

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
JANUARY 23, 2018
7:13 P.M.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

JAMES ALTADONNA JR.
TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

SUPERVISOR JOSEPH S. SALADINO
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH D. MUSCARELLA
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO
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Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and
2 gentlemen, welcome to the Oyster Bay Town Board
3 meeting of Tuesday, January 23rd.

4 This evening's prayer will be led the
5 very Reverend Margaret Peckham Clark of the Trinity
6 Episcopal Church in Roslyn. The Town of Oyster
7 Bay's portion of Roslyn. Reverend Margaret Clark
8 is also known for her -- by her congregates as
9 Mother Clark, reflective of her warm and gracious
10 demeanor and the caring stewardship that she
11 provides.

12 Trinity Episcopal Church in Roslyn,
13 which dates back to 1862 is a very thriving group
14 whose congregates are engaged in many exciting and
15 wonderful social and spiritual activities.

16 Very Reverend Clark, would you please
17 lead us in prayer?

18 Would everyone please rise?

19 Thank you, Supervisor. It's a delight
20 to be with you and I live in Glen Head.

21 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by
22 Reverend Margaret Peckham Clark.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please remain
24 standing.

25 Our Pledge of Allegiance this evening

1 will led by Emelie Tejada of the Plainview Old
2 Bethpage Middle School.

3 Emelie, will you please lead us in the
4 Pledge of Allegiance?

5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
6 was recited and led by Emelie Tejada.)

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
8 Emelie.

9 Good evening, ladies and gentlemen.
10 Thank you for joining with us. Before we begin
11 with the business of the day, I'd like to take a
12 few minutes to update our residents on the business
13 of the Town of Oyster Bay.

14 On Monday, Councilman Lou Imbroto and
15 our Town Clerk, James Altadonna, joined with me, as
16 well as Councilman Muscarella at a press conference
17 where we announced a law recently strengthened by
18 this Town Board to combat zombie homes in our
19 community. Specifically, we banned, among other
20 things, we banned the use of plywood on residential
21 windows and doors to help protect neighbors from
22 these eyesores.

23 We also established a mandated trust
24 account to which the foreclosing entity, the
25 homeowner and/or lending institution, must deposit

1 \$25,000 to cover any potential costs the Town could
2 incur from maintaining that property. This is an
3 important step in holding banks accountable for the
4 maintenance of properties and will allow the Town
5 of Oyster Bay to easily recoup the costs associated
6 with the Town's maintenance of these vacant
7 properties.

8 I'd like to thank our Quality of Life
9 Task Force, including co-chairs Lou Imbroto and Jim
10 Altadonna for advancing this legislation, and we
11 know that the look of our communities will be much
12 better because the substance that people must now
13 use instead of plywood is a Plexiglass like
14 material, so it's better looking during the time
15 process that a bank or a landlord or a property
16 owner has to go through, through the transition.

17 We also would like to thank the
18 residents who helped us along the way. Many of
19 them were coming to our meetings to assist in this
20 process. So absentee landlords and lending
21 institutions are now on notice.

22 Our Receiver of Taxes, Jim Stefanich,
23 has asked that I remind residents that the first
24 half of their 2018 general taxes are due on
25 January 1st, but can be paid without penalty

1 through February 12th.

2 Under the new law, taxpayers have a
3 40-day penalty free grace period before a 1 percent
4 is added to that.

5 Over the past two weeks, the Town has
6 announced new opportunities for residents.

7 First, Councilman Anthony Macagnone and
8 I announced that the Town of Oyster Bay is now
9 hiring 40 part-time Sanitation workers to assist
10 with and help streamline our single stream
11 recycling operation. This program launched in late
12 October.

13 The Town's new single stream recycling
14 program has already proven to be a resounding
15 success, easing the burden of sorting garbage,
16 allowing the Town to be more environmentally
17 friendly and generating significant revenue for our
18 taxpayers.

19 These two initiatives alone over time
20 will save the Town millions of dollars. As we've
21 stated before in other Town Board meetings,
22 previously we paid \$91,000 a year to have our
23 recyclables removed. Now, we receive \$435,000 a
24 year to sell our recyclables to a company through
25 an open bid process.

1 And it's also important to point out
2 that we are collecting so many more materials to
3 increase the number of recyclables and decrease the
4 typical waste stream, where we have to pay to have
5 that removed, so we're saving money.

6 I will point out that as I drive
7 through the roads in the Town of Oyster Bay, I
8 still see people putting garbage out at the curb,
9 so they should make a point not to throw out
10 cardboard -- I'm sorry cardboard. Cardboard is a
11 recyclable commodity that brings a lot of money to
12 our taxpayers, so recycle your cardboard on
13 recycling day.

14 In terms of our Sanitation employees,
15 again, I want to thank Councilman Tony Macagnone
16 for assisting with this process. Part-time
17 Sanitation employees will earn \$15 an hour and will
18 work side by side with the Town's full-time
19 Sanitation workers during their normal routes and
20 work hours. The Town is seeking individuals who
21 can work during regular scheduled pickup days,
22 which are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.
23 And applicants looking for work can call
24 (516) 677-5803 for more information.

25 Councilman Tom Hand and I recently

1 announced that the Town is accepting applications
2 from qualified certified individuals interested in
3 working at Town pools and/or our beaches this
4 coming Summer season. We invite responsible and
5 experienced lifeguards who are up to the challenge
6 of protecting our residents while working at one of
7 our beautiful pools and amazing beaches to apply
8 now for the Summer season.

9 Town lifeguards are hired for our
10 Summer season, which runs from Memorial Day through
11 Labor Day and positions are available at all of our
12 Town pools and beaches. Applicants must be a
13 minimum of 16 years old. They must possess a
14 current lifeguard certification and a current
15 CPR-AED certification for the professional rescuer.
16 Applicants can call area code (516)797-4167 for
17 more information. And if you girls are interested
18 in becoming lifeguards, were hiring.

19 The Town has several announcements,
20 including upcoming The 6th Annual Long Island Blues
21 Winter Classic. That's for hockey players of all
22 ages with special needs and they'll take to the ice
23 on January 27th at 3:30 p.m. Councilman Muscarella
24 And I are proud to host this annual event and
25 welcome residents to attend. The admission is free

1 and the Town of Oyster Bay -- it's located at the
2 Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center in Bethpage
3 for this very special and heartwarming tournament
4 and I know you will enjoy it.

5 Councilwoman Michelle Johnson reminds
6 senior citizens that the Town of Oyster Bay will
7 host new free yoga classes for senior citizens on
8 Thursdays during the month of February at the
9 Town's Glen Head Community Center. We invite our
10 senior residents to participate in these new yoga
11 classes as staying active is one of the most
12 important things our senior community can do to
13 keep healthy. For more information on the senior
14 yoga classes, please call area code (516)797-7939.

15 Lastly, and certainly not least,
16 Councilwoman Alesia and I announce that the 3rd
17 Public Works Workshop for Downtown Hicksville
18 Revitalization will take place on Monday,
19 February 26th. I actually should say, Councilwoman
20 Alesia and Councilman Macagnone because they've
21 been working so hard and successfully on this
22 program and getting this entire administration
23 involved, and I thank you both for that.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,
25 Supervisor.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are on our way
3 to creating a new Oyster Bay in Downtown Hicksville
4 and it's so exciting. So the 3rd Public Workshop
5 is on Monday, February 26th from 7:00 p.m. to
6 9:00 p.m. at the William Bennett Hicksville
7 Community Center and that's located at
8 28 West Carl Street in Hicksville. This is an
9 important meeting and we encourage resident
10 attendance.

11 As many of you know, last week, the
12 Local Planning Committee reviewed eight development
13 proposals submitted by the private sector for
14 redevelopment in Hicksville's Downtown. It was a
15 very exciting meeting and we're moving well on our
16 way as we look at these different ideas brought to
17 us by the State's planners and architects and
18 engineers, as well as the community's input.

19 The community has been absolutely
20 wonderful in all of their suggestions. It's very,
21 very exciting. We're going to do some wonderful
22 things in Downtown Hicksville and it will be the
23 template for the rest of the state.

24 This February 26th meeting will allow
25 for greater resident feedback and participation in

1 the process.

2 Residents who cannot attend the public
3 meeting can also submit comments through our
4 website. Applications -- applicants, rather, may
5 also call (516)677-5803 for more information.

6 Well, this evening there are very
7 patient and polite young ladies who have been
8 waiting for a very special presentation.

9 The Oyster Bay Town Board is incredibly
10 proud to welcome several of our fifth grade
11 students from Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School
12 who founded a group known as Everyone is Equal.

13 Town Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia
14 brought this incredible group to our attention and
15 we all agreed that they were exceptionally worthy
16 of recognition. Everyone is Equal, which was
17 founded in 2017 by the students with us this
18 evening, these students realize that more should be
19 done to help the less fortunate.

20 The premise behind Everyone is Equal is
21 simple, yet very profound. Everyone should have
22 food, water, shelter and the supplies necessary for
23 everyday living. The group has donated food and
24 money for those in need and gladly accepts
25 donations of canned food, nonperishable foods,

1 bottled water, all kinds of things, including
2 clothing.

3 Going forward, the group also plans on
4 accessing the needs of local homeless shelters to
5 provide them with needed items and resources. The
6 selfless and remarkable individuals at Everyone is
7 Equal are incredibly inspirational and a tremendous
8 source of pride for both their hometown communities
9 of Plainview, as well as the fact that you make all
10 of the 300,000 residents of the Town of Oyster Bay
11 very proud of you, and quite frankly, you set a
12 fine example, not only for children, but for adults
13 as well.

14 It is my pleasure to introduce some of
15 the key individuals behind Everyone is Equal, and
16 I'm going to ask you to please stand as I call your
17 name. Emily Tejada, she serves as the President;
18 Pankti Gala serves as the Vice President; Audrey
19 Bodeker serves as the Secretary; and Morgan Shishko
20 is an active member as well, and they are all fifth
21 grade students.

22 Let's give them a big round of
23 applause.

24 (Applause.)

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This program is

1 supervised in the school by Plainview Old Bethpage
2 Middle School Principal, Alice Bowman, who allowed
3 the Everyone is Equal club to be formed and the
4 club now has 50 student members. That's absolutely
5 wonderful. Emelie's mom, Aida Tejada, serves as
6 the Parent Advisor and has provided the essential
7 guidance necessary to ensure the successful launch
8 of this group.

9 Anyone interested in supporting
10 Everyone is Equal can call Aida at area code
11 (516)547-4317 to get involved or to donate.

12 We are incredibly proud of all of you.

13 Let's give them all a hand.

14 (Applause.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And now without
16 further ado, we will receive some comments from the
17 organization's President, Emelie.

18 Emelie, will you please step up to the
19 microphone at the podium and tell us about your
20 program?

21 EMELIE TEJADA: Thank you, Supervisor
22 Saladino.

23 Good evening. It is an honor to be
24 here tonight presenting Everyone is Equal. My best
25 friends and I dedicated so much time, effort and

1 love into it. We hope to help the less fortunate
2 and animals in need. We cannot do this without
3 your support.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, thank you,
5 Emelie. We really appreciate that.

6 Today provides and ideal backdrop to
7 proudly recognize all of your efforts, which you've
8 truly had a positive impact on others in the
9 community.

10 And as I said before, you set a
11 fabulous example, not only for students and young
12 people, but for adults alike. You are clearly the
13 pathfinders for all of us, and that's very, very
14 special.

15 Taking care of others is something we
16 do here in the Town of Oyster Bay and we take our
17 responsibility very proudly, we're very proud to do
18 that, and we take it very seriously, and it's so
19 wonderful to know that our future is so bright with
20 young people like yourselves who are taking such a
21 responsible approach.

22 I'd like to ask Councilwoman Alesia to
23 present our Town Citations to our President Emelie
24 Tejada; Vice President Pankti Gala; our Secretary
25 Audrey Bodeker; Member, Morgan Shishko; Principal

1 Alice Bowman; and Parent Advisor, Aida Tejada.

2 Councilwoman, would you like to say a
3 few words?

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you so
5 much, Supervisor.

6 I just -- and I'll keep it brief, but I
7 feel compelled to point out that this is my home
8 school, my son's middle school that I have known at
9 least one of these young ladies since she was six
10 years old and I think they represent the very best
11 of what Plainview-Old Bethpage has to offer, which
12 is a pretty high bar because we're a pretty great
13 community.

14 So I want to thank you all for being
15 here tonight. You guys are amazing. And thank you
16 to Principal Bowman for allowing this to go on at
17 school and for continuing to show all students that
18 they can really aspire to great things when they
19 try. Thank you all.

20 (Applause.)

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you all
22 like to join us?

23 (Whereupon, a Town Citation was
24 presented to Everyone is Equal club by Councilwoman
25 Alesia.)

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COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Way to go girls.

COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Congratulations,
guys.

(Applause.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Again, ladies and
gentlemen, one more big round of applause of thanks
for everyone associated with Everyone is Equal.
Great job.

(TIME NOTED: 7:33 P.M.)

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 23, 2018
7:34 P.M.

HEARING - TRAFFIC

To consider proposed amendments to the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, amending Chapter 233 of said code pertaining to parking, stopping, crossing, loading zones, thru traffic, trucking operations and other traffic regulations. (M.D. 12/12/17 #24).

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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will Town Clerk
2 James Altadonna please poll the Board?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes.
4 Supervisor Saladino?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm here, Jim.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: You don't want to
12 call me as Charlie's mom? I'm here.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

18 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: The poll is complete,
20 sir.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will the Town
22 Clerk please call the first hearing?

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes.

24 It's a Hearing - Traffic To consider
25 proposed amendments to the Code of the Town of

1 Oyster Bay, New York, amending Chapter 233 of said
2 code pertaining to parking, stopping, crossing,
3 loading zones, thru traffic, trucking operations
4 and other traffic regulations, M.D. 12/12/17 No.
5 24.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How are you?

7 MS. SWANSON: I'm very good.

8 Thank you.

9 Good evening, members of the Town
10 Board, Supervisor.

11 The Town received requests from various
12 residences, businesses, and sometimes the Police
13 Department for various traffic control signs, stop
14 signs, no parking signs.

15 The Highway Department then conducts a
16 traffic survey. For each request, considers each
17 one, and then recommends to the Town Board which
18 requests are warranted. Tonight's hearing consists
19 of a group of traffic surveys for signs in the
20 various hamlets throughout the Town, and that's
21 what they are.

22 Do you want me to go through each one
23 or --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's find out if
25 we have questions from our Board members.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Yes. The
2 Plainview contingency has a question. Sorry.

3 We were just wondering about liability
4 because it seems to me -- it's really was
5 Councilman Imbroto that pointed it out, that you
6 kind of have to stop at Library Lane coming through
7 Manetto Hill Road. We were just wondering what the
8 big --

9 MS. SWANSON: It was a resident request
10 for one stop sign. No stopping here to corner.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.
12 No stopping here to corner.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And a stop sign?

14 MS. SWANSON: Yes. And a stop sign.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thanks, Donna.

17 MS. SWANSON: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

19 Is there any correspondence?

20 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavit of
21 postings and publications.

22 There is no other correspondence.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there anyone
24 who like to be heard on any of these traffic
25 issues?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: All right.

2 Supervisor, I make a motion that the
3 public hearing be closed and the decision be
4 reserved.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
7 signify by saying aye.

8 ALL: "Aye."

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, nay.

10 (No response given.)

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
12 it..

13 Town Clerk Altadonna --

14 Can I have a motion?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
16 move that the Town Board go into Executive Session
17 for the purpose of discussion regarding proposed,
18 pending and current litigation.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
21 signify by saying "Aye."

22 ALL: "Aye."

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Nay"? Against,
24 "Nay"?

25 (No response given.)

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
2 it.

3 Thank you. We will be taking a very
4 brief break, obviously, to adhere to all of our
5 laws and codes.

6 (Whereupon, the Executive Session began
7 at 7:37 p.m. and ended at 7:51 p.m. and the
8 proceedings resumed as follows:)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I please have
10 a motion?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
12 move to close the Executive Session.

13 No action has been taken.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
16 signify by saying "Aye."

17 ALL: "Aye."

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

19 (No response given.)

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
21 it.

22 Will you please call the next item?

23 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have motion table
24 Resolution No. P-3-18?

25 On the motion:

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
4 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
5 Macagnone.

6 On the vote:

7 Supervisor Saladino?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

20 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

21 Motion to table Resolution No. P-3-18
22 passes with seven "Ayes."

23 Now, we are going to remove from the
24 table.

25 May I have a motion to remove from the

1 table and add Resolution No. 42, which was tabled
2 on January 6, 2018?

3 Resolution No. 42-2018; Resolution
4 pertaining to an amendment to the Code of the Town
5 of Oyster Bay, Chapter 233, "Motor Vehicles and
6 Traffic" in connection with parking permit
7 Fees. (M.D. 1/2/18 #11).

8 On the motion:

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
12 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
13 Macagnone.

14 On the vote: This is just to put it
15 back on.

16 Supervisor Saladino?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: No. I think the
22 public should be more notified of this Resolution
23 and I think we should have a public hearing on it,
24 but I vote no.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

1 Councilwoman Alesia?

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I vote "Aye."

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

8 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to remove from
10 the table and add Resolution No. 42 passes with six
11 "Ayes" and one "Nay."

12 Okay. Now, you have two speakers on
13 this, so let's go for the speakers, then we'll call
14 for the vote.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our first speaker
16 will be Lisa Reinhardt.

17 Good evening. How are you?

18 MS. REINHARDT: Good evening.

19 I'm good. Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please, for the
21 record, give us your address.

22 MS. REINHARDT: 65 Elm Street,
23 Hicksville.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

25 MS. REINHARDT: I don't know what's

1 allowed here. This is my first meeting. I'm
2 excited to be here.

3 I'm just wondering, so taking it off
4 the table means that you're actually going to vote
5 on it tonight, is that -- that's what that means?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Most likely.

7 MS. REINHARDT: Okay.

8 And then my other question is, what
9 exactly is it? Is it changing it from the \$10 to
10 the \$100 or what is exactly the Resolution?

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: The Resolution as
12 it -- I think, as it exists right now is changing
13 from the 10 to the 100. I'm glad that you came and
14 you brought that up and you are asking a great
15 question.

16 What does it mean to take something off
17 the table, and why is Councilman Macagnone for a
18 hearing and what does it mean if we don't have a
19 hearing and what does it mean that it's a
20 Resolution.

21 MS. REINHARDT: Yes.

22 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Great.

23 So can we not charge this against her
24 time, though, Gene, because I'm going to talk for
25 like a minute?

1 I can tell you right now as we sit
2 here, that I'm not prepared to vote on this
3 Resolution for this amount. So part of what we're
4 doing here, even though it's not a full hearing, is
5 we're going to discuss, I assume, what is the right
6 amount, if people do feel it should be raised, and
7 then at the end of that, including taking in the
8 public's comment on that, then we will vote either
9 "Aye" that we like the resolution, "Nay," that we
10 don't like the resolution or we could direct the
11 Town Attorney to amend the resolution or give us a
12 different resolution for a different amount.

13 MS. REINHARDT: Okay.

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Okay.

15 So as we stand right now, the
16 Resolution is off the table, meaning it is before
17 us to consider. We are going to take all of your
18 input, we're going to take each other's input, even
19 Tony's.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And then each one
22 of us individually will come to a determination
23 about what we think the right amount is and whether
24 or not we want to vote yes or no.

25 MS. REINHARDT: Okay.

1 Then I have another question about
2 that. When you say public input, that means just
3 me and the other speaker?

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Anyone who is
5 here tonight. I think it should be held off until
6 we have more of the commuters involved.

7 MS. REINHARDT: "Aye." Okay.

8 And when this would go into effect --
9 if passed, it would go into effect March, so this
10 March instead of when we get the new letters to
11 re-up, it would be the \$100 or whatever is decided on?
12 So this would be an immediate going into effect.
13 Okay. And I just wanted to ask when or how would
14 anybody bring up talking about the parking garage,
15 the existing structure.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You can speak
17 about that afterwards during the public comment.

18 MS. REINHARDT: Okay. Great.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If you would
20 like. You can speak about it now if you like.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Before you sit
22 down, I'd like to know what you think about the
23 fee.

24 MS. REINHARDT: About the fee. I think
25 it's a huge jump. I understand that specifically

1 to Hicksville, the revitalization is going to cost
2 money. I don't know if these monies would go
3 towards that or if these monies would go to the
4 assistance in fixing or replacing the current
5 parking structure garage on Duffy Avenue.

6 Anybody who doesn't park there is
7 telling us -- I'm a resident of Hicksville and a
8 commuter -- anybody who doesn't park there is
9 saying, don't park there, it's very dangerous. Oh,
10 I know. Every time I go in there when it's
11 raining, I get rained on as I drive down further
12 and further underground.

13 It's not safe, I don't believe. They
14 have lally columns on every floor in multiple
15 places. I wouldn't mind paying extra. Of course.
16 \$10 is extremely reasonable. I used to live in
17 Manhasset for a little while. They're a little
18 more expensive. I'm just concerned that the huge
19 jump -- and I'd also be curious as to what else is
20 going to be in place to ensure that Hicksville
21 residents can get a spot, because you now have to
22 get there earlier and earlier and earlier and
23 earlier. I have to drop my daughter off --

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Can I ask what you
25 think an appropriate fee would be?

1 MS. REINHARDT: Speaking only for
2 myself and not for anybody else who is here or not,
3 I wouldn't mind paying 50 if I knew that that money
4 was going to go towards the garage and not to
5 another bucket of something else, because the
6 garage needs to be replaced and that needs to be
7 completely looked into and as quickly as possible,
8 I would think, before my car gets crushed.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mrs. Reinhardt?

10 MS. REINHARDT: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I've spoken with
12 Commissioner Lenz of DPW, I believe we're on track
13 to get that started this Summer to repairing it and
14 get into place -- I see him nodding yes in the
15 back -- and, hopefully, by the end of the Summer,
16 you'll be very happy with what the garage is going
17 to be like.

18 MS. REINHARDT: I would love that.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Ms. Reinhardt?

20 MS. REINHARDT: Yes.

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Can I ask what
22 you paid in Manhasset for parking?

23 MS. REINHARDT: In Manhasset, it was
24 \$52 a year plus \$3 a day. You had to pay a yearly
25 fee and then buy a book of tickets and put the

1 book -- put one ticket per day in your thing. They
2 had a very -- much smaller amount of parking there,
3 very much.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But if you paid
5 the \$3, you were guaranteed the spot?

6 MS. REINHARDT: No. And that's one of
7 my issues because there were times when I had a
8 doctor's appointment or something, got there at 10,
9 nothing to be had.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But you didn't
11 have to use -- you didn't have to pay the \$3 unless
12 you had the spot?

13 MS. REINHARDT: Correct. Correct.

14 However, there is the same problem in
15 Hicksville. There is less and less spots and
16 you're talking about everybody in Oyster Bay being
17 able to park there if they want to. Jericho
18 doesn't has a station. Syosset has a station that
19 could be further utilized. Bethpage has a station
20 that could be further utilized. That's just flat
21 parking.

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Parking is an
23 issue at all the stations throughout the Town.

24 MS. REINHARDT: I understand. I
25 understand. I just want to make sure that as a

1 resident --

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: We understand that
3 too.

4 MS. REINHARDT: Okay. Okay. That's
5 all, I think, I have right now. Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ms. Reinhardt,
7 just a couple of things just for the record.

8 I, too, believe that the \$100 is way
9 too much. We get suggestions from our department
10 and one of the issues at hand is that the residents
11 who don't utilize the station have been paying the
12 lion's share of the maintenance. Back in 1998, the
13 taxpayer's homeowners, taxpayers paid about
14 69 percent of the maintenance of our stations, our
15 parking lots, the parking garage, the whole bit.

16 In 2018, the taxpayers, if we make no
17 changes, would pay 85 percent of the maintenance.
18 So part of the motivation for changing this to some
19 amount that is reasonable to the homeowners, as
20 well as the commuters, is to shift some of the
21 burden in a fair and balanced manner to the people
22 who utilize the station, rather than putting the
23 lion's share of it on the backs of the homeowners.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor,
25 you're saying any increase that we get will go to a

1 dedicated fund to maintain our parking lots and our
2 parking structures and that's -- and that alone?

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's one of the
4 options and we should bring up the Commissioner to
5 speak about this because one of the things we must,
6 again, do is make it very clear in terms of safety
7 at the garage. I've seen this misrepresented
8 online, in social media. I even heard a person at
9 a large forum said, your parking lot is falling
10 down and she was absolutely wrong to say this, and
11 this is someone --

12 MS. REINHARDT: Have you parked there?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have toured it.
14 I have walked it, but let's talk to the experts.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I park there, yes.

16 MS. REINHARDT: Okay.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Me, too.
19 Okay. So we've had numerous engineers. We've done
20 a study there. We've spent quite a bit of energies
21 and focus on the things that we've done, but I want
22 you to hear from the experts.

23 MS. REINHARDT: Because I haven't seen
24 anything in a while on it so I'm unclear as to
25 where to look if somebody maybe later could tell

1 me.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's get you an
3 update.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Honestly, the
5 Deputy Supervisor and I spoke after you spoke on
6 Thursday at the Downtown Hicksville LPC and we
7 realized that we have to get out the commuters more
8 of what's happening in Hicksville and what's
9 happening with that garage. You're 100 percent
10 right and we did talk about having -- get the
11 message out, if it's a sign, if it's handouts,
12 whatever we have to do.

13 MS. REINHARDT: Phone blast.

14 The schools do a phone blast that's
15 extremely successful. That goes out to -- I mean,
16 I'm sure the people who park, you can get a
17 database of their phone numbers.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think we have
19 it. Yeah.

20 MS. REINHARDT: Yeah, that's what I'm
21 saying, that would be a quick and easy way to do
22 it, I'm thinking.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So let's get you
24 and the public as more information on the garage
25 because this -- you've presented and excellent

1 opportunity to get the facts out.

2 MS. REINHARDT: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right.

4 Any other questions or anything else
5 for us?

6 MS. REINHARDT: Not at the moment.

7 Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before you leave,
9 just to qualify your response, you thought -- the
10 number that you thought would be fair to change it
11 to is what annually?

12 MS. REINHARDT: I wouldn't mind myself,
13 paying up to 50.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

15 MS. REINHARDT: Of course, I'd prefer
16 to pay a little less, but if 50 is going to help
17 get that garage fixed and help with other parking
18 issues, then I'm okay with that personally.

19 I'd also want to the make sure that
20 that \$50 goes only to the parking structure and
21 associated parking issues.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

23 MS. REINHARDT: I don't want it
24 going -- I mean, every -- I'm all for improvement
25 of everything, but if I'm going to pay more to park

1 there every day and I have to rush to get there to
2 get a spot, I want to make sure all that money is
3 going towards parking.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

5 MS. REINHARDT: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner, I
7 know I've asked you this question before publicly
8 and we've been dealing with this issue for some
9 time, please give us a status, but would you start
10 off by answering the question that everyone wants
11 to know, is the parking garage safe for cars, for
12 pedestrians.

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.

14 One of the things that we did when you
15 first came on Board and also along with all the
16 Town Board members is we -- we investigated the
17 facility and we had the columns put in to support
18 any of the movement that was happening at the
19 structure due to expansion and contraction of the
20 concrete.

21 So you have columns that are holding up
22 and beams that are holding up the section where it
23 was cracking a little bit and that was going to be
24 repaired.

25 As the Councilman Macagnone has said,

1 it's going to be repaired in -- we're talking about
2 maybe the Summertime. The reason why it's taking a
3 little bit longer than everybody thinks, and they
4 think that there is no work being done, we had to
5 take cores. Cores meaning drilling into the
6 concrete --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Samples.

8 COMMISSIONER LENZ: -- to see the
9 samples of the concrete, to see the samples of the
10 rebar, was the rebar placed where it's supposed to
11 be that originally was on the plans and
12 specifications?

13 Also, we had not only, not only the
14 concrete, we also had other issues in the facility.
15 As the Councilman knows and as the Supervisor
16 knows, there is a lot of moisture in it so we had
17 different consultants looking into that. We have
18 fire suppression system that's in there. We also
19 have electrical and lighting and things, so we're
20 having -- other repairs are going to have to go on
21 at the same time that -- during the concrete
22 repair.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And plus,
24 Commissioner --

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: -- the concrete
2 has to be repaired, I believe, the temperature has
3 to be over 50 degrees.

4 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it does.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: For a sustained
6 period of time, so other than wrapping the whole
7 building in plastic, it behooves us to wait a few
8 months.

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. And
10 that's why we're -- we said that we would be done
11 during the Summer.

12 One of the things that we need, as you
13 just stated, is we need it to dry out. It is very
14 moist right now because of the snow and the
15 humidity. It's stays in there. It's like a little
16 bit of a fog mist type thing and that's due to
17 improper ventilation that we are willing to do in
18 the future.

19 What was happening is we were bringing
20 too much out -- as the Supervisor knows, we were
21 bringing too much outside air in and then it was
22 making moisture in the concrete and in that
23 facility.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the purpose
25 for bringing that air is to ensure that any of our

1 residents inside the garage are breathing safe air.

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. That's
3 right.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: I'm sorry.

6 I also wanted to add that that's also
7 why we have a fire emergency system in there, that
8 just in case a car went on fire or something
9 because of those issues, like you say.

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Commissioner,
11 what do you estimate the time frame for repairs?

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: We're talking
13 approximately three months, and as the Councilman
14 said it would probably be during the Summertime.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Will you be
16 shutting down the whole garage?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Part of the
19 garage?

20 COMMISSIONER LENZ: It's going to have
21 to -- that's a very good point, thank you.

22 It would have to be the whole garage
23 and it would be a three-month period of time and
24 then when that -- the garage is being repaired, as
25 when the other was being built, we're also going to

1 look into going with a bus system to different
2 facilities. You know, like it was done in the
3 past.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And,
5 Commissioner, I know we're in a little time crunch
6 also because the LIRR MTA is going to be taking
7 part of our other lots.

8 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So we have to
10 get this done this Summer.

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. And we
12 have the plans and specifications. They were --
13 they have been in our office. We've had multiple
14 submissions of them. This is pretty much the last
15 final and then we're making comments on it. We did
16 it -- we reviewed it today and we're going to make
17 comments on it and then it will be revised and then
18 we're ready to go out to bid.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner, I'd
20 like you also to briefly speak to the fact that
21 we've had these discussions. The other question on
22 the responsible parties, can you assure the
23 residents that the responsible -- that we're taking
24 every step possible to ensure that the responsible
25 parties will be paying for these repairs as opposed

1 to our taxpayers?

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: What we are doing
3 through the Town Attorney's Office is we have sued
4 two firms that had done work at the facility and we
5 are going to meet next week with our outside
6 counsel to discuss those issues and we're going to
7 make sure and try to ensure that the -- they will
8 pay, in the future, for the facility repairs.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As you've heard
10 from Ms. Reinhardt and from time to time, others
11 writing on the Internet, people believe that the
12 facility is not safe.

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are assuring
15 the public that the facility is 100 percent safe?

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

17 And just to ensure it, we put those
18 columns and some beams in, just to ensure that's
19 it's going to be perfectly safe.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that it
21 doesn't shift?

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. So it
23 doesn't shift, yes.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Also, are you
25 sending engineering staff and experts from your

1 department to the facility each and every day to
2 check on it? Check for movement?

3 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, we are, on a
4 daily basis. They check in the morning. They
5 check in the evening. We also have a consulting
6 firm that goes out on every Friday and then also
7 checks it and gives us a report on the -- on the
8 cracks, the movement of the cracks. You can
9 actually, you know, analyze that with a string
10 gauge, and that report is done every Friday.

11 I usually get it on Monday, but they do
12 the survey every Friday so we are continually
13 checking.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Have we seen
15 much movement?

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No, we have not.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

18 Thank you.

19 That's reassuring.

20 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we are sending
22 people out. We have hired a consulting engineering
23 company, right in the beginning, we did that
24 immediately.

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, with did.

1 When you first came on board.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we had
3 discussions right here --

4 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- when we first
6 discovered this issue.

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And isn't it
9 true, too, because we really have to assure
10 Ms. Reinhardt, every resident, and we have to send
11 a strong message to those who would post things in
12 social media, complaining or trying to get the
13 public, fanning the flames of fear here, trying to
14 get the public to believe that it, in fact, is an
15 unsafe condition when it's not.

16 This engineering firm has to put their
17 license on the line.

18 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How long has this
20 engineering firm been in existence?

21 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Oh, twenty years at
22 least.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of expertise in
24 just these kind of structures?

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right. Absolutely.

1 And then there's also a sub that works
2 for them that also -- just to, like, we call like a
3 peer review, just to make sure that everything is
4 being done, just as an assistance. They're also
5 the ones that did the core sampling, things like
6 that, so we have experts within the firms that are
7 doing this.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You brought up a
9 good point, the core sampling.

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Are sending it
12 to the same lab that certified it to begin with?

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No, we did not.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. Good.
15 Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No, we did not.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Very good
18 question, Councilman. Very good question.

19 And that peer review is the standard
20 operation in the engineering industry.

21 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.
22 Absolutely.

23 On a project of this nature, it usually
24 is the standard, but, again, like I want to make
25 sure everybody understands, what we focused on

1 right now is the crack, the four cracks.

2 There also are other issues that we
3 need to address and we're going to address them at
4 the same time, meaning, the lighting.

5 We also have issues with the fire --
6 the fire alarm system. We also have issues with
7 the elevator and we also have issues in the
8 stairwells. They're not vented properly.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do any of these
10 other issues present any kind of a safety problem
11 for our residents, for those walking or driving
12 within the garage?

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No, they do not.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Not at the
15 present time, but if we don't address them, they
16 will be?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, thank you,
18 Councilman.

19 -- that's exactly what I was going to
20 say. So while we are going to be down and making
21 the concrete repairs, now is the time to do it, to
22 also make these other repairs. So that's why it's
23 taking longer.

24 The concrete repairs, we could have
25 done a while back, but when you're doing the

1 lighting and the cabling and everything, you have
2 to put this -- bring the garage down, you know,
3 take it -- not let the commuters in there for a
4 while so due to that, we might as well do it all at
5 one time so that's what the delay is.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It makes sense.
7 From a construction standpoint, it makes perfect
8 sense.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Deputy
10 Commissioner, do you have anything to add?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: John
12 Bishop, Deputy Commissioner Town of Oyster Bay
13 Highway.

14 Just to further reiterate, the funding
15 for these permits will go into the infrastructure
16 of all parking fields Town wide.

17 As we've seen, the roads throughout
18 Long Island have taken a beating and so has the
19 pavement to the parking fields. As we make repairs
20 or paint lines, the lines are just lifting up with
21 the asphalt so it's gotten to a point where the
22 lots themselves need to be repaved and painted and
23 the lights also to be updated with LED.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We are not going
25 do all that at once though?

1 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No. I wish we
2 could.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: No.

4 The last time, the Ordinance showed it
5 was 1999 was when the fee was set in 1999 and we
6 haven't raised it since then and looking at the
7 condition of all the fields and lots Town wide --

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Deputy
9 Commissioner, a lot of commuters I've spoken to,
10 especially over the last few days, have reached out
11 to me and they'd like to see the money, this fee
12 money just go towards improvements. That's what
13 they'd like to see. They understand it has to be
14 raised and they understand it's the best bargain on
15 Long Island, \$10 a year to park, providing you get
16 a space, but they want to see any increase go to
17 make their lives better.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: The goal
19 is is that by doing this, it will go to a public
20 parking district account line and then this way,
21 the funds will be strictly used only for the
22 parking facilities in the Parking District.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,
24 Deputy.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any other

1 questions?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I do.

3 Deputy, it was your recommendation and
4 your department's recommendation to raise the fee
5 to \$100?

6 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Yes.

7 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I know you do
8 not do anything that's arbitrary. I know you're
9 very meticulous. Could just explain a little bit
10 more? I understand that things need to be done,
11 but is there any determining factor on how you got
12 to that specific number?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: We did do
14 an analysis of many villages and many townships.
15 Some townships have it as a tax line so each Town
16 handles their parking facilities -- or their
17 fields, the payment for their restoration or
18 maintenance, directly through a tax; we do not.

19 In this case, by having the fee, we'll
20 be able to utilize those funds. By looking at what
21 the other townships charge, some villages are up to
22 225 a year; some are, you know, 75, 60. We're at
23 the lowest with 10, so utilizing those figures and
24 also being conscious of the amount of the jump from
25 10 to 100, considering what other townships are

1 charging, it just seem to be feasible.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. What it's
3 our estimate windfall on this, if you would?

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: By looking
5 at -- by looking at -- if we were to charge, say,
6 instead of \$10 and it was \$50, you'd be increasing
7 it by an amount of one million-five.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: But that's
9 assuming that everyone is continuing to take their
10 stickers?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: That's
12 assuming everybody continues to take a sticker,
13 yes, absolutely. You're right.

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: We do know that
15 some will not because of the \$10 fee. A lot of
16 people get them on two, three, four cars. Maybe
17 they will only have it on the one that they
18 normally take to the garage, so we do understand
19 all of that.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Right.
21 But looking at -- I mean, I've received many
22 e-mails and especially under the circumstances with
23 the garage, there are lots that people are now
24 charging \$12 a day for a car to park in Hicksville.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But, Commissioner,

1 that's for a parking spot. This is just for the
2 privilege of trying to get a parking spot.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: To try and
4 get a parking spot, which we've made many
5 adjustments in the prior Town Board Resolutions
6 with the Massapequa lots, the Syosset lots. We are
7 making every effort to adjust, but as the community
8 grows and the lots, it's just a piece of land, we
9 have to utilize the land that we have until we
10 acquire more land to make an additional lot.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I definitely do
12 understand that. I just -- have we run figures
13 on -- I guess there's no way to know how many fewer
14 people would take the sticker.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's difficult.
16 But one of the important questions to
17 ask, I believe, is to let the public know, how much
18 does the Town spend annually on maintaining our
19 lots.

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: The
21 maintaining of the lots, currently, with just the
22 line paint alone, because of the thermoplastics --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All of the
24 maintenance.

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: All of the

1 maintenance, we're looking about somewhere around
2 \$3 to \$4 million.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, when you
4 factor in snow removal, sand cost, salt, the labor.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: That is
6 with that because I'm not -- I'm not using the
7 number that it would cost if we were to repave
8 every lot, re-stripe every lot; I'm just talking
9 about the current maintenance that we are
10 undertaking now.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Out of curiosity,
12 what would that cost be?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: It would
14 be double the amount. It's about \$5 million and
15 change just to repave all of the lots alone, and
16 that's not including any of the striping, the
17 signage, or any of the light fixtures that have to
18 be updated to LED.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does it include
20 our energy costs by including lighting these lots?

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: That's
22 part of -- that's part of the goal.

23 If I generate enough revenue, then I
24 can purchase the LED fixtures, update the lighting
25 upgrades within each one of the lots, as well as

1 take each parking lot at a time, pave it, have it
2 striped properly, and then update the signs and
3 remove the outdated meters, the poles that were
4 there for the meters, they have to be ripped out of
5 the lots as well.

6 Because we've changed all the parking
7 codes and restrictions in order to accommodate the
8 residents. Syosset Moms was very helpful in that
9 decision-making process. We had had a meeting with
10 Councilwoman Alesia and Councilman Hand and we
11 tried to come to some sort of a solution to provide
12 them spots within Syosset. I believe we came up
13 with about 100 additional spaces for them within
14 the lot as well as areas outside of the parking lot
15 that were not considered in the past.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I do have one
17 other question.

18 You mentioned that you had spent a lot
19 of time on the phone with residents and that you've
20 received some correspondence.

21 Can you ballpark for us, how many
22 people have reached out to you?

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I would
24 say between the last two years when they had the
25 preferred parking --

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I'm talking about
2 just with respect to this particular situation with
3 the fees.

4 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: With
5 respect to this situation, I'd say I've spoken to
6 about at least 30 people, and within those 30, they
7 agree that is very low. Their feel was in the
8 range of 50 to 75. They felt that for a first time
9 jump, it was extreme to go to 100.

10 I did, you know, of course, I
11 understand, and I was just going by comparison of
12 the other townships and villages, so I based my
13 information on the villages and the townships and
14 not really the cost factor looking at that it was
15 an increase since '99 in the last Resolution.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Bishop, even
18 with an increase, the amount that's taken in
19 through those sticker fees is not going to be
20 enough even to cover the maintenance of the lots as
21 it is? We still will have to use other Town funds?

22 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Yes. We
23 would still do, but I'd have to say, I'd have to
24 give a good shout out to the Highway Department men
25 because they're out there and they do a lot of work

1 in-house. We try not to outsource. We get in
2 there and we asphalt and do our equipment and our
3 lots all on our own.

4 Our Sign Department, nothing goes out
5 to a sign shop and gives money to a sign company.
6 We produce our own signs. We have our own
7 material, own sign making shop, so a lot of that is
8 deferred on the work force and I cannot -- I'd be
9 remise not to mention that the work force is what
10 really picks up the slack and not the taxpayer's
11 dollar.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Deputy
13 Commissioner, one correction. The men and woman.

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Men and
15 woman, of course, yes.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I
18 apologize.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And we all agree
20 they do a fine job.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, they do.

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Anything else?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,
24 gentlemen.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our next speaker
3 on this item is Mr. Jerry Romano.

4 Good evening, Mr. Romano.

5 MR. ROMANO: Hi. Good evening.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please give us
7 your full name and address for the record.

8 MR. ROMANO: My name is Jerry Romano.
9 I live at 29 Prospect Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York.

10 So just from what I'm hearing, you'd
11 probably need to charge about \$200, \$250 for a
12 parking sticker, an annual sticker to break even on
13 the 4 and a half, \$5 million, right? Is that a
14 good guess?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We would have to
16 run the numbers. There are a number of variables.

17 MR. ROMANO: I don't have a calculator,
18 but anyway, if we did the same thing with the Town
19 parks, what would it have to be?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We can get that
21 information for you.

22 MR. ROMANO: No.

23 I'm just saying, the Town parks run at
24 the deficit; don't they?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We bring in some

1 revenue, but why don't you, instead of asking
2 questions, tell us how you feel, tell us what your
3 thoughts are. We're here to listen.

4 MR. ROMANO: Well, here, I'll tell you
5 how I feel. Okay. I live in Sea Cliff. I decided
6 to go in late one day and park in Glen Head.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

8 MR. ROMANO: Okay. I drive into the
9 lot. I'm approaching the lot like I usually do,
10 and I've been in that lot many, many times. Okay.
11 I park for the day. I come back at night and I
12 find one \$135 parking ticket. Now, the parking
13 permit's only 10 bucks, all right. Not a lot of
14 money. It's reasonable amount of money. I mean,
15 we pay a lot of taxes to live here.

16 So as I pull into the lot, there's no
17 sign. There's no visible sign when you pull into
18 the lot. How would I know that I needed a parking
19 sticker? I'm not a mind reader. But I got a
20 ticket in that lot saying that there was a sign
21 posted. A sign that was not visible when I pulled
22 in, so I'm not really happy. All right. \$135
23 doesn't change my life at all, but for a lot of
24 people, it might.

25 That might be the difference between

1 them eating that week or paying their electric
2 bill, or where we live, our water bill. That could
3 be our monthly water bill in our area, as you
4 probably know, so, no, I'm not happy with raising
5 it at all. I think it should be free, and it's not
6 free. Obviously, we pay for it in our property
7 taxes, but \$10 is certainly reasonable.

8 So if you raised it to \$100, would the
9 parking ticket become a \$1,350? Is that what would
10 happen? Who set -- who set that limit? Who made
11 the \$135 ticket? Was it this Board?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I think that's
14 set by Nassau County.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Nassau County.

16 MR. ROMANO: They did? They did in
17 your lot? Your lot, you say have to park, they
18 make up the number?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Deputy
20 Commissioner, would you step forward to answer this
21 question?

22 Thank you.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Nassau
24 County Police Department enforce all of the parking
25 restrictions and lots.

1 If there is a sign that was not visible
2 or did not have a light on it or it was not clear,
3 I'd be happy to have the sticker -- have his
4 ticket, he can send it to my office.

5 Some of the lots, because of the lack
6 of paint, people have parked in a stall, but the
7 officer did not see the lines. We check our map,
8 if there is a line there, we'd given them a letter
9 which has helped them get out of their tickets so
10 that they didn't have to be responsible for it.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Deputy, we have
12 area foreman check signs, make sure they're
13 visible?

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Yes.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So this doesn't
16 happen again to a citizen?

17 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I will
18 make sure of it, but I know that in Glen Head, I
19 don't know which lot he was in --

20 MR. ROMANO: G-2.

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: We just
22 did a revitalization program in there where we
23 built in trees and changed some benches and some
24 sidewalks and curbs and aprons and our new
25 Christmas tree area, so with that being said, that

1 was a joint venture with the Civic Association and
2 some of the Chambers of Commerce for Glen Head.

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Romano, just
4 so you're clear, as you heard before, even with an
5 increase, we're not going to break even on the
6 maintenance of the lots; it's just trying to
7 balance it a little bit more between the users and
8 the rest of the Town.

9 MR. ROMANO: Yeah, and I guess what I'm
10 trying to get at is, what's the right percentage?

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: That's why --

12 MR. ROMANO: Is it 25 percent?

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: That's what we're
14 trying to figure out right here.

15 MR. ROMANO: And that's why I ask, what
16 do you do with the Town parks? Is it 25 percent,
17 50 percent? I don't use 95 percent of the Town
18 parks. I don't use them.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

20 This is a very good point because this
21 comes up at all levels, probably more than ever in
22 any other level when it comes to the cost of
23 education in our state. We have many people who
24 state, and I'm out every day speaking to our
25 residents and listening to them and so many of

1 them, one thing that I hear over and over, I don't
2 have children in the district, my children are all
3 grown up, and yet I'm still -- the vast majority,
4 67 percent of my property taxes are going to the
5 School District.

6 So I understand.

7 MR. ROMANO: Well, if you live in
8 Sea Cliff or in the North Shore School District,
9 they spend 35 percent more than the County average.
10 How's that? They're sucking \$28 million a year out
11 of our community and I don't even know where it's
12 going. I know it really well.

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: This is why we are
14 here today. We're trying to figure out what will
15 not be that much of a burden on our residents while
16 still allowing us to maintain the facilities.

17 MR. ROMANO: So I guess my question is:
18 What's the right percentage?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, let's ask a
20 question as a starting point because we really want
21 to listen to you and hear what you have to say.

22 If, for instance, we were to put up
23 parking meters and we charged a quarter per day to
24 park there, is that something you could live with?

25 MR. ROMANO: Totally. That's

1 reasonable.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That would be
3 totally reasonable?

4 MR. ROMANO: That seems reasonable but
5 it is a lot easier having a parking sticker than be
6 reaching for quarters every morning.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Clearly.

8 I'm just asking in terms, if you had to
9 put \$0.50 in that meter, obviously, it's much
10 easier to have the sticker.

11 MR. ROMANO: It is not about that.
12 It's about what's the right percentage. What's the
13 right? Are you trying to recover 50 percent?
14 Where have you set the benchmark for recovering the
15 money? I totally get it. Okay. You can't have a
16 free ride, no pun intended, all right, but I don't
17 know what that right number is. I really don't.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What -- how -- I
19 personally believe that \$100 a year is too much.

20 MR. ROMANO: I agree.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's what I
22 think.

23 MR. ROMANO: And maybe \$50 is right
24 number. I don't know.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How would you

1 feel about 50, how does that --

2 MR. ROMANO: \$50 seems reasonable to me,
3 but I'm the guy who just said \$135 isn't changing
4 my life. Okay. It doesn't, but to somebody else,
5 it might. Somebody on a fixed income who has to
6 take the train everyday or somebody who doesn't
7 have the income, you know, that's a lot of money.
8 I don't know. I don't know what the right answer
9 is.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do you feel that
11 \$10 a day is too little?

12 MR. ROMANO: A day?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sorry, \$10 a
14 year. I apologize. \$10 a year.

15 MR. ROMANO: It's very reasonable, \$10
16 a year. Okay. That's probably the cost of
17 processing it through the office. Maybe it doesn't
18 even cover the cost of processing it. Okay. I was
19 actually surprised it was that cheap. I didn't
20 know. I would have gotten one. I would have
21 gotten one years ago and just stuck it on my car,
22 but not seeing the sign, how would I know? There
23 are no signs in the parking lot either, telling me
24 that it's a restricted lot.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So what it sounds

1 like is you do think that it should go up from the
2 10, but the 100 is too much. I agree, the 100 is
3 too much, but maybe \$50 would be a reasonable
4 amount for you?

5 MR. ROMANO: Yeah, maybe somewhere
6 between that and 50, sure. I could live with that,
7 but I'm not everybody. I'm me.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Understand.

9 MR. ROMANO: Okay.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very
11 much.

12 MR. ROMANO: Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We appreciate you
14 coming out, and I would also suggest that you touch
15 base with Mr. Bishop, please, before you leave.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I gave him
17 my card.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

19 Our next speaker is Mr. McKenna.

20 Good evening, Mr. McKenna.

21 MR. McKENNA: Good evening,
22 Mr. Supervisor, Town Board.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. McKenna.

24 MR. McKENNA: I'm really, really
25 surprised that --

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you just
2 please, and I know we ask this every time.

3 MR. McKENNA: I'm sorry.

4 Kevin McKenna, Edna Drive, Syosset, No.
5 3, second house on the left.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Edna Drive is
7 your legal address?

8 MR. McKENNA: Potholes on the corner
9 again.

10 Jericho Water just fixed the leak on
11 the corner, and it's been days that -- anyway.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have you reached
13 out to them?

14 MR. McKENNA: Hmm.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have you reached
16 out to them?

17 MR. McKENNA: No, not yet. Too busy
18 with other things.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you like us
20 to do that for you?

21 MR. McKENNA: Sorry.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you like us
23 to do that for you?

24 MR. McKENNA: I'll send a note tomorrow
25 to Mr. Lenz.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

2 MR. McKENNA: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're welcome.

4 MR. McKENNA: I can't believe that
5 we're talking about how much money is needed to
6 maintain. I guess you're talking about the parking
7 lots overall, like, all the lots, which you have to
8 do, but I keep thinking like a Hicksville and
9 Syosset, specifically Hicksville with the garage.

10 How could you ask residents to pay
11 \$10.01 in light of what's going on with that
12 specific garage? It's too bad, and I don't know
13 whether anybody has thought of this but, actually
14 after talking to the Clerk's Office today, with the
15 amount of parking permits that are given out by the
16 Town, the Town really has no idea how many of the
17 41,000 parking permits are given out, you have no
18 idea how many of those parking permits were given
19 for Hicksville.

20 You really don't have any breakdown on
21 the total amount, so I'm told. What I'm getting at
22 is that it's too bad you couldn't look at each
23 garage separately. Like maybe there's not problems
24 in certain lots where there are parking spaces and
25 then you have -- you have the right to ask for more

1 money because somebody could get a parking space.

2 You know, I live right down the road
3 from the Syosset train station and if I was a
4 commuter like I used to be, I can't imagine being
5 told that I have to pay more money when people
6 cannot find the space. They park in front of my
7 house, which is half a mile from the train station.
8 So maybe you should consider and see if it's
9 feasible to charge and justify it by each lot, you
10 know, where you have good lots.

11 Where people, they can get spots,
12 there's no problems, or you have, you know,
13 different ones, like Hicksville, a garage that, you
14 know, we know about all the problems, and just
15 talking about Hicksville, how could you ask
16 somebody to help to pay for maintenance on the
17 Hicksville garage when over the years -- and I've
18 been coming here for three years, so I listen to
19 this Board or the people who are on this Board give
20 one of the companies that you're suing right now,
21 giving them hundreds -- let me not say hundreds of
22 thousands, but tens of thousands dollars were given
23 to the company you're suing to maintain the
24 Hicksville garage when they didn't take that money
25 and maintain it. And how do I know that? Because

1 I foiled, about a year ago, the maintenance records
2 on the Hicksville garage and I found a couple of
3 bills for somebody going to Home Depot to buy
4 coating which cost maybe \$800, that was the amount
5 of money that was spent on the Hicksville garage.

6 And at the same time, you just had --
7 you just had the Commissioner talk about how
8 they're meeting next week with one of the companies
9 or both of the companies that you're suing and
10 you're going to hopefully -- Mr. Supervisor, you
11 just said a little while ago that you're going to
12 make them -- that they're going to pay for this.

13 Well, if they're going to pay for this,
14 then why are you asking the taxpayers to help to
15 pay maintenance on a garage when you're going to
16 get the money back from Sidney Bowne and the other
17 company?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're confusing
19 two things, sir. You're confusing the day-to-day
20 maintenance, snowplowing, sand, the other kinds of
21 maintenance --

22 MR. McKENNA: Okay.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- with the
24 repair. Two separate items entirely.

25 MR. McKENNA: Okay. That's fair.

1 I didn't think of it that way, but the
2 point -- the fact is is that over the years, up
3 until Commissioner Lenz came, aside from plowing,
4 there was no maintenance done.

5 So due to mismanagement of a lot of the
6 same people who still work for this Town, all of a
7 sudden now because people are trying to do the
8 right thing, the taxpayer should not have to help
9 the Town catch up on mismanagement.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, thank you,
11 Mr. McKenna.

12 MR. McKENNA: And until you have
13 parking spaces, I don't think it should be raised
14 more than the \$10 that it is. And like I said, the
15 lots that have spaces, maybe you could ask for
16 increased parking there, but for Hicksville and
17 Syosset, if I had to pay an increase -- it's
18 disgusting when there's no spots, so why would I
19 want to pay, you know.

20 And lastly, you have added -- you have
21 people coming -- I've learned this from recently
22 from Hicksville commuters, you've got people coming
23 from out East, driving from out East to park at the
24 Hicksville lot, why should that be allowed? If you
25 want to --

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: It's not allowed.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It's not allowed.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's not. You're
4 incorrect on that, sir.

5 MR. McKENNA: You have people, I'm
6 told, coming from other towns in the Town of Oyster
7 Bay parking at the Hicksville lot.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: They are parking
9 illegally.

10 MR. McKENNA: No, if you have a parking
11 permit from the Massapequa lot, you can drive to
12 Hicksville and use your sticker.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's not coming
14 from out East. That's not coming from out of town.
15 We appreciate --

16 MR. McKENNA: Wait, you're telling me
17 that somebody who buys a ticket in Massapequa -- a
18 permit in Massapequa can't drive to Hicksville and
19 park?

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Massapequa is part
21 of Town.

22 MR. McKENNA: I know. So what I'm
23 saying is, I understand that. What I'm saying is
24 is that you need to look at capacity as well.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are.

1 MR. McKENNA: You can't, because you
2 don't even have the data, and you don't even know
3 how many permits you've given out by each station.

4 Mr. Altadonna confirmed that with me
5 today. I'm just trying to suggest that you look at
6 each station and the permits you give.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Mr. McKenna, just so
8 you know, any Oyster Bay resident has the right to
9 park in any lot. That's why the data is not
10 available, because --

11 MR. McKENNA: I understand that, but if
12 you want to eliminate the parking problem, maybe
13 you might --

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: With a permit.

15 MR. McKENNA: Maybe -- all I'm saying
16 is Hicksville, you're talking about -- you have a
17 problem in Hicksville right now as it is, okay.
18 You know the problem is going to get worse as you
19 bring in a apartments and more people and
20 everything else. You need to find a way to limit
21 the amount of people who park in Hicksville and
22 even though everybody can park anywhere, you might
23 consider by fixing the problem, by allocating the
24 permits by parking lot. That's all I'm saying.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,

1 Mr. McKenna.

2 MR. MCKENNA: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I am looking
4 through these slips to see if anyone else has put
5 in a slip to speak on this issue.

6 MR. FREIER: I did.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please step
8 forward. You put in several.

9 MR. FREIER: You only called this one.

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: No. We only
11 called this hearing.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: No. This is just
13 called for Resolution 42.

14 MR. FREIER: Right. Okay. I do want
15 to the speak though. Thank you.

16 Hi. Bob Freier, 33 Chestnut Lane in
17 Woodbury.

18 Good evening.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening.

20 MR. FREIER: So first question I have
21 is, was this increase part of the budget that was
22 developed at the end of last year, towards the end
23 of last year?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, why don't
25 you start off by telling us because we're listening

1 to the public in a hearing capacity.

2 MR. FREIER: Well, I had a question
3 related to --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I understand.

5 Why don't you first tell us what your
6 feelings and thoughts are?

7 MR. FREIER: Okay.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And then we'll
9 get to questions.

10 MR. FREIER: Okay. My feelings and
11 thoughts.

12 We just finished eight years of Ed
13 Mangano. Ed Mangano, every year, used to talk
14 about how he was holding the line on taxes, but in
15 reality, he kept increasing fees and so that was a
16 way of not increasing taxes, but increasing fees.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As did his
18 predecessor.

19 MR. FREIER: Okay.

20 What I'm -- what I honestly think is
21 that the problem has, and it's been mentioned here
22 several times, the problem is probably almost
23 everyone in the Town has a parking sticker.

24 I mean, I'm not a regular commuter,
25 I've got a parking sticker. All my neighbors who

1 aren't commuters, they've got parking stickers.

2 Just because, you know, if I go to the
3 Knicks game at night or if I go to a concert at
4 Madison Square Garden, I'll pull -- you know, at
5 night, then I can go get a spot and I'm parking
6 there legally. But -- and I completely agree, 18
7 years at \$10 a year is the best bargain in town,
8 but the problem is if you -- and I'm sure you, when
9 you were campaigning and going to train stations in
10 the morning, I'm sure people said to you, because
11 that was probably the number one thing people said
12 to me was not enough parking.

13 That's probably the biggest quality of
14 life issue, I think, that commuters face in the
15 Town of Oyster Bay, not enough parking, so I think
16 Mr. Bishop's math was flawed because I --
17 especially when he proposed the 100, he was just
18 assuming the amount of parking stickers that are
19 currently issued times-ing it by, I guess, 200
20 because are you still going to do a two-year.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Freier, I
22 believe we are all in agreement that there will be
23 a dropoff in the number --

24 MR. FREIER: Right. So trying to
25 find --

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: -- where the sweet
2 spot is, to minimize the drop off to be fair to the
3 residents, to maintain the lots, that's what we're
4 trying to figure out.

5 MR. FREIER: Right. So will whatever
6 money gets raised, will that go towards these
7 parking lots, and exclusively towards these parking
8 lots?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's one of the
10 things we's looking at, and we are also looking at
11 ways in which we can increase the amount of parking
12 in an attempt to suit the needs of our residents.

13 MR. FREIER: Okay.

14 So just my observations are:

15 Syosset, if you're not there by, the
16 latest, a quarter to 7:00 in the morning, you
17 cannot get a spot.

18 Hicksville, if you're pretty much
19 around 6:30 quarter to 7:00 you cannot get a spot.

20 In Massapequa along Sunrise Highway,
21 cars are lined up because they couldn't get spots,
22 cars with parking stickers, so capacity is the real
23 problem here.

24 But as far as what's reasonable, I
25 honestly think Councilman Macagnone suggestion

1 about a hearing because this kind of came up so
2 suddenly, so people -- most people --

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Actually, just
4 for the record, it didn't come up suddenly, we
5 had -- it was advertised, a hearing.

6 MR. FREIER: Advertised a hearing?

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We had advertised
8 this issue, yes. And we brought this issue up at a
9 previous Board meeting.

10 MR. FREIER: It was tabled. It wasn't
11 brought up.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's correct,
13 so people knew about it, they read about it in the
14 paper, and we're here listening to you this
15 evening.

16 MR. FREIER: All right.

17 So if you're looking --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As well as --

19 MR. FREIER: -- a particular number
20 from me, that I think would be acceptable?

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Share some
22 numbers with you.

23 MR. FREIER: I would say that you
24 should phase something in over time, because I
25 think you will lose people who get spots, but I --

1 so I think maybe go up 20 this year, go up another
2 20 the following year, and, you know, or even go
3 from 20 this year to 50 the following year and then
4 keep it at 50 for a long period of time.

5 But you need to -- the more pressing
6 problem, I think people would be happy to pay more
7 money if they knew they were getting a spot.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just to assure
9 you, that is one of our priorities, looking into
10 ways to provide more capacity.

11 Let me ask you a question that I asked
12 others so in that I'm being fair, if we were to
13 install meters and you needed to put one quarter in
14 to park there the entire day, would that be a
15 reasonable amount?

16 MR. FREIER: Yes.

17 I mean, that's no big deal, but I think
18 of the person that might not have change of them
19 when they pull up.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I understand the
21 convenience but putting the convenience issue aside
22 just for a moment for this discussion, when we just
23 talk about amounts, if it was 25 cents --

24 MR. FREIER: Piece of cake.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Piece of cake?

1 MR. FREIER: Yes.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, thank you
3 for your insight. It's very much appreciated.

4 MR. FREIER: What I would also
5 suggest --

6 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Why would you
7 suggest phasing it in, though, instead of just
8 doing it in one shoot --

9 MR. FREIER: Because I just think --

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON -- because --
11 wait. Just real quickly though, the amount of the
12 increase on a daily basis from 20 to 40 over
13 two years is really not that substantial so why
14 would --

15 MR. FREIER: Because I just think
16 you're hitting people. You just -- you're in a new
17 fiscal year for the Town. You had a tax decrease,
18 right. You had -- for those who commute, this one
19 fee increase erases their, if they got a tax
20 decrease, erases that completely.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

22 No, it doesn't, sir.

23 MR. FREIER: Sure, it does.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's not the
25 math on -- that's just incorrect math.

1 MR. FREIER: The average home on the
2 tax increase got less than \$30 on the decrease, if
3 their assessment stayed the same.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It differs quite
5 a bit from home to home, but, you know, here, we're
6 listening to you, so the numbers you presented
7 before were not accurate. We have about 40,000
8 stickers sold so that doesn't represent just about
9 everyone in the Town, but we do realize that there
10 will be some dropoff.

11 MR. FREIER: You realize a lot -- a
12 significant amount of people who don't commute have
13 parking stickers.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But if the number
15 was a quarter for you to drive up, put a quarter
16 in, spin it, and go your merry way for the entire
17 day, that would be a piece of cake?

18 MR. FREIER: Yes. And if that is
19 something the Board's considering, I would hope you
20 would go with more higher tech parking meters
21 that --

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course. Of
23 course. I'm just using that as an example.

24 MR. FREIER: So, you know, there -- you
25 know, in the city even, you can add money to the

1 meter --

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

3 MR. FREIER: -- from your smart phone.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure. Sure.

5 Sure.

6 MR. FREIER: And just as a suggestion,
7 that's a way that the Town can raise revenue, not
8 just in parking lots. You know, you have a two-
9 hour parking limit right outside here on the
10 street, which is not enforced.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Oh, it's enforced,
12 Mr. Freier.

13 I've been the recipient of several
14 tickets.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're not here to
16 debate. We want to listen to what you have to say.

17 MR. FREIER: All right. So --

18 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: That's \$62 a
19 year, you're happy -- you'd be okay with that?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We'll get to
21 that. We'll get to that.

22 MR. FREIER: I think, at the very most
23 this first year, I mean, I don't think you can go
24 more than 50, but I think you should go less and
25 phase it in over time. That's my opinion.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you for the
2 input. We appreciate it.

3 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I don't have
5 slips on this. Are there any other speakers on the
6 parking issue? Anyone? Yes.

7 Yes, Paul. Please join us up front.

8 MR. MOLINARI: Sorry, Jim. I said I
9 wasn't going to talk, but I have to say my peace.

10 Paul Molinari, 332 West Nicholai
11 Street, Hicksville.

12 I have appeared before this Board on
13 several occasions about parking fees and I think
14 the last time I spoke, I mentioned I grew up in the
15 '50s as a kid, I used to -- for a nickel, I used to
16 get a pack of gum, buy my newspaper so I could read
17 the sports pages, buy candy, everything else.

18 Here we are in 2018, what is a baseball
19 cards, \$2, \$3 a pack, gum \$1.50 a pack, newspapers
20 \$2 a day. Where does a nickel get you in the Town
21 of Oyster Bay? The honor of getting -- seeking a
22 parking space. That's what it is right now, a
23 nickel, less than a nickel a day if you work 220
24 days.

25 Mr. Supervisor, you save a quarter a

1 day, that comes out to -- I think Councilwoman
2 Johnson mentioned, it's over \$60 a year. Here
3 you're talking 50 versus 100. I have a daughter
4 who lives up in Westchester County. She pays a
5 nominal fee for a parking permit. \$15, \$20 a year,
6 because she has to feed the meters \$2 a day. That
7 equates to over \$400 a year, and here we are
8 arguing over whether we're going to raise it to
9 \$50, which is less than a quarter a day.

10 I say it has to be done. You know, I
11 have supported tax increases. I had my own
12 surprise this year, because I don't appeal, my
13 taxes went up 10 percent, Town and County taxes.
14 School taxes went up 11 percent. I can't afford
15 that every year, I'm retired, but I think the
16 commuters can afford to pay a quarter a day for the
17 permission to seek a parking permit to get a, you
18 know, a parking space.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So, Mr. Molinari,
21 what do you think a fair number would be?

22 MR. MOLINARI: Well, I would even think
23 \$100 would be fair because I used a pay, back in --
24 I also had to mention about reserved parking
25 because I came from a village that had that where

1 they only paid \$235 for a reserved spot a year,
2 \$235. That's a dollar a day and they had lists of
3 people waiting to get those parking permits.
4 Because it was a small village, they didn't have a
5 whole lot of parking spaces. You know, nonreserved
6 was \$35. You look around here in the community,
7 it's \$50, \$65, \$75, \$100. Private parking is
8 ridiculous, you know.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So here's the
10 thing, Paul, and I definitely do not want to sound
11 dismissive of what you're saying because I
12 understand it's not -- we're not talking about a
13 great sum of money per day, or if you look at per
14 year, but I've spent a lot of time talking to
15 people about this over the last couple of weeks.

16 So much time that when I came in today
17 and Joe Muscarella tried to talk to me about it, I
18 yelled at the man. Almost every single resident I
19 spoke to said, it's not the money. It's not that
20 they think \$100 is too much. It was the fact that
21 it's going so far so fast and that they had no
22 notice of it. And by that, I mean there is no
23 ability to do anything about it right now. It's
24 going from \$10 a year to \$100 a year and they can't
25 make alternate arrangements because the stickers

1 are coming out next week.

2 They can't -- so almost every single
3 resident I spoke to agreed -- and this answers
4 Michelle's question as well -- that a sliding or
5 graduating scale would be more reasonable. They
6 don't mind if it's \$100, but let them get to the
7 \$100. Come up a little bit at a time.

8 MR. MOLINARI: Go 50 this year. It's
9 still only a quarter a day.

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: That is what I
11 was going to propose. I don't know how the rest of
12 the Board feels.

13 MR. MOLINARI: I am a resident. I have
14 my own parking sticker because it was \$10. I
15 probably won't renew it because since I came back
16 to the Town, since I retired, say, back in 2004, I
17 was only able to use that sticker once to get a
18 parking -- because I only go into Manhattan for
19 leisure, to see -- to take my wife in to see a
20 show. I ended up paying taxi fares or paying the
21 \$12 a day to park at the private lots.

22 So, I will not renew it because I don't
23 really benefit from it. Like everybody else, oh,
24 \$10, \$20 for two years, I'll get it just in case,
25 but if you're going to a show at night, parking is

1 free after 5:00.

2 Thank you for listening to me.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So,

5 Mr. Supervisor, that's my question to you, is it --

6 can we look at a sliding scale is my first

7 question, and can we look at a dedicated fund where

8 the money goes into specifically?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will get that
10 answered.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I think a
12 dedicated fund is unnecessary because it's still
13 not enough to maintain the lot, so money is
14 fungible. It doesn't matter whether it's going
15 into the general fund.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is part of our
17 responsibility, to make sure that these services
18 are adequately paid for and that's what we do with
19 our votes and our administration of the budget each
20 and every day.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Bob Freier.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure. Come on
23 up, Bob.

24 Let's give Bob -- we will bend the
25 rules to give Bob extra time because he appreciates

1 it.

2 MR. FREIER: Because I'm such a good
3 guy.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: One could debate
5 anything, I guess.

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Let's take a
7 vote.

8 MR. FREIER: Question also, right now,
9 hybrids and electric vehicles are free to park at
10 the train stations and the beaches for that matter,
11 so question, will that remain the same?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, we all
13 have our opinions on that, but I have no desire to
14 change that and I think that sets the right tone
15 for protecting our environment, heading in the
16 right direction.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Recently, you
18 brought up -- I was in the Hicksville parking
19 structure and I saw a commercial vehicle with a
20 parking sticker.

21 Should commercial vehicles be able to
22 get parking stickers? It's for our residents.

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Did you get the
24 plate number?

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: No, I didn't.

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Did it have a
2 personal plate?

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: No, it was a
4 commercial plate.

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Oh, it was a
6 commercial plate?

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: I'll check into it.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If I see it
10 again, I'll get it, Jim. I'll take a picture and
11 send it to you.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

13 MR. FREIER: I think it was Kevin who
14 was talking about people coming from other parts of
15 the Town, particularly Hicksville, because they do
16 come from all over. Maybe -- I know you don't have
17 the data, per se, but you have the addresses.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: That's true.

19 MR. FREIER: And perhaps, you know, if
20 you live in Massapequa, this is your sticker for
21 parking in Massapequa. If you live in Bethpage,
22 this is your sticker for parking in Bethpage. That
23 might help with the congestion.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We'll consider
25 it. We'll consider it. It's just -- it rubs me

1 the wrong way to start telling people you can't go
2 here, you can't go there, when residents' general
3 taxes are paying for the maintenance of all of
4 those fields.

5 You wouldn't suggest that people, if
6 you live in Syosset, you can't go to a concert in
7 Oyster Bay; would you?

8 MR. FREIER: No, no, but I'm just
9 trying to think how we could hopefully help, short
10 of building -- building up or building more
11 garages, how you -- we can help get people get
12 spots because that is the overriding issue.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is one of
14 our challenges that we will be --

15 MR. FREIER: By far the biggest issue.
16 And I don't know also if you read recently in
17 Newsday, Uber released their most popular
18 destination since they became legal in Nassau
19 County.

20 The number one destination is the
21 Hicksville train station for Uber.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those of us who
23 have been working with the committee know that it
24 is the number one highest volume railroad station
25 in all of Long Island so that's no surprise at all.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And, Mr. Freier,
2 we're hoping that as technology evolves with ride
3 sharing, with self-driving cars, that parking will
4 become less and less of an issue as we go forward.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But in the
6 meanwhile, we will be focused on the capacity
7 issue. We get it. This is something we've
8 realized since Day One and this is something that
9 we will continue to try to find solutions for.

10 MR. FREIER: One more suggestion just
11 to put in the back of your thoughts as you consider
12 this.

13 We are, I think, hitting a tipping
14 point in the automobile industry with regards to
15 electric vehicles. Many of the biggest car
16 manufacturers have stated by, I think, 2020, that
17 they're actually only going to make hybrids and
18 electrics. And so somewhere in the planning for
19 this, we should try and think of designated areas
20 to put charging stations.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've already
22 been thinking about that.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

25 Are there any others who will be

1 speaking on this issue? Anyone at all?

2 (No response given.)

3 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I have to make a
4 motion to revise.

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
6 Councilwoman.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. I just
8 wanted to add for the record --

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: She wants to
10 make a motion to maybe adjust the amount to be
11 paid.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'd just like to
13 add into the record, we have set up another means
14 by which folks can communicate with us and we have
15 some e-mails and we've asked people to e-mail us on
16 this issue. We have e-mails from Melissa Cinner
17 (phonetic) of -- let's see. She doesn't say where
18 she's from. A Town resident and she says that
19 she's against a fee of \$100 increase or an increase
20 up to \$100 a year, but would like to see something
21 and a smaller amount for additional cars so when a
22 resident has more than one car, second or third
23 stickers would be less and she states that she has
24 no issue with the nominal increase as the price is
25 excellent.

1 Her biggest concern is that that amount
2 tenfold, would be too much.

3 Another e-mail from Andrew Pascal of
4 Plainview. He says that he understands that we
5 have not raised the fees since 1999 and he states
6 that perhaps moving to \$40 a year would be more
7 reasonable.

8 Another e-mail from Corey Unger, does
9 not want a parking increase -- and we're just
10 trying to read what this. He had some problems
11 with the computer, obviously.

12 And finally, one from Carol Saltzman,
13 and she parks in Hicksville and commutes. Has a
14 number of pages about a wide variety of issues from
15 snow and so forth.

16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Perhaps,
17 Supervisor, just when you're done, we can give
18 those to the court reporter to have them put in
19 record fully to maintain a complete record.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely.
21 We'll enter these four into the
22 records.

23 And if Clerk Altadonna would do that,
24 please.

25 I just wanted to point out that we are

1 getting the word out about this and that residents,
2 those who have chosen to have taken the opportunity
3 to e-mail us.

4 I understand you stated you'd like to
5 present a motion.

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Councilwoman, I
7 think before you present the motion, maybe we
8 should get a sense from the Board what people would
9 be willing to support.

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Oh, absolutely.
11 I was just going to come with a jumping off point,
12 but that's fine.

13 I was going to suggest that we start
14 with 50, and move it up to 75 in '19, and move it
15 up to 100 in '20. I'm know that -- I've had
16 individual discussions with some of the other Board
17 members and I know, for example, that some don't
18 understand why a sliding scale helps. That was
19 just based on feedback that I received and, of
20 course, open to discussion.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I mean, I happen
22 to believe that 100 is too high. I think that the
23 enormous jump from 10 to 100 is obviously too high,
24 but I think that even 100 gradually is too high.

25 I'd like to see a lower amount and I'd

1 like to see it phased in gradually.

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: My opinion
3 would be \$50. Keep the \$50. If you want to
4 increase it, then revisit it later on, so \$50 until
5 we decide more later, a year, two, three years from
6 now.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Yeah, I was going
8 to suggest \$40, but it seems like most of the
9 residents we've heard from tonight think that \$50
10 is a reasonable amount. I'd like to hear from some
11 of the other members.

12 COUNCILMAN HAND: Yeah, I think \$50 on
13 a 250-day operating year, that would be \$0.20 a
14 day, or a dollar a week, but not to exceed \$75,
15 which would be \$0.30 a day or \$1.50 a week.

16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm in agreement
17 with Councilman Muscarella.

18 Raise it to 50 just this one time and
19 revisit it at a future date, not lock ourselves in,
20 in the future and perhaps a different board in the
21 future.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We heard from
23 five residents today, besides the four that sent
24 the e-mails to the Supervisor.

25 One commutes every day. I don't think

1 we have enough input from the public. I don't
2 think the public had enough notice. I do not
3 believe that we have any clue where this money is
4 going or how much we're going to get. I think we
5 need more studies before we vote on this.

6 MS. REINHARDT: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I think getting
8 bogged down in studies is going to tire our Clerk's
9 hands and prevent them from administering.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So we stay at
11 the \$10 as we planned in our budget from October?

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I think that a
13 reasonable increase would alleviate the problem,
14 would allow us to get the stickers out, and
15 wouldn't put a burden on our residents. I don't
16 think most people would object to a reasonable
17 increase. I think we've heard, generally, most
18 people accept that \$10 is too low.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Five people.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Well, no.

21 Generally, I've spoken to many people
22 throughout the Town.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I've heard from a
24 lot more than five people. Respectfully, Tony,
25 I've spoken to way more than five over the past

1 couple of weeks.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have also and
3 they all said they'd like to know where the money's
4 going for the most part.

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Did you
6 receive --

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But do you
8 personally think \$10 is reasonable?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Wait a minute.
10 Councilman, did receive from the
11 Commissioner, a list of all the other
12 municipalities and what they were charging?

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, I did, and
14 I don't know what their taxes are and everything
15 else.

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: No, but we're
17 at the lowest end of it. I mean, if you come a
18 little bit, \$50 would probably still be at the low
19 end.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Town of Babylon
21 is lower than this, Councilman.

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: That's the only
23 one. Everyone else is double, triple.

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I don't think they
25 have nearly as many lots as we have.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm not saying
2 they do, but if you're asking me, did I see the
3 list, yeah, and they're lower than us.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Many are much
5 higher.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, they are.
7 We don't know where their tax dollars
8 go. In our budget, we didn't have any increase in
9 there. To me, this is just another tax. Another
10 way of saying tax.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: While I'd be
12 interested in hearing the Councilwoman's motion, I
13 personally would support a reasonable increase. I
14 think that the \$100 is too high. I think \$40 is,
15 for me, an acceptable number.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I feel -- I feel
17 like 50, to me, is the right number if the -- if
18 the Highway Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner are
19 telling us that's what they need and I -- I have no
20 problem with that. It doesn't have to be a sliding
21 scale if nobody else is in agreement with that. To
22 me, that seemed like if 100 is the number we need
23 to get to, let's do it over time. You have a
24 resident who would like to speak, Supervisor. I
25 don't know if we're done entertaining public

1 comment.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm more than
3 happy to allow the public to come back up.
4 Absolutely.

5 MS. REINHARDT: I just want to say --
6 and thank you for letting me come up again --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course.

8 MS. REINHARDT: -- the only way I heard
9 about this was from Mr. McKenna posting on
10 Facebook, so I don't know what I missed or what
11 outreach there was, but I definitely agree with
12 Councilman Macagnone that most residents don't know
13 about this, a great number of residents don't know.
14 There is an extreme problem with the amount of
15 spots that are available and until something is
16 done with that, I don't think there should be a
17 great deal of increase.

18 I mean, I said to myself earlier, for
19 myself, I wouldn't mind paying up to 50, but I
20 don't understand why it's imperative to do that
21 today. I don't know understand why there wouldn't
22 be time for a 30-day stay for more input from
23 people who don't know what's going on and they
24 probably would want to guarantee that this
25 guarantee that this raise would go towards

1 maintenance of the lots, maintenance of the garage,
2 because that has been extremely lacking in the last
3 administration.

4 So with that being unknown, I mean, it
5 still sounds like you're not sure where it's going
6 to go. It would, to me, be a great service to the
7 residents of the Town if we did take maybe 30 more
8 days. Maybe convene another -- another meeting of
9 some kind of -- a public input process meeting of
10 some kind and just allow people to be more aware
11 and maybe somebody could come up with something
12 better than I -- you know, better than I have here,
13 but I don't think there's been enough public
14 outreach and I don't understand why the decision of
15 the raise needs to be made today.

16 I do understand, being a commuter, that
17 the stickers are coming out quite soon, but I don't
18 understand why we either couldn't keep status quo
19 or -- for the year, and then raise next year.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Ms. Reinhardt,
21 why --

22 MR. ALTADONNA: The stickers have
23 nothing to do --

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm suggesting
25 this to you.

1 MS. REINHARDT: Okay.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: What if we
3 postponed the new sticker for 30 days or 60 days?

4 MR. ALTADONNA: We can postpone it. We
5 can call the precincts.

6 MS. REINHARDT: You did that a year or
7 two ago.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Are we going to
9 extend it? That makes sense. Gives us more time
10 to --

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Councilman, are
12 we going to have a hearing on all fees? Then every
13 time there's a fee raised for any subject
14 throughout the entire Town, there's going to be a
15 full hearing?

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think the
17 people should be notified of it, yes, and they
18 should have the ability to come down and speak if
19 they want.

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Notified or
21 hearings, two different -- you know, it's two
22 different requirements?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Right. But
24 notify them of the resolution that's coming out.
25 If we're taking money out of their pockets, yes, I

1 do.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So you think it
3 should be more publicized before we vote on it?

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Whether it's a
6 full hearing or not?

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes,
8 Councilwoman, I do.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I can't disagree
10 with that.

11 MS. REINHARDT: I just think if you had
12 one hearing even, one hearing, I'll help get -- get
13 it out. I'm appalled that there are so few of us
14 here. I'm appalled, and I just have woken up in
15 the last six months or so, but I think if you did
16 give people a chance and have a hearing and are
17 able to clearly state where the monies would go
18 from such a raise, I think that would go far to
19 getting a lot of buy-in from the residents and I
20 think it would go far to reducing a lot of the
21 negative stuff that's going on, negative publicity.

22 Transparency is key, as you've been
23 saying, and I think that's the best way to
24 transparency with this issue. My opinion.

25 Thank you very much for listening.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

3 MR. McKENNA: Mr. Supervisor.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I thought you did
5 speak on this, Mr. McKenna?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Let me do this.
7 I would like to make a motion to table
8 this Resolution to a later date.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll happily
10 second it.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I'll third it.

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: All in favor,
13 signify by saying "Aye."

14 MR. ALTADONNA: You want me to call the
15 roll?

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Why don't you
17 call the roll?

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye,"
3 but I don't necessarily feel that this needs to be
4 re-tabled. I feel -- I understand there's a need.
5 I understand everyone has a different opinion on
6 it, but I do think that there needs to be some
7 increase, but I vote "Aye."

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I agree with you,
9 Councilwoman.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I'll agree to
12 table it, but I think that we need to get something
13 done.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

15 COUNCILMAN HAND: I vote "Aye," but as
16 Councilwoman Johnson stated, we should, as
17 Councilman Macagnone said at the last meeting, not
18 usurp the authority of the Board from allowing a
19 Commissioner to set the rate. I was prepared to
20 vote tonight, but we can table it.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion carries,
22 Supervisor.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

24 (TIME NOTED: 9:05 P.M.)

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TOWN BOARD
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JANUARY 23, 2018
9:06 P.M.

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TOWN CLERK

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COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND

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JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting
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Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. ALTADONNA: I'll call the regular
2 Action Calendar.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please. Please
4 call the regular Action Calendar.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

6 May I have a motion to adopt Resolution
7 Nos. TF-3-18 through 56?

8 TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION NO.
9 TF-3-18; Resolution pertaining to Transfer of Funds
10 within various departments accounts for the Year
11 2018.

12 Resolution No. 45-2018; Resolution
13 authorizing the implementation of the 2018 Spring,
14 Summer and Fall Fee Schedule for Harry Tappen
15 Marina and Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Marina.
16 (M.D. 1/9/18 #8).

17 Resolution No. 46-2018; Resolution
18 authorizing payment to Intercounty Judicial
19 Services, LLC in connection with certain
20 litigation. Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000.
21 (M.D. 1/9/18 #16).

22 Resolution No. 47-2018; Resolution
23 authorizing legal services in connection with the
24 New York State Brownfield Cleanup Program relative
25 to environmental remediation and monitoring of the

1 Bethpage Community Park. Account No. OTA A 1420
2 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 1/9/18 #17).

3 Resolution No. 48-2018; Resolution
4 authorizing the renewal of memberships in the
5 New York State Association for Solid Waste
6 Management for 2018. Account No. DER SR05 8160
7 47900 000 0000. (M.D. 1/9/18 #18).

8 Resolution No. 49-2018; Resolution
9 authorizing retention of attorneys to represent the
10 Town in negligence matters through December 31,
11 2018. Account Nos. TWN AMS 1910 43010 602 0000 000
12 and TWN AMS 1910 43020 602 0000 000. (M.D. 1/9/18
13 #19).

14 Resolution No. 50-2018; Resolution
15 amending Resolution No. 786-2013 for an increase in
16 authorization for outstanding invoices for outside
17 counsel services to the Town of Oyster Bay for
18 litigation relative to the Town's housing programs.
19 Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 1/9/18
20 #20).

21 Resolution No. 51-2018; Resolution
22 amending Resolution No. 595-2002 for an increase in
23 authorization for outstanding invoices for outside
24 counsel services to the Town of Oyster Bay for
25 litigation involving Bethpage Community Park.

1 Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 1/9/18
2 #21).

3 Resolution No. 52-2018; Resolution
4 amending Resolution No. 198-2017 for an increase in
5 authorization for Hull and Machinery Insurance due
6 to a change of inventory of vessels. Account No.
7 TWN AMS 1910 43020 601 0000 000. (M.D. 1/9/18 #22).

8 Resolution No. 53-2018; Resolution
9 authorizing the award of Contract No. DP17-151 -
10 Engineering Services for Restoration and
11 Improvements to Alhambra Park in Massapequa; NY
12 Rising Community Reconstruction Plan. Account No.
13 IGA H 1997 20000 000 1303 001. (M.D. 1/9/18 #23 &
14 1/12/18 #17).

15 Resolution No. 54-2018; Resolution
16 pertaining to self-insured retention for pending
17 litigation - Pincus v. Town of Oyster Bay, et al.
18 Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 1/9/18
19 #24).

20 Resolution No. 55-2018; Resolution
21 pertaining to self-insured retention for pending
22 litigation - Herman v. Town of Oyster Bay, et al.
23 Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000.
24 (M.D. 1/9/18 #25).

25 Resolution No. 56-2018; Resolution

1 authorizing independent medical examination
2 physicians in connection with negligence actions
3 commencing January 23, 2018 through December 31,
4 2018. Account No. TWN AMS 1910 43020 602 0000 000.
5 (M.D. 1/9/18 #26).

6 On the motion?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
10 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
11 Macagnone.

12 Supervisor, you have speakers on 46,
13 47, 49, 50, 51 and 53.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our first speaker
15 will be Phil Healey.

16 Good evening, Mr. Healey.

17 How are you today?

18 MR. HEALEY: Good evening.

19 Very good. Thank you.

20 Congratulations on your election.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

22 MR. HEALEY: And everybody else who
23 ran. We're up here on Resolution 53, we came up
24 on. For a project that we've been following in the
25 neighborhood for at least twelve years, if not

1 more, from the very beginning of the prediscussions
2 of the first CSEA Fund account way back when, and
3 now we've come to this point, which is related
4 about it. It's great.

5 You know, we've had a lot of obstacles,
6 a lot of negativity with the project, but now
7 you're at the point where we've got -- you've
8 acquired some funding and with the help of some of
9 your grant technicians and other people, and it's
10 great, and, you know, patience, and we're almost
11 there, to the point where we hope to be and thank
12 you for doing it.

13 We just wanted to come up and be
14 supportive of your efforts and everybody's efforts
15 and thanks again. It means a lot to us and if we
16 can take care of this issue down there on the
17 Alhambra Beach and get it to a nice community area,
18 we look very much forward to that and twelve years
19 went fast, yeah.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And, Mr. Healey,
21 you are in contact on a very regular basis with the
22 members of the Biltmore Shores Civic Association?

23 MR. HEALEY: Yes. I'm the President of
24 the group, and Scott back here, he's the Vice
25 President of the group.

1 We have 600 and some odd members that
2 we have pretty much regular e-mail or website
3 contact with. Yeah, we're definitely in contact
4 with them, yes.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, I want to
6 thank you for being here today. Thank you for
7 taking the time, and especially thank you to your
8 dedication to the civic association.

9 You've been very active with the
10 community for many, many years and it bodes well to
11 see people conduct themselves the way you do with
12 your professionalism and your dedication to our
13 residents.

14 MR. HEALEY: I appreciate you saying
15 that.

16 Thank you. Good luck.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our next speaker
18 will be Scott Arenella.

19 MR. ARENELLA: Good evening,
20 Supervisor.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening.

22 Could you please give us your full name
23 and address for the record?

24 MR. ARENELLA: Scott Arenella,
25 16 Sutton Place in Massapequa, the Vice President

1 of the Biltmore Civic Association.

2 As Phil has mentioned, this project
3 means a lot to us and our community. It's been
4 quite a long time. We've made progress over the
5 years and then some things were set back.

6 Now that we've come to this point, I
7 just would like to say that our community is in
8 strong support of this. We look forward to
9 being -- having our input into the ultimate design
10 and final project here. And, again, it's showing
11 support and thank you for keeping us in your
12 project.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And on the front
14 burner.

15 MR. ARENELLA: Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Again, I want to
17 thank you, as I did with Mr. Healey, for your
18 dedication to the community.

19 It takes a lot of hours and a lot of
20 effort, the time you take away from your
21 profession, away from your family to serve our
22 residents and it is very much appreciated. And
23 thanks for taking the time to come here tonight.

24 MR. ARENELLA: Thank you very much.

25 Good evening.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our next speaker
2 is Bob Freier.

3 MR. FREIER: Good evening.

4 Do I need to give my address again?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please.

6 MR. FREIER: Bob Freier, 33 Chestnut
7 Lane, Woodbury.

8 If you could, on Resolution -- in fact,
9 I'll just, kind of, list the Resolutions;
10 Resolutions 46, 47, 49, 50, 51. I'm curious, 52,
11 an increase in authorization for insurance because
12 hoe and machinery inventory changed. I'm curious
13 what we got there.

14 Also the Resolution pertaining to
15 litigation with Herman versus Town of Oyster Bay,
16 and if you could expand upon that, but all -- also,
17 just, you know, those are -- most of those
18 Resolutions involve outside counsel and if you
19 could explain what those outside counsel are for
20 and if they're -- if they are budgeted items for
21 this year.

22 That's it.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

24 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So through the

1 Town budget, there's a certain amount that's
2 budgeted for legal services.

3 You had mentioned Resolution No. 46.
4 That is a payment of \$1,023 for legal process
5 services. When there are lawsuits, we have to
6 process legal documents and they have to be served
7 and this company provides those services for us.

8 And as I mentioned, it's \$1,023, and,
9 obviously, when you have litigation, there's a need
10 for serving on different parties.

11 No. 47, is for a payment. It is up to
12 \$4,000 but it will be less than that, and that
13 closes out the legal services for the Brownfield
14 Cleanup Program that we have been focused on in
15 Bethpage Community Park. It's a very important
16 program to instill safety in our communities.

17 And I'm going to bring up our Town
18 Attorney in relation to the matter of a specific
19 lawsuit because of the specifics of this one and
20 protecting, obviously, all parties in the Herman
21 matter.

22 MR. NOCELLA:

23 Yes. With respect to the Herman
24 matter, this is a Town of Oyster Bay employee who
25 is making allegations that she was subjected to a

1 hostile work environment, and consequently, she
2 brought suit.

3 The nature of her allegations is that a
4 resident came forward and through actions and
5 statements, including the use of social media,
6 subjected to her to harassment and that the Town of
7 Oyster Bay should have been more active in
8 protecting her against this harassing behavior by
9 the resident.

10 In effect, because of her lawsuit, she
11 has the right to sue the Town of Oyster Bay
12 claiming that she had, in fact, been victimized.
13 The victimization was not by the Town of Oyster Bay
14 directly. She -- her allegation is that the Town
15 of Oyster Bay should have done more to protect her
16 with respect to this resident who was, as I
17 noted --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the Town's
19 position?

20 MR. NOCELLA: Well, the Town's
21 position, at this stage, is not something I would
22 reveal to the public because of the litigation
23 privilege.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

25 MR. NOCELLA: Other than the fact that

1 we do not agree with her allegations.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

3 MR. NOCELLA: As it pertains to the
4 Town of Oyster Bay.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And let's talk
6 about this. We have an insurance policy for this
7 type of -- these type of actions?

8 MR. NOCELLA: That is correct. We have
9 an insurance policy that would cover, not only the
10 costs of defending the Town of Oyster Bay, but also
11 cover any award if this employee were to be
12 successful or if we settled. There is; however, a
13 deductible.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which those who
15 are familiar with insurance policies understand the
16 need and importance of a deductible.

17 MR. NOCELLA: Exactly. And that, of
18 course, makes the policy much more affordable for
19 the taxpayers.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Right.

21 MR. NOCELLA: In this case, the
22 deductible is \$25,000. This Resolution merely
23 authorizes the Town to expend the \$25,000.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Up to.

25 MR. NOCELLA: Up to.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So it could be
2 much less than that?

3 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. Yes. Absolutely,
4 Supervisor, and there a possibility that it will be
5 substantially less, and we will not be spending the
6 \$25,000. It's necessary to get the authorization;
7 however, in order to invoke the insurance coverage.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just to be clear,
9 this is not related to any action by any Town
10 employee, anyone working for the Town, anyone
11 directly involved with the Town. This is an
12 outside resident.

13 MR. NOCELLA: The offending conduct was
14 all perpetrated by an out -- by a nonTown employee.
15 The claim is that the Town ought to have done more
16 to avoid the offending conduct that this employee
17 was placed into connection with -- as a result of
18 her duties.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Now, this is the
20 first time we've ever ran across this in the Town
21 that I know of.

22 MR. NOCELLA: This particular lawsuit
23 involving also allegations of the abuse of social
24 media and so on and so forth. I'm not familiar
25 with anyone that has come up before.

1 No, Councilman, I would have to agree
2 with you based upon my knowledge.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So this is a
4 unique situation involving, in part, the use --
5 outside -- a person from the outside utilizing
6 social media and it is affecting costs to our
7 taxpayers.

8 MR. NOCELLA: Well, yes.

9 The regrettable consequence is that as
10 a result of conduct by no one in Town Government,
11 no employee of Town Government, no appointed
12 official, no elected official, but the conduct of
13 somebody outside of Town Government is causing us
14 to expend these funds on behalf of what I
15 understand to be a quite valued employee, but who
16 is now taking the position that the Town, as its
17 employer, as her employer, should have done more to
18 protect her from these actions.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

20 And on -- thank you.

21 And on Resolution 52, we have a premium
22 increase of \$118. I'm informed that's due to the
23 fact that there was an issue with a vessel at some
24 point throughout the period -- throughout time with
25 this one vessel, and, therefore, the insurance

1 company has mandated that the premium go up.

2 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And, again, this
4 is not in relation to an action of a Town employee?

5 MR. NOCELLA: No, not at all. Not in
6 any respect or form.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So the public is
8 allowed, by law, to bring actions against the Town
9 and there are consequences and one of those
10 consequences can be that our premiums would go up,
11 just like any homeowner?

12 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

13 In fact, that's a perfect analogy.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And in this case,
15 the premium increases by \$118?

16 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And this is what
18 we're asking for this evening?

19 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very
21 much.

22 MR. NOCELLA: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right.

24 49. I'd like the Town Attorney to come
25 back up, please, for -- in relation to 49, 50 and

1 51.

2 I can tell you, quite simply, in 51,
3 that is a legal service as it relates to Bethpage
4 Community Park, as we spoke of earlier and that
5 amount is not to exceed \$6,419.

6 No. 49 --

7 MR. NOCELLA: These were fees that were
8 expended in relation to various and many, in fact,
9 lawsuits that were handled by our outside counsel
10 who had the expertise that we don't retain
11 internally at the Town Attorney's Office.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does the amount
13 that we save by having these experts in place save,
14 far exceed what the payments would be without them?

15 MR. NOCELLA: I think that's almost an
16 understatement. The expertise that they have, if
17 we were to keep people with an expertise in each
18 field as an employee of the Town Attorney's Office
19 as an acting attorney paying salary and benefits
20 and retirement contributions, their actual
21 involvement, their actual contribution to the Town
22 would be minimal, just based upon their expertise.

23 We seek the expertise when we need it
24 and we pay for it accordingly. So it saves us a
25 great deal of money to reach out when we need that

1 particular field of knowledge.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And No. 50?

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's to cover
4 the boroughs.

5 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

6 This is -- this involves a lawsuit that
7 actually had been stayed by the Justice Department
8 federally. We had retained Covington & Burling to
9 handle both a federal lawsuit, but also a State
10 matter that was brought before the Division of
11 Human Rights.

12 There are ongoing monitorings and
13 ongoing reportings that are being done by
14 Covington & Burling. They're also handling the
15 appeal that is pending in State Court by the
16 Division of Human Rights. The amount is relatively
17 modest.

18 Again, because of the Justice
19 Department, under the previous administration,
20 electing to sue the Town of Oyster Bay because of
21 its Next Generation housing programs and its Golden
22 Age housing programs and making a rather
23 questionable allegation that by creating a
24 preference for Oyster Bay residents who have lived
25 in this Town and paid taxes in this Town their

1 entire lives, that they would get a preference in
2 terms of being eligible for Golden Age housing and
3 for Next Generation housing.

4 We were somehow intentionally
5 discriminating on the basis of race.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And this
7 allegedly took place prior to 2017?

8 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. I would say that
9 the allegations are that it began in 1993.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Way before many
11 us were even Town Board members?

12 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Most of us.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think all of
15 us.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You too? Okay.
17 That would be that. Then this is before -- for
18 allegations of actions that allegedly took place
19 prior to any of us being on this Town Board.

20 MR. NOCELLA: Well, I interviewed a law
21 student who's looking to intern at the Town
22 Attorney's Office who wasn't born in 1993, if that
23 will help you.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Did you tell
25 them to go the other way? No.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It begs the
2 question.

3 If we make parking spots available to
4 only Town residents, would we be opening ourselves
5 to a lawsuit?

6 MR. NOCELLA: I wouldn't give the
7 Justice Department any good ideas there.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
9 Mr. Nocella.

10 MR. NOCELLA: I believe that's all.
11 Right?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

13 Thank you, Mr. Nocella.

14 MR. NOCELLA: Thank you.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any
16 other speakers on any of these Resolutions?

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Kevin McKenna.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, goodness.

19 MR. MCKENNA, would you like to speak on
20 these Resolutions.

21 MR. MCKENNA: Yeah, you have a slip.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

23 MR. MCKENNA: I'm going to make it
24 quick. I'm going to drop two of them that I
25 planned on.

1 On No. 51, the -- which involves the
2 lawsuit, I guess it's the Town of Oyster Bay
3 against the Grumman and US Navy. I was reading the
4 lawsuit and this actually originated back, I think,
5 in 2002. It goes that far back.

6 How much money has been -- how much --
7 tell me if I'm wrong, we are trying to recoup costs
8 of remediation? Is that the case? What's the
9 purpose of this lawsuit?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Why don't you let
11 us know what you'd like to hear and then take a
12 seat and we'll get the Town Attorney?

13 MR. McKENNA: The way that I read it --
14 the way that I read it was that we are trying to
15 recoup costs and The Court has ruled against the
16 Town of Oyster Bay's lawsuit on more than occasion.

17 The Town continues to hire new
18 attorneys and you just recently hired a new
19 attorney.

20 As a matter of fact, the judge is
21 giving the Town of Oyster Bay's new attorney until
22 April to get up to speed on the case, and my
23 question or -- how much money are you trying to
24 get? That's why you're suing, and how much money
25 have you spent since 2002 trying to get that money?

1 Have you looked at it that way? I read
2 the lawsuit. I just read the suit right now. You
3 just hired a new attorney on this case, at least
4 The Court says so. Maybe you guys didn't know
5 that.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any
7 other speakers on these Resolutions?

8 MR. McKENNA: You're not going to give
9 an answer to that.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I thought you
11 were making a statement.

12 MR. McKENNA: No. I'm asking you if
13 you could -- what's the purpose of the lawsuit, how
14 much are you trying to get and how much have you
15 spent.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'll have
17 Mr. Nocella sit with you and go over those.

18 MR. McKENNA: No.

19 The public -- it's only fair that the
20 public hear the answer to that. It is taxpayer
21 money that you're spending on lawyers since 2002,
22 so it's a simple question that he, I'm sure, knows
23 the answer to --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Nocella?

25 MR. McKENNA: -- in the spirit of

1 transparency, let everybody know.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Spirit of
3 transparency, yes, like Internet news.

4 MR. NOCELLA: Joseph Nocella, Town
5 Attorney.

6 The total amount of money that may have
7 been spent over the years on this lawsuit is not a
8 figure that I have available at my fingertips that
9 I could provide to the Town.

10 I will try to obtain it with the help
11 of Mr. Darienzo and the Controller's Office and
12 provide it for Mr. McKenna.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If you're able to
14 get that information together, would you please
15 pass that along to Mr. McKenna?

16 MR. NOCELLA: I certainly will.

17 And Mr. McKenna's somewhat misinformed
18 with respect to this case.

19 The case is in a holding pattern.
20 There were some motions, partial Motions for
21 Summary Judgment that were made in this case
22 where -- which we did bring an attempt to compel
23 environmental cleanup.

24 Absolutely, whatever administration
25 brought the lawsuit should be applauded for having

1 done so because the Navy Grumman plume, as I think
2 everybody on the Town Board knows, is a major
3 factor for the people of the Town of Oyster Bay and
4 the taxpayers should not be bearing the cost of
5 what the Navy and defense contractor --

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And this is
7 discussed and you and I have had many times.

8 MR. NOCELLA: Absolutely.

9 With respect to new counsel, the
10 current counsel has not yet been relieved of their
11 obligations to continue in this case.

12 The case has not been stayed, but it's
13 been in a holding pattern. Some of these adverse
14 decisions that Mr. McKenna referred to, I will
15 refer to, they're known as interlocutory decisions.

16 We anticipate that we will have the
17 opportunity to appeal them and when they are
18 appealed, we are very hopeful that we will prevail.

19 In the meantime, other aspects of the
20 case where we are seeking to obtain cleanup costs
21 from the true polluters here, the Navy, and also a
22 defense contractors, yes, for the Navy Grumman
23 plume.

24 It was only just and right that this
25 lawsuit be brought. In order to prevail, you have

1 to pay for your lawyers. It just so happens that
2 Rivkin Radler has asked to withdraw from the case.
3 I don't believe Judge Spatt has yet ruled on that
4 application. We are not opposing it and we will be
5 searching for additional counsel, new counsel, who
6 will be able to handle this matter on a going-
7 forward basis.

8 I would hardly regard this, especially
9 given the fees in the last year that I've been
10 here, Supervisor, as having been very substantial
11 because of the holding pattern that the case is in.
12 I regret that holding pattern. I'd like to see
13 this case advance because inevitably, I do believe
14 the Town of Oyster Bay will prevail. We and our
15 citizens were, in fact, the victims of these
16 polluters and ultimately, justice will be served by
17 this lawsuit. We're going to recover those costs.
18 It may take some money in the meantime. Not a
19 great deal has been spent in the past year, that is
20 certain, and a new firm is being sought at the
21 moment.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In your opinion
23 and the opinion of most attorneys, this is our
24 responsibility to follow through with?

25 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

1 I hadn't thought to put it that way,
2 but absolutely. If we didn't bring a lawsuit, and
3 that requires that we pay counsel, specialists in
4 Environmental Law, the two laws that come to mind,
5 I know only by their acronyms, CERCLA and RCRA.
6 They are environmental in nature. I can't even
7 tell you what CERCLA stands for or what RCRA stands
8 for, but they're the two federal statutes.

9 If you've been the victim of pollution,
10 as we have, and you don't take any action to
11 recover against the polluters, yes, you're derelict
12 in your responsibilities.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It would be
14 extremely irresponsible.

15 Thank you, Mr. Nocella.

16 MR. McKENNA: How much are you trying
17 to recover?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

19 MR. McKENNA: How much are you trying
20 to recover?

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, he'll get
22 you --

23 MR. McKENNA: Answer the question.
24 How much are you trying to recover?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: He'll get you

1 that information. Thank you.

2 It's also important to point out, as we
3 speak about the Grumman Navy plume that after
4 thirteen years of work, work in the State Assembly,
5 in the Senate, with our colleagues, as well as the
6 experts in the Bethpage Water District, who also
7 deserve much credit, we have great news for all of
8 the residents in the Town of Oyster Bay, especially
9 the residents in Bethpage in the fact that Governor
10 Cuomo has come here and together, we announce
11 \$150 million of State money; not Town of Oyster Bay
12 taxpayer money, not Bethpage Water District money,
13 but \$150 million of State money will be spent on
14 the full hydraulic remediation containment and
15 cleanup of the Grumman Navy plume, and this is
16 something we have been working toward for many,
17 many years, so it's a sigh of relief.

18 The State has already been on record
19 stating publicly that they will go after the
20 polluters; namely, Grumman and the United States
21 Navy, to recoup all of those monies spent.

22 Are there any other speakers on
23 these -- yes, please.

24 On the Resolutions of today?

25 MR. ADELMAN: Arthur Adleman,

1 110 Dubois Avenue, Sea Cliff.

2 My question is for the Town Attorney in
3 reference to this litigation from a Town employee
4 against an outside -- you know, one of our fellow
5 residents that's brought the Town into the lawsuit.

6 Her attorney, do we do business with
7 her attorney? I mean, can we know the name of her
8 attorney, her law firm?

9 MR. NOCELLA: I can only tell you that
10 I would recognize the name if I heard it, but I
11 don't know it off the top of my head, but I know
12 that we don't do business with her. That would be
13 a conflict.

14 MR. ADLEMAN: Right.

15 MR. NOCELLA: And would not be
16 possible.

17 MR. ADELMAN: And if the Town should
18 prevail --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just for the
20 record, the answer to that was, we do not do
21 business with this person's attorney.

22 MR. ADLEMAN: Right.

23 And if the Town should prevail on our
24 side of the case, will we try to recoup our
25 expenses on that or do we just let it go?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I would imagine.
2 That's one of the options to discuss after we find
3 out the results of the lawsuit.

4 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, but it's often the
5 case that when you defend yourself in a lawsuit,
6 even if you win, you don't get to recover your
7 legal expenses. It's a loser-based system in the
8 United Kingdom. In the United States, whether you
9 win or lose --

10 MR. ADELMAN: So it's not a negligence
11 case or anything like that; it's -- because with
12 negligence, I understand, if it's -- I don't know
13 what the legal term is -- unfound, it's not --
14 doesn't have any ground to stand on.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: If it's frivolous.

16 MR. ADELMAN: Right. That's the word.
17 You know, I just don't understand why
18 one of our valued employees would be coming after
19 us, me, I had nothing to do with this, but if
20 she --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course.

22 MR. ADLEMAN: Anyway, that's --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's just sad
24 that one resident can wreak so much havoc and
25 financial distress upon the Town for their own

1 agenda.

2 MR. ADELMAN: Nassau County with those.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Very sad.

4 Are there any other speakers on any of
5 these Resolutions.

6 (No response given.)

7 Okay. May we have a -- we have a
8 motion.

9 May we call for a vote, please?

10 Is there any correspondence?

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Not on these, sir.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Saladino?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Abstain on 49.

21 "Aye" as to the rest.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: I have to put my
23 glasses on.

24 Councilwoman Johnson?

25 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye."

3 And I just want to be clear that
4 Resolution 42 was tabled, right?

5 MR. ALTADONNA: That's correct.

6 This is on TF --

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I wasn't here when
8 you called the numbers.

9 MR. ALTADONNA: This is on TF-3-18
10 through 56.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.

12 "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

14 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to adopt
16 Resolutions TF-3-18 through 48 passes with seven
17 "Ayes."

18 49 passes with six "Ayes," one
19 abstention.

20 51 through 56 passes with seven "Ayes."
21 The calendar is complete.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Now, you have public
24 comment.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

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Thank you.

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
make a motion to close the meeting.

COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
signify by saying "Aye."

ALL: "Aye."

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

(No response given.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
it.

(TIME NOTED: 9:33 P.M.)