

**MINUTES OF THE TOWN BOARD
REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

January 2, 2024

Minutes of the Reorganization Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester held on January 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., at the Town Hall, Eastchester, New York.

Councilman Marcoccia called the Meeting to Order and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Theresa Nicholson and Town Attorney Louis Reda were present with Councilman Marcoccia. The other Board Members: Supervisor Colavita, Councilwoman Marcotte, and Councilman Giacobbe joined them once sworn in.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Bronxville Justice William G. Primps administered the Oath of Office to the following individuals:

- Town Clerk Joseph Dooley, who had been elected for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.
- Councilman Anthony Giacobbe, who had been elected for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.
- Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte, who had been elected for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.
- Town Justice Frederick J. Salanitro, who had been elected for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.
- Town Justice Janet Madonia-Calano, who had been elected for a four-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2027.
- Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita, who had been elected for a two-year term beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2025.

Councilman Marcoccia noted that Rocco N. Cacciola was not able to attend the meeting and have his oath administered publicly due to an illness.

Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita's Comments: Upon the completion of his Oath and joining his fellow Board Members, Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita thanked Judge Primps for administering the various Oaths of Office and congratulated his fellow elected officials on their re-elections/elections and mentioned that he looks forward to working with them all. He went on to say that it is an honor to serve each resident as Town Supervisor and pledged to do his very best for each resident and that he will only do what is in the best interest of the Town of Eastchester – that is my goal - always and forever. He then mentioned that Supervisors by law are required to give a State of the Town Speech every two years and he provided the following:

Financially, the Town Outside tax rate has an average of less than 1% over the past five years and in this inflationary environment this is quite an accomplishment. Less than 1% over the last five years. Our debt to asset ratio is only 2%. We have Aaa Moody's rating and the NYS Comptroller has designated us with a 0% financial stress rating which is the highest that you can get. To have 0% Financial stress from the Comptroller is exceptional. We have never exceeded the Tax Cap and we have reduced our full-time employees by more than 30% yet still delivering a high level of services that everyone has come to enjoy. We have used a minimum Fund Balance and we have very good reserves all lined up - so we are in excellent financial health.

Our Police Department has been re-accredited and is at full strength with transfers into the department. Some people are of the mindset that people are leaving the Town but people are flooding to work in Eastchester because it's such a great place and a great department. Thanks to our department we are responsible for a great population that is very cooperative and supportive of the Police Department and we have been ranked as one of the safest Towns in America in the last four-year poll that went out. Also, we have partnered with the Eastchester School District and the Tuckahoe School District to put uniformed police offices in every single campus and want to recognize the School Boards in working cooperatively with the Town. I want to also acknowledged Anthony Giacobbe and Laurie Giacobbe (who was in attendance) as the first Town Board and School Board tandem team in the history of Eastchester. It has been a pleasure working with the school Boards.

Our Senior Services and our Parks and Recreation programs and fields are exceptional. Our Highway Recycling and Sanitation crews do an excellent job, they are second to none. I get more compliments about Rocco Latella and Richard Ruggiero than anyone else in town government. We were also the first town to opt out of the marijuana law. We also passed an anti-vaping law (one of the first of its kind) that was upheld in federal court. We lowered the Town speed limit to 25 miles per hour. We have done many other things that have reinforced the great quality of life that we all enjoy here in Eastchester.

There is much to do going forward. We have the renovation of Leewood park going on. We are going out to bid, hopefully, at the next meeting or the meeting thereafter. We have a \$4 Million-dollar project lined up but only \$750K of Town of Eastchester tax dollars. We have secured the rest of the funding in grants and in donations. We are going to get to work on the Lake Isle Dam (Lake Innisfree Dam) that has become an issue for many in that area of Town. We are going to hopefully reactivate the Hutchinson River flood mitigation project and we are in the planning stages of a project to reduce storm water all throughout the town. We are currently partnering with the Village of Bronxville to work with them on the whole Crawford drainage project. Also, Lake Isle has seen a lot of innovation since my father first brought the club for the Town in 1979. My father is at home watching with my mother – I wish them the very best. Right now, we have two things going on at Lake Isle, the first is the irrigation project on the golf course which is long overdue. Finally, we are funding to make that project happen. Also, it is time that we did the indoor pool at Lake Isle, we have been at the preliminary stages for too long so now we need to move forward. We had a study done a couple of years ago and we are going to start moving on that and it will likely involve the construction of a new pool behind the diving tank or the consumption of the diving tank with a new pool for a great new facility. We are going to get this done before the end of this term.

Also, tonight we are going to have a lot of appointments, a lot of people have volunteered their time in the Town of Eastchester and we have dozens of volunteers that will be appointed here tonight. Our moto has always been making Eastchester better together with our fellow residents, since 2003. It is about making Eastchester better, continuously progressing to make the Town better with everyone's help and that help has come in the form of volunteerism which has been the cornerstone of this administration. So, to those that are leaving the boards, thank you. To those that are being re-appointed, we thank you as well and to those new people coming on, your term is 5 years so you are locked in for a good 5-year period.

I believe that the Town is very well managed. Our electorate have confidence in this Town Board and we will continue to do our best to serve each of you, every single day.

I would like to thank some people that are here for me tonight, my wife Susan who held the Bible, also my daughter Olivia, my daughter Caroline, my son Joseph, Jessica, Jillian, Jillian's fiancé JC, and of courses my Mother in-law Madeline and finally our 5-year-old Republican champion Grace Shanahan.

Town Clerk Joseph Dooley's Comments: I would like to thank my wife Helene and daughter Caroline as well as my brother Dennis for attending. I had been on the Board for the past 12 years and it was truly a pleasure working with everyone. I thank you for your partnerships. A lot has been accomplished but there is more to do. I have complete faith in this new Board and wish you luck. I will be beside you all along the way going forward.

Councilman Anthony Giacobbe's Comments: Thank you to the people of Eastchester, Tuckahoe, and Bronxville for putting your faith in me by electing me to this important position. It is my honor to be your Councilman for the next four years. I want to say thank you to my wife Laurie and my sons Anthony and Joseph for always being there for me and sharing me with the Town. We all make a great team together to help make serving our Town possible. Thank you to my family here tonight for supporting me throughout my life leading up to tonight. Eastchester is a great Town to live in. I look forward to working with all the amazing employees here at Town Hall, our Police Department, Lake Isle, our Highway Department, and the Library. One of the things that makes this Town a great place to live is all of our volunteers that help take part in moving this Town forward on a daily basis. Many who will be appointed or re-appointed tonight and many who serve in other capacities as volunteers in our schools or as coaches in our sports leagues. This is truly what makes this Town a community where people want to come here to live and stay. The world may be a crazy place right now but the residents and employees of this town have my word that I will always put the best interest of this Town and our residents first to protect what we have here, our traditions, and way of life. I look forward to using all of my life experiences in local government and I couldn't have asked for a better team to do that with.

Councilwoman Marcotte's Comments: I would like to thank my family, my husband who was here earlier, normally my kids are here, I have four children, but they are scattered all throughout the tri-state area. I thank them for their support over the many years because without their support to lean on and to help me in many regards I wouldn't be able to do the public service that I have been honored and humbled to do for many years. I would also like to thank the electorate in Eastchester, Tuckahoe and Bronxville for putting your faith in myself along with Anthony and the Supervisor. This is a tremendous privilege, it truly is. I'm truly humbled and honored each time. I know that I'm very fortunate to live in such a great country. I'm extremely fortunate to live in such a great Town and I think regardless of the banner that someone

might carry or the letter after their name whether its Democrat or Republican or non-affiliate. I think that the common ground that we all share is far greater than any of the differences that we might talk about. It is what makes this town so incredible to live in, work in, and to raise our families. I am honored to be a part of that. Like my colleagues in government, everyone up here, I too pledge to remain focused on everything that is great about Eastchester so that we can keep moving it together. So, I thank you for your support

Town Justice Janet Madonia-Calano's Comments: First I would like to congratulate the other elected officials being installed tonight. It is a great honor to sit on the bench. I will say that when I started, I started at that front table which was dealing with defendants and then I moved to being Town Prosecutor where I represented the Town and I was on the People's side. I then decided that I wanted to be a Judge after experiencing things from all sides. I truly love what I do and have to thank the Supervisor and the Town Board and the Town of Eastchester for allowing me to do something that I truly Love. I also have to thank my husband, my kids, my in-laws. They have always been supportive, I have had to run out from family functions to an arraignment and no one has ever said a word, they have always been supportive of me, I have been proud of that. I have one last person to thank, my mother, she's 98, probably watching tonight. She taught me civics when I was young and her civics were that we had to know who was running, why they were running, and their platform. So, I really attribute my loving the law to her, for her giving me an appreciation for government, the law, and how it effects our daily lives. Living in a town like this where this Board dictates a lot of what we do and when people come to court and say they have a ticket we say you want to live in a safe town you have to have rules/laws, that's why we are here, that's why the Board does what they do, they make the laws and we show people that they have to follow them. I will spend the next four years doing what I love to do which is being fair to the litigants and protecting our town and making sure that it is safe. I want to also thank my Co- Judge who came in 2014. He and I work very well together along with our staff, Carmela, Daniela, and Diane. We have made many changes here for the better. Technology has changed, we have lived through COVID, we have gotten so many dictates from our superiors yet with all the dictates that we have had to follow and all the changes we have had to make we are still touted as one of the best run local courts by the 9th District. We take that as a proud moment for the way that we run things, that we are fair, and that we do things in an orderly and correct manner. So, thank you for giving me an opportunity to do something that I love.

Town Justice Frederick J. Salanitro's Comments: I want to thank my family for being here. I also want to thank everyone in Eastchester who has supported us throughout these years and echo what my Co-Judge has said, we have a fantastic staff and we have done terrific and fantastic work here in the court system. On a personal note, I looked at the bible that my daughter held that I was sworn in on and the date on the bible is January 2, 2008. That was the first oath of office that I had taken when I was appointed to the Town Board on January 2, 2008. I have worked with many of you Town Board Members. I know that Theresa took my position when I went on the Bench in 2014 and to Anthony, congratulations. In 2008 my youngest son was 9 years, now he is a mechanical engineer graduate of UConn, I have Samantha who is an attorney and a graduate of Brooklyn Law school and I have Rosemary who is a NYC board of education teacher and a graduate of Stone Hill College with a masters from the College of New Rochelle. I'm very proud that they are all products of the Eastchester School System. The bible that I was sworn in on was a gift from my very dear friends Paul and Nancy Parisi. Paul is here tonight and Nancy is looking down on us where she is up in Heaven. It was very special for me to read that little note that was put there by them and was very proud to be sworn in with that very same bible this evening. Eastchester is a great place. I am honored and blessed to be continuing to serve as your judge and look forward to many more years to the successful judicial system that we have in the Town Eastchester, to be fair to anyone and everyone that comes before us. Thank you very much.

Supervisor Colavita then congratulated and recognized newly elected County Legislator Judah Holstein.

County Legislator Judah Holstein's Comments: I would like to echo all of the comments everyone made. Congratulations to everyone on your election/re-elections, Anthony, Sheila, and Tony and to Joe on your new role. I have been here for 35 years, my wife graduated here with some of the people here and it is great to see the Town continue to have such great leadership and I'm looking forward to the exciting things that you continue to do. Congratulations to everyone. I hope that we will get the opportunity to do great things together.

APPOINTMENTS AND DESIGNATIONS

A) APPOINTMENT – TOWN ATTORNEY, DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY, COMPTROLLER, AND COURT CLERKS:

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the following reappointments:

- Louis Reda as Town Attorney for a term January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.

- Robert Tudisco as Deputy Town Attorney for a term January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.
- Dawn T. Donovan as Comptroller for a term January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.
- Daniela Cavallo as Court Clerk for a term January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.
- Carmela Chiavetta as Court Clerk for a term January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

B) APPOINTMENT – DEPUTY TOWN CLERK, DEPUTY RECEIVER OF TAXES, AND DEPUTY TOWN COMPTROLLER

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the re-appointment of Mary Swikata as Deputy Town Clerk for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the re-appointment of Celeste Maggio as Deputy Receiver of Taxes for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2027 at an annual salary set forth in the budget.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the permanent appointment of Bing Morris as Deputy Town Comptroller effective January 1, 2024

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

C) APPOINTMENT – REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS AND DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the following appointments:

- Joseph Dooley to the position of Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2027
- Mary Swikata to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2027
- Inoronata Gizzo - Campanile to the position of Deputy Registrar of Vital Statistics for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2027

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

D) APPOINTMENT – MARRIAGE OFFICERS

Councilman Giacobbe offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the reappointment of Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita and Town Clerk Joseph Dooley as Marriage Officers for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

E) APPOINTMENT – RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER AND RECORDS ACCESS OFFICER

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the following appointments:

- Joseph Dooley to the position of Records Management Officer for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2025
- Joseph Dooley to the position of Records Access Officer for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2025

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

F) APPOINTMENT – TOWN CONSTABLE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the re-appointment of Philip Rosenstock as Town Constable for a term January 1, 2024– December 31, 2025.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

G) APPOINTMENTS – HEARING OFFICER

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Marcoccia to approve the re-appointment of Robert Ponzini, Esq. as CSEA and Police proceeding Hearing Officer effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

H) APPOINTMENTS – POLICE ADVISORY BOARD

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the following re-appointments of Carl Maiello (Chair), John Roland and Michael Cassino to the Police Advisory Board effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

I) APPOINTMENT – PLANNING BOARD

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the re-appointment of Michael Fortuno to the Planning Board for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the re-appointment of Joseph Rubino to the Planning Board for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the appointment of Lauren Goodridge to the Planning Board for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2026.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

J) APPOINTMENT – ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the re-appointment of Joseph Miller to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

K) APPOINTMENT – LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the re-appointments of Patrick Pilla, Leslye Davidson, and Astra Tudisco to the Library Board of Trustees effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried

L) APPOINTMENT – RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the re-appointment of William Cade to the Recreation Advisory Board for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2028.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

M) APPOINTMENT – ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the re-appointments of Enda McIntyre, Laura Raffiani (Chair), Carlos Garcia, Jennifer Nemecek, and Silvio Luca to the Architectural Review Board effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

N) APPOINTMENTS – BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICE PENSION FUND

Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the following appointments to the Board of Trustees of the Police Pension Fund effective January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

Supervisor Anthony S. Colavita, Chairman
Councilman Anthony Giacobbe, Treasurer
Town Clerk Joseph Dooley, Secretary
Councilman Theresa Nicholson, Member
Councilman Luigi Marcoccia, Member
Councilwoman Sheila Marcotte, Member
Police Chief Joseph Rodriguez, Member
Town Attorney Louis Reda

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

O) APPOINTMENTS – CABLE TELEVISION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the re-appointment of Steven Altamura (Chair), Keith Bloomfield, and Nicholas Dator to the Cable Television Advisory Committee for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

P) APPOINTMENTS – COMMITTEE FOR THE DISABLED

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the re-appointment of Jennifer McNamee (Chair), Francesco Clark and Florence Kooluris to the Committee for the Disabled for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

Q) APPOINTMENTS – TRAFFIC AND PARKING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the re-appointment of Ellen DelColle (Chair), Charles Galanek, Thomas H. Fix, John Walzer and Donato Vaccaro to the Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

R) APPOINTMENTS – HAZARD MITIGATION COMMITTEE

Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the re-appointment of Nick Gerald, George Papademetriou and Police Chief Joseph Rodriguez to the Hazard Mitigation Committee for a term January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

S) ADOPTION OF RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the Rules of Order and Procedure of the Town Board of the Town of Eastchester (with one amendment – That all regular Town Board meetings times shall begin at 7:30PM) as follows:

**RULES OF ORDER AND PROCEDURE OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF EASTCHESTER**

1. The regular meeting of the Town Board shall be held on the first and third Tuesday of every month. The meetings shall begin at 7:30 pm. The dates and times of the meetings may be modified by the Town Board.
2. The Supervisor may call a special meeting of the Town Board by giving at least a two-day notice in writing to members of the Town Board of the time when and the place where the meeting is to be held. Business conducted as a Special Meeting held without two days notice is valid as long as all the Town Board members had actual notice (text message, email, facsimile transmission, letter, etc.) of the meeting, attended and participated. The Supervisor may, and upon written request of two members of the Town Board, shall within ten days, call a special meeting of the Town Board by giving at least a two-day notice in writing to members of the Town Board of the time when and the place where the meeting is to be held.
3. All meetings of the Town Board shall be held within the Town Hall, 40 Mill Road, Eastchester, New York, or at such other place within the Town as the Town Board shall determine by resolution.
4. The Supervisor, when present, shall preside at the meetings of the Town Board. The designated Senior Town Board member shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the Supervisor. The remaining Town Board members shall preside at the meetings by seniority in the event the Supervisor and Senior Town Board member are absent.
5. The majority of the Town Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a lesser number may adjourn.
6. The vote upon every question shall be taken by ayes and nays, and the names of the members present and their vote shall be entered in the minutes, and the roll call shall be by seniority order commencing with the least senior member and ending with the most senior member of the Councilmen, except that the Supervisor or other Chairman of the meeting shall have the privilege of voting last.
7. Every act, motion or resolution shall require for its adoption the affirmative vote of a majority of all the members of the Town Board except as otherwise required by law.
8. Upon being recognized by the Supervisor or other Chairman presiding at a meeting, a person shall have the opportunity of addressing the Town Board in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 hereunder and after having stated his/her name and address for the record, as follows:
 - a. When item (e) is reached on the agenda as indicated in the order of business set forth below in Section 9 with a five-minute time limit unless waived by the presiding officer.
 - b. When item (f) is reached on the agenda as indicated in the order of business set forth below in Section Nine, the public comment hereunder shall be strictly limited to the specific action or subject matter set forth in those items

listed on the voting agenda and each speaker shall be limited to five minutes unless waived by the presiding officer.

- c. When item (m) is reached on the agenda as indicated in the order of business set forth below in section 9, there shall be a time limitation of five minutes per speaker unless waived by the presiding officer.

9. The following shall be the order of business of all the meetings of the Town Board:

- a. Call To Order
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call
- d. Special Presentations
- e. Public Hearings
- f. Opportunity to Address the Board
- g. Appointments
- h. Approval of Minutes
- i. Reports of Departments, Boards and Commissions
- j. Correspondence
- k. Miscellaneous Business
- l. Council Member Reports
- m. Second Opportunity to Address the Board
- n. Adjournment

10. Any of these rules may be suspended for a special purpose by a vote of the members of The Town Board.

11. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, at public hearings and opportunities to address the Town Board, the Supervisor or the presiding officer may, at the beginning of the opportunity or hearing, designate the time allowed each person desiring to speak on the question before the Board. No persons shall speak more than once on the same general question and rebuttal shall be permitted with the permission of the Supervisor or presiding officer. At such opportunities or public hearings, the presiding officer may, before the meeting is commenced, designate the hour at which discussion will end, and he shall preserve order and decorum. Further, notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, the Supervisor or presiding officer has no obligation to permit anyone to address the Board who demonstrates abusive, disrespectful or inappropriate conduct.

12. These rules shall not to be construed as abridging or infringing in any manner upon the powers and duties of any member of the Town Board or of the Supervisor as a member thereof as prescribed by law.

13. Any question of order not governed by the foregoing rules shall be decided by the presiding officer in accordance with Robert's Rule of Order.

14. Within a reasonable time following each meeting of the Town Board, the Town Clerk shall furnish each member thereof with a copy of the minutes of said meeting and same shall be reviewed and approved by the Town Board at a subsequent meeting, subject to any modification as a result of an omission or a correction thereof.

15. Public meetings of the Town Board may be televised on the Town's local cable access channels or website in the public interest.

16. Upon their adoption by the Town Board, these rules shall supercede all previous rules or order and procedure and shall remain in effect until otherwise amended or superceded by the Board.

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

T) DESIGNATION - SENIOR TOWN BOARD MEMBER

Councilman Giacobbe offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve the Designation of Luigi Marcoccia as Senior Town Board Member effective January 31, 2024 – December 31, 2025.

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

U) DESIGNATION OF THE TOWN BOARD AS THE GOVERNING BODY FOR POLICE MATTERS

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the Designation of the Town Board as the governing body for Police matters.

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

V) DESIGNATION - TOWN COUNCIL MEMBER LIAISON DESIGNATIONS BY SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Colavita announced the Town Council Member Liaison Designations effective January 2024. Councilman Marcoccia offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson.

SUPERVISOR COLAVITA

- Police/Auxiliary Police
- Beautification
- Veteran Affairs
- Law Department
- Emergency Operations

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY GIACOBBE

- Lake Isle
- Library
- Highway/Sanitation/Recycling
- Recreation/Parks

COUNCILWOMAN SHEILA MARCOTTE

- Historical Society
- Special Events
- Seniors
- Disability Committee
- Zoning/Planning/ARB
- Building Department

COUNCILMAN LUIGI MARCOCCIA

- Lake Isle
- EVAC
- Service Groups/Organizations
- Intermunicipal Affairs
- Courts

COUNCILWOMAN THERESA NICHOLSON

- Environmental Committee
- Traffic and Parking Advisory Committee (TPAC)
- Website/IT/Communications

- Assessor
- Cable Television Advisory Committee

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

W) DESIGNATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilman Giacobbe to approve the Designation of The Westchester Rising as the official newspaper of the Town of Eastchester and The Journal News as the secondary official newspaper.

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

X) DESIGNATION OF AUTHORIZED SIGNATURES AND DESIGNATED DEPOSITORIES

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Councilwoman Marcotte offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to authorize the Town Supervisor, Town Comptroller and Deputy Town Comptroller as Authorized Signatures and to approve the following banks to be authorized financial institutions for the Town of Eastchester for 2024:

JP Morgan Chase	360 White Plains Road, Eastchester, NY 10709 676 White Plains Road, Scarsdale, NY 10583
NY CLASS	777 Westchester Ave. White Plains, NY 10604
M & T Bank	111 Kraft Avenue, Bronxville, NY 10708
TD Bank	3020 Westchester Ave., Purchase, NY 10577
Flagstar Bank	360 Hamilton Ave, White Plains, NY 10601

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

Y) DESIGNATION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to engage PKF O'Connor Davies LLP as the auditing firm for the Town of Eastchester for the 2023 audit. Funds have been provided in the 2024 Budget.

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

Z) DESIGNATION OF PROCUREMENT POLICY UPDATE

Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve the revision of the Town of Eastchester Procurement Policy by updating the following Section XII – Officials Responsible for Purchasing Decisions.

SECTION XIV. OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR PURCHASING DECISIONS

Pursuant to Chapter 402 of the Laws of 2007, effective January 2, 2018, as required under Section 104 of the NYS General Municipal Law, the Town is including the names of the municipal officials responsible for purchasing decisions, as follows:

Anthony Colavita - Town Supervisor
Luigi Marcoccia – Town Council
Theresa Nicholson – Town Council
Sheila Marcotte – Town Council
Anthony S. Giacobbe – Town Council
Dawn T. Donovan - Town Comptroller
Janet M. Calano – Town Justice
Frederick Salanitro – Town Justice
Joseph D. Dooley – Town Clerk
Rocco Cacciola - Receiver of Taxes

Louis Reda– Town Attorney
 Rocco Latella- Superintendent of Highway
 Sally Veltidi –Superintendent of Parks & Recreation, Sr. Services
 Michele Liscio-Town Assessor
 Lukas Herbert –Director of Building, Planning and Zoning
 Tracy Wright – Library Director
 Joseph Rodriguez - Police Chief
 George Papademetriou - Lake Isle Manager

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

AA) DESIGNATION OF INVESTMENT POLICY

Per a request from Comptroller Donovan, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Marcotte to approve a RESOLUTION to approve the Investment Policy of the Town of Eastchester.

On the roll call, all voted “AYE.” Motion carried.

BB) DESIGNATION OF ATTORNEYS

Per a request from Town Attorney Lou Reda, Supervisor Colavita offered a motion that was seconded by Councilwoman Nicholson to approve a RESOLUTION authorizing the Supervisor to permit the following firms to represent the Town of Eastchester in various legal matters. Each firm is specialized in specific areas of law and is highly qualified and experienced attorneys.

1. Biaggi & Biaggi	Partner	\$185.00
	Associate	\$135.00
	Paralegal	\$ 90.00
2. Cerussi & Spring	Managing Partner	\$225.00
	Partner	\$195.00
	Associate	\$185.00
	Paralegal	\$ 75.00
3. Law Office of Vincent Toomey	Partner	\$225.00
	Associate	\$230.00
	Paralegal	\$ 95.00
4. Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker LLP	Partner	\$220.00
	Associate	\$190.00
	Paralegal	\$ 85.00
5. Sokoloff Stern LLP	Partner	\$250.00
	Associate	\$200.00
	Paralegal	\$ 85.00
6. Law Offices of Aldo Vitagliano	\$3,000 per month	
7. Hawkins Delafield & Wood LLP	Per fee schedule	
8. Miller and Lee	Partner	\$200.00
	Associate	\$170.00
	Paralegal	\$ 80.00
9. Scalise & Hamilton, LLP	Partner	\$185.00
	Associate	\$150.00
	Paralegal	\$ 80.00
10. Hocherman Tortorella	Partner	\$250.00

& Wekstein, LLP

11. Raymond Belair	Partner	\$185.00
	Associate	\$150.00
	Paralegal	\$ 80.00
12. Coughlin & Gerhart, LLP	Partner	\$275.00
	Associate	\$225.00
	Paralegal	\$190.00

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

There being no further public business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m. with a moment of silence for the family of the Officer from Bronxville that tragically ended his life and the lives of his family and for those that knew him and for the Bronxville Police Department.

Minutes prepared by:

Joseph D. Dooley
Town Clerk