

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
TOWN BOARD
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
APRIL 19, 2016
10:06 a.m.

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JAMES ALTADONNA JR.
TOWN CLERK

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1 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Ladies and
2 gentlemen, if everyone will find seats, we will
3 begin.

4 We will begin by asking Mr. Altadonna,
5 our Town Clerk, to poll the Board.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Venditto?

7 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I am here.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Coschignano?

11 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Here.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

13 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Here.

14 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Councilwoman
15 Alesia is on the way and Councilman Macagnone and
16 Councilwoman Johnson will not be present today.

17 Do I have that right?

18 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I would ask
20 everyone to please rise and join in the Pledge of
21 Allegiance to our flag lead by Councilman Joe
22 Pinto.

23 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

24 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Thank you,
25 Councilman Pinto.

1 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I would remind
2 everyone that today is Primary Day. Get out and do
3 your civil duty. Vote for whomever you like,
4 whoever you like, but vote.

5 We don't have a polling place today?

6 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: No.

7 (Whereupon, Councilwoman Alesia joins
8 the Board Meeting.)

9 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: All right.

10 Before we get to the call of the
11 Regular Calendar, we have one very nice thing that
12 I want to lead off with. I want to get it right.

13 We have two exemplary Town employees in
14 the audience right now. We're going to bring them
15 forward in a moment. They're two exemplary
16 employees among many Town employees in the Town of
17 Oyster Bay.

18 From time to time, things happen that
19 just cry out for recognition. I think things
20 happen on a daily basis. Some of the things I see
21 the Town employees do. I am going to take a minute
22 to do this.

23 This Town Board has called on the work
24 force, obviously between 9:00 and 5:00, that's
25 their set hours. But we've called on them on

1 Friday night and everyone else has gone home for
2 the weekend, Saturday afternoon, Sunday morning,
3 Sunday night, you name it, and every time we've
4 called on them, every single time, they have
5 given -- the men and women who are our work force
6 -- have given us an appropriate response. They
7 have negotiated high tension wires that fallen into
8 the water, nearly drowned, saved other people from
9 drowning, ran into burning buildings. The list
10 goes on and on and on over the many years that we
11 have been sitting here.

12 In my case, all during my tenure. It
13 never seems to stop. But from time to time, there
14 are special circumstances, I guess, we like to
15 single out only because it highlights the things
16 that Town employees face on a day-in and day-out
17 basis.

18 What you are about to hear is not an
19 isolated incident. Things like this happen all the
20 time, but again, some of them do stand out a little
21 more in terms of duty interest and what have you.

22 I'm going to ask -- Rubin, where are
23 you? Rubin Fournier and Joseph Kozikowski, come on
24 up, guys.

25 Rubin, do you like Fournier or

1 Fournier? What do you like?

2 MR. FOURNIER: It does not matter.

3 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Rubin and Joe,
4 applaud for them now.

5 (Applause.)

6 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I want to get
7 this right, guys. Face the jury.

8 Ladies and gentlemen, in the aftermath
9 of a very devastating fire in the Hicksville area
10 which involved two houses, as I recall, the Town of
11 Oyster Bay hired -- crews were sent to the location
12 to secure the scene for safety reasons which is not
13 atypical. It's something that's done all the time.
14 Many times at 3:00 in the morning and what have
15 you.

16 The crews demolished the rubbish of one
17 the homes and fenced off the debris. In the
18 process of operating heavy equipment at the scene
19 and loading the debris, two of the Highway
20 employees, the two gentleman standing in front of
21 you, Rubin and Joe, discovered a very substantial
22 amount of cash. I don't know the amount, but they
23 discovered a substantial amount of cash in the
24 rubble.

25 Without any hesitation whatsoever,

1 these two employees immediately -- and I underscore
2 the word immediately -- without hesitation,
3 retrieved the money and turned it over to
4 Commissioner Kevin Hanifan of the Highway
5 Department.

6 Due to their alert and obviously
7 selfless actions, Rubin and Joe -- through their
8 unselfish actions -- Commissioner Hanifan was able
9 to contact the homeowner's insurance company to
10 arrange a meeting with the grateful homeowner and
11 the cash was returned to the homeowner.

12 We are here to publically acknowledge
13 two men who did their job and did it well. I want
14 to say they went above and beyond the call of duty
15 because we are all human. I'm not sure if every
16 municipality and every Town employee would have
17 done the same thing. I'd like to think so and
18 perhaps they would. I'm not criticizing anyone
19 else, but you know what? These two guys did it.

20 Gentlemen, thank you very much.

21 (Applause.)

22 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I have with me
23 two very special proclamations from the Town of
24 Oyster Bay.

25 I will go to my left and -- Rebecca,

1 how are you feeling, better?

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Maso meso [sic].

3 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Rebecca and I
4 were at the same function and got the same virus.
5 You don't want to hear about that.

6 We're going to ask Rebecca and Joe to
7 -- Councilwoman Alesia and Councilman Pinto to
8 formally present Rubin and Joe -- you know what
9 we'll do? Why don't you and Rebecca -- I have an
10 idea. Why don't we have Rubin and Joe meet us in
11 the middle and we'll take a shot right in front of
12 -- come on down and say hello to everybody.

13 (Whereupon, a photograph was taken.)

14 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: We all like to
15 think we all do the same thing. I believe that we
16 would. You hear stories to the contrary. People
17 don't always do the right thing. These two
18 gentlemen certainly did the right thing and we are
19 very, very proud of them.

20 One more time, let them hear --

21 (Applause.)

22 (Time noted: 10:16 a.m.)

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1 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: One more thing I
2 would like to do on the business side -- John
3 Ellsworth, are you out there?

4 John, I know I mentioned it to you
5 briefly when we were walking in, but maybe you can
6 recap. We were kind of, I guess, taken by
7 surprise, if I'm not mistaken. Somewhat taken by
8 surprise by an article that appeared late yesterday
9 afternoon. It was in Newsday. Was it reported
10 anywhere else? I don't even know. It concerned
11 Bethpage Park and potential contaminants and
12 contamination there. It took us by surprise. I
13 think what I would like you to do, John -- I read
14 the article and I was having a little trouble
15 piecing together what was happening, where it was
16 happening, when it was happening.

17 Maybe if you just summarize the article
18 for us and give us any reaction that you have in
19 your professional opinion because we have gotten a
20 number of calls this morning from residents who
21 also are trying to figure out what's going on.

22 MR. ELLSWORTH: The article had a
23 little clip on the front page, so Newsday
24 considered it an important story.

25 What happened was, the Newsday reporter

1 indicated that she had heard that there was dumping
2 of drums in Bethpage Community Park as reported by
3 a whistleblower who wished to remain anonymous.

4 The first we found out about this
5 whistleblower incident is when we got a call very
6 late on Friday asking to comment on it. Then, the
7 article appeared in today's paper.

8 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: For those of you
9 who are not aware, we are talking about Bethpage
10 Community Park located on Stewart Avenue in
11 Bethpage the site of the Ice Rink. Many of you are
12 probably familiar with it.

13 MR. ELLSWORTH: As you indicated,
14 Mr. Supervisor, the article is very vague about the
15 particulars of where the drums were allegedly
16 found, how many there were, that sort of thing.
17 But I -- as you are aware, the Town undertook a
18 major remediation before they constructed the Ice
19 Skating Rink and removed a lot of stuff that was
20 dumped by the former owner of the property before
21 the Town took over in the '60s. Grumman Aerospace
22 used this as a dumping ground.

23 Material in the area that was going to
24 be redeveloped was excavated. A lot of stuff was
25 removed from the park and I confirmed with H2M this

1 morning that that area included drums that were
2 removed.

3 So we're not sure if that's the area
4 this guy was talking about. We have no details
5 other than what's vaguely reported in Newsday.

6 Also, it's interesting that we verified
7 with the project manager for the DEC overseeing the
8 remediation of Bethpage Community Park up in
9 Albany, he was not aware of this thing until it
10 came out in the media today. I'm a little taken
11 back by the fact that the Bethpage Water
12 District -- the way article is reported, I don't
13 know if it's true -- was aware of it before the
14 Town was aware of it and they reported it to the
15 DEC. That's what looped back to Newsday and nobody
16 thought to call the Town other than the Newsday
17 reporter.

18 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I clearly don't
19 have the expertise that you have. I'm going to
20 over simplify it. I don't want to embarrass
21 myself. So we could be dealing with a very real
22 situation. We could be dealing with a situation
23 that perhaps was resolved a long time ago, but
24 nobody is aware it's been resolved. It's like when
25 you forecast snow, we can get anything from one

1 inch to three feet. So we really don't have any
2 sense of whether or not we're dealing with a very
3 serious matter that may have very well been
4 resolved in the past. We just don't know.

5 MR. ELLSWORTH: Right.

6 But it's important to recognize that
7 Bethpage Community Park is among one of the most
8 investigated, 18-acre parcels in all of Long
9 Island. So it seems unlikely that there was
10 dumping there that hasn't already been identified
11 in one of the prior reports. The ball field area
12 is closed off to the public and there was dumping
13 in that area. That was extensively investigated
14 and remediation of that location is pending.

15 And as I mentioned previously, the area
16 where the new Skating Rink is was investigated and
17 already remediated by the Town.

18 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Are there are any
19 Board members that --

20 COUNCILMAN PINTO: The only thing that
21 I want to add -- and I look at Andy -- with regard
22 to the Rink, I think we even exceeded the limits on
23 how far we had to dig just to be sure.

24 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes, the Town went
25 beyond what the State said was the minimum that

1 they needed to remediate and took more stuff out
2 and went to a higher level of cleanup.

3 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Are there any
4 residents here this morning who are interested
5 about the Bethpage issue?

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I just want to
7 know, what are the plans going forward?

8 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: We haven't gotten
9 to that yet. But what I was going to suggest to
10 John is, obviously, we need to be on this like
11 yesterday.

12 MR. ELLSWORTH: Sure.

13 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I think you have
14 to reach out to all the parties involved starting
15 with the Water District and find out what the heck
16 is going on in plain English. I don't know that
17 there's anything to talk about by way of
18 remediation because we don't even know if there's a
19 problem yet.

20 Let me ask you this because it's going
21 to be on everybody's mind; let's assume that we
22 move quickly this morning and I assume people are
23 already on this thing, there's dialogue going on?

24 MR. ELLSWORTH: Yes.

25 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: In terms of time,

1 we would like you to find out something today.

2 Is this going to require research that
3 might not yield an answer so readily or --

4 MR. ELLSWORTH: We are hoping, once we
5 make a few phone calls, we can have somebody look
6 back into the whistleblower and he or she can
7 remain anonymous and to find out whether -- what
8 they're talking about is the area that was already
9 remediated because that would close it out
10 completely. Or if it's in the ball field area, we
11 know what's in there. So if it's somewhere other
12 than that, then we have to look further.

13 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: There are
14 potentially some very calming outcomes, but we
15 can't be unmindful of the fact that there could be
16 serious problems.

17 Bob? Yes, Bob.

18 MR. FREIER: Being that we don't really
19 know, I would urge an abundance of -- why not shut
20 that down now until you know because God forbid
21 there is stuff there. You know, people have
22 already potentially been exposed and shut it down
23 and find out if it's true or not.

24 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: You and I had
25 this discussion. This is already under

1 consideration. I don't want to do it from the
2 Board at this time. I would like to get more a
3 little more information about what we are dealing
4 with, but that's a very strong possibility.

5 In fact, if anybody recalls, we came
6 under pretty sharp fire for -- everybody thought we
7 were reacting prematurely 12, 15 years ago, in the
8 early 2000s, when we closed the whole park. So we
9 are mindful of it. You may even hear something
10 before the meeting is out.

11 John, what I'm going to ask you to do
12 is, stay so close to the dialogue. Even while we
13 are here, if there is any breaking news, don't
14 hesitate to interrupt.

15 MR. FREIER: Just another question; why
16 is it an outside consultant working on it? There's
17 no one in the Town that is capable of doing that
18 investigation?

19 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I don't know the
20 level of expertise that is required for this and
21 the extent of the manpower or -- we just don't have
22 the wherewithal to do that. This is not something
23 you can get wrong.

24 The Town -- you know what's amazing?
25 The Town, we have great resources in so many ways

1 and such limited resources in other ways. What
2 would be the point of having an EPA or a DEC if the
3 Town of Oyster Bay has the capacity to do all this
4 work.

5 Obviously, this takes a lot of
6 manpower, a lot of manhours and a lot of expertise
7 which we certainly don't have the wherewithal, but
8 we do have people who take input, starting with
9 yourself as a consultant, plus our internal people
10 who can interpret the information that's given to
11 us so we can make informed decisions.

12 All right.

13 Does anybody else have any comments or
14 questions?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: John, thank you
17 very much. Again, don't hesitate to interrupt.

18 Mr. Altadonna, if we can proceed with
19 the call of the Regular Action Calendar.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion
21 adopt Resolution Nos. P 6-16 and TF 7-16?

22 Personnel Resolution Nos. P 6-16 to
23 P -16 and PA -16 to PA -16; Resolutions related to
24 personnel of various departments within the Town of
25 Oyster Bay.

1 Transfer of Funds Resolution No.
2 TF 7-16; Resolution relating to Transfer of Funds
3 within various departments accounts for the Year
4 2016.

5 On the motion?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

7 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Seconded.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
9 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
10 Coschignano.

11 On the vote, Supervisor Venditto?

12 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I vote "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Coschignano?

16 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: "Aye."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

18 COUNCILMAN PINTO: "Aye."

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to adopt
22 Resolution No. P 6-16, TF 7-16 passes with five
23 "Ayes."

24 May I have a motion to adopt Resolution
25 Nos. 185-2016 through 211-2016?

1 Resolution No. 185-2016; Resolution
2 authorizing the Department of Community & Youth
3 Services to permit the services of the St. Francis
4 Hospital Community Outreach Van at Town Parks and
5 Community Centers from April through December 2016.
6 (M.D. 3/29/16 #4).

7 Resolution No. 186-2016; Resolution
8 authorizing the cost of the property cleanup of
9 92 Fourteenth Street, Hicksville, NY be referred to
10 the County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau
11 County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/29/16 #12).

12 Resolution No. 187-2016; Resolution
13 authorizing the Department of Parks to conduct the
14 2016 Town of Oyster Bay Sports and Family Events
15 Program at various Town facilities, to enter into
16 an agreement for audio services and to utilize food
17 services for the program. (M.D. 3/29/16 #6).

18 Resolution No. 188-2016; Resolution
19 granting request from C. VanDyke to donate a bench
20 and accompanying plaque to be placed at Philip B.
21 Healey Beach at Florence Avenue, Massapequa, in
22 memory of Alex Saggio. (M.D. 3/29/16 #7).

23 Resolution No. 189-2016; Resolution
24 granting request of the First Presbyterian Church,
25 Oyster Bay to use one roll-off container for their

1 spring clean-up from May 3-10, 2016. (M.D. 3/29/16
2 #14).

3 Resolution No. 190-2016; Resolution
4 authorizing a second one-year extension for
5 Contract No. PWC 55-13, On-Call Consultant Services
6 for Emergency Preparedness Planning, from September
7 1, 2015 through August 31, 2016. (M.D. 3/29/16
8 #17).

9 Resolution No. 191-2016; Resolution
10 authorizing payment to the Inter-Municipal
11 Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee for the
12 Town's annual contribution for 2016. (M.D. 3/29/16
13 #19).

14 Resolution No. 192-2016; Resolution
15 granting request from the Massapequa Chamber of
16 Commerce, to use one roll-off container at their
17 Street Fair from June 3-6, 2016. (M.D. 3/29/16
18 #15).

19 Resolution No. 193-2016; Resolution
20 granting request from B. Yarmeisch to donate a
21 bench and accompanying plaque to be placed at Town
22 of Oyster Bay Parklet P-30, in Plainview in memory
23 of Mike Bergman. (M.D. 3/29/16 #8).

24 Resolution No. 194-2016; Resolution
25 authorizing the Department of Community & Youth

1 Services to sponsor the 2016 Spring Festival
2 scheduled to be held April 30, 2016 at
3 Syosset-Woodbury Community Park. (M.D. 4/5/16 #7).

4 Resolution No. 195-2016; Resolution
5 granting request from the US Coast Guard Auxiliary,
6 Oyster Bay Flotilla 22-05, to use one slip at
7 Theodore Roosevelt Marina for the 2016 summer
8 season with fees waived. (M.D. 4/5/16 #8).

9 Resolution No. 196-2016; Resolution
10 granting request from Operation SPLASH (Stop
11 Polluting, Littering and Save Harbors) to dock
12 their vessel at John J. Burns Town Park ramp from
13 April 11, 2016 through November 13, 2016. (M.D.
14 4/5/16 #9).

15 Resolution No. 197-2016; Resolution
16 authorizing a second one-year extension of an
17 agreement for Lead Based testing services for the
18 Division of Community Development's Residential
19 Rehabilitation program from May 1, 2016 through
20 April 30, 2017. (M.D. 4/5/16 #10).

21 Resolution No. 198-2016; Resolution
22 amending Resolution No. 725-2015, in connection
23 with Contract No. PWC 035-13, On-Call Accounting
24 Services. (M.D. 4/5/16 #12).

25 Resolution No. 199-2016; Resolution

1 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a parking
2 permit fee to T. Nelkin. (M.D. 4/5/16 #15).

3 Resolution No. 200-2016; Resolution
4 authorizing the acceptance of donations from
5 various individuals to benefit the Town's Animal
6 Shelter. (M.D. 4/5/16 #22).

7 Resolution No. 201-2016; Resolution
8 granting request from East Woods School, Oyster
9 Bay, for Town assistance in conducting their annual
10 Spring Fair on May 14 & 15, 2016 and to use various
11 Town equipment for the event. (M.D. 4/5/16 #24).

12 Resolution No. 202-2016; Resolution
13 pertaining to Contract No. PWC 06-16, On-Call
14 Engineering Services relative to Contract
15 Administration, construction oversight and
16 inspection of services at various Town Parks.
17 (M.D. 4/5/16 #16).

18 Resolution No. 203-2016; Resolution
19 pertaining to payment of New York State Department
20 of Environmental conservation fees in connection
21 with State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
22 Permit Program. (M.D. 4/5/16 #17).

23 Resolution No. 204-2016; Resolution
24 authorizing the Supervisor to issue Revenue
25 Anticipation Notes in 2016. (M.D. 4/5/16 #27).

1 Resolution No. 205-2016; Resolution
2 authorizing the Supervisor to issue Tax
3 Anticipation Notes in 2016. (M.D. 4/5/16 #28).

4 Resolution No. 206-2016; Resolution
5 authorizing an extension of an agreement for
6 professional dog grooming services for the year
7 2016. (M.D. 4/5/16 #23).

8 Resolution No. 207-2016; Resolution
9 pertaining to Contract No. PWC 29-16, On-Call
10 Engineering services relative to Oversight of the
11 Groundwater Treatment Facility. (M.D. 4/5/16 #18).

12 Resolution No. 208-2016; Resolution
13 pertaining to a revision of Financial Disclosure
14 Statement. (M.D. 4/5/16 #29 & 4/12/16 #14).

15 Resolution No. 209-2016; Resolution
16 pertaining to Contract No. PWC 31-16, Engineering
17 Services relative to Operation and Development of
18 the Old Bethpage Solid Waste Disposal Complex.
19 (M.D. 4/5/16 #21 & 4/12/16 #15).

20 Resolution No. 210-2016; Resolution
21 pertaining to settlement of litigation Town of
22 Oyster Bay v Reliable Wood Products, LLC. (M.D.
23 4/5/16 #25 & 4/12/16 #22).

24 Resolution No. 211-2016; Resolution
25 pertaining to Volunteer Firefighters Workers'

1 Compensation. (M.D. 4/5/16 #30 & 4/12/16 #21).

2 On the motion?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

4 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Seconded.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor, you have
6 speakers on 190, 194, 204, 205, 296, 207, 208.

7 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: On 190, 194, 204,
8 205 and 206, Bob Freier and Paul Molinari, you go
9 after Bob.

10 MR. FREIER: Good morning.

11 On 190, first question is, was that --
12 I see that's a previous contract that was -- or an
13 agreement that was done with Andrew Mel Kenny; is
14 that right.

15 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Yes. You're on
16 190?

17 MR. FREIER: Yes.

18 Was that contract -- for those
19 services, were they bid out?

20 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I don't think
21 they were subject to bidding. They're subject to
22 request for proposal. It's a professional service
23 contract, so it's subject to request for proposal.

24 MR. FREIER: So requests for proposals
25 were put out and you received from multiple people

1 who are capable of doing that?

2 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Correct.

3 MR. FREIER: What is the service that
4 he is actually providing?

5 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I can tell you
6 firsthand what my involvement has been. Maybe
7 others can probably expand on it. Mel Kenny, as we
8 call him, is a former high-ranking police -- I
9 don't want to say executive, but he was a chief.
10 He was one of the chiefs of the police department
11 in Nassau County with many, many years of
12 experience. So upon his retirement, he continued a
13 role of function that we had in this Town and the
14 position became available upon the passing of
15 Donald Kane, former Commissioner Kane.

16 The role, from my perspective, is a
17 very valuable role. In fact, we only employed it
18 just about a week or two ago when we had that Trump
19 rally. He is, in fact, the liaison between the
20 Town of Oyster Bay and the Nassau County Police
21 Department. He probably knows his way around the
22 Nassau County Police Department as well as anybody.
23 So whenever we need to access them, typically in an
24 emergency situation from my perspective, just
25 generally, when we need to coordinate, open the

1 lines of communications between the two entities,
2 that being the Town of Oyster Bay and the Nassau
3 County Police Department, Mel is the go-to guy. I
4 must tell you that that interaction occurs, my
5 goodness, quite frequently.

6 MR. FREIER: This has nothing to do
7 with --

8 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Let me just
9 finish.

10 Planning and Development people are out
11 all hours of the day and night. When you hear
12 things about building fires and problems,
13 overcrowding conditions, we very frequently need
14 the police department. They also need our
15 assistance when they are busting, I guess,
16 properties where there are problems, somewhat of a
17 criminal nature and this goes on week in and week
18 out, month in and month out on a fairly regular
19 basis. So Mel's role is very, very important in
20 terms of coordinating and also he knows where all
21 the buttons and levers are. We don't waste time.
22 He knows who to go to when we need that interface.

23 MR. FREIER: I read that it talked
24 about something with Homeland Security and it seems
25 to indicate that perhaps he was doing some kind of

1 training for public safety.

2 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: He might be. I
3 was telling you about Mel's role from my
4 perspective and that's the most valuable -- that's
5 the value I see in Mel based upon my own
6 interaction. I don't know what's going on. If
7 there's any Public Safety people out there who can
8 help me with other things Mel does? Barry, Deputy
9 Commissioner Bree, what do you know?

10 MR. BREE: On the Homeland Security
11 side, he is very helpful. He attends a lot of
12 state and Nassau County, Suffolk County meetings.
13 He brings myself and Commissioner McCaffrey to some
14 of those meetings. We've now started training
15 class. We have an inside security officer. We
16 save a fortune on that by using him to train our
17 people in active shooting and various other things.

18 Mr. Supervisor has mentioned, there's
19 very little amount of money that this man gets per
20 year. This was an RFP that was put out and four
21 people had responded to the RFP. This is the
22 second contract renewal of that RFP.

23 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

24 My other question regarding that is I
25 noticed you're approving the date sort of

1 retroactively to September of last year. Why is
2 it -- why are we -- why is the Board approving from
3 so long ago? Shouldn't that have been contracted
4 out.

5 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Was the contract
6 up, Len? Why are we doing that? Can somebody help
7 me out? Why is it, Barry?

8 MR. BREE: There was a problem with the
9 actual signed contract and that was internal and
10 Public Safety's fault, the way we handled the
11 paperwork. That contract has been set for that
12 three-year period. There's nothing other than us
13 doing a paper contract and made us have to go back
14 and have the contract resigned and done over again.

15 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: The contract
16 wasn't extended.

17 MR. FREIER: On 194, Dynamic
18 Entertainment, I noticed we used them for many
19 years. They provided good service for the
20 festivals at the parks and things like that.

21 But is that contract bid out with them?

22 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Yes.

23 MR. FREIER: This was not just a
24 renewal?

25 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I don't believe

1 it's renewal. I believe it's bid out every time we
2 have an event.

3 Am I correct?

4 MS. MASCIA: It's in-house procurement
5 policy.

6 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: How is it done?

7 MR. GENOVA: I think pursuant to our
8 procurement policy -- I have to check. Depending
9 upon the dollars amounts, when it's under 20,000,
10 our policy requires you to get X-number of quotes.

11 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: You still need --
12 it follows the general municipal law and all the
13 recommendations.

14 MR. GENOVA: And the procurement policy
15 adopted by the Town for services under 20,000.

16 MR. FREIER: Thank you on that one.

17 On 204 and 205, can you explain the
18 revenue anticipation notes and what they're being
19 used for and then on 205, the tax anticipation note
20 and what they're being used for.

21 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Actually, I
22 believe they are not -- I'm not going to -- I had a
23 briefing on it over the past couple days. I think
24 it might be better if everyone heard what I heard.
25 I actually got my briefing from Rob.

1 Rob, why don't you give the same --
2 because you did it so well -- give a briefing to
3 the audience that you gave to me about what's
4 happening with the RAN and TAN.

5 MR. DARIENZO: The budget has revenue
6 and expenses. The Town prides itself on paying its
7 expenses as they come in.

8 Unfortunately, not all our revenues
9 come in such a timely fashion. So these two
10 resolutions allows us to borrow (inaudible) -- pay
11 our bills on time.

12 MR. FREIER: My question is, what are
13 each of them being used for?

14 MR. DARIENZO: The revenues are --
15 there's \$10 million for RANS. That's for Nassau
16 County's mortgage tax and sales tax. It's due
17 quarterly and they have been slower and slower
18 getting that money to us. The \$20 million in TANS
19 relates to tax money due to us from the Sanitation
20 and Waste Districts where they need it for
21 lawsuits. There might have even been a tentative
22 agreement reached in the past week.

23 MR. FREIER: None of them are being
24 used as operating expenses of the Town, payroll,
25 for example or anything else?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

2 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Bob, the simplest
4 thing to do is -- let's say, an item is \$20,000 for
5 argument's sake --

6 MR. FREIER: I understand.

7 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I should pay you
8 by June 1st.

9 By June 1st, I don't give you the money
10 and you go out and borrow the money. Later, I give
11 you the money and then you pay. It's that simple.

12 MR. FREIER: The taxes come in at a
13 certain date and you need to pay it before that
14 date.

15 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: It's a timing
16 thing.

17 MR. FREIER: 206, what is the dog
18 grooming service?

19 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: You and I --

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I can tell you.

21 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I'm going to give
22 you -- what's worrying me, prior and I --

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I happen to know
24 this because recently there was -- the Town of
25 Oyster Bay Animal Shelter listed that there had

1 been a stray dog found in the preserve and there
2 was a picture of it. It was like a little Maltese
3 and it was all -- it was really, like,
4 heartbreaking. The fur had grown in. So I went to
5 see it because we have a small dog in our house and
6 I thought, maybe a friend. When I went, it looked
7 like a different dog. It had been cleaned up,
8 bathed. His hair had been cut. It had some teeth
9 cleaned, nails clipped. Dogs, when they're found
10 stray, can be in very bad shape. So we have the
11 services of a dog groomer, not to poof up poodles,
12 but to clean up dogs who are found stray and need
13 cleaning and sanitary grooming.

14 MR. FREIER: I was -- also in there,
15 there was something about geese patrol under the
16 same resolution.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So the Geese
18 Peace Program, I don't know if you're familiar with
19 it, but we have Border Collies who run on the golf
20 course and some other places. It's a very
21 effective and humane way of controlling the geese
22 population. I guess if I was a goose, I might not
23 feel that way. They patrol. And those dogs, also,
24 need occasional bathing and grooming. Although, I
25 believe do they live in the shelter. It doesn't

1 matter. In any event, they require sanitary
2 grooming. We're not showing them.

3 MR. FREIER: I understand. I was
4 curious what the geese -- thank you very much.

5 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I think
6 intermittently some of the geese dogs live --

7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Live with the
8 trainers. It's a very cool program.

9 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: By the way, just
10 a simple plug, you know, we have an animal shelter
11 in the Town of Oyster Bay which is very highly
12 regarded. It's a very state-of-the-art animal
13 shelter. If a dog has to be in a shelter, it's a
14 better shelter to be in than some of the other
15 conditions that you see elsewhere. I think we have
16 it air conditioned. It's not a country club, but
17 it's a comfortable place where pet owners and pets
18 themselves need not be frightened.

19 Some of the terrible things -- I'm not
20 going to get graphic -- you probably all read, I
21 think in just the past few days, a terrible story,
22 something that happened with a dog about a year ago
23 and the anniversary came about. Some of the
24 terrible things that we see are really, really
25 heart wrenching. It's beyond explanation. I don't

1 know what -- in my mind, if somebody does that to
2 an innocent pet, I don't know if they would stop
3 there. I don't know how many of you watch the show
4 Criminal Minds. I'm getting a little far afield
5 here, but many, many times some of the behavior of
6 what people do to other people starts when they
7 were younger and doing crazy things. Some of the
8 heartbreaking stories that we see -- anybody who is
9 in a position, if you got an extra dollar, \$5, it
10 doesn't have to be \$1 million -- all these wealthy
11 people get involved, but you go online, find a
12 charity, a reputable charity, ASPCA or even some of
13 the smaller homes. I don't know -- rescue
14 agencies, you know, 50 cents, \$1, \$2, \$5, they
15 really can do a lot with it. I know some of us are
16 really not in a position to do a whole lot, but you
17 will be amazed what a couple of bucks can mean if
18 we all did it. I'm telling you if you saw some of
19 the things that we see at the animal shelter, you
20 would be running to that computer right away making
21 contributions. We should all be doing that if we
22 can.

23 Paul Molinari, you are up.

24 Is that an Islanders shirt you're
25 wearing?

1 MR. MOLINARI: Yes, I am.

2 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I have to tell
3 you something. I have been an Islanders fan for
4 many years, but I haven't been watching much this
5 season. I met him once. He came to our Bethpage
6 Ice Rink, John Tavares. I was so impressed. I
7 really haven't followed as closely as I should. He
8 really is -- he's got to be in the top five. He's
9 really a very, very smart, sharp player. Very
10 impressive. Let's go Islanders. Let's go Paul
11 Molinari.

12 MR. MOLINARI: Good morning.

13 My questions on 204 were answered, but
14 in relation to 208, you know, I'm no municipal
15 financing expert. Over the last few years, I
16 noticed -- I want to make a few statements about
17 some observations and then I have a couple of
18 questions.

19 I may not have the exact year, but this
20 is the best of my recollection. In 2012, there was
21 an early retirement incentive to close the budget
22 shortfall. In 2013, it was the sale of the Town
23 property to close the budget shortfall and provide
24 \$9 million. 2004, there was a 8.2 percent tax
25 increase to close the budget gap. 2016, the

1 utilities tax settlement which will prevent us from
2 borrowing on a short-term basis. Each year, the
3 budget is passed as balance.

4 So it brings me to the questions, why
5 is it reported that in 2014, there's an approximate
6 \$15 million deficit? Why are we settling utilities
7 tax complaint for \$9 million less than what we
8 already paid to the utilities? What controls does
9 the Town have to monitor our expenditures as the
10 departments are not exceeding their budget?

11 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Gentlemen, you
12 heard the questions. Bob and Rob, we will go
13 through each question one at a time. The economic
14 state of the Town, it's no secret. We are asset
15 wealthy and --

16 MR. MOLINARI: Cash poor.

17 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I don't want to
18 use the word poor.

19 But figuratively speaking, like so many
20 municipalities, we see cities, counties and towns
21 actually go bankrupt. And nations. So like every
22 municipality, our position isn't terribly -- in the
23 Town of Oyster Bay, we didn't just get here last
24 year even within the last five years or ten years.

25 When I first became Supervisor and a

1 number of these council people -- Councilman
2 Muscarella was here. Were you here? Some of the
3 Councilmen were here and others joined as the years
4 went by. I don't know how many people are aware --
5 hey, Bob, during the '90s, did we cut the tax base
6 of this Town by almost one-third or at least
7 one-fourth?

8 MR. MCEVOY: Yes.

9 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: All through the
10 '90s, you can't forget that. I became the Town
11 Supervisor on January 1, 1998. I don't mean to
12 sound offensive. Facts are what they are.

13 At that point in time, in the prior
14 seven or eight years, we had cut the tax base in
15 this Town, for whatever the reasons were, by, I
16 think, somewhere in the range of 25 to 30 percent.
17 That set in motion forces that, you know, are hard
18 to get the horse back in the barn. We did very
19 well. We were moving along, still always mindful
20 that we're walking on the edge.

21 On the other hand, you have an
22 infrastructure, that for thirty years, we're almost
23 painting our roads. We're not really doing -- what
24 was it, slurry seal? We really weren't doing the
25 road work properly. We were doing it cheaply, but

1 not properly. Our parks were in a state of
2 deterioration. You have an infrastructure that
3 potentially -- I don't have to tell you what
4 happened -- there's a lot of judgment calls made.

5 Looking back, would I have done it
6 exactly the same? Probably not. Hindsight is
7 wonderful, but I don't know what price do you put
8 on the environment, the Town's infrastructure, the
9 quality of life in this Town, protecting the
10 property values and things of that nature.

11 That was the investment and I'll take
12 the heat. It's neither here or there. Then, along
13 came 2008 and we were -- people keep saying, why do
14 you keep blaming 2008. It's not just 2008. When
15 you study where you are at any point in time,
16 there's a history. And cutting your tax base by a
17 third of a quarter and burying that as your first
18 budget, those are tough things to overcome. We did
19 to a point. We had a lot of setbacks in the '07,
20 '08, '09 range. And our mortgage tax revenue
21 dropped from high of 24 million down to a low of 8
22 or 9 million. In a Town this size, with a budget
23 this size, that's devastating. We're still reeling
24 from all these things.

25 But in the long haul, I still believe

1 we made the right investments and the day will come
2 where we are here and the budget will be where it
3 should be and cash flow will be better in the next
4 few years.

5 You know what? We won't be saddling
6 the Town whose parks -- whose children are still
7 playing on ball fields with cut glass and cigarette
8 butts. You won't have to fear for your axle when
9 you're driving on most of our roads. I know there
10 are still problems out there. I get it. But we
11 will continue to have the finest parks in the State
12 of New York and that includes the beaches and all
13 the other recreational activities.

14 I know people poo-poo it. They do.
15 But I don't think they understand -- people who do
16 that, they don't understand. If the residents are
17 called upon, for example, to participate in a
18 2 percent or 8 percent tax increase over the years,
19 I don't know if they understand what all of that
20 work does, not just to their quality of life, not
21 to have the greatest park for your kids to play in
22 or to go ponder in the ultimate reality, but what
23 it does to property values.

24 Does anybody realize that time and time
25 again and survey after survey, especially those in

1 the aftermath of the census, the Town of Oyster Bay
2 enjoyed property value increases. I'm not taking
3 about five and ten acres. I'm talking about 60 by
4 100 or 80 by 100 where folks like me and others
5 here live. Like five and ten times the amount of
6 increase of property values than other surrounding
7 areas. So you have to factor that in.

8 Yes, it's about money. But it's not
9 always all about money. There's something called
10 investing in the future of the Town. And I think
11 this Town has done it and I think, for the most
12 part, the residents have been very supportive of
13 the efforts. When the rainy day comes along, we do
14 need to make adjustments. We need to, maybe, spank
15 ourselves. Maybe we're not perfect. But now you
16 raised that issue.

17 So why don't you go through your
18 questions to the Comptroller and the Director of
19 Finance?

20 MR. MOLINARI: The questions were, why
21 was there a \$15 million deficit in 2014? Why are
22 we settling utilities dispute for \$9 million less
23 than what we paid for utilities?

24 The last question is, what controls
25 does the Town have in place to monitor expenditures

1 so the budget isn't exceeded until you don't found
2 until the fiscal year is closed?

3 MR. McEVOY: It was -- again, it was
4 revenues that were budgeted to knock --
5 expenditures were on or about schedule, but debt
6 service was increased over --

7 MR. DARIENZO: We paid down principle
8 on debt service more than required in effort to
9 lower (inaudible).

10 Also, there was revenue budget that did
11 not come in. So between those factors, we had a
12 negative result of operations in 2014.

13 MR. McEVOY: What's in place now to
14 ensure expenditures don't over budget? In order to
15 pay an expenditure, it has to be encumbered. It
16 can only be encumbered when there are funds in the
17 budget.

18 So, that's been monitored and we keep
19 track of that and inform the departments to try
20 shutting down nonemergency expenditures into the
21 fourth quarter. It would have to be reviewed, if
22 the money is there. They can't just spend it for
23 the sake of spending it. They have to go through a
24 separate process other than just the normal
25 operations. We are looking at that.

1 MR. DARIENZO: We are meeting with the
2 departments on a monthly basis to cover their
3 budgets. Now that council people who are
4 (inaudible). There's more eyes on the budget more
5 often than none.

6 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: With respect to
7 the second question, as Rob just pointed out, we
8 are now, as council people, liaisons to the
9 departments.

10 I'm the liaison to the Town Attorney
11 and Councilman Pinto who also is the liaison for
12 the Comptroller may also want to respond. But just
13 on a general level, there are always vagaries
14 involved in litigation. So settling, if you had
15 not settled it, the case could have pended for a
16 long time which would incur legal fees.

17 Additionally, you don't know what end
18 result you're going to get in court. We think we
19 have the right decision. We believe that we are
20 owed the money. The County believes they're owed
21 the money. So who knows how it will end. So a
22 good settlement, as you're aware, is one where you
23 can make a compromise and both sides walk away a
24 little bit dissatisfied. That's what we look for
25 in legal practice. That's what we look for in

1 arbitration and that's what we did here.

2 COUNCILMAN PINTO: I think that what we
3 are missing is, settle judgment that we obtained
4 was only for 24.7.

5 Is that accurate?

6 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: What Joe means
7 is, the amount that it's been reduced for judgment
8 is 24.7.

9 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Right. The judgment
10 settlement is 24.7. When you get 26, 27 million,
11 that has to include some other things as well.

12 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I don't mind
13 telling you and this is not a knock against the
14 County. We're all looking -- I don't mean to be
15 talking down. I forget myself from time to time.
16 These are the same taxpayers.

17 You know what? I'm not trying to be a
18 wise guy, but whether the Town of Oyster Bay is
19 adversely impacted and they go into your pocket or
20 whether the County is adversely impacted and they
21 go into your pocket, it's the same taxpayers. It's
22 not a shell game, but we have two governments that
23 need to run and run well. It's a tug-of-war
24 between the Town and County.

25 One way or the other, it's the same

1 residents that are involved. It's not a double
2 situation that's going on here.

3 Rebecca and Joe, I can't say -- as
4 Rebecca said, there are vagaries. Who knows what's
5 going to happen. I don't mind telling you that the
6 County -- and I don't blame them one bit -- they
7 need to protect their treasury as well. They're
8 saying, hey you know what, you don't take this, I
9 don't know, we may want to appeal this. Maybe in
10 five years, we will see you down the line.

11 In the meantime, we do have cash flow
12 situations that need to be addressed as you heard
13 from the RAN and TAN. And \$26 million is a lot of
14 money.

15 MR. MOLINARI: Yes, it is. It's
16 more -- the judgment was less, so thank you for
17 providing that information.

18 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Anything else we
19 can do for you?

20 MR. MOLINARI: 207, that's the one with
21 the ground water treatment facility. I would like
22 to know where that treatment facility is located.
23 What pollutants is the facility treating and are
24 the results of the discharge available on the Town
25 website?

1 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I think -- I
2 could be wrong. I'm doing this from memory.

3 John, is this LKB?

4 MR. ELLSWORTH: Old Bethpage.

5 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: This is still
6 under the same order?

7 MR. ELLSWORTH: This is ground water
8 contamination from both the Bethpage Landfill and
9 also from another private facility that's further
10 to the north. What's the name? Nobody -- oh,
11 Claremont Polychemical. The Town has an agreement
12 with the DEC where the DEC is contributing to the
13 Town's operation for the private facility's
14 operation because it's in the super fund. I do not
15 know what the contaminants are, but I can look when
16 I'm looking for the other thing for you.

17 MR. MOLINARI: What about the discharge
18 results, is that available?

19 MR. ELLSWORTH: It's not on the Town
20 website. We certainly can get that information for
21 you.

22 MR. MOLINARI: Thank you very much.

23 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Okay, Paul.

24 Go get them Wednesday night.

25 All right. Mr. Altadonna, we are back

1 to you.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
3 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
4 Coschignano.

5 On the vote, Supervisor Venditto?

6 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I vote "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Coschignano?

10 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

12 COUNCILMAN PINTO: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to adopt
16 Resolution Nos. 185-2016 through 211-2016 passes
17 with five "Ayes."

18 May I have a motion to suspend the
19 rules and add Resolution No. 212-2016?

20 Resolution No. 212-2016; Resolution
21 pertaining to the filing of the Town of Oyster Bay
22 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year
23 ended December 31, 2014. (M.D. 4/12/16 #20).

24 On the motion?

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

1 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Seconded.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
3 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
4 Coschignano.

5 On the vote, Supervisor Venditto?

6 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I vote "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Coschignano?

10 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

12 COUNCILMAN PINTO: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to suspend the
16 rules and add Resolution No. 212-2016 passes with
17 five "Ayes."

18 May I have a motion to adopt Resolution
19 No. 212-2016?

20 On the motion?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

22 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Seconded.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
24 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
25 Coschignano.

1 On the vote, Supervisor Venditto?
2 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: I vote "Aye."
3 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?
4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."
5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Coschignano?
6 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: "Aye."
7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?
8 COUNCILMAN PINTO: "Aye."
9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?
10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."
11 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to adopt
12 Resolution No. 212-2016 passes with five "Ayes."
13 Our calendar is complete.
14 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Thank you,
15 Mr. Altadonna.
16 By the way, I know a lot of people --
17 this country was born in a tax revolt. I hate
18 taxes. I'm sure everybody in this room hates
19 taxes. April 15th just passed.
20 I always like to point out at this time
21 of the year, when you look at your tax
22 obligations -- and this is not something you hear
23 officials say. You may want to throw something at
24 me. But when you look at your tax obligations to
25 the federal government and the state government, to

1 your local school districts and other taxing
2 authorities that have their hand in your pocket, I
3 urge you, I urge you, I beg you, I plead you to
4 take out your town tax bills. I'm not going to do
5 it. I do it every year. I know some of the
6 electives will fall asleep if I do it. Take out
7 your Town tax bill and look at what you are getting
8 from the Town of Oyster Bay and what you are paying
9 as opposed to the obligations that you have to all
10 those other levels of government. I implore you to
11 do it. You would be absolutely amazed. I'm not
12 going to say you're going to be happy, but you
13 would be absolutely amazed to know that your
14 money -- you're being taxed wisely and the money is
15 being spent reasonably in the Town of Oyster Bay.
16 It's relatively -- and I underscore the word
17 relatively -- a small portion of your overall tax
18 obligations including income tax and real property
19 tax. It will surprise you.

20 Before we close the meeting, we have
21 special counsel or outside counsel waiting to meet
22 with us in executive session. We are going to be
23 doing that.

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
25 I'll move that this Board goes into Executive

1 Session to discuss matters leading to the
2 promotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or
3 removal of a particular person.

4 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Seconded.

5 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: All in favor?

6 ALL: "Aye."

7 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: So moved.

10 We are going to participate in
11 executive session and we will be back as quickly as
12 we can with the public comment period.

13 (Executive session from 11:02 a.m. to
14 11:43 a.m.)

15 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Ladies and
16 gentlemen, if everyone would find seats, we will
17 continue.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
19 I'll make a motion to close the executive session.
20 No action was taken.

21 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Seconded.

22 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: All in favor?

23 ALL: "Aye."

24 SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Opposed?

25 (No response.)

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SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: So moved.

I believe, Councilman Muscarella, I
need a further motion.

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
I'll move to adjourn the meeting.

COUNCILMAN PINTO: Seconded.

SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: All in favor?

ALL: "Aye."

SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: Opposed?

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR VENDITTO: So moved.

Meeting adjourned. We are ready to
move forward with our public comment period.

(Time noted: 11:44 a.m.)