

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
ACTION CALENDAR
AUGUST 22, 2017
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JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

RAYMOND SPAGNUOLO
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

SUPERVISOR JOSEPH S. SALADINO
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH D. MUSCARELLA
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND

N O T P R E S E N T:

COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA

A L S O P R E S E N T:

RAYMOND SPAGNUOLO, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting
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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and
2 gentlemen, welcome to our adjourned Town Board
3 meeting.

4 Today is August 22, 2017.

5 I would ask that Councilwoman Michelle
6 Johnson leads us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

7 Please all rise.

8 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
9 was recited by Councilwoman Johnson.)

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Hope everybody is
11 enjoying the wonderful weather we're having here in
12 the Town of Oyster Bay.

13 We've been working very hard to
14 continue to deliver some exceptional services.
15 Things at the beach have been wonderful and our
16 pools, I will point out that we have had some more
17 life saving saves by Town employees. We're very
18 proud of those and will be recognizing them in the
19 near future.

20 Moving forward, we will also be hosting
21 something very special at the Town's 32nd Annual
22 Bluefish Tournament which is scheduled for Saturday
23 [sic], September 10th, at Theodore Roosevelt
24 Memorial Park.

25 This year's event will feature a

1 brand-new component making it even more attractive
2 to all residents of all ages.

3 When I was a State Assemblymen, I
4 hosted a highly popular Marine Expo which drew
5 great crowds each year who learned about the marine
6 environment, protecting the environment.

7 Well, I'm very pleased that thanks to
8 the dedication of our Parks Department, we'll be
9 hosting a similar event in cooperation and
10 conjunction with our Bluefish Tournament.

11 This year Teddy Roosevelt Park will
12 host our first Town of Oyster Bay Waterfront Fest
13 in conjunction on the, Sunday rather, the 10th of
14 September.

15 This event will feature food,
16 entertainment, great prizes, all kinds of
17 educational components and really talk about
18 protecting the environment, learning about the
19 marine life in our waters, and how families can
20 enjoy that marine life.

21 Visitors will enjoy exhibits, so much
22 for the youth to learn about and how to protect it,
23 as well as having face painting, arts and crafts.
24 It's a wonderful event, Saturday, September 10th --
25 I'm sorry, Sunday, September 10th at Teddy

1 Roosevelt Park.

2 Yes.

3 I will ask our Councilmen to make a
4 motion, please.

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
6 make a motion that this meeting reopen from the
7 meeting that was adjourned on August the 15th.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

11 ALL: "Aye."

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All opposed,
13 "Nay."

14 (No verbal response given.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
16 it.

17 Will the Town Clerk poll the Board?

18 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Here.

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
25 absent.

1 Councilwoman Johnson?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

3 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

6 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

8 The issue at hand today is Resolution
9 520, single stream recycling.

10 Today we continue deliberations
11 regarding the Town's transition from dual stream to
12 a single stream recycling system.

13 Since the last Board Meeting, council
14 members have had an opportunity to further review
15 bid proposals and ask the questions on our bid
16 process and what to expect of the new company that
17 would be doing our single stream recycling.

18 As we have previously discussed, this
19 single stream recycling initiative is estimated to
20 generate at least \$2 million for our taxpayers over
21 the next five years. When you factor in the cost
22 of selling our recycling trucks, that's another
23 million dollars. That will no longer be the case
24 in terms of spending money recycling because the
25 Town has been spending to have our recyclables

1 removed. This has cost the Town money rather than
2 generate funds for the Town. So now, by switching
3 over, we are generating monies for Town instead of
4 spending them.

5 In addition to our annual savings, the
6 Town will sell 22 of our recycling trucks by the
7 end of this year. They'll no longer be needed due
8 to the single stream initiative as we will now be
9 using our garbage trucks to collect up our
10 recyclables. We anticipate that to generate
11 another \$1 million for our taxpayers through the
12 sale of those vehicles.

13 Together, we are turning every stone
14 and looking at every possible way to further
15 achieve savings, significant cost savings to our
16 residents, and more importantly, we are delivering
17 on our promises, and quite frankly, as Councilman
18 noted at the last meeting, this is an amazing
19 system. I believe the words you used, it sounds
20 "too good to be true," and, Tony, what did you find
21 when you had an opportunity to further investigate
22 the system?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Well,
24 supervisor, Members of the Board, first of all, I
25 want to thank you for indulging me last meeting.

1 Too often in our history of this Town, we see
2 something, we get a bid, it would be a low bid, and
3 then we turn around and get a change order and it
4 costs us twice as much and the responsible bidder,
5 a lot of times, did not get that project, it went
6 to someone else. Like I said, we'll find out, all
7 of a sudden there'll be a change order and it would
8 be almost as much as the original bid.

9 So that's why when the numbers were so
10 far off, it kind of raised a red flag. I did some
11 investigating. I met with the principal at Winters
12 Brothers. I talked to Commissioner of DPW and
13 Environmental along with Deputy Supervisor and, you
14 know, the company realizes what they're in for.
15 They realize what they committed to. They will not
16 come back to us in six months and say, I can't do
17 it for this much, I have to redo it again, so I
18 recommend that we accept this bid and move forward
19 for the first year of this contract.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And you feel
21 fully confident that you have fully investigated
22 every aspect of this bid, this company, and this
23 process?

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, that really

1 seems to be, once again, a feather in the cap of
2 the Town of Oyster Bay in terms of our
3 transparency.

4 The issue was tabled so we had the time
5 to ensure that our Board had a chance to look at
6 this more fully, asking questions, turning this
7 inside out, and determining that this is an amazing
8 rate.

9 As a matter of fact, this will be the
10 highest rate paid to the Town of any municipality,
11 that any municipality receives for recyclables in
12 all of Long Island and one of the highest in the
13 State of New York, so we're very, very proud of
14 this.

15 We're looking at receiving, once again,
16 \$2 million will be paid to the Town over the course
17 of five years. We have a right to renew this every
18 year as we gauge the way that the program is being
19 rolled out and we're going to have up to another
20 million dollars that we will receive by selling off
21 the trucks.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor, if
23 we get half the expected revenue that we get, we
24 are doing much better.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

1 Thank you, Councilman Macagnone. That
2 really speaks very loudly as to what a great deal
3 this is. So good that you couldn't believe it was
4 true until you further investigated it and then you
5 determined it's all true and so much more.

6 So, are there any other questions or
7 comments on behalf of any of the Board Members?

8 May I have motion?

9 MR. FREIER: We have comment on it.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We had comment on
11 this. We fully had tremendous amount comment. The
12 record has been left open. We've been available
13 for phone calls, for e-mails, for a multitude of
14 ways for people to speak on this.

15 MR. RIPP: You're denying speakers. I
16 signed the form. I wasn't here last week. It's an
17 open meeting. You're continuing the meeting.

18 You're going to deny speakers on the
19 Resolution? Do what you want.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's see. All
21 right.

22 We have someone who would like to speak
23 on this that was not here last time.

24 MR. FREIER: It shouldn't matter if you
25 were here or not.

1 MR. RIPP: True, but these are the
2 rules that we have here in the Town of Oyster Bay.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right,
4 Mr. Ripp.

5 Why don't we give your five minutes and
6 you can talk about what a great deal this is? You
7 have looked at the deal inside and out?

8 MR. RIPP: Hello.

9 My name is Robert Ripp. I reside at
10 77 Sunset Road, Massapequa, New York 11758.

11 Could you please inform me when my
12 speaking time begins?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That sound meant
14 it began already.

15 MR. RIPP: Okay. Thank you.

16 I acknowledge having the floor.

17 Thank you.

18 Unable to attend the last two Town
19 meetings, I observed them via the Live Stream. I
20 had thought the Interim Supervisor and Members of
21 the Town Board had reached a new all-time low when
22 request from a member of the Town's Council and the
23 Town's Ethics Board to table a Resolution hiring
24 Brian Nevin was ignored by Mr. Saladino and that
25 vote pushed through.

1 I was proven wrong during the
2 August 15th meeting when I heard --

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me,
4 Mr. Ripp, what does this have to do with single
5 stream recycling?

6 Mr. Ripp?

7 MR. RIPP: -- (inaudible) responsible
8 for costing the Town \$25,000 if he insisted with
9 his request to table this Resolution so he could
10 better understand what he's voting for?

11 I watched as you paraded your
12 appointees up to the dais to --

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me,
14 Mr. Ripp.

15 MR. RIPP: -- preconceived
16 determinations to push through both Resolutions no
17 matter what. If you're not interested in listening
18 to the --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me,
20 Mr. Ripp, may I have your attention, sir?

21 MR. RIPP: -- residents, I'd like to
22 know just who you are influenced by and when taking
23 these actions and making these decisions.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's very sad.

25 MR. RIPP: I, like thousands of other

1 residents, are extremely disappointed in your
2 behavior.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me,
4 Mr. Ripp.

5 MR. RIPP: Once again, I'm disappointed
6 with you interrupting me while I have the floor.

7 Thank you, sir.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This has nothing
9 to do with single stream recycling. Perhaps you
10 were confused.

11 Mr. Molinari is next.

12 MR. RIPP: Would you like me to
13 compound? I'm very dissatisfied --

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp, I'm
15 very sorry to see that --

16 MR. RIPP: Do you want to know why this
17 is germane to me?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Molinari,
19 you're up next.

20 MR. RIPP: Thank you, sir. I'm sure
21 you didn't want to hear it.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is in regard
23 to single stream recycling.

24 Thank you, Mr. Molinari.

25 MR. MOLINARI: Good morning,

1 Mr. Supervisor, Town Board Members.

2 I did address the Board on this issue
3 during the public comment period and not during the
4 official record, but I wanted to be here to say
5 that I support awarding this contract to Winters
6 Brothers. It's good for the environment. It's
7 good for the Town.

8 Winters Brothers has a state of the art
9 recycling facility which captures 95 percent of the
10 materials which is very good. It's excellent.

11 So when you look at it, \$25 a ton, the
12 only municipality on Long Island is the town of
13 Brookhaven and they're paying them \$20 a ton and
14 they don't have a state of the art facility so I
15 support awarding this contract to Winters Brothers.

16 I just want -- one other issue. I
17 think you have to go back on the website and put on
18 all the correct information now what are the
19 recyclables are.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: One thing I did
22 find out from my meetings, Mr. Molinari, it's going
23 to take a whole bunch of education of our public on
24 what has to be done with this.

25 It's going to be a big process and the

1 vendee did say that he's going to work with us to
2 get message out, so...

3 MR. MOLINARI: That's good. Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you
5 Councilman. Thank you, Mr. Molinari, and I'm glad
6 that you've taken a very honest approach in looking
7 carefully at the facts and responding to the facts
8 rather than a political approach.

9 Looks who's next, Mr. Freier.

10 On that note.

11 MR. FREIER: I have a statement to
12 read.

13 Robert Freier, 33 Chestnut Lane,
14 Woodbury, New York.

15 Mr. Appointed Supervisor, Members of
16 the Board, both appointed and elected, today's
17 meeting should not be happening as one of the
18 busiest vacation weeks of the year. At least one
19 Board Member is absent, along with the Town Clerk,
20 along with other important Town officials.

21 Last week at the August 15th scheduled
22 Town Board meeting, you, Mr. Supervisor, tried to
23 push through a contract with Winters Brothers that
24 was done in anything, but a transparent way.

25 On July 17th, the Town posted one page

1 of a 400-page RFP asking for proposals for single
2 stream recycling. The respondents were given ten
3 days, including the day it was posted, to respond.
4 Some businesses were sent the RFP by the Town
5 without requesting it. In other words, they were
6 invited to bid.

7 Other interested firms would have to
8 come to Town Hall and physically pick up this
9 400-page plus RFP.

10 Why wasn't the entire bid on the
11 website? Is ten business days a reasonable enough
12 time to respond in a complete and thorough way or
13 was this bid purposely set up for one vendor to
14 win?

15 While single stream recycling may be
16 the greatest thing for the Town, how does anyone
17 know for sure?

18 The transparent way would have been to
19 hold a hearing, discuss the benefits or lack
20 thereof of single stream recycling versus dual
21 stream recycling. Also the fact that the current
22 recycling trucks are designed for dual stream and
23 what the implications would be.

24 There should have been a request for
25 qualifications first. As part of the hearing, the

1 interested vendors could have presented their
2 capabilities and provided their expert opinions on
3 what the Supervisor decided to do without any
4 public input. That would have been transparent.

5 Why did you rush this through? What
6 was the reason?

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We didn't rush
8 this through.

9 MR. FREIER: I'm still talking, sir.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As a matter of
11 fact, sir, we put it off for another week so the
12 decision makers could get even more information.

13 MR. FREIER: Oh, my God. You're
14 interrupting me during my time. You can comment
15 when I'm done.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You don't have to
17 bring God into this, sir, this is about science.

18 MR. FREIER: Just be respectful and let
19 me speak and then you speak.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Science. The
21 Science is very clear, Mr. Freier.

22 MR. FREIER: Then don't count my time
23 while your pontificating.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And you're
25 grandstanding.

1 Did you even do any research to look
2 into this subject?

3 MR. FREIER: Yes, I did.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It doesn't appear
5 that way from your statement.

6 MR. FREIER: Let me finish my
7 statement.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, sir.
9 This is the epitome of hypocrisy --

10 MR. FREIER: Let me finish my
11 statement.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- and
13 grandstanding.

14 MR. FREIER: Let me finish my
15 statement.

16 Now, you add two significant items to
17 the agenda with less than 24 hours notice to the
18 public and this Board.

19 After an exhaustive search for a Town
20 Comptroller, you decided to put this on the agenda
21 today during one of the busiest vacation weeks of
22 the year --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of single stream
24 recycling.

25 MR. FREIER: -- because you knew you

1 wouldn't have a complete Board to vote and after
2 this exhaustive search, it turns out that the
3 person you were looking for all this time lives
4 right next door to supervise -- the Deputy
5 Supervisor Carman. Who know?

6 How many resumes did you receive? Did
7 the Board have time to review resumes of
8 prospective candidates and be part of the interview
9 process?

10 Also, the Resolution --

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This has nothing
12 to do -- Mr. Freier, perennial candidate just can't
13 stop.

14 MR. FREIER: The Resolution
15 regarding -- also --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're rather
17 amazing.

18 MR. FREIER: Also, you added a
19 Resolution to the property on Engle Street.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is on single
21 stream recycling, Mr. Freier.

22 MR. FREIER: This property was a single
23 part on why so many people were indicted.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Once again,
25 you're out of order --

1 MR. FREIER: -- less than a month ago
2 including the Town's former supervisor, John
3 Venditto, who you --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- bringing up
5 subterfuge and political issues as a process for
6 your own political campaign --

7 MR. FREIER: -- (inaudible) why
8 couldn't these items be discussed and voted on a
9 regular Board meeting when you --

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- as a perennial
11 candidate, Mr. Freier. You're out of order. This
12 has nothing to do with --

13 MR. FREIER: -- you like to use the
14 word transparency. It is in nearly every sentence.
15 I would like to add --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You would like to
17 add about a lot of things, but you're not
18 interested in speaking about --

19 MR. FREIER -- that while I may be an
20 opposing candidate, I'm a tax paying resident, just
21 like anyone else.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- the issue at
23 hand which is what we're doing today.

24 MR. FREIER: For you to walk out when
25 I'm speaking during public comment the last two

1 meetings shows a complete lack of respect.

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So does your lack
3 of respect --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: From someone who
5 has lied continuously --

6 MR. FREIER: On your own time,
7 Mr. Appointed Supervisor.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- for their own
9 political gain --

10 MR. FREIER: You should listen to
11 people you supposedly represent.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- is really the
13 height of hypocrisy, Mr. Freier.

14 MR. FREIER: I would also appreciate
15 answers to the questions I ask at meetings on the
16 record. You said you were going to get back to me.

17 Now, you will bring up all your
18 experts --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
20 Mr. Freier.

21 MR. FREIER -- and cross-examine them as
22 an attorney would do even though you are not an
23 attorney.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
25 Mr. Freier.

1 MR. FREIER: In my humble opinion --

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're time is
3 up, sir.

4 MR. FREIER -- the residents of the Town
5 of Oyster Bay.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, your time is
7 up. No more grandstanding.

8 MR. FREIER: -- and transparency --

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sorry,
10 Mr. Freier.

11 MR. FREIER: -- this is the old way in
12 Oyster Bay.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, quite
14 frankly, the previous speaker, the perennial
15 candidate for public office has done a lot of
16 lying, but you've sunk to an all-time low but not
17 talking about the issue at hand, by holding press
18 conferences and creating subterfuge.

19 We've got the best deal of any
20 municipality in New York State. We put it off
21 another week for more information, to have more
22 time, to look more carefully at this --

23 MR. RIPP: The record speaks for
24 itself.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- but you just

1 don't want good news in the Town of Oyster Bay.

2 Quite frankly, it's sickening, the fact
3 that you'd like the Town to fail for your own
4 political purposes --

5 MR. FREIER: Those are your words.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- this is the
7 epitome of hypocrisy and political grandstanding on
8 your part and you should be ashamed of yourself.

9 Our next speaker is Anthony Core.

10 Good morning, Mr. Core.

11 MR. CORE: Good morning,
12 Mr. Supervisor.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How are you
14 today, sir?

15 MR. CORE: Good morning, Members of the
16 Board.

17 I had comments to make, but I'm going
18 to limit myself. One, I've been a practitioner in
19 this field for decades. I will tell you that
20 single stream will increase the amount of
21 recycling, but let me tell you what the major
22 component would be.

23 About thirteen years ago, I failed in
24 my bid to win the newspaper contract in the Town of
25 Oyster Bay, and at that time, I addressed the then

1 Supervisor and the then Town Board and I explained
2 to them that residential cardboard had not been
3 added to the newspaper. Something that the towns
4 that I service as newspaper vendor, I did
5 approximately twenty years ago.

6 Today, that cardboard accounts for 33
7 percent of the total fiber volume. In the years
8 that the Town did not listen to me, notably 13
9 years ago, millions of dollars of revenue were
10 lost.

11 The Board talked about the advent of
12 residential cardboard as something earth shattering
13 and groundbreaking. It had not been. Twenty years
14 is a long time, but I wasn't listened to until 13
15 years ago and there is no other agenda than trying
16 to do the job that we need to do as well as we
17 could do it. All of the other comments I have, but
18 one I will dispense with and I paired it down
19 enough.

20 But I will tell you this and probably
21 what's most troubling and illustrated in
22 yesterday's Newsday is -- oh, sorry News 12.

23 Yesterday's Newsday was interesting,
24 not for the recycling article, but the one next
25 door which talks about on the same page, the vote

1 set for 1.2 million in tax aid through the Glen
2 Cove IDA.

3 All across Long Island, IDA is both
4 county and towns. Industrial development agencies
5 have worked hard to get tax breaks, which are
6 taxpayer money, to keep and attract good jobs in
7 our area and keep and attract good businesses.
8 It's not easy to stay in business on Long Island
9 with a high property tax, and as you can imagine,
10 higher on commercial than residential, payroll
11 taxes, the MTA taxes, Workers Comp., recent
12 increases in the state mandated minimum wage, and
13 the state Family Leave Act. And elected officials
14 like you are working hard to keep our community
15 well employed.

16 But something that I think we have
17 missed in this is that two out of the three bidders
18 are Connecticut companies and those two companies,
19 the highest and the lowest, are bringing the
20 material to be processed in the State of
21 Connecticut.

22 Now, my company, on the recycling, has
23 served the Town in their commingled needs when they
24 needed it the most. When there wasn't anyone to do
25 it.

1 In fact, if you look at the bid back in
2 February of 2016, the Winters Brothers company bid
3 \$60 a ton for your commingled charge and we were
4 significantly lower and we've done our job. But
5 what's important is that the job we do is being
6 done by men and women on Long Island.

7 Newspaper was wrong. I'm not a Babylon
8 based company. Omni Recycling of Westbury is a
9 Westbury, Long Island company employing men and
10 women in Nassau County, living in this Town. The
11 general manager is a resident. I'm a resident.
12 Thirty years ago, we put millions of dollars
13 towards a commingled plan and it was the first
14 program started in the nation in the Town of
15 Hempstead in 1988.

16 The reason why we bid West End is West
17 End is the new company to do the new infrastructure
18 for Nassau County, the new development of a better
19 and more sophisticated state of the art facility,
20 but by doing this contract, you're almost
21 eliminating Oyster Bay's material from that
22 consideration, and these plants are like -- I don't
23 know, best example, is a livery car.

24 If you, Mr. Supervisor, need me to
25 bring eight people around for you, I need an SUV.

1 If it's only two, I need a Town Car, and if I buy
2 the Town Car, I can't fit eight people in.

3 That's what these -- may I continue?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure.

5 MR. CORE: That's what these facilities
6 are.

7 So there's an opportunity here. It is
8 a great, great, great, great deal and my plead was
9 to look at it more closely.

10 Now, you did have a time --

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which we have
12 done, just for clarification.

13 MR. CORE: I understand that,
14 Mr. Supervisor.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which we have
16 done.

17 MR. CORE: But when you have a resident
18 like me who has been in this business for three
19 decades and is the noted expert with regard to the
20 field, the fact that I've asked to be interviewed
21 on this and have not been interviewed does not seem
22 to me to be a worthwhile inquiry --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just for
24 clarification, you were one of the bidders?

25 MR. CORE: Absolutely.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the Winters
2 Brothers bid was higher?

3 MR. CORE: And was the second most
4 favorable.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's right.

6 MR. CORE: Now you brought that point
7 up. I was going to dispense with that.

8 One of the things in my bid was
9 directly delivering to our facility in Westbury.

10 With the issue with the Robbins Lane
11 property, limited space at the Bethpage landfill,
12 eliminating recycling truck, single stream or dual,
13 going to Bethpage eliminates traffic and eliminates
14 a need for the Town to load, weigh, scale, stage
15 this equipment. Okay?

16 There is a benefit to that. Okay? I
17 quantifiable dollar benefit and if that benefit --
18 let's say, for argument's sake, was worth \$20 of
19 savings to the Town, then my offer of 10 to deliver
20 it to me is a \$30 number, which makes it even
21 better for the Town to consider. I don't think
22 that that was considered properly.

23 In your time frame, it could not have
24 been considered properly.

25 Now, granted, and I heard what happened

1 at last week's meeting and I appreciate the time
2 that you gave Mr. Slover. You're under a time
3 constraint and the time constraint is you need to
4 cancel my contract in 60 days, you need to cancel
5 Giove's contract in 60 days, so you can begin
6 reaping the revenues of single stream.

7 I sent a letter last week and I
8 proposed reducing, Omni Recycling reducing that
9 cancellation period. If you were to cancel right
10 now, that cancellation date would be approximately
11 October 21st. Okay?

12 So if I offered to make it a ten-day
13 cancellation, no earlier than October 21st, that
14 gives you two months to further investigate what's
15 going on without any financial harm to the Town,
16 because as a taxpayer, I don't want to harm the
17 Town financially, but I want to give you the proper
18 time and not a four-week period, but the proper
19 time to ask the right questions.

20 You're limited if you don't have the
21 people that can ask the questions. Obviously, you
22 have to find out the answers.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we do,
24 Mr. Core. We do, and we have been asking the
25 questions and our Commissioner of DPW that oversees

1 Sanitation and Recycling, he is very -- he's an
2 engineer and is very highly experienced at all of
3 this, and we have been pursuing this, and quite
4 frankly, the company that we're considering today
5 has many residents that do live in the Town of
6 Oyster Bay, and in terms of taking materials out of
7 state, for years and years, the Town's garbage has
8 been collected and taken out of state, so that's
9 not nothing -- that's not something that's
10 particularly new to the Town, and quite frankly, we
11 all have looked at the material and Councilman
12 Macagnone revisited it in a very intensive program
13 to ensure that we got this right.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Core, I only
15 had to go based on the bids we received and that's
16 the only thing I investigated on. That's the
17 numbers I went through.

18 MR. CORE: Well, Councilman, what's
19 interesting, if truly we were talking about some
20 facts, City Carting, the company that proposed to
21 charge you \$10 a ton, their facility is built by
22 the same company that built New York City's
23 facility for \$100 million. They are roughly an
24 hour, in transportation, closer and the technology
25 there is very sophisticated.

1 The question that Councilman Macagnone
2 had last time, Supervisor, was how could they be at
3 a minus 10 and Winters Brothers be at a plus 25?

4 My issue here today is that unless it
5 was predetermined, you gave yourself a four-week
6 window. 13 years ago when the Town looked at
7 contracting, not a change of program, not
8 developing the recycling program, when they looked
9 at just changing a vendor, the bid was in June.

10 The final Town Board vote was in
11 December and I may take issue with their result and
12 as a Monday morning quarterback, I can tell you it
13 was wrong because at that time, we didn't add
14 residential cardboard, but they at least took the
15 time.

16 You have a predetermined --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, you just
18 told us, sir, is they've taken -- they took all
19 that time and what, I believe, you just inferred,
20 they didn't get it right.

21 MR. CORE: They made the wrong
22 decision. Yeah.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So they took all
24 that time, and in your opinion, they didn't get
25 that right?

1 MR. CORE: But, Mr. Saladino, there's a
2 process, and when you deal with a changeover like
3 this, when you deal with a process like this, the
4 creation of the bid, two weeks later a response,
5 two weeks later a proposed award, is a four-week
6 period. We are on Week 5.

7 You're preordained to be under the gun
8 because in your mind, you've set the revenue to be
9 something you want in mid to late October. I'm
10 telling you here --

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we did a bid
12 process and we're receiving -- we're going --

13 MR. CORE: You can get the time if you
14 want it.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have a highest
16 bidder here, sir.

17 MR. CORE: You can have the time if you
18 want it.

19 Speaking about the higher bidder,
20 there's a lot of language in the contract with
21 regard to prevailing wage, New York State
22 prevailing wage. If the material is going to
23 Connecticut, right, how does that work and how does
24 that reconcile?

25 Your point about your garbage, we don't

1 have municipal solid waste landfills on Long
2 Island. Landfilled waste has to be shipped out of
3 state, but the processing of recycling does not.

4 What about the SEQR concerns, you're
5 changing a program, you're adding trucking. It's
6 more complicated than you may think.

7 You were under the gun and I gave you
8 your answer. You can have the time you need. All
9 you have to do is ask me, which I will equivocate
10 and give you the time you need on cancellation.

11 And, in fact, and I don't have a
12 relationship with Giove, and the Board should be
13 clear, I am not part of that recent Giove lawsuit.

14 I may be in the same position as him,
15 but I did not take part of the action to even
16 consider that action but I'm sure, and I don't have
17 a relationship with them, but I talked recently to
18 one of their financial people and I explained to
19 them the professional approach to the Town is to
20 give them time.

21 If the Town is going to vote this
22 contract and make a determination and cancel you,
23 your contract is over. Give them the time they
24 need, so they can properly investigate. And a
25 proper investigation is an interview of possibly

1 all three and see what everyone has to say, not
2 just one, but everyone.

3 A vote today, in my opinion --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Core?

5 MR. CORE: May I finish?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're way over
7 your time.

8 MR. CORE: And I appreciate the time
9 you gave me. A vote today is an award knowing that
10 you're exporting jobs. We're trying to get the
11 idea to bring jobs in. You're exporting Long
12 Island jobs.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There's quite a
14 bit of work on Long Island associated with this.

15 MR. CORE: I appreciate the time that
16 you've given me. I appreciate the time that you're
17 afforded my colleague last week and I'll bid you a
18 good day, sir.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right.

20 Thank you.

21 MR. CORE: Thank you. Thank you to the
22 Board.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please know that
24 this contract has one-year renewals so we'll have
25 an opportunity to see how they perform.

1 MR. CORE: In one year, with no
2 expectations, a plant may be built that does not
3 have capacity for you in all likelihood.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we'll know
5 that soon and that won't cost the taxpayers
6 anything. In the meanwhile, we did a bid process
7 and they're the highest bidder.

8 MR. CORE: Hopefully, your decisions
9 today have positive impacts -- and I wish you well
10 that they have positive impacts on the Town, but
11 the only way to have positive impacts on the Town
12 for the residents and the jobs and the companies is
13 to take the time.

14 My offer of reducing --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which we have.
16 Which we have.

17 MR. CORE: -- my cancellation and my
18 reaching out to Giove's financial people to do the
19 same, I think, Mr. Saladino, is a more prudent
20 move, but as you said, if you're satisfied with the
21 presentation on the record of everything that
22 Mr. Bergin and Mr. Lenz said last week, then that's
23 the information and the evidence that you are
24 solely relying on. You should look further.

25 Thank you.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Core, just
2 before you sit down, I have one question for you.

3 You said that you thought the Winters
4 Brothers bid was a great deal for the Town.

5 Do you still think that?

6 MR. CORE: Yeah, absolutely. And I
7 think that Mr. Macagnone in inquiring further about
8 the resolve of Winters Brothers with regard to --
9 because it is a year and three-month contract,
10 true, but it has extensions. You know, when you
11 talk about your commitment to a company, you have
12 no commitment at this moment to Winters Brothers.

13 There's no agreement with them and only
14 an agreement can be made when this Town Board votes
15 and a contract is entered into. You do have
16 commitments to Giove and you do have commitments to
17 Omni, but when you look at the time period and
18 there needed to be a lot of work before this ever
19 became public on bid, I think it is prudent for the
20 Town to investigate. You have to investigate the
21 people as well, the companies, and what their
22 service has been and what their resolve has been to
23 our community. No one can doubt my company's
24 resolve.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To alleviate your

1 concerns, we have done that. Both yourself and
2 your representative last week both said this is a
3 great deal.

4 MR. CORE: And your resolve is that you
5 are completely satisfied with what's done even
6 though you do have the opportunity --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have listened.

8 MR. CORE: -- to not lose a dollar but
9 to investigate further.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
11 Mr. Core.

12 MR. CORE: Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very
14 much.

15 MR. CORE: Thank you for your time.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It should be
17 pointed out for the record that we have fully
18 investigated this situation.

19 Winters Brothers Company is the highest
20 bidder. We have -- Town employees have had phone
21 calls to listen to everyone involved, including
22 Mr. Core, and we heard from his representative last
23 week as well.

24 To close, we have our Mr. Will Flower
25 of Bayville, resident of the Town of Oyster Bay.

1 MR. FLOWER: Mr. Supervisor, Members of
2 the Board, thank you very much.

3 My name is Will Flower from 16 East
4 Slope Road in Bayville, lifelong resident of the
5 Town of Oyster Bay.

6 It's no surprise to me that the current
7 contractors want to keep their lucrative deals.
8 Sadly, their actions are, in a word, self-serving.

9 They benefit no one except for
10 themselves. The current contractor, one of the
11 current contractors, rushed into court several
12 times in an attempt to preserve the deals that are
13 great for them, but not a good deal for the
14 residents of Oyster Bay.

15 The Winters Brothers deal is a great
16 deal for the environment due to more recycling and
17 also an excellent deal for the taxpayers in the
18 Town of Oyster Bay.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me,
20 Mr. Flower.

21 MR. FLOWER: Yes?

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You work for
23 Winters Brothers, don't you?

24 MR. FLOWER: That is correct.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. FLOWER: Also a great deal for the
3 taxpayers in the Town of Oyster Bay due to the
4 significant financial benefits.

5 And I do want to point out that I have
6 34 years of experience in the waste industry
7 working across the United States and working also
8 with single stream programs throughout the entire
9 nation.

10 Here are the facts. The Town of Oyster
11 Bay made a very wise decision to upgrade its
12 recycling service for residents. The new program
13 is called single stream recycling and single stream
14 recycling is not new. As a matter of fact, Newsday
15 itself published an editorial on December 20, 2014
16 entitled "How Long Island can do better at
17 recycling," written by the editorial board.

18 This specifically says that
19 municipalities should look at single stream
20 recycling. The program that you asked for was
21 competitively bid and there were three bidders that
22 submitted proposals.

23 Winters Brothers submitted the best
24 proposal in response to the Town's request for bid.
25 The Winters Brothers proposal was significantly

1 better than any of the other proposals. The new
2 program represents a significant cost savings as
3 well as new revenue for the Town.

4 Instead of paying to get rid of
5 recyclables, which you're currently doing, the Town
6 will receive money for every ton that is recycled.
7 Winters Brothers already serves the Town. You know
8 us. We operate the Town -- one of the Town's
9 largest service contracts which is DPW99-099, which
10 is for the management of solid waste.

11 We have a proven record of performance
12 with you. Winters Brothers is the largest recycler
13 on Long Island and in Connecticut. We will utilize
14 our state of the art recycling center located
15 here -- located in Shelton, Connecticut to process
16 the Town's recyclables.

17 This facility is a perfect match for
18 the Town of Oyster Bay. It's the most advanced
19 single stream processing plant on the East Coast.
20 We have and we will continue to improve the
21 technology at our recycling center to effectively
22 manage your recyclable material.

23 On top of that, the Town is protected
24 with a performance bond. If we don't perform,
25 Winters Brothers is required to post a \$125,000

1 performance bond once the contract is signed.

2 Winters Brothers has a great amount of experience
3 with single stream recycling and we provided the
4 best bid to the Town.

5 The bottom line is that Winters
6 Brothers has a history of providing municipalities
7 with viable and affordable alternatives for the
8 management of solid waste and recyclables and the
9 Town should act in the best interest of the
10 residents and award the bid to us.

11 With that said, I just want to clarify
12 also that the recyclables that are processed
13 currently all go off of Long Island. They're not
14 processed here. They go to Beacon, New York to be
15 processed which is where you're commingled goes and
16 I don't know where the paper goes, but it certainly
17 isn't processed here on Long Island.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Flower?

19 MR. FLOWER: Yes, sir.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Do you realize
21 that your performance bond for \$125,000 is roughly
22 five tons -- 5,000 tons of garbage. That's it? So
23 we're really not protected.

24 MR. FLOWER: You are protected. You
25 absolutely are protected, and that's why you asked

1 for it in the contract because it was well written
2 RF -- request for bid.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If it was a few
4 million dollars, I'd feel a bit protected.

5 MR. FLOWER: Well, there are millions
6 of dollars when it comes to the municipal solid
7 waste. This is --

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: But \$125,000 for
9 this is not really protecting us if something falls
10 apart.

11 MR. FLOWER: Well, if you want to ask
12 for more, you can ask for more in a bid document,
13 but this is what you asked for. I think this is
14 very significant.

15 On top of that, look at our record,
16 right, right now, you are paying for recyclables.

17 You understand that?

18 You're paying \$7.00 and change for
19 every ton that you recycle. You're paying money
20 for a commodity. They want to continue for you to
21 pay them. Doesn't make any sense when we're
22 offering to pay you.

23 Do what's right for the taxpayers. Do
24 what's right for the environment.

25 Commissioner Bergin has actually pushed

1 single stream recycling for years and years. It's
2 a good deal and it's a deal whose time has come and
3 it should come to the Town of Oyster Bay now.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, one question
5 from me.

6 You have -- do you have Town of Oyster
7 Bay employees -- rather, Town of Oyster Bay
8 residents in your employment now?

9 MR. FLOWER: We do.

10 First of all, we are a Long Island
11 based company. We were started in Nassau County in
12 this City of Glen Cove back in the 1950s, so our
13 headquarters right now are right here.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If you get this
15 contract, will you be in need of hiring more
16 people?

17 MR. FLOWER: We do. We need to hire
18 drivers.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will you hire
20 Town of Oyster Bay residents as -- would you look
21 to make a priority of hiring Town of Oyster Bay
22 residents?

23 MR. FLOWER: We always do that. We
24 have facilities in Nassau County. We have -- we
25 operate your facility for you in Bethpage and

1 employ local residents to do that and we will
2 continue to make an effort to employ local
3 residents.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Flower, I have
6 a question.

7 Do your employees get paid New York
8 State prevailing wage?

9 MR. FLOWER: They do.

10 I should qualify that, in facilities
11 like the Town of Oyster Bay facility where it is
12 required. At some of our other facilities, they do
13 not, which are transfer stations that are not on
14 publicly served properties.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any other
16 questions?

17 MR. RIPP: I have a question for the
18 Winters Brothers rep. which is germane to the --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, sir.

20 MR. RIPP: -- situation if you'll
21 accept it. It's a serious question germane to the
22 issue if you'll accept it.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If there are no
24 other questions from the Board.

25 MR. MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I just

1 want to make a comment or make an amendment on the
2 Resolution.

3 Since we delayed the vote for about a
4 week, I want to amend the Resolution so that the
5 new contract becomes effective October 23, 2017, a
6 week later.

7 MR. RIPP: I'd ask again the question
8 of Winters Brothers rep., please.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May we have a
10 second to that motion?

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
13 please signify by saying Aye.

14 ALL: "Aye."

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
16 "Nay."

17 (No verbal response given.)

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
19 it.

20 So may we have a motion on the issue at
21 hand?

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor, may I have
23 a motion to adopt Resolution No. 520?

24 Resolution No. 520-2017; Resolution
25 authorizing the award of Contract No. SE 002-17,

1 Single Stream Recycling of Commingled Glass,
2 Ferrous and Non-Ferrous Metal, Plastic Containers,
3 Cardboard and Mixed Paper. Bids received July 31,
4 2017. (M.D. 8/1/17 #21 & 8/8/17 #7).

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

7 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by
8 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
9 Macagnone.

10 On the vote:

11 Supervisor Saladino?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

15 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Based on the
17 bids received, "Aye."

18 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
19 absent.

20 Councilwoman Johnson?

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye."

24 I think this is going to be a big step
25 forward for the Town. It's going to allow us to

1 make money on our recyclables while protecting the
2 environment.

3 It's a win/win, so I vote "Aye."

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor, motion to
7 adopt Resolution No. 520 passes with six "Ayes."

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

9 May a have a motion to close the
10 meeting and move to the Special Meeting of
11 August 22nd?

12 MR. MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I make a
13 motion to close the meeting and move to the Special
14 Meeting that was asked by you and advertised on
15 August 17th public notice.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,
18 signify by saying aye.

19 ALL: "Aye."

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All opposed,
21 "Nay."

22 (No verbal response given.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
24 it.

25 (TIME NOTED: 10:57 A.M.)

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SPECIAL MEETING
AUGUST 22, 2017
10:58 A.M.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

RAYMOND SPAGNUOLO
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

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COUNCILMAN JOSEPH D. MUSCARELLA
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
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COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA

A L S O P R E S E N T:

RAYMOND SPAGNUOLO, DEPUTY TOWN CLERK
JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA
Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor, may I have
2 a motion to suspend the rules and add Resolution
3 Numbers 528 and 529?

4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by
7 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
8 Macagnone.

9 On the vote:
10 Supervisor Saladino?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

12 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

13 MR. MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

14 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "No" on 528.

16 "Aye" on 529.

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
18 absent.

19 Councilwoman Johnson?

20 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

21 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

24 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

25 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion passes with --

1 MR. FREIER: No speaker?

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's just to
3 bring it on the table.

4 MR. MUSCARELLA: Just to bring it on
5 the table.

6 MR. FREIER: Oh, thanks. Thank you.

7 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion passes, six
8 "Ayes" for 529.

9 Resolution 528, five "Ayes," one "Nay."
10 May I have a motion to adopt Resolution
11 Nos. 528, 529?

12 On the motion?

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

15 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion is made by
16 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
17 Macagnone.

18 On the vote:

19 Supervisor Saladino?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have some
21 speakers for this.

22 Mr. Freier?

23 MR. FREIER: Robert Freier, 33 Chestnut
24 Lane, Woodbury, New York.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Freier, I ask

1 you to keep your comments specifically to this
2 Resolution at hand.

3 MR. FREIER: These resolutions at hand?

4 MR. MUSCARELLA: Yeah.

5 MR. FREIER: Okay.

6 So I will continue then with what I was
7 not able to get out before.

8 With no notice and, I believe, no
9 notice to this Board until yesterday, less than 24
10 hours notice and after an exhaustive search for a
11 Town Comptroller, you decided to put this on the
12 agenda today during one of the busiest vacation
13 weeks of the year when you know you wouldn't have a
14 complete Board to vote.

15 After an exhaustive search, it turns
16 out the person you were looking to hire for all
17 this time is Greg Carman's next door neighbor.
18 What a stroke of luck. How many resumes did this
19 Board review before hiring a Comptroller or start
20 picking a Comptroller? Did anyone on this Board
21 interview prospective candidates? I'd like to know
22 what was the interview process.

23 Secondly, the Resolution regarding
24 Engle Street.

25 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: (Inaudible.)

1 MR. FREIER: So have you tabled that
2 Resolution?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: No. It's not been
4 called yet.

5 MR. MUSCARELLA: They didn't call it.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We didn't call
7 it. This is the Engle Street appraisal.

8 MR. FREIER: The Resolution regarding
9 Engle Street --

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: 528 and 529.

11 MR. FREIER: This property was a
12 significant part of why so many people were
13 indicted just over a month ago including the
14 current --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No, this process
16 was not --

17 MR. FREIER: This particular --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- the property
19 may have been but this is the process.

20 MR. FREIER: Okay. But I just said
21 this Resolution regarding the property, okay?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The process that
23 we're doing now is not the reason anyone -- and I
24 see you rolling your eyes and accusing people of
25 being unprofessional, this is a --

1 MR. FREIER: Yeah.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- process to
3 sell property to bring revenue for our taxpayers.

4 You may be against bringing revenue to
5 the taxpayers of the Town of Oyster Bay, that may
6 be your ideology, but our ideology is to --

7 MR. FREIER: Did I ever say that
8 Mr. Appointed Supervisor?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- honestly --
10 yes.

11 MR. FREIER: I said it?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

13 MR. FREIER: Can you tell me, where did
14 I say it?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our ideology --

16 MR. FREIER: Where did I say it?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm not going to
18 get into.

19 MR. FREIER: Well, no, you said I said
20 it.

21 Where and when did I say it?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm not going to
23 get into a back and forth.

24 MR. FREIER: Before you start ask --
25 issuing lies which you commonly do --

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Freier.

2 Mr. Freier, no one has a cottage industry on
3 untruths like you, sir.

4 MR. FREIER: You lie every day.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Like you, sir.

6 No.

7 MR. FREIER: Every single day.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

9 MR. FREIER: Every single day with your
10 daily press conference promoting yourself.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely not.

12 MR. FREIER: You are probably the most
13 narcissistic, self-promoting politician --

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is this really
15 where you're going with this?

16 MR. FREIER: -- I've ever seen.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is this really --

18 MR. FREIER: For not letting me read my
19 statement.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is a
21 childish --

22 MR. FREIER: You're saying lies that I
23 said.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- childish name
25 calling.

1 MR. FREIER: Subterfuge again, right?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Childish name
3 calling, Mr. Freier, is not going to --

4 MR. FREIER: Do you know the definition
5 of the word?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- help you.

7 MR. FREIER: Can I finish now?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The point is,
9 there is nothing illegal about this process. And I
10 know you're grandstanding today --

11 MR. FREIER: No. You're grandstanding
12 right now.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's quite the
14 opposite.

15 MR. FREIER: No. You are.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're not going
17 to call this an illegal process because it's not.
18 This is a --

19 MR. FREIER: Can I finish?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- process to
21 sell a piece of property to enhance revenue to the
22 taxpayers.

23 MR. FREIER: I've never said I'm
24 against enhancing revenue to the taxpayers despite
25 your lie --

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's the
2 impression that you give.

3 MR. FREIER -- that I've said. Oh, now
4 it's an impression. Before -- just now, you said
5 it was -- I've said it, so what is it,
6 Mr. Appointed Supervisor? Is it something I've
7 said or is it an impression?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, your track
9 record of untruths --

10 MR. FREIER -- your remarks.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- has been very
12 poor.

13 MR. FREIER: Please. You should not
14 talk about one who does not -- who speaks the truth
15 because you rarely speak the truth, sir.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I've been very
17 honest. The residents --

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Can you please --

19 MR. FREIER: Can I finish now without
20 interruption?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes. Continue.

22 MR. FREIER: You added a Resolution
23 today regarding the property at Engle Street.

24 This property was a significant part of
25 why so many people were indicted just over a month

1 ago including a current Town employee and the
2 former supervisor, John Venditto, who you
3 previously ran operations for.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Freier, we
5 are trying to get an appraisal for a piece of
6 property.

7 You're trying --

8 MR. FREIER: Why was this pushed on the
9 agenda for today? Why couldn't you have it at the
10 next meeting?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- to get an
12 appraisal --

13 MR. FREIER: Why couldn't you have it
14 at the next meeting.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm answering
16 your question. We are putting this on the agenda
17 to get an appraisal for a piece of property --

18 MR. FREIER: I'm aware of what it is.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, your
20 comments make it --

21 MR. FREIER: I have all the
22 documentation.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- make it seem
24 like you're lost in the woods.

25 MR. FREIER: No. You're lost in the

1 woods, sir.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're
3 grandstanding politically.

4 MR. FREIER: Okay.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Either you're for
6 our getting an appraisal for this property or
7 you're not.

8 MR. FREIER: I am.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are you for --
10 because I'm not clear.

11 MR. FREIER: Why couldn't this agenda
12 item be brought up at a regularly scheduled Board
13 meeting?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's an appraisal
15 for a piece of property.

16 MR. FREIER: Today's meeting was
17 supposed to be -- for the single stream recycling.
18 Why are you suddenly adding these
19 additional Resolutions?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To get an
21 appraisal. I'm answering your question. To get an
22 appraisal for a piece of property.

23 MR. FREIER: So why couldn't that be
24 with proper notice to the residents, proper notice
25 to the Board?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do you have
2 anything else for us because --

3 MR. FREIER: Why couldn't that be at a
4 regularly scheduled meeting?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're against
6 getting an appraisal. I understand that.
7 You're --

8 MR. FREIER: No. Again, you're lying
9 once again, sir. I'm asking you a question.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're coming up
11 to --

12 MR. FREIER: You're lying once again.
13 I said why --

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Freier.

15 MR. FREIER: -- couldn't you do this at
16 a regularly scheduled meeting?

17 Answer that question.

18 MR. MUSCARELLA: Mr. Freier, the
19 meeting was properly advertised, okay? It's a
20 special meeting.

21 Supervisor can call --

22 MR. FREIER: Special meeting to
23 continue.

24 MR. MUSCARELLA: At any time, he can
25 call a Special Meeting.

1 MR. FREIER: When did you --

2 MR. MUSCARELLA: He can call a Special
3 Meeting --

4 MR. FREIER: Councilman Muscarella,
5 when were you made aware of these additions to the
6 Resolution?

7 MR. MUSCARELLA: We're moving forward
8 on business of the Town.

9 MR. FREIER: When were you made aware
10 to this addition of the Resolution?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are continuing
12 to take care of the business of the Town.

13 MR. MUSCARELLA: We do what's best for
14 the taxpayers.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is to get an
16 appraisal. So if you're coming up to fight that,
17 that means you're against an appraisal.

18 MR. FREIER: Okay.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we're clear on
20 that?

21 MR. FREIER: All right.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we're also
23 clear that your time is up.

24 MR. FREIER: Have a great day.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp.

1 On an appraisal for the piece of
2 property on Engle Street.

3 MR. MUSCARELLA: And maybe a Bluefish
4 Tournament.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the Bluefish
6 Tournament, yes.

7 MR. RIPP: Hi.

8 My name is Robert Ripp, 77 Sunset Road,
9 Massapequa, New York 11758.

10 I'm a little confused why the Board is
11 voting on these Resolutions today. It's very
12 confusing. You apparently called a Special Meeting
13 but yet you only added these Resolutions and draft
14 material this morning. That kind of the confuses
15 me.

16 It makes me think you might have called
17 the meeting for something else. I'd also -- I
18 don't understand why you're voting on this when you
19 got an interoffice memo from Councilwoman Alesia
20 that specifically asked you not to add --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's incorrect,
22 sir.

23 MR. RIPP: Please don't interrupt me.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: She has not asked
25 us not to get an appraisal --

1 MR. RIPP: Why don't we clarify and
2 I'll read it.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- for this piece
4 of property.

5 MR. RIPP: With the appointment of
6 Supervisor Saladino, I accept it at face value, his
7 commitment to transparency and open government.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which we're
9 doing.

10 MR. RIPP: I have been working on
11 accomplishing this for years and for example, have
12 put pressure on the previous administration to
13 implement the Live Stream of the Town Board
14 meetings to publish more of the backup items on
15 Resolutions prior to the meetings and to revamp our
16 Ethics Codes.

17 These were accomplishments of which I
18 remain proud and was enthusiastic about your
19 administration's commitment to making government
20 more accessible to the residents. Instead of
21 moving forward, I now feel that we are moving in
22 the wrong direction.

23 This meeting has been scheduled for
24 Tuesday, August 22, 2017, which is not a regularly
25 scheduled meeting of the Town Board, should be

1 properly limited to the sole item left on the
2 agenda from last week's meeting and not be used to
3 bootstrap on additional items.

4 Particularly, adding a Resolution for
5 the purposes of a appointing your next door
6 neighbor as Comptroller --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which is -- this
8 is not -- which you're not speaking on that.

9 MR. RIPP: -- when you are fully aware
10 I'm unable to attend, it's unacceptable.

11 It's not enough just to talk the talk
12 about transparency. I ask that you discuss this
13 with Supervisor Saladino and I find it very strange
14 that he would direct you to undertake this action
15 in direct contradiction of his stated policies of
16 having open and transparent meetings with resident
17 input.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me,
19 Mr. Ripp.

20 Are you for the appraisal or against
21 the appraisal?

22 MR. RIPP: -- specific Comptroller
23 candidate and there is no doubt he is well
24 qualified --

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is not about

1 the Comptroller.

2 Once again, you're out of order.

3 MR. RIPP: I have the following
4 question, who else was interviewed, what process
5 was used in order to --

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Once again,
7 you're making political statements.

8 MR. RIPP: Was there a proper search
9 done? Was there any advertising done? These are
10 all valid questions.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- (inaudible)
12 this issue.

13 MR. RIPP: Mr. Saladino, this is not
14 about who or may or when or what --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are you for the
16 appraisal or against the appraisal, Mr. Ripp?

17 MR. RIPP: -- who you might hire to be
18 the Comptroller. This is about --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp.

20 MR. RIPP: -- a Councilwoman asking the
21 Board not to add additional items to the agenda and
22 you're ignoring it. That's the truth.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: He's -- okay.

24 You've spoken on that already so then
25 you don't have to come up a second time. That's

1 great. That's fine.

2 MR. RIPP: I can up as many times as
3 I'm allowed --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Actually, you've
5 already spoken on the Comptroller issue.

6 MR. RIPP: -- and quite frankly, if you
7 knew about this on August 18th as is disclosed in
8 the Councilwoman's correspondence, inter-office
9 memo, then you are violating the open meetings law
10 because you haven't disclosed anything about --

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are you for the
12 appraisal or against the appraisal?

13 MR. RIPP: -- you will continue the way
14 you will and maybe you'll violate the open meeting
15 law again, which, by the way, I hope everybody
16 knows, you've appealed the Court's decision to
17 attend remedial training. You're not going to
18 remedial open law training. You're fighting
19 against it.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp.

21 MR. RIPP: Now, as far as the
22 Resolution --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp.

24 Are you going to speak on these
25 Resolutions?

1 MR. RIPP: I am forced -- if you allow
2 me to speak so without interrupting me.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, you're
4 ranting and we really don't know where you're
5 coming from.

6 MR. RIPP: I posed to Mr. Macagnone a
7 number of weeks ago that we could possiblly use the
8 Engle Street property to solve some of the parking
9 in the Hicksville parking garage.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, you did.

11 MR. RIPP: So, I don't have an issue
12 with you seeking an appraisal to sell the property.
13 As a matter of fact, there are a number of other
14 properties I think we should be selling like the
15 Littauer Estate. But please take into
16 consideration, I don't think it would be -- I think
17 it would probably be cost effective. I don't think
18 it would cost that much.

19 I'm not an expert, but if we were to
20 put some sort of blacktop in that lot, even just
21 temporary, and even run a shell service, maybe, it
22 would really help out with the parking condition
23 with the Hicksville Train Station.

24 You know, I tried to raise the issue
25 but you walked out on me when I tried to speak to

1 you about it, Mr. Saldino, so I'll bring it to your
2 attention again and it's my professional opinion,
3 my personal opinion, that if, you know, if a
4 council person's asked you not to add Resolutions,
5 I think should take it into consideration.

6 And thank you very much.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Ripp, you're
8 idea about parking is not really a bad idea with
9 the work that's going to be coming to -- with the
10 third track and the new parking structure on the
11 property in Hicksville. That might be an
12 alternative we should look at.

13 MR. RIPP: Thank you, Mr. Macagnone.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Matt, would you
15 please join us at the podium, Matt Rozea, just to
16 clarify because these dust-ups create confusion for
17 the residents which is really a shame, all the
18 politics?

19 But let's clear the air so that we can
20 get to what these are. Just please rephrase these
21 Resolutions so the public understands exactly what
22 we're voting on.

23 MR. ROZEA: Certainly.

24 Although there will be a separate
25 motion to add all of the Resolutions that are on

1 the calendar so that -- before the Board. There's
2 a Resolution to seek an appraisal of the 50 Engle
3 Street property. That really gets the ball rolling
4 so that we can consider options to sell the
5 property and generate revenue for the Town, at
6 least on that one sale.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Why aren't we
8 doing an RFP then?

9 MR. ROZEA: We're not at the point yet.
10 We need to know what the value would be. That will
11 be a decision that comes down the line, is it an
12 RFP or is it a competitive bid.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

14 MR. ROZEA: We have a Bluefish -- I
15 believe there's a Bluefish Tournament and Marine
16 Expo Resolution that's --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Waterfront Fest
18 we're calling it.

19 MR. ROZEA: Yes, right. All right.

20 I suppose that's an educational type
21 event for the benefit of Town residents as to our
22 marine resources and environmental concerns and
23 conservation activities.

24 There is a Personnel Resolution that
25 will come before the Board. That's for the

1 Comptroller's position which, I think we all agree,
2 is needed in this Town so that we can have a full
3 time professional accountant in place.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's not on
5 the calendar today.

6 MR. ROZEA: It will be coming. There's
7 going to be a motion coming.

8 MR. RIPP: Open meetings law. You
9 can't just add it now.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Rozea, were
11 these things properly noticed in accordance with
12 open meeting law?

13 MR. ROZEA: This entire special meeting
14 was properly noticed with the open meetings law.
15 It's a special meeting. It's not a regularly
16 scheduled meeting, and the Supervisor requested the
17 meeting, and Public Notice was given to the media,
18 it was posted on the Town's website, and
19 additionally, it was posted on the Town's bulletin
20 board, all in accord with the provisions of the
21 open meetings law.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any other
23 questions for Mr. Rozea?

24 (No verbal response given.)

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, sir.

1 MR. ROZEA: You're very welcome.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

3 Go ahead. Please proceed.

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor, I'm going
5 to add from the tabled, Resolution 507.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do we have
7 correspondence on any of these?

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Why don't we
9 vote on the ones we're debating?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Why don't we do
11 these two and then we'll untable that and add it.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yeah, that's a
13 very wise decision.

14 MR. ROZEA: Before we do that, the
15 Personnel Resolution is on the calendar so the
16 suspend items are now on the calendar if you could
17 take those three.

18 If you want to approach 507 separately,
19 you could do that as well.

20 MR. RIPP: That's on the record, right?
21 You're on the record saying that?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can we have some
23 order here, please?

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor, may I have
25 a motion to adopt Resolutions P-20-17, PA-14-17,

1 528-2017, 529-2017?

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me a
4 second.

5 What is PA-14-17? I don't have that.

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO: These are Resolutions
7 pertaining to the personnel of various departments
8 within the Town of Oyster Bay.

9 MR. RIPP: Subterfuge.

10 MR. SPAGNUOLO: I'm calling for a
11 motion to adopt PA-20-17. Okay. I'd like to make
12 a motion to adopt PA-14-17.

13 MR. RIPP: He can't make a motion.
14 That's against the law. He's the Clerk.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have some
16 quiet, please?

17 MR. RIPP: Well, learn how to run the
18 meeting.

19 MR. ROZEA: Mr. Ripp, he's asking for a
20 motion.

21 MR. RIPP: He just said I'd like to
22 make a motion.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ripp, you're
24 going to have to control yourself. I know it's
25 difficult, but I ask you to please control yourself

1 in this public forum.

2 MR. SPAGNUOLO: I'd like to call for
3 Resolution P-20-17, PA-14-17, 528-2017, 529-2017.

4 For a vote?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second, but I
7 still don't have PA-14. I don't see it here.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Would you like to
9 borrow mine?

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have the
11 Supervisor's copy.

12 Thank you.

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by
14 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman
15 Macagnone.

16 On the vote:

17 Supervisor Saladino?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

19 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

21 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye" on

23 P-20-17.

24 I have to stick with Councilwoman
25 Alesia. This should not come up today on PA-14-17.

1 I vote no. I think it's a shame that we are voting
2 on this.

3 No on Resolution 528.

4 "Aye" on Resolution 529.

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
6 absent.

7 Councilwoman Johnson?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

9 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye" as
11 well.

12 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

13 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

14 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion passes with six
15 "Ayes" on P-20-17, PA-14-17, 528, and 529.

16 Seven "Ayes" on P-20-17.

17 On the vote:

18 Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: What are we
24 voting on now, sir?

25 MR. SPAGNUOLO: P-20-17, PA-14-17 --

1 MR. ROZEA: The last motion was to add
2 it to the calendar so everything that's in front of
3 you with the exception of --

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO -- 528 and 529.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Once again,
7 "Aye" on P-20.

8 "No" on PA-14.

9 "No" on 528.

10 "Aye" on 529.

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Okay.

12 Councilwoman Johnson?

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

14 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye."

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

17 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

18 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion passes with six
19 "Ayes" on PA-14-17, P-20-17, 528, 529.

20 Seven "Ayes" -- I'm sorry -- Seven
21 "Ayes" on 20-17.

22 MR. MUSCARELLA: That's incorrect.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Six "Ayes." I'm sorry.

25 Five "Ayes" on PA-14-17, one "Nay."

1 Five "Ayes" on 528, one "Nay."

2 Six "Ayes" on 519.

3 MR. MUSCARELLA: Correct.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

5 So motion carries.

6 I'd like to spend a moment speaking
7 about Steven Ballas. All levels of government need
8 a healthy balance of individuals with private
9 sector experience and those with public sector
10 experience. I have sought to balance this
11 administration and have hired people from the
12 private sector as well as from the public sector to
13 create this balance.

14 Today, we have considered an individual
15 from the private sector for the very important
16 position of Town Comptroller, a position that,
17 quite frankly, the public is -- has asked us, even
18 people speaking today have asked us to fill. We
19 need a Comptroller who can provide more than just a
20 daily accounting of operations and oversight as
21 well as someone who will work with me and work with
22 our administration to ensure that we continue to
23 protect taxpayer's wallets and to deliver a no
24 property tax increase in the budget for 2018.

25 We require strong internal financial

1 controls with regard to both the budget and the
2 regulatory oversight and that includes monitoring
3 and controlling cash flow, developing and
4 strengthening financial policies and procedures,
5 enhancing our financial reporting systems,
6 overseeing payroll, internal controls, accounts
7 receivable, and accounts payable.

8 Completing audits and financial
9 compliance activities and monitoring our debt and
10 credit and accomplishing all this in a very
11 transparent manner. The accounting firm of AVZ
12 managed the search and conducted interviews and
13 assessments with 13 applicants, including the
14 candidate that we consider today. This took place
15 back in June and AVZ interviewed this candidate and
16 found them to have the experience to do this job.

17 The candidate does have vast experience
18 making him highly qualified for this position. He
19 has 35 years of experience in corporate accounting
20 and his background includes 17 years as a CFO of
21 Scott Cable Communications, four years as a
22 Comptroller of Global Investment Finance at
23 Citigroup and prior experience at Citigroup which
24 includes accounting, forecasting and analysis.

25 Mr. Ballas is a Certified Public

1 Accountant and a political outsider. This
2 individual can bring this private sector experience
3 to Town government with a fresh new perspective for
4 the Town of Oyster Bay.

5 Additionally, we have the ability to
6 hire him at a pay rate that is \$27,000 less than
7 what the Town was paying the previous Comptroller.

8 Again, this is a savings for taxpayers
9 and a bargain, quite frankly, for the Town to bring
10 in a real accountant, a CPA with private sector
11 experience at a public sector salary.

12 Very appreciative to my Town Board
13 colleagues for recognizing this and getting someone
14 hired, at least for these next four months that we
15 can depend on that it's nonpolitical, that is
16 outside of the political process, and that has a
17 vast, a tremendously vast and wide scope of
18 experience.

19 Thank you.

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please proceed.

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: May I have a motion to
23 remove Resolution 507 from the table, which was
24 tabled on 8/15/2017?

25 On the motion?

1 MR. MUSCARELLA: So moved.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

6 On the vote:

7 Supervisor Saladino?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

9 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
14 absent.

15 Councilwoman Johnson?

16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

19 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

20 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

21 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion to remove
22 Resolution No. 507 from the table passes with six
23 "Ayes."

24 May I have motion to adopt Resolution
25 No. 507?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

6 Speakers?

7 MR. RIPP: How can you not have
8 speakers?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are going
10 start off by asking Commissioner Lenz to step
11 forward, please.

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Hello.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Hi.

14 How are you, Commissioner?

15 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Very good.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you speak to
17 us about this Resolution?

18 COMMISSIONER LENZ: About 507, yes.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Correct.

20 COMMISSIONER LENZ: What it is I had
21 been talking to you previously about using Hirani
22 and FTC for the garage structural. There also
23 have -- we were also investigating and found that
24 there's other issues in the garage. One of them
25 being the HVAC system, there is none in the

1 stairwells, so what's happening is it's more or
2 less dead air in there, meaning that the only time
3 it gets fresh air is when the doors are opened and
4 closed, so I want to change that.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: The heat, the
6 humidity is condensation is causing more problems?

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly right, with
8 a lot of dew coming in. Yes, that's exactly what it
9 is.

10 Also the carbon monoxide -- well, first
11 of all, let me back up. The electric, all the
12 electric in the facility to make it look nice, you
13 know, when you're looking up, is all in the
14 concrete.

15 So now that the concrete is cracking,
16 some of my electrical lines are cracking, and
17 therefore, I'm losing lights, I'm losing carbon
18 monoxide detections, but they're being repaired, so
19 I don't want anybody to think that they're not, but
20 what I'm saying is, I want to have a proper system
21 once we get finished with the garage, so you'll
22 have --

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You basically
24 want to have a raceway running along the route?

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. Like you

1 would normally do in most facilities of this
2 nature.

3 Also, we -- out fire protection, we are
4 really looking at the fire protection. What
5 happens is just like your fire detector in your
6 house, it has to be -- the batteries have to be
7 replaced and stuff like that. What's happening
8 with the fire protection is there's a dryer system
9 that goes in to make sure that it's reading
10 properly.

11 That gets, again, too moist, like the
12 Councilman said. So that's going to be replaced.
13 So this is to have Lizardos do all the design
14 documents bid it -- for a bid, so that would be the
15 drawings and the specifications and they're going
16 to give us AutoCad documents and this will run
17 concurrently with what we're having Hirani do so
18 we'll put it out to one bid for the whole contract.

19 And the schedule that we're looking to
20 do is -- around October, we were looking to bid
21 this -- these documents in around October. Now,
22 the reason why we want to do that is -- well, first
23 of all, I'm just getting approval now for Lizardos
24 to do the design so that's going to take about a
25 month to do or two. What to -- go ahead. I'm

1 sorry.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Commissioner, my
3 concern and one of the reasons I voted to take this
4 off the table because I know time is of the
5 essence.

6 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because once we
8 get to November, in October, we get below 50
9 degrees and any time you deal with concrete below
10 50 degrees, as we all know, we have problems.

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So if we wait
13 that long, we might not be good.

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: I understand.

15 So we're going to -- I should say,
16 we're looking to bid as soon as possible, the end
17 of September.

18 As I say, because I'm just getting the
19 approval now, if the Council, all the Council
20 people so approve this. So -- and then we'll turn
21 everything around as soon as we possibly can.

22 Any other questions or anything?

23 (No verbal response given.)

24 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Okay.

25 Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 Do we have any of the -- okay. Are
3 there any speakers on this?

4 Mr. Freier?

5 MR. FREIER: Robert Freier, 33 Chestnut
6 Lane, Woodbury, New York.

7 Just one simple question from the
8 tabled Resolution from last week.

9 Is this in the budget?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Lenz?

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Freier?

15 MR. FREIER: No.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sorry.

17 Mr. Ripp?

18 MR. RIPP: Hello again.

19 My name is Robert Ripp, 77 Sunset Road,
20 Massapequa, New York.

21 I'm a little confused because you have
22 a lot of walk-ons that I'm not really sure what's
23 going on. I just want to make sure I have this
24 straight in my head. You just hired a new
25 Comptroller under P-20-17 or PA-14-17, is that what

1 was done?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: 14.

3 Did have you any comments or anything
4 on that?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

6 MR. RIPP: Or did you have any speakers
7 on that?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You were one of
9 those people. I heard you made comments about
10 that.

11 MR. RIPP: Not under P-14 because
12 there's no information on it.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You made comments
14 about the Comptroller in this meeting.

15 MR. RIPP: I'll ask you one thing,
16 Mr. Saladino, do you think that you're really open,
17 honest, and transparent in hiring this new
18 Comptroller?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. And we've
20 proved it over and over again.

21 We proved it through the process of the
22 way in which we hired the concessionaires, we have
23 proof --

24 MR. RIPP: It has nothing to do with
25 hiring this gentleman.

1 Thank you for your answer.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You asked me --

3 MR. RIPP: In regards to 507 --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,

5 Mr. Ripp.

6 MR. RIPP: I have some time here.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,

8 Mr. Ripp.

9 MR. RIPP: In regards to 507, I would
10 like to know how Sidney Bowne, Frank Antetomaso
11 stood here and told us all about six months ago
12 that there was nothing wrong with the Hicksville
13 garage except for routine maintenance.

14 I objected to the Town Board approving
15 final payment and the \$300,000 contract they have.

16 Hirani --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That couldn't
18 have been six months ago.

19 MR. RIPP: Excuse me, sir. Hirani has
20 been involved --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's not true.

22 MR. RIPP: -- in the Hicksville garage
23 since its inception.

24 I'd like to know if we're now --
25 because Mr. Antetomaso has been indicted and I

1 understand we're supposed to be trying to recover
2 damages on the garage.

3 Are we going to try to recoup --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Through a
5 lawsuit, sir.

6 MR. RIPP: Are we going to try to
7 recoup the consultant fees that Mr. Antetomaso and
8 Sidney Bowne were paid when they guaranteed us that
9 there was nothing wrong with this garage except
10 routine maintenance? Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any
12 other speakers?

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Lenz, you
14 said this was in the budget.

15 If this is new work that we're just
16 putting out, how is it in the budget?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: What's happening is
18 when -- we're going to have to use some of the
19 Highway budget that we would for --

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Right now, it's
21 not in the budget?

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: -- reallocated. I
23 don't know where they are coming from, the peanut
24 gallery, but it is in the budget. It's not -- I
25 don't know -- the budgets are not -- should not --

1 I got to be honest, I haven't looked at it in a
2 while but it should not be line items, it's a
3 capital expenditure and there is capital money
4 available for this, yes.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER LENZ: And we will be
7 going after the consultant fees.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Let me ask you
9 something really important. Something that really
10 wasn't done.

11 Upkeep and maintenance, are we going to
12 start doing this now and keep a log of it and a
13 record of it?

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

15 We -- since I came on.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: This is prior to
17 you, please.

18 COMMISSIONER LENZ: I don't know. I
19 haven't really researched too much into the prior,
20 but I know since I have been here, we have been
21 doing upkeep and maintenance.

22 Matter of fact, we were there on Sunday
23 because of the -- so that we weren't bothering the
24 residents, and we caulked all the areas that we
25 possibly could. It took a full day to do that and

1 that was taken care of also.

2 And then, as I say, every time that
3 there's a light that goes down, we go repair it.
4 If there's CO2 --

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's repair.
6 What I'm talking about is upkeep.

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Maintenance.
9 Making sure that the blowers all work, everything
10 else.

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. Absolutely.
12 That's been taken care of, yes.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because I know
14 it wasn't done in the past and it could have been
15 the cause of some of our problems.

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. It has now.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: All right.

18 Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Matter of fact --

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I want to thank
21 you and commend you for that.

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you very
23 much.

24 I just want to answer one question.

25 Also, we have turned the blowers down

1 from what they originally were because they were on
2 full and we had to turn them down to a third and
3 they are still functioning the way they're supposed
4 to.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

6 Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner,
8 isn't it true you and I have had many conversations
9 as it relates to this garage?

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely. You
11 have been out to the site several times.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Right.

13 And as a result of those conversations,
14 you're doing daily inspections, daily?

15 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: At the garage?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And ensuring
19 that, at my direction, that we are doing everything
20 possible to properly maintain and get this fixed
21 and behind us?

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. Absolutely.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Now, the other
25 thing, just so everybody understands, too, the

1 reason we had Lizardos and also Hirani do an
2 initial investigation, after they completed their
3 initial investigation, then we have now asking them
4 to do the final design. So it just makes sense to
5 continue with the gentlemen -- the engineering
6 firms that you have already approved in the past.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: They're familiar
9 with this project already?

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,
12 Commissioner.

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO: No other speakers,
14 Supervisor.

15 On the vote:

16 Supervisor Saladino?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

18 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

20 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone?

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: To get this
22 resolved and completed properly, "Aye."

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Alesia is
24 absent.

25 Councilwoman Johnson?

1 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

2 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion to adopt

7 Resolution No. 507 passes with six "Ayes."

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

9 I'd like to make a statement that, this
10 is all about doing what we told the public we would
11 do when I took this office: Turn the Town around,
12 get the problems of the past fixed, and we are
13 continuing to move forward to do just that while
14 protecting our taxpayers.

15 It's interesting that some of the
16 people who complain that we weren't getting the
17 garage done properly, quick enough, are now
18 complaining as we put the steps in place to do just
19 that.

20 MR. RIPP: Who are those people?

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we will
22 continue to move forward and put the problems of
23 the Town of Oyster Bay --

24 MR. RIPP: Who are you speaking about?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- behind us by

1 fixing them in a way that is most responsible,
2 transparent, and takes into account full respect of
3 our taxpayers.

4 And I'd like to thank the members of
5 the Board, all the members of the Board for helping
6 us to do just that.

7 May I have a motion?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Sure.

9 Supervisor, I make a motion to close
10 the meeting.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

14 ALL: "Aye."

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All opposed,
16 "Nay."

17 (No verbal response given.)

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
19 it.

20 (TIME NOTED: 11:34 A.M.)

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