

**Eastside TNT October 8, 2019 Meeting Minutes****Facilitator** Ken Garno**Attendees:** Beverly Griffin, Blake Carter, Matt Oja, Councilor Joe Driscoll, David Maynard, Councilor Michael Greene, Linda Ervin, Nader Maroun, Shawn Tyrell, Rex Giardine, Harry Lewis, Sam Rodgers, Joe Spadow, Glenda Ranallo, Kathleen F. Sauro, Stephen Waldron, Lt. James Milana, Shavel Edwards, Jonathan Hood

Meeting began at 7:05pm.

**Draft September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting minutes:** Joe Driscoll motioned to approve the minutes as written, Kathleen Sauro 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.**Issues for District Representatives/Elected Officials/City Departments:** Lt. Milana provided a brief update on officer coverage of the area. The Chief of Police is forming a 'Citizens Advisory Board' comprised of volunteer citizens from around the City; a representative from the Eastside is needed. Councilor Greene and Driscoll took questions from the floor. Councilor Driscoll stated that on Monday the Council passed the Deer and Tick initiative with culling operations beginning later this year.**Facilitator Elections:** Ken Garno explained ballot election process; ballots were distributed to the voting members in attendance. 14 Ballots were collected; all were elected by majority vote. Nader Maroun nominated David Maynard, Beverly Griffin 2<sup>nd</sup>, he accepted the nomination. An election for Mr. Maynard will take place at the November meeting.**Census 2020 Education & Awareness:** Chris Ivens, Partnership Specialist NY Regional Office. Mr. Ivens provided an overview of the Census mission: Count everyone once, only once and in the right place so that the correct information is delivered to the Office of the President. All Census information gathered is confidential and will only be used to produce statistics for funding distributed from the federal government (\$675 Billion) based on populations. [www.census.gov](http://www.census.gov) In March of 2020, individuals will be sent a card in the mail with an invitation code to fill out the Census questionnaire online; if people do not respond via internet, they will receive a paper version with the option to call in by phone. Questions were taken from the floor.**Independent Redistricting, Joe Driscoll:** Councilor Driscoll stated that there will be comprehensive meetings held regarding gerrymandering on October 9<sup>th</sup> at Henninger High School at 5pm, October 11<sup>th</sup> at Nottingham at 5pm and on October 18<sup>th</sup> at the Boys and Girls Club. The Council has traditionally drawn the district lines; this would create a best practice to allow an independent agency to draw the lines. The City ballots this year will have Proposition 1: independent redistricting within the City on the back of the ballot.**TNT City-wide Board Update:** Ken Garno stated that TNT received a lead grant for 2020 in the amount of \$22,500. The City will be partnering with TNT to produce several Census events in the near future; volunteers are needed.**Announcements:**

- It was requested that we have a representative from DPW attend to speak to the policy regarding sidewalk conditions.
- Blake Carter, with Assemblywoman Hunter, distributed a letter for individuals to sign and mail to the governor to pass legislation to change the DEC distance regulations for culling.
- Land Bank Buyers Workshop at the CNY Philanthropy Center on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

Joe Driscoll motioned to adjourn at 8:07pm, Kathleen Sauro 2<sup>nd</sup>, all were in favor.