TOWN OF EASTCHESTER
MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
December 17, 2024

Minutes of a Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Colavita called the Meeting to Order and lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present:	Supervisor Anthony Colavita Councilman Luigi Marcoccia Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte Councilwoman Theresa Nicholson Councilman Anthony Giacobbe
Also Present:	Town Clerk Joseph Dooley Deputy Town Attorney Robert Tudisco Town Comptroller Dawn Donovan Police Chief Joe Rodriguez Superintendent of Highways Rocco Latella

IV. OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON AGENDA ITEMS –

John Yanni, Sergeant and PBA President in Eastchester wanted to thank the Supervisor, the Town Board and Comptroller Dawn Donovan who worked with him on the recent Police agreement which resulted in a good outcome. He also wanted to thank Sergeant Joseph Pegna, who is now on his union board and worked with him throughout the negotiations. Sergeant Yanni also wanted to mention that Supervisor Colavita often praises the Police Department and that this is something that doesn't go unnoticed and is very much appreciated. Sergeant Yanni mentioned that the police see how the Supervisor backs them and they reciprocate by backing the Supervisor. Sergeant Yanni went on to say that Eastchester has one of the best departments in the County as a result of our hard-working officers as well as the Supervisor working hard for them. Sergeant Yanni concluded by wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

Supervisor Colavita thanked the Sergeant for his kind words and mentioned that it is a rare occasion when a collective bargaining agreement turns out with both sides being good with the deal. He was confident that we would come out with a deal that was favorable to both the Town and the Department. He also thanked Sergeant Yanni for recognizing his constant support for the Police Department and mentioned that they protect and serve us every day and we are very proud of the Police Department. The Supervisor went on to mention that although it is a tough time to be a police officer, the men and women of this department overcome all of these hurdles and do a fine job. It should be recognized that they put themselves at risk every day. Supervisor Colavita concluded by mentioning that he appreciates the efforts of the Police Department and will continue to support them. He also mentioned that the Town Board appreciated that members of the Police Department came to the meeting tonight to recognize our collective efforts.

The Supervisor then wanted to go directly to the approval of the item on tonight's agenda covering the Memorandum of Agreement for the Police Union.

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Correspondence Agenda Item:

VIII C) MEMORANDUM FROM THE COMPTROLLER RE: APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE POLICE UNION

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by Comptroller Dawn Donovan requesting the approval of the Memorandum of Agreements for the Police Union for the years 2025-2028. The highlights of the agreements are as follows:

- Effective January 1, 2025 salary increase of 3.5%
- Effective January 1, 2026 salary increase of 3.5%.
- Effective January 1, 2027 salary increase of 3.5%.
- Effective January 1, 2028 salary increase of 3.5%.

- Increase longevity as follows:
    - 2025 – 2028 increase each year by
        - Year 6 + $100
        - Year 11 + $100
        - Year 16 + $100

- Training days have been modified to include 2 additional days

- Health insurance contribution:
    - 0 – 5 years - 20%
    - 6 – 9 years - 15%
    - 10 until retirement - 12.5%

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve a RESOLUTION approving the Memorandum of Agreements for the Police Union for the years 2025-2028.

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

V. APPOINTMENTS

A) ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo that he submitted recommending the appointment of Anthony Mastrolia, 62 Vernon Drive, Eastchester, NY to the Architectural Review Board effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

The Supervisor mentioned that Anthony Mastrolia will be replacing Enda McIntyre and Jennifer Nemecek. Enda has been on the Architectural Review Board since its beginning, at least 17/18 years ago. He was an anchor member that did an excellent job, always conscientious, always looking at the big picture, always protecting the image of Eastchester and the value of homes in Town. Jennifer has been on the Board for a while as well and also always did an excellent job. The role is a difficult one as you are dealing with a variety of different tasks. They are at meetings every month, they go to the homes for site visits, they review plans, they meet with the architects, they put their time in. The Supervisor then mentioned that there is another open spot on the Architectural Review Board, so if there is anyone that has an architectural background, is an architect, or is involved in construction or design (you don't have to be an architect), please submit a letter of interest.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION to appoint Anthony Mastrolia, 62 Vernon Drive, Eastchester, NY to the Architectural Review Board effective January 1, 2025 - December 31, 2025.

VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES –

A) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 3, 2024 TOWN BOARD MEETING

Councilman Giacobbe offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the Minutes of the December 3, 2024 Town Board Meeting as prepared by Town Clerk Joseph Dooley.

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

VII. REPORTS OF DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS –

A) POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT - the Board received for filing the following report for November of 2024:

- Summary Report of V&T Violations, Parking Summonses, Ordinance Summonses, Arrests, Accidents, Medical Aided Cases, Calls for Service, and Monthly Training Hours
- The Detectives Report
- Statement of Accounts

Chief Rodriguez wanted to thank the Supervisor, Town Board, and Dawn Donovan for the approval of the new contract as it strengthens the department's ability in hiring and retaining the best officers suited for the Eastchester Police Department in a very challenging market. This, plus being so well equipped, makes Eastchester one of the more desirable departments to work for in Westchester.

The Supervisor wanted to raise the issue of the recent drone sightings as his office has received multiple e-mails from residents wanting the Town to ascertain the origins of these drones. They want to know what is going on, what can they do, etc. The Supervisor has heard that there have been some sightings near Tuckahoe and the south end of Town. The Supervisor mentioned that the FAA doesn't permit these things to be taken down by gun fire or otherwise and reiterated that we don't have any information as to what is happening. The Police Chief mentioned that they haven't heard anything from their sources about the rumored car size drones. He went on to mentioned many individuals have drones and that there could be a copy-cat effect with people putting up smaller drones. He also wanted to highlight that we do live in the busiest airspace in the nation and that many of these sightings could just be lights from airplanes. He concluded by mentioning that nothing official has been received by them that would raise any alarm bells.

B) LAW DEPARTMENT REPORT

1. RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SETTLEMENT OF A CLAIM BY ELIZABETH S. QUINDE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the settlement of a claim by Elizabeth S. Quinde against the Town of Eastchester in the amount of $1,566.63 for damages sustained to Ms. Quinde's vehicle by a town vehicle on June 26, 2024.

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

C) RECEIVER OF TAXES REPORT for November 2024 was received for filing.

Supervisor Colavita mentioned that the School Districts have given the Town information for the second half of their taxes and that the Receiver of Taxes has prepared and sent out bills to all required parties. The bills are due on January 31, 2025 and there will be late hours at the end of the collection period. He also wanted to remind everyone that these are school taxes and that the Town collects them for the schools, just like the Town does for the County and Fire District taxes.

D) TOWN CLERK'S REPORT for November 2024 was received for filing.

E) HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT for November 2024 was received for filing.

Superintendent of Highways Latella mentioned that crews have completed leaf pick up and although there are still a few small piles out there, they will be collecting before the end of the season. If you do have small piles of leaves remaining, it is recommended that they be placed in brown bags or barrels. They will be picked up on Wednesdays. Superintendent Latella then mentioned that crews have installed holiday lights on various Town and neighborhood association trees and have installed wreaths and garland throughout Town business centers. The department is now preparing its equipment for the snow season and he asked residents to drive carefully and cautiously as crews work to clear our roads. The Superintendent then encouraged residents to sign up for the Town's Emergency Alert Program for important notifications during snow and weather events. He concluded by wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Supervisor Colavita wanted to remind everyone that last year, the Town eliminated the overnight parking restrictions and in the event of a snow emergency, the Town will send out a notification requiring all residents to move their cars off of the street. If someone is having difficulties in complying, they should contact the Highway or Police Departments. The Supervisor also mentioned that the new law from last year can be reversed if it is determined that it is not working as intended.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE –

A) MEMORANDUM FROM THE COMPTROLLER RE: BUDGET TRANSFERS

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Supervisor Colavita to approve a RESOLUTION approving budget transfers/revision.

The following budget transfers/revisions are submitted for your approval at your December 17, 2024 meeting.

Transfers

From:	Assessor- Salaries PT/Seasonal	A1355.102	$ 20,200.00
To:	Materials & Supplies	A1355.401	$ 200.00
	Contractual Services	A1345.450	$ 20,000.00
From:	TAN Interest	A1900.702	$ 9,000.00
To:	Certiorari Proceedings	A1420.455	$ 6,000.00
	Maint. & Repairs	A1345.414	$ 3,000.00
From:	Teen Scene- Contractual Services	A7142.450	$ 100.00
To:	Material & Supplies	A7142.401	$ 100.00
From:	Cable TV- Salaries PT	B6410.102	$ 800.00
To:	Contractual Services	B6410.450	$ 800.00

Revisions

Increase:	Police Outside Service Fees	B01523	$ 180,000.00
Increase:	Police- OT Private Pay	B3120.103P	$ 180,000.00
Increase:	Appropriated Fund Balance	L00599	$ 293,000.00
Increase:	Oper. Transfer to Capital	L9950.900	$ 290,000.00
Increase:	Water	L7410.437	$ 3,000.00

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

B) MEMORANDUM FROM THE COMPTROLLER RE: PERSONNEL APPOINTMENTS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION approving seasonal/part time employees.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	JOB TITLE	APPOINTMENT TYPE	RATE	EFFECTIVE DATE	TOWN DEPT.
Castaldo	Christopher	Recreation Attendant	PTA	$12.00	12/19/2024	Recreation
Devito	Dominick	Recreation Attendant	PTA	$20.00	12/7/2024	Recreation
Donovan	Erin	Intermediate Clerk	PTA	$25.00	11/26/2024	Court
Delacy	Michael	Laborer	Seasonal	$17.00	12/18/2024	Highway
Caruso	Tyler	Laborer	Seasonal	$17.00	12/18/2024	Highway

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

C) MEMORANDUM FROM THE COMPTROLLER RE: APPROVAL OF THE MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE POLICE UNION – see above

D) MEMORANDUM FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT RE: CHRISTMAS METER EXEMPTIONS

Per a request from the Eastchester/Tuckahoe Chamber of Commerce, Councilman Giacobbe offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the 2- and 4-hour parking meters be 'covered' in the business districts. A two-hour time limit will be enforced on all bagged meters.

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

E) MEMORANDUM FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT OF RECREATION RE: APPROVAL OF A GRANT FOR YOUTH EMPLOYMENT FROM THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by Sally Veltidi, Superintendent of Parks and Recreation, that the Town of Eastchester Parks and Recreation Department has received a grant from the Westchester County Youth Bureau for certain Recreation Programs. In working with the Program Administrator for the Youth Bureau, the Town and County were able to secure a grant for $7,876.00 for youth employment. This summer, the Town of Eastchester will employ about 150 Summer Camp Staff. This grant will help off-set some of the costs of hiring these employees.

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve a RESOLUTION accepting the Grant from the Westchester County Youth Bureau for the Youth Employment Program for October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025.

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

F) MEMORANDUM FROM THE ASSESSOR RE: TAX MAP MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Supervisor Colavita reviewed a memo submitted by Michelle Liscio, Assessor, regarding the contract from CAI Technologies for the Town's 2025 TAX Map Maintenance Services in the amount of $17,310.00. The contract total includes a one-time step up of $2,500.00. The Assessor's office budget provides sufficient funds for the cost of continuing with tax map maintenance.

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Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to sign the 2025 Tax Map Maintenance Services Agreement with CAI Technologies for a total cost of $17,310.00.

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

IX. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS - None

X. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORTS -

Councilman Marcoccia mentioned that he had recently attended many tree lightings and various events across town and that they all were well done and that they have helped put him into the holiday spirit. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, Happy Chanukah and Happy Holidays.

Councilwoman Nicholson wanted to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year and encouraged everyone to enjoy this holiday season.

Councilwoman Marcotte wished all residents a Happy and Healthy New Year, Merry Christmas and whatever they might celebrate and encouraged all to enjoy time with family.

Councilman Giacobbe wished everyone a great Holiday Season. He mentioned that he is looking forward to a great and exciting 2025 in Town. Councilman Giacobbe also wanted to thank all of the civic associations around Town. This was his first time attending all of the tree lightings and they all were great. He concluded by thanking the Highway, as well as the Parks and Recreation Department for putting up all of the lights and decorations.

Supervisor Colavita wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Chanukah. He went on to mention that we had a good year in the Town and that it's a wonderful Town and we are all very happy to serve its residents. He concluded by being hopeful that 2025 will bring good things to the Town of Eastchester, the Village of Tuckahoe, and the Village of Bronxville.

XI. SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THE BOARD - None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further public business, Councilwoman Marcotte adjourned the last meeting in 2024 with all present in agreement.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes prepared by:
Joseph D. Dooley
Town Clerk