGNATION - POLICE DETECTIVE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION assigning Charles Mineo to the Detective Bureau effective November 24, 2023 at the annual salary of \$134,545 (Holiday Pay \$6,784 and Longevity \$1,600)

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

B) APPOINTMENT – SR. OFFICE ASSISTANT (AUTOMATED SYSTEMS)

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the contingent probationary appointment of Laura Farrell to the position of Sr. Office Assistant (Automated Systems) Community Liaison. She has successfully completed the examination and her name appears on the Westchester County Civil Service list # 68-481.

Laura has successfully passed the civil service exam and her name appears on the Westchester County Civil Service List #02-416. is currently in this position as a provisional appointment. If approved her starting date will be November 23, 2024 at an annual salary of \$60,315. (CSEA Grade V, Step 7 Sch 3). She will be required to serve a probation period of not less than twelve weeks and not more than fifty-two weeks.

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

C) APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF ASSESSMENT REVIEW

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Michael DiSanto to the Board of Assessment Review effective September 30, 2023 – September 30, 2028.

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

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve the re-appointment of Michael Romano as member and Chairman of the Board of Assessment Review effective September 30, 2023 – September 30, 2028.

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

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the Minutes of the November 8, 2023 Special Town Board Meeting and the November 8, 2023 Regular Town Board Meeting as prepared by Town Clerk Linda Laird.

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

VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

The Board reviewed and approved for filing the following reports for October 2023; Parking Summonses, Citation Activity Report, Statement of Accounts and the Traffic Report.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A SUBROGATION CLAIM BY STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTO INSURANCE COMPANY AS SUBROGEE OF MATTHEW PERUGINI

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a subrogation claim by State Farm Mutual Auto Insurance Company as Subrogee of Matthew Perugini against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of \$1,000.00 for damages sustained to Mr. Perugini's vehicle on November 2, 2022.

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

C) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for October 2023 was received for filing.

D) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for October 2023 was received for filing.

E) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for October 2023 was received for filing.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

A) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: SEASONAL EMPLOYEE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the Seasonal Appointment of Joseph Recine as Recreation Attendant in the Recreation Department at the hourly rate of \$14, effective 12/09/2023.

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM COMPTROLLER RE: ACCREDITATION MANAGER STIPEND

Per a request from Comptroller Dawn Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Dooley to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing an annual stipend of \$3000 to Sgt. Joseph Penga for his work as accreditation manager effective November 24, 2023.

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - none

X. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS

The members of the Town Board wished the residents a Happy Thanksgiving. In addition, the following announcements were made:

Councilwoman Nicholson provided details on upcoming events at the Eastchester Library.

Councilwoman Marcotte announced the Eastchester Fire District is participating in the Toys for Tots program and asked that new, unwrapped toys be dropped off at any of the fire stations.

The Eastchester Recreation Department will host a *Winter Festival and Santa Stop* at Town Hall on December 2nd from 11 am – 2 pm. Further, the Village of Bronxville encourages residents to Shop Local in the Village on November 25th and to participate in the Stocking Stuffer Stroll on November 30th and December 1st.

In closing, Mrs. Marcotte asked for volunteers for the *Snow Angels* program. The program pairs volunteers with elderly neighbors to assist with snow clean up throughout town. For those who wish to participate, please sign up for the program at tuckahoesnowangel@yahoo.com.

Supervisor Colavita reported he continued the tradition of delivering turkeys to the local senior centers over the recent weeks.

XI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Bob Fois spoke in support of additional opportunities for Government Access programming.

Ellen Dell Colle, Chair of the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee, stated the committee recognizes the passion that was demonstrated by the residents regarding the pedestrian crossing of Harney Road at Scarsdale Avenue. Working closely with Lt. Lisa Graf we feel that the proper steps have been taken to make the intersection safer. The modifications that are being made to the intersection are as follows:

Two new Pedestrian Crossing are being placed on Scarsdale Avenue southbound at the intersection with Harney Road and one new Pedestrian Crossing sign is being placed on Scarsdale Avenue northbound at the intersection with Harney Road.

A No Right on Red will be posted southbound Scarsdale Avenue restricting turns onto westbound Harney and a No Right on Red will be posted northbound Scarsdale Avenue restricting turns onto eastbound Harney Road.

The intersection will become exclusive, meaning that when the Pedestrian Crossing button is pushed traffic in all directions will stop once the light has completed its cycle. There are two things to note here, one is that the button is active once per traffic signal cycle, traffic will stop but then the traffic signal must complete a full cycle before the button will stop traffic again. The second thing is that this aspect of the plan is on a trial basis, if the vehicular traffic is adversely affected we may need to make an adjustment.

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Laird
Town Clerk