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	SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD			
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	January 31, 2017			
6	9:13 a.m.			
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	54 Aubrey Avenue			
8	Oyster Bay, New York			
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10	BEFORE:			
11	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA			
12	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA			
13	COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO			
14	COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE			
15	COUNCILMAN PINTO			
16	COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON			
17 18	JAMES ALTADONNA, JR., TOWN CLERK			
19	DONNA SWANSON, DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY			
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22	Lisa H. MacDonald, RPR			
	Court Reporter			
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1	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
2	Good morning, everyone.
3	We would like to start with the
4	Pledge of Allegiance led by our Town
5	Clerk, Jim Altadonna.
6	(At this time the Pledge of
7	Allegiance was conducted)
8	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA: We
9	have only one thing on the agenda
10	today, to appoint a new supervisor to
11	the Town of Oyster Bay. It's the best
12	interest of the residents and town
13	government.
14	So I would like to have a motion
15	by Rebecca Alesia.
16	MR. ALTADONNA: A roll call
17	please first.
18	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
19	Oh, sure.
20	MR. ALTADONNA: Acting Supervisor
21	Muscarella?
22	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
23	Here.
24	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman
25	Macagnone?

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1	COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Here.
2	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman
3	Coschignano?
4	COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Here.
5	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?
6	COUNCILMAN PINTO: Here.
7	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman
8	Alesia?
9	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.
10	Good morning, Jim.
11	MR. ALTADONNA: Good morning.
12	Councilwoman Johnson?
13	COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.
14	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
15	I'd like a motion.
16	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Yes. Thank
17	you, Acting Supervisor.
18	Before we proceed any further, I
19	would like to acknowledge Acting
20	Supervisor Muscarella for his
21	leadership and dedication in this
22	difficult time and I'd ask you all to
23	join me in thanking him.
2 4	Okay. You know our board has
25	taken some time and care in reaching

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this decision. There has been some speculation that this time meant that our board is fractured and that's interesting, isn't it? For a long time we were criticized for frequently voting with unanimity and with one voice and yet when there was a desire for thoughtful dialogue regarding such a major decision as this one, we were criticized for taking the time to hear our own colleagues.

There is nothing wrong with there being descending opinions amongst our board. Let me say that again. There is nothing wrong with the people who sit up here having differences of opinion. Each and every one of my colleagues on the Town Board has the best interests of our residents at heart and we should not be criticized for having taken our time with making such a significant decision and one with such far reaching and important

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ramifications as choosing the next supervisor.

What is further significant is that the candidate that we have chosen, Assembly Man and I believe soon to be Supervisor, Saladino. He gets that, too. He wasn't afraid to get up here last week and express his opinion in a loud clear voice and he should be celebrated for that and complimented for it.

That passion and that
willingness to tell us how important
the job of Supervisor is to him
personally, how seriously he will
take it and how much he will cherish
it, those are the things that are
going to make him a great leader for
this Board and a great Supervisor for
the town.

I've known Joe for many years.

He has been a forceful voice for the residents of his assembly district, successful at reaching across the aisle to get things done in Albany.

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1	He has been an advocate for sweeping
2	ethics reform there and a tireless
3	champion of the environment. His
4	vision for the town is one of
5	modernization and efficiency. He
6	truly wants to continue his own and
7	his family's legacy of representing
8	his community and there can be no
9	doubt that he has the stamina,
10	passion and love for the Town that
11	this job requires.
12	Therefore, it is with great
13	honor that I move that this Board
14	appoint the Honorable Assemblyman
15	Joseph Saladino to become the next
16	Supervisor of this great Town of
17	Oyster Bay.
18	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
19	Thank you, Rebecca.
2 0	Can I have a second, please?
21	COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I second
22	that nomination.
23	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
2 4	Roll call on the vote.
2 5	MR. ALTADONNA: On the vote,

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1	Acting Supervisor Muscarella?
2	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
3	Aye.
4	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman
5	Macagnone?
6	COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Abstain.
7	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman
8	Coschignano?
9	COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Aye.
10	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?
11	COUNCILMAN PINTO: Aye.
12	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman
13	Alesia?
14	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Aye.
15	MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman
16	Johnson?
17	COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
18	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
19	The ayes have it.
20	Congratulations.
21	I call on the Honorable Stephen
22	Bucaria to come up and now do the
23	swearing in, Honorable Judge.
2 4	JUDGE BUCARIA: Just a very quick
25	moment of personal privilege. I have

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1	known the Saladino family for many,
2	many years and I got to know his
3	parents very well because of the job I
4	had in the Supreme Court and I can
5	only feel the pride that they have.
6	It's so present here for both Jessie,
7	his mother, and his father, the late
8	and great Supreme Court Justice Joe
9	Saladino. So thank you very much.
10	And with that pride I ask you to
11	please raise your right hand. Repeat
12	after me. I, state your name.
13	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I, Joseph
1 4	S. Saladino.
15	JUDGE BUCARIA: Do solemnly
16	swear.
17	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do solemnly
18	swear.
19	JUDGE BUCARIA: That I will
2 0	support the Constitution of the United
21	States.
22	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That I will
23	support the Constitution of the United
2 4	States.
25	JUDGE BUCARIA: The Constitution

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1	of the State of New York.
2	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The
3	Constitution of the State of New York.
4	JUDGE BUCARIA: The ordinances of
5	the Town of Oyster Bay.
6	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The
7	ordinance of the Town of Oyster Bay.
8	JUDGE BUCARIA: And that I will
9	faithfully discharge.
10	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that I
11	will faithfully discharge.
12	JUDGE BUCARIA: The duties of the
13	office of Supervisor.
14	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The duties
15	of the office of Supervisor.
16	JUDGE BUCARIA: Of the Town of
17	Oyster Bay.
18	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of the Town
19	of Oyster Bay.
20	JUDGE BUCARIA: To the best of my
21	ability.
22	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To the best
23	of my ability.
2 4	JUDGE BUCARIA: This so help you
25	God.

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1	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This so
2	help me God.
3	JUDGE BUCARIA: I declare that
4	you are dully installed.
5	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.
6	JUDGE BUCARIA: God bless you.
7	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
8	Joe, would you like to say a few
9	words?
10	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.
11	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:
12	Congratulations, Joe.
13	SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.
14	Justice Bucaria, my co-workers,
15	members of the Town Board, my beloved
16	family and dear friends, Mark Twain
17	wrote the two most important days of
18	your life are the day you're born and
19	the day you find out why. Well,
20	today for me I found out why. I
21	found out that my destiny is to come
22	home and to rebuild the Town of
23	Oyster Bay.
2 4	I'd like to thank the members of
25	the Town Board for instilling me with

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this responsibility and I realize it is a great responsibility and I appreciate your faith in me.

My fellow residents, a sad and unfortunate chapter in the Town's history is coming to an end. Today we begin anew. Today we begin to restore the people's faith in our town government. Today we return town government to a path it had followed for so many years, a path that made Oyster Bay a model of fiscally conservative leadership and provided residents an unparallelled suburban quality of life.

While it is too soon for me to talk about the specifics of policy matters, it is an appropriate time for me to outline the goals for our new administration. I have two paramount goals. First, I want to regain the faith and trust that the residents -- in the residents who feel their town government has failed them in recent years. Under my

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administration, we will have zero tolerance for inappropriate behavior of any kind. Even the appearance of impropriety will not be tolerated and no one is exempt. I will work to ensure we provide residents with an open, transparent government so that everyone will know what we are doing and why we are doing it.

My second goal is to make sure that Oyster Bay is a town where people can afford to live. Over the next few weeks, we will be looking at every aspect and as those who know me, I mean every aspect, of town government in order to save money, improve efficiency and protect taxpayers. No aspect of town government will be exempt from scrutiny. Everything is on the table.

I want to assure my fellow residents that we will save money. We will reduce the town's debt and we will make town government live within

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its means while still delivering top-notch municipal services, the kind of services that Town of Oyster Bay residents have come to expect.

Over the next few weeks and months, I will be outlining in detail the specific policies that we will be implementing and the work we'll be doing to meet these goals.

Again, I want my fellow
residents to know that I fully
realize the magnitude of the
important responsibility that I have
been entrusted with today. I promise
I will not let you down. I will not
let you down. I know that working
together we can move Oyster Bay in a
new direction and build a more proud
future, a future built on the
foundation of the highest standard of
ethics, strong hands on management
and rock solid fiscal practices.

I appreciate each and every one of you for entrusting me with this great responsibility and I want to

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1	say thank you for working with me to
2	forge a new beginning, creating
3	trust, transparency, the highest
4	level of ethics, fiscal
5	responsibility and affordability in
6	the Town of Oyster Bay.
7	God bless each and every one of
8	you and God bless the Town of Oyster
9	Bay.
10	Thank you.
11	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
12	Thank you, Joe. I need a motion
13	to adjourn the meeting.
14	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So moved.
15	COUNCILMAN PINTO: Second.
16	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
17	All in favor?
18	COUNCILWOMAN: Aye.
19	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Aye.
20	COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Aye.
21	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
22	Ayes have it. Thank you again.
23	I move to make a motion to close
2 4	the meeting.
25	COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I second.

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1	COUNCILMAN PINTO: Aye.
2	COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.
3	ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:
4	Thank you.
5	(Time noted: 9:26 a.m.)
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Page 16 CERTIFICATION I, LISA H. MACDONALD, a Registered Professional Reporter and a Notary Public, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate transcription of my stenographic notes. I further certify that I am not employed by nor related to any party to this action. LISA H. MACDONALD, RPR

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