

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SPECIAL MEETING
JUNE 5, 2018
10:13 A.M.

HEARING - FINANCE

To consider an amendment to a previous resolution for Public Parking District improvements in the 2018 Capital Program. (M.D. 5/15/18 #33).

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

RAYMOND SPAGNUOLO
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

SUPERVISOR JOSEPH S. SALADINO
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH D. MUSCARELLA
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND

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

N O T P R E S E N T:

COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO

Minutes of the meeting
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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,
2 ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to the Town of
3 Oyster Bay Special Town Board Meeting of Tuesday,
4 June 5, 2018. Welcome to Town Hall.

5 To lead us in prayer this morning will
6 be Father Mike Maffeo, Pastor of Saint Edward the
7 Confessor Roman Catholic Church in Syosset.

8 Father Mike is a good friend to all of
9 us here in the Town of Oyster Bay, and we certainly
10 appreciate the time he's taken out of his busy
11 schedule to join us here this morning.

12 I believe Saint Edwards is the parish
13 of Councilman Lou Imbroto.

14 Father, would you please lead us in
15 prayer.

16 Would everyone please rise?

17 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by
18 Father Michael Maffeo.)

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Father
20 Mike Maffeo. Appreciate it.

21 Our Pledge of Allegiance will be led by
22 Vietnam veteran, Jack Gioeli, who was a sergeant in
23 the Unites States Air Force and served in Vietnam
24 from September of 1969, a very difficult time in
25 that country, to December of 1970.

1 Jack is a proud resident of Syosset.
2 He a certified veterans services officer with the
3 Town of Oyster Bay in our division of Veterans
4 Services at Town Hall South.

5 He continues to make a difference for
6 our veterans and proves and demonstrates what it
7 truly means to care for others.

8 We are very proud of the division in
9 the Town and the work that the Town of Oyster Bay
10 does to assist our veterans, and proof of that fact
11 is putting Jack in charge of caring for our
12 veterans.

13 Jack, would you please lead us in the
14 Pledge of Allegiance.

15 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
16 was recited by Jack Gioeli.)

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

18 Let's gave a hand to Jack Gioeli.

19 (Applause.)

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our veterans are
21 so important to us. We have just all hopefully
22 enjoyed a very nice Memorial Day, but -- going to
23 parades and so forth, but beyond enjoyment with our
24 families and an extra day off of the Summer, we
25 have to always remember our veterans, all of those

1 who have served for us, and, obviously, those who
2 paid the ultimate sacrifice.

3 We'd like to ask for a moment of
4 silence to our men and women in the United States
5 Armed Forces serving here in the homeland and
6 abroad, and in recognition of the men and women in
7 law enforcement and all of our first responders.

8 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
9 observed.)

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Today's special
11 meeting of the Oyster Bay Town Board -- oh, let's
12 start off, please, with taking our attendance.

13 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Supervisor Saladino?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

15 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone,
18 absent.

19 Councilwoman Alesia?

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I am here.

21 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Johnson?

22 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto is
24 absent.

25 Councilman Hand?

1 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

3 Today's special meeting of the Oyster
4 Bay Town Board was scheduled originally to consider
5 bids for repairs of the Hicksville garage.

6 Our residents have suffered through
7 ongoing issues with this garage since its opening
8 in 2011. While Department of Public Works advanced
9 plans for structural and mechanical repairs to the
10 facility, today we are here to table Resolution
11 374, which sought to award a contract for the
12 repairs.

13 Instead, we will consider Resolution
14 375, which rejects the bids received and authorizes
15 the Town to rebid this project.

16 Consequently, the hearing scheduled for
17 today needs to be adjourned until July 24th.

18 These actions are necessary as the bids
19 we received are millions of dollars more than I
20 believe the Town should be paying for these
21 repairs.

22 For instance, we estimated repair costs
23 at \$13.2 million, yet bid proposals ranged from
24 \$15.5 to \$17.4 million.

25 Additionally, deficiencies were found

1 in each of these three bids received that were
2 significant enough to need to rebid this project.
3 Once we receive the new bids, we will move quickly
4 forward with these plans. Residents can anticipate
5 a 90-day construction period, and we have a created
6 free alternate transportation from the Sears
7 parking lot during the construction period.

8 During that period, from 6:00 a.m. to
9 10:00 a.m., on a constant rotation, the Town will
10 provide, free to our residents, five shuttle buses
11 from the Sears site to the Hicksville Railroad
12 Station.

13 These buses hold 30 residents each and
14 will be on a constant rotation, means no waiting.
15 As soon as they drop off at the railroad station,
16 it will immediately come back to the Sear's lot and
17 pick up whoever's waiting at that point, and we
18 believe this will be sufficient so our residents
19 won't have anything to worry about. They won't
20 have any concerns and we have greatly decreased and
21 inconvenience while we are making these repairs.

22 Will the Town Clerk now please call the
23 first hearing?

24 MR. SPAGNUOLO: First hearing on
25 Finance, to consider an amendment to a previous

1 Resolution for public parking district improvements
2 in the 2018 capital program.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have backup,
4 which we have sent out on this, to fully alert the
5 public, and we will continue to adhere to all of
6 the aspects of the law on this.

7 Before we take a vote on this, let's
8 hear from -- we have one speaker on this and it is
9 Paul Molinari.

10 Mr. Molinari?

11 MR. MOLINARI: Good morning,
12 Mr. Supervisor, Board.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,
14 Paul.

15 How are you

16 MR. MOLINARI: Good. Thank you.

17 Paul Molinari, 332 West Nicholai
18 Street, Hicksville.

19 You just said that there's backup on
20 this material for this hearing. I didn't see it
21 online. I couldn't find the --

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's get that
23 for you immediately.

24 Rich Lenz, would you please raise your
25 hand?

1 If you'd like to speak to Rich Lenz
2 about this, he will bring you up to speed on all of
3 issues.

4 We felt as though this was too
5 expensive. There are inconsistencies that need to
6 be -- that require us to rebid this, and this is
7 very good news for our taxpayers and we will
8 address this appropriately.

9 This has been an issue that's been
10 ongoing, way before I ever got here, but this is
11 one of the many things that I will fix with the
12 support of our Town Board.

13 MR. MOLINARI: I don't -- I'm not
14 disagreeing that the bids should be rejected. I'm
15 still looking for where is the 2018 Capital Program
16 that the residents can look?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, that's off
18 topic, but, again, if you speak to Rich Lenz, we
19 will be very happy to get you the answers, to get
20 you all of the information that you're looking for,
21 and to continue to inform you and all of our
22 residents of exactly what we are doing.

23 The bids, as I stated, came in and
24 there were deficiencies with the bids. We will
25 follow the law to the tee, and we will work to save

1 our taxpayers money.

2 MR. MOLINARI: I understand that
3 perfectly.

4 You know, I worked in the Federal
5 Government. We rejected bids, too.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

7 MR. MOLINARI: I understand when bids
8 come in high and there's deficiencies, you're not
9 going to award something.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's exactly
11 what we're doing today.

12 MR. MOLINARI: But I thought the
13 hearing was also supposed to address the increase
14 for the bond resolution that included the
15 capital --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will not be
17 doing that.

18 The bids came in too high. I am going
19 to move to reject these bids and to rebid this
20 process, and we're putting in place, ways in which
21 to speed this up in an efficient manner so we can
22 get the project done properly, but not spend
23 anywhere as much as these bids. They're just too
24 much.

25 MR. MOLINARI: No, I don't disagree.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

2 Thank you, very much.

3 Laura Schultz.

4 MS. SCHULTZ: Laura Schultz, 22 Barbara

5 Drive, Syosset. I'm President of Residents For a

6 More Beautiful Syosset.

7 In what you just said, you talked about

8 providing bus service for the commuters --

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

10 MS. SCHULTZ: -- back and forth to the

11 Hicksville Train Station?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

13 MS. SCHULTZ: You said 6:00 a.m. to

14 10:00 a.m.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

16 MS. SCHULTZ: Will there also be an

17 evening?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, I'm sorry,

19 yes.

20 MS. SCHULTZ: What would be the hours

21 for the evening?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner,

23 what are the hours on that, sir?

24 UNKNOWN COMMISSIONER: 4:00 p.m. to

25 8:00 p.m.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: 4:00 p.m. to
2 8:00 p.m.

3 Thank you so much.

4 MS. SCHULTZ: All right. Okay.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, and it's
6 very important that we assure the residents that
7 that is no longer a concern as -- when I turned on
8 the media this morning, they were reporting that
9 people are very concerned about that because they
10 just didn't have the information, so now the media
11 can help us to get the information out.

12 So mornings, during the morning drive,
13 rush hour, and the afternoon rush hour, we will be
14 providing these free shuttles.

15 MS. SCHULTZ: This also impacts the
16 people of Syosset and Jericho because many
17 commuters on the borderline will go to Hicksville
18 rather than go to Syosset because we do have a
19 parking problem at Syosset, which I know you are
20 addressing.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. You know
22 we're addressing that and you know we're providing
23 more parking in those communities.

24 MS. SCHULTZ: Okay. Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you so

1 much.

2 May I have a motion?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
4 I'll make a motion that this public hearing be
5 closed -- to be adjourned to Tuesday, July 24,
6 2018, at 10:00 a.m.

7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Before I second
8 that, Supervisor, I know Councilman Macagnone isn't
9 here, but I know that he had expressed himself very
10 loudly, as he does, that he was interested in
11 seeing if we could have this hearing at 7:00 p.m.
12 so that commuters might be present.

13 Now, I know you've given a lot of
14 information, and, therefore, people may feel that
15 they have sufficient information, but if there are
16 requests to have the meeting later, could we
17 adjourn from the 10:00 a.m. session to also have a
18 7:00 p.m. session on the day of?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will look at
20 the calendar and strongly consider that. I think
21 that's more than reasonable that we strongly
22 consider that. It's calendar dependent, of course.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

24 And having said that, I will second the
25 motion.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 All in favor, please signify by saying
3 aye.

4 ALL: "Aye."

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
6 "Nay."

7 (No verbal response given.)

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
9 it.

10 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Okay.

11 Supervisor, due to the cancellation of
12 the finance hearing, may I have motion to Table
13 Resolution Nos. 373A, 373B? And 374?

14 On the motion?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Second.

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by
18 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilwoman
19 Alesia.

20 On the vote:

21 Supervisor Saladino?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

25 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone is

1 absent.

2 Councilwoman Alesia?

3 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Johnson?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

6 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto is

7 absent.

8 Councilman Hand?

9 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

10 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion to table

11 Resolution 373A, 373B, 374 passes with five "Ayes."

12 May I have a motion to suspend the
13 rules and add the following Walk-On Resolution No.
14 375-2018, which is a Resolution authorizing the
15 rejection of bids for Contract No. H17-159, repairs
16 to the Hicksville parking garage and directing the
17 Department of General Services to set a date for
18 receiving new bids for said contract?

19 On the motion?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Second.

22 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by

23 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilwoman
24 Alesia.

25 On the vote:

1 Supervisor Saladino?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

3 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone is
6 absent.

7 Councilwoman Alesia?

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

9 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Johnson?

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto is
12 absent.

13 Councilman Hand?

14 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

15 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion to suspend the
16 rules of procedure and add Walk-On Resolution
17 375-2018 passes with five "Ayes."

18 We have no speakers.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

20 So being there's no more business --

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: What about this
22 motion?

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

24 All in favor, signify by saying "Aye."

25 ALL: "Aye."

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."
2 (No verbal response given.)

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
4 it.

5 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Okay.

6 May I have a motion to adopt Walk-On
7 Resolution No. 375-2018?

8 On the motion?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Second.

11 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Motion made by
12 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilwoman
13 Alesia.

14 On the vote:

15 Supervisor Saladino?

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

17 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Muscarella?

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

19 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Macagnone is
20 absent.

21 Councilwoman Alesia?

22 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

23 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilwoman Johnson?

24 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

25 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Councilman Imbroto is

1 absent.

2 Councilman Hand?

3 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

4 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Okay.

5 Motion to adopt Walk-On Resolution

6 375-2018 passes with five "Ayes."

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there any
8 other business for us to contend with today?

9 MR. SPAGNUOLO: That is it.

10 Calendar is complete.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Being that
12 there's no other business, may I have a motion to
13 close?

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,
15 I'll make a motion to close the meeting.

16 MR. SPAGNUOLO: Second.

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

19 ALL: "Aye."

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

22 (No verbal response given.)

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

25 Thank you.

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That concludes our meeting, special
meeting for the Oyster Bay Town Board of June 5th.

Thank you very much.

(TIME NOTED: 10:29 A.M.)