

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
ACTION CALENDAR
May 5, 2020
10:20 a.m.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

RICHARD LaMARCA
TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

SUPERVISOR JOSEPH S. SALADINO
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO
COUNCILMAN THOMAS P. HAND
COUNCILMAN STEVE L. LABRIOLA
COUNCILWOMAN LAURA L. MAIER
COUNCILWOMAN VICKI WALSH

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

RICHARD LaMARCA, TOWN CLERK
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

HOLLY DALOIA OSTEEN
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,
2 ladies and gentlemen.

3 Welcome to the Oyster Bay Town Board
4 meeting for Tuesday, May 5, 2020. We welcome you
5 all here virtually on the Internet as we continue
6 to socially distance due to the coronavirus
7 pandemic.

8 I'm joined here by our Oyster Bay Town
9 Clerk Rich LaMarca who is situated a safe distance
10 away and is continuing to handle all of his
11 responsibilities with these proceedings as well as
12 his responsibilities as Town Clerk.

13 Also, at a very safe distance, joined
14 by our Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato and,
15 obviously, our stenographer.

16 Thank you for being here with us today
17 as well.

18 The entire Town Board is all recorded
19 -- the Board meeting is all recorded for the
20 public's review.

21 We are also joined by the members of
22 the Oyster Bay Town Board by phone who are actively
23 participating in this meeting, meeting all the
24 requirements of the law so that we can continue
25 government for you, our residents.

1 Since our last meeting we received some
2 good news. Long Island has witnessed some of the
3 lowest COVID-19 statistics in weeks, thank God.

4 It is still a very difficult time. Our
5 hearts go out to all of the families who have
6 suffered by losing their loved ones to this disease
7 because of those who are sick and suffering and, of
8 course, all of our heroes on the front lines, our
9 medical personnel, our emergency responders, all
10 are tremendous heroes, our medical providers in
11 health care. We appreciate them very much.

12 We've made great progress. It's very
13 important that residents continue to adhere to
14 social distancing guidelines that have been issued
15 by the health professionals in all governments as
16 well as the State mandates to please wear your face
17 coverings at all times when you're outside.

18 We are close distance. I've worn this
19 to the meeting and taking it off for the meeting.
20 I'll put it back on as soon as the meeting -- it
21 goes on, my colleagues as well. This sends the
22 message, please let's protect everyone by wearing
23 your face coverings and staying in and observing
24 all of the rules.

25 So, before we get started with the work

1 of the day, I will ask our Town Clerk Rich LaMarca
2 to please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 All rise.

4 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
5 was recited and a moment of silence was held.)

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please remain
7 standing while we recognize that we are in a
8 difficult situation and that prayer is needed more
9 than ever before. God bless each and every one of
10 us.

11 Lord, please bring us the strength to
12 continue to do the right thing to lead this Town in
13 a proper way. Bring us the responsibility to
14 protect another one. Bring us the compassion to
15 realize what people are going through and put the
16 needs of others, especially health care workers,
17 front line people, those who are suffering from
18 this terrible disease and all others, put them
19 before our own needs. Remind us that we are in
20 this together and that our own needs come second to
21 working as a community to protect one another. God
22 bless those health care workers. God bless
23 everyone with the strength to continue on and know
24 that we have each other to lean on, to talk to, and
25 to be supportive of, continue to support each

1 other.

2 And God, please get us through this
3 pandemic safely. God bless all of those who have
4 passed. God bless all of the families. Please
5 give them strength as they deal with this terrible
6 tragedy. God bless each and every one of you and
7 thank you all for being very strong, respectful and
8 helpful during these difficult times. Amen.

9 Now, I'm going to ask for a moment of
10 silence as we recognize the work of the front line
11 health care workers, recognize the work of the
12 first responders, the EMTs, everyone in the fire
13 safety services and the emergency response
14 businesses, all of our front line essential
15 workers, everyone for all they're going through and
16 remember our veterans.

17 God bless each and every one of them.

18 God bless this great nation, the United
19 States of America.

20 (A moment of silence is observed.)

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

22 Please be seated.

23 Thank you to all the Board members for
24 joining us by telephone so we can continue with the
25 business of the Town of Oyster Bay.

1 Would Rich LaMarca please take
2 attendance?

3 MR. LaMARCA: Supervisor?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

5 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

6 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Present.

7 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

9 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

10 COUNCILMAN HAND: Present.

11 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

12 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Present.

13 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

14 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Present.

15 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

16 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Present.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we have all of
18 our Board members here?

19 MR. LaMARCA: Correct.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please also just
21 call on the Receiver of Taxes so we know he is here
22 as well for the record.

23 MR. LaMARCA: Jim Pravato?

24 MR. PRAVATO: Here.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before we get

1 started with the business of the day, I ask -- I
2 remind all Board members every time you speak,
3 please start off by saying your name so we know who
4 is speaking, the public knows who is speaking.

5 I'm going to hand the floor over to our
6 Receiver of Taxes Jeff Pravato who has some
7 announcements in terms of the collection of taxes
8 which is going on and will share with us a number
9 of ways we've changed things to protect the public
10 and our employees.

11 MR. PRAVATO: Thank you, Supervisor.

12 With the help of the Supervisor and our
13 other friends in the County and the Town of
14 Hempstead and other towns around Long Island, we
15 have gotten the Governor to extend the school --
16 the second half school tax to June 1st.

17 So, that will be without penalty to
18 June 1st. We're also working on the last couple of
19 days here, we're going to set up a walk-up window
20 here at Town Hall North and then again at Town Hall
21 South.

22 So, be prepared for an announcement of
23 that. We're just trying to get everything -- the
24 final things figured out with that and the
25 residents will be able to walk up outside, come up

1 to the outside window, you'll be able to pay by
2 check, money order or credit card. There will be
3 no cash accepted at the outside window.

4 Also, don't forget that you can pay by
5 eCheck online. It's only 75 cents. We negotiated
6 that rate down, but you can also pay by credit
7 card. The credit card company still charges the
8 rate that they do. They would not reduce their
9 fee.

10 You can still also mail it in. As
11 usual, our staff is there answering questions all
12 day, answering e-mails and taking the payments in
13 on mail. We've been getting a lot of calls. We
14 know the hardships that are out there for the
15 taxpayers, the residents and the businesses. We
16 are trying to help you in any which way we can,
17 that I can. So please, feel free to keep calling
18 the office 624-6400 or receiveroftaxes@
19 oysterbayny.gov. You can send an e-mail.

20 God bless, everybody. Be safe. Stay
21 healthy and, as the Supervisor said, keep social
22 distancing.

23 Thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Jeff
25 Pravato.

1 I have to thank you, but it also
2 reminds us about all of our Town employees. Town
3 employees have continued to do their jobs.

4 There's been no missing -- whether it's
5 garbage, Sanitation pickup, recycling, all of the
6 different functions you've continued to process in
7 the Tax office, the checks, you continue to process
8 and the Town Clerk's office and all our Board and
9 all the employees continue to work full throttle
10 for our residents, and we thank them all just like
11 we've been thanking our health care workers, doing
12 a phenomenal job and we're going to join with all
13 our Town residents tomorrow which is Wednesday,
14 May 6th. It is National Nurses Day and, frankly,
15 the week of May 6th through May 12th is National
16 Nurses Week and National Hospital Week.

17 Of course, these dates take on a
18 tremendous added meaning. We are all so grateful
19 for their work done in the hospitals. You know,
20 they've been compared to -- this has been compared
21 to a war. I will take it a step further, and we
22 have enormous respect for our Veterans, everything
23 they do for us, and we can only begin to understand
24 what they go through with the bullets coming at
25 them.

1 Think of the nurses and doctors and
2 health care workers in a war situation where it's
3 not on the front line. It's terrible. It's
4 tragic. All that goes on in that situation, but
5 they have less chance of dying.

6 Think about this situation. There is
7 no front line on this war. Every hospital, every
8 health care facility is a front line and every
9 health care worker who goes in to that facility,
10 risks their own safety and possibly death. Let's
11 keep them in our mind.

12 So, we're coming together to recognize
13 all that is going on and all that they are doing to
14 provide treatment, to thank them for their comfort
15 for the sick. To all that they do on a normal
16 basis of fostering health, bringing hope and
17 welcoming new life into the world.

18 Town of Oyster Bay will celebrate the
19 history, technology and dedicated professionals in
20 these vital health care facilities because they are
21 the beacons of confidence and care.

22 So, to honor them, we will be lighting
23 up Town Hall in blue, blue for our health care
24 workers, first responders. I'm wearing a blue tie.
25 We are going to remember what they are doing for

1 us.

2 This also started to be -- to coincide
3 with Florence Nightingale's birthday which is
4 May 12th and to honor her role in revitalizing
5 hospital care in the mid 1800s, the mid 19th
6 Century bringing hospitals and patient care into
7 the modern era.

8 So, we thank our hospital workers and
9 as I said, we will illuminating Town Hall with blue
10 light throughout the entire week that begins this
11 evening. We are proud to represent Oyster Bay's
12 300,000 residents in collectively expressing
13 gratitude for our hospital workers, our nurses, our
14 doctors, all of health care professionals, all the
15 emergency responders, EMT, EMS, all of them and we
16 ask everyone to keep them in your prayers.

17 We've now polled the Board and it is
18 time take on the regular Action Calendar of the day
19 for May 5, 2020.

20 Rich LaMarca, would you please begin?

21 MR. LaMARCA: Yes, Supervisor.

22 We have one Resolution to add to the
23 calendar.

24 May I have a motion to suspend the
25 rules and add Resolution No. 264-2020?

1 On the motion?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

4 MR. LaMARCA: A motion was made by
5 Councilwoman Johnson; seconded by Councilman
6 Imbroto.

7 On the vote:

8 Supervisor Saladino?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just before we
10 get started, without going into the details, just
11 explain what type of motion it is for the public
12 watching from home so they understand.

13 MR. LaMARCA: This is a motion
14 authorizing the Comptroller to make payment in
15 connection with the 2020 Fire Protection Agreement
16 with the East Norwich Volunteer Fire Company.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So, we already
18 have the mandate -- excuse me, was there a question
19 from a Board member before we take this vote?

20 (No one responded.)

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. So we have
22 a motion on the floor. It's been seconded.

23 All in favor please --

24 MR. LaMARCA: On the vote:

25 Supervisor Saldino?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

2 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

3 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

4 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

5 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

6 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

7 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

8 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

10 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

11 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: "Aye."

12 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

13 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: "Aye."

14 MR. LaMARCA: Motion to suspend the
15 rules and add Resolution No. 264-2020 passes with
16 seven "Ayes."

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Again, for the
18 public, there are many fire districts throughout
19 the Town, throughout Long Island and most of them
20 have a Board of Commissioners.

21 In the Town of Oyster Bay especially
22 the older districts who have been around for quite
23 sometime in lieu of a Board of Commissioners, an
24 elected body, they utilize the Town Board as their
25 elected body to run the finances to oversee the

1 finances and this is a payment to them that comes
2 only from that one taxing district just like every
3 other fire district throughout the Town. The only
4 difference is we control the oversight and the
5 representation so the public has a voice instead of
6 there being a Board of Commissioners there.

7 Please continue.

8 MR. LaMARCA: May I have a Motion to
9 adopt Resolution No. P-8-20 through 264-2020?

10 **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. P-8-20 and**
11 **PA-6-20;** Resolution pertaining to personnel of
12 various departments within the Town of Oyster Bay.

13 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS;** No transfer
14 activity.

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 259-2020;** Resolution
16 authorizing selection of the Local Workforce
17 Development Board's Professional and General
18 Liability Insurance for the period May 1, 2020
19 through May 1, 2021. Account Nos. IGA CD 6293
20 43000 000 CW18 and IGA CD 6293 43000 000 CW19.
21 (M.D. 4/21/20 #4 & 4/28/20 #8).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 260-2020;** Resolution
23 authorizing a one-year extension of Contract No.
24 PRE19-194, Requirements Contract for Parks
25 Electrical Services throughout the Town of Oyster

1 Bay, at the same terms, conditions and pricing,
2 commencing May 7, 2020. (M.D. 4/21/20 #9).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 261-2020;** Resolution
4 authorizing a third five-year term for Contract No.
5 DPW09-999, Transfer, Haul and Disposal of Solid
6 Wastes from the Town of Oyster Bay Solid Waste
7 Disposal District, with an initial three-year base
8 term through May 31, 2024. (M.D. 4/21/20 #11).

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 262-2020;** Resolution
10 authorizing entrance into the bid and construction
11 phases for Contract No. DP17-151, Restoration and
12 Improvements to Alhambra Park, Massapequa as Part
13 of the N.Y. Rising Community Reconstruction
14 Program. (M.D. 4/21/20 #12).

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 263-2020;** Resolution
16 authorizing an amendment to the Site Access
17 Agreement to allow for the installation of
18 conveyance piping on Seaman Avenue, Bethpage, as
19 part of the RW-21 groundwater hotspot remediation
20 program. (M.D. 4/21/20 #13).

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 264-2020;** Resolution
22 authorizing the Comptroller to make payment in
23 connection with the 2020 Fire Protection Agreement
24 with the East Norwich Volunteer Fire Company No. 1.
25 Account No. TWN SF12 3410 44910 000 0000. (M.D.

1 4/28/20 #13).

2 On the motion?

3 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Clarification on
4 that.

5 I want to be certain that the
6 Resolution I received by e-mail pertaining to the
7 personnel at 8:06 a.m. this morning is the
8 Resolution we will be voting on.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

10 I have that in hard copy for you which
11 I'm putting on your table and it is the same as the
12 new adjusted one that you received.

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: One minute,
14 please.

15 Can you clarify how many names are on
16 that Resolution?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. There are
18 three names on this Resolution.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I do not have
20 that Resolution. I'm not bringing that motion to
21 the floor.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So is --

23 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I don't know if
24 you want to take a break, but I don't have that
25 Resolution.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. There is
2 no problem with that.

3 We will take a ten-minute break just to
4 get this resolved properly.

5 May I have a motion to take a break for
6 this meeting?

7 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I make a motion
8 to -- do we need a motion to take a break?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We're just
10 going to take a ten-minute break just to get this
11 resolved, obviously, with technology --

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Just make a motion
13 to adjourn.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're going to
15 take a ten-minute recess.

16 No motion necessary.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're going to
19 take a ten-minute recess.

20 Thank you very much. We'll resume
21 momentarily.

22 (Whereupon, a recess was taken and the
23 proceedings resumed as follows:)

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just waiting for
25 our Town Personnel, Town Clerk and Town Attorney to

1 return to the boardroom and we will resume our
2 meeting.

3 Thank you for everyone's patience.

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm back on.

5 Michelle Johnson.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Hi, Michelle.

7 Michelle, our Town Clerk is returning
8 right now. Our attorneys are returning right now.
9 All good. Okay.

10 We've got that resolved and we made
11 sure that we adhered to all of the rules and
12 regulations. We are good.

13 Are there any other questions before we
14 take this vote by the Board members?

15 (No response.)

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Hearing none, I
17 know all our Board members are still on the phone.

18 Rich, would you bring us up to the
19 status of where we are on this Resolution?

20 MR. LaMARCA: Yes. We're ready to make
21 -- to ask for a motion to adopt the Resolution that
22 are on the Calendar.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All of the
24 Resolutions on the calendar?

25 MR. LaMARCA: Called all.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before we begin
2 that, I am going to ask the Town Board if you have
3 any questions on any of these Resolutions.

4 (No response.)

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We hear no
6 questions from our Town Board members.

7 It's a very light calendar; just a
8 number of issues including our Workforce
9 Development Board and the insurance for their
10 liability which is something we purchase every
11 year.

12 Resolution authorizing a one-year
13 extension on our contract. We have a -- on a
14 contract for electrical services to continue to
15 repair electrical service.

16 A Resolution on our contract for MSW
17 which is Municipal Solid Waste. We entered into a
18 contract for three five-year terms. We are
19 beginning the third five-year term, but now we're
20 going to break it out by year, so if the Town wants
21 to change the way in which we collect Municipal
22 Solid Waste, we're not responsible for a five-year
23 contract; just one year at a time which is the
24 appropriate way to do it.

25 As we've stated in the past, we are

1 looking at all alternatives and all of the best
2 practices, state of the art practices for recycling
3 and Sanitation to be in line with our residents.

4 There's a Resolution to enter into the
5 bid construction phase for the restoration of
6 improvements at Alhambra Park that is being paid
7 for entirely by state and federal funding. It's
8 New York Rising Funding and people can understand
9 our frustration.

10 The hurricane was in 2012 and the Town
11 has been following all the rules and making sure
12 that we're adhering to everything as part of
13 New York Rising program, but the State is -- well,
14 it makes the process very long.

15 The Town has done everything in our
16 power to keep this program moving. We will have a
17 new park with new bulkhead and make it more storm
18 resistant and that is being paid for, as we said,
19 not from Town funds but from they moneys from
20 grants as part of New York Rising Community
21 Restoration Construction Program.

22 We have some installation of piping in
23 Bethpage. It's part of continuing to protect our
24 residents from the Grumman Navy Plume and pushing
25 that along, as well as the fire protection

1 agreement for East Norwich Fire.

2 That's it on the Resolutions. As you
3 heard, there are no transfer or activity.

4 Is there any correspondence, Rich
5 LaMarca?

6 MR. LaMARCA: I have no correspondence.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do we have the
8 proof of all of our postings and advertising for
9 the meeting?

10 MR. LaMARCA: Yes. Everything has been
11 posted according to the applicable law.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any
13 questions from our Board members?

14 (No response.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Rich LaMarca, I
16 ask you for a vote.

17 MR. LaMARCA: May I have a motion to
18 adopt Resolution P-8-20 through 264-2020?

19 On the motion, please?

20 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

22 MR. LaMARCA: A motion was made by
23 Councilwoman Johnson; seconded by Councilman
24 Imbroto.

25 On the vote:

1 Supervisor Saladino?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

3 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

5 And for clarification, I did receive
6 the Resolution. I think we are all on the same
7 page. I confirmed this with the Town Attorney.

8 MR. LaMARCA: Thank you, Councilwoman
9 Johnson.

10 Councilman Imbroto?

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

12 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

13 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

14 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

15 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

16 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

17 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: "Aye."

18 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

19 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: "Aye."

20 MR. LaMARCA: Motion to adopt
21 Resolution Nos. P-8-20 through 264-2020 passes with
22 seven "Ayes."

23 The calendar is complete, Supervisor.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Rich.

25 Do any of the Board members, would they

1 like to say anything at this time before I go to --
2 before we close out the Board meeting?

3 (No response.)

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a
5 motion to close?

6 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I make a motion
7 to adjourn the meeting -- close the Board meeting.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Motion was made
10 by Councilwoman Michelle Johnson; seconded by
11 Councilman Lou Imbroto to adjourn.

12 All in favor please signify by saying,
13 "Aye."

14 ALL: "Aye."

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If opposed, "Nay."

16 (No response.)

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

19 Thank you very much everyone on the
20 Board. Thank you for all of those have joined us
21 to watch our Town Board meeting for May 5, 2020.

22 Thank you to the Board members for all
23 of your cooperation.

24 We realize people have to get off the
25 phone or off the internet, but I'd like to take

1 this time to bring our residents up-to-date on what
2 has been going on in terms of the COVID situation.
3 I believe the public needs as many of the
4 statistics as possible and we have had to date
5 36,900 -- yes, Frank.

6 MR. SCALERA: Excuse me, Supervisor,
7 the court reporter, do you want --

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The meeting is
9 over. We appreciate you being here. We are all
10 set.

11 (TIME NOTED: 11:00 A.M.)

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