

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
10:27 A.M.

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
**SUPERVISOR**

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
**TOWN CLERK**

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COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE  
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA  
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON  
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
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JAMES ALTADONNA JR., TOWN CLERK  
JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

2 Welcome to the first Oyster Bay Town  
3 Board Meeting of 2018.

4 This morning's prayer will be led by  
5 Reverend Cheri Kroon of the Plainview Reformed  
6 Church. The Plainview Reformed Church is a small  
7 family church whose congregates are known for  
8 serving the sick and the hungry and those in need  
9 and supporting and educating its children.

10 So, Reverend, if you would please step  
11 up to the podium so we may open with prayer in the  
12 New Year.

13 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by  
14 Reverend Cheri Kroon.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please stay  
16 rising.

17 I will ask a wonderful friend, civic  
18 leader in Hicksville and a veteran, Army veteran  
19 who served our nation during the Vietnam War,  
20 Hicksville resident, Frank Geraci to please lead us  
21 in the Pledge of Allegiance.

22 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance  
23 was recited and led by Frank Geraci.)

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Frank.  
25 Ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the

1 New Year. Happy New Year to each and every one of  
2 you. We wish you the best for an exciting New Year  
3 and for tremendous health and happiness.

4 Reverend, thank you very much for those  
5 inspirational words. Clearly words to live by, and  
6 certainly words to govern by, so we thank you very,  
7 very much.

8 So as we look forward, we are also  
9 recognizing what we have accomplished. December  
10 was a very busy month, due in part to the holidays.  
11 Councilman Imbroto and Councilman Hand and  
12 Councilwoman Alesia and I were proud to join with  
13 the Nassau Council of Chambers of Commerce along  
14 with their president, Town of Oyster Bay resident  
15 Francesca Carlo, in reminding people the important  
16 of shopping local. This protects our local economy  
17 at a critical time of year for them, to protect our  
18 small businesses who do so much and are the  
19 backbone of our downtowns.

20 Also, throughout the month, we joined  
21 with retired Major Chuck Kilbride and the United  
22 States Marine Corps for their continued efforts in  
23 collecting holiday toys for disadvantaged children,  
24 children in need, sick children.

25 We want to specifically thank

1 Councilwoman Alesia and Councilman Macagnone for  
2 your leadership along with the United States Marine  
3 Corps and for leading our efforts to collect Toys  
4 for Tots, very successful program.

5 The Town of Oyster Bay collected more  
6 toys this holiday season than they ever have in  
7 past years of being involved in this program, so my  
8 hats off, again, to Councilwoman, Councilman, and  
9 our Town Board and all of our leaders. Town  
10 employees were bringing toys, our public, and we  
11 thank you very, very much.

12 In our Recycling Division, we also  
13 collected more cardboard than ever before, thanks  
14 in part to the efforts of Councilman Hand,  
15 Councilwoman Johnson, and the entire Town Board  
16 team in helping spread the word of the importance  
17 of our new single stream recycling. We're very  
18 proud of this new initiative. We've literally  
19 helped our residents turn their cardboard trash  
20 into cash for the Town of Oyster Bay, and there's  
21 no greater amount of cardboard trash than is what's  
22 collected during the holidays.

23 So we are reducing our waste stream and  
24 increasing our recycling stream, and that will be  
25 an initiative that we will continue to embrace

1 going forward with the goal of being the Number One  
2 Municipality in the nation in terms of the  
3 percentage of the waste stream that is recycled,  
4 and I know that we can do that and accomplish this  
5 great goal here in the Town of Oyster Bay.

6 The holidays also brought a great  
7 surprise for two special residents who benefited  
8 from new job opportunities here at the Oyster Bay  
9 Brewing Company. Through a new Town of Oyster Bay  
10 on-the-job training program, which was paid for  
11 entirely through a federal grant, we're helping  
12 local businesses grow their operations by  
13 connecting employers with job seekers.

14 Under the program, the Town partnered  
15 with this local brewery to hire and train residents  
16 as product salespeople, thereby putting  
17 underemployed and unemployed people back to work.

18 Again, the program utilizes federal  
19 funding, not Town taxpayer dollars, to pay salaries  
20 for six months while the employees prove themselves  
21 to the employers.

22 On another note, during the last week  
23 of December, we extended the hours of operation in  
24 the Receiver of Taxes Office in both Town Hall  
25 North and Town Hall South to improve services and

1 meet the demand of residents who wish to prepay  
2 their 2018 property taxes. I'm very proud of the  
3 work performed by our Receiver of Taxes, Jim  
4 Stefanich.

5 Jim, thank you to you and your very  
6 talented and dedicated staff, as well as many other  
7 Town employees who volunteered and then came over  
8 to work in the Receiver's office in Town Hall North  
9 and Sound. We had extended hours. We had Saturday  
10 hours. We made this available to each and every  
11 person, and there was no closing the door while  
12 residents wanted to come in and get on line. We  
13 served each and every resident until everyone had  
14 achieved their goal.

15 And together with the assistance from  
16 my staff, we helped literally tens of thousands of  
17 homeowners prepay their property taxes over a  
18 four-day period of time.

19 So, thank you Jim Stefanich, thank you  
20 for your team, the women in your office and the men  
21 really stepped up and showed that they have the  
22 medal to continue to serve our residents.

23 MR. STEFANICH: May I add to that?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, sir, please.

25 MR. STEFANICH: The Town, in general,

1 stepped up to help accomplish the task that was at  
2 hand and the dedication of not just members within  
3 my own office, but members of the Town family of  
4 government that stepped up, helped us and no one  
5 was turned away. Everyone who came to our door was  
6 taken care of.

7 Thank you to the Town.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we  
9 recognize that it was a complicated process because  
10 people weren't sure of how they were doing it, what  
11 their accountant's advice was, so we served their  
12 needs. We quelled any anxiety that they might have  
13 had. We got them hands-on help to find what the  
14 number was. We did it in a very expedient manner  
15 and I'm just really proud because it's one of the  
16 indicators that it truly is a New Day in the Town  
17 of Oyster Bay and we are ready to take on any  
18 challenge and, guess what? This past week, we got  
19 another challenge.

20 New York brought new Resolutions, but  
21 it also brought blizzard-like conditions for our  
22 Town. Snow accumulations last week exceeded ten  
23 inches in many of our communities and went well  
24 beyond what most forecasters predicted, and quite  
25 frankly, it turned out to be one of the most

1 intensive snowfalls over that time period that we  
2 had seen in some time.

3 I'd like to thank the men and women of  
4 our snow fighting crew, as well as workers from  
5 Highway, Sanitation, Recycling, Parks, Public  
6 Works, for their dedication to our residents.

7 We also had warming centers through the  
8 Parks Department at different locations. The Town  
9 of Oyster Bay has some 850 lane miles of roadway  
10 that need to be plowed. 850 miles. That's quite a  
11 challenge, but we conquered that challenge. We  
12 also assisted the Water Districts, who are  
13 responsible for water main breaks.

14 Unfortunately, there were 80 water main  
15 breaks through this chill. 80. Think about that,  
16 they were very busy to get out and get the roads  
17 plowed. We have to give them breaks, as per the  
18 contract and as per labor law, and then back out on  
19 the road for a second time, and then assisting with  
20 everything that has to be done to open roads to  
21 provide for safety for our crews and the crews of  
22 the Water departments while they fixed 80 water  
23 main breaks that you have no control over. That's  
24 Mother Nature.

25 But what we do have control over and



1 where our Town shined was the response of our  
2 crews. It is important to put this into  
3 perspective, that they really did a super job, and  
4 on behalf of all of our members of the Town Board  
5 who so support and are so proud of our work force,  
6 we'd like to thank you all.

7 Before we move on with today's issues,  
8 I want to remind residents that the fourth meeting  
9 of the local planning committee for the Downtown  
10 Hicksville Redevelopment is scheduled for Thursday,  
11 January 18th at the Town's William Bennett  
12 Hicksville Community Center, located at  
13 28 West Carl Street in Hicksville. The meeting is  
14 scheduled to take place from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
15 and we will continue the process of planning  
16 efforts for the Revitalization of Downtown  
17 Hicksville, perhaps one of the very most exciting  
18 aspects of what has taken place in 2017 and what we  
19 will continue to work on with the community in  
20 2018.

21 The third Hicksville Downtown  
22 Revitalization initiative, the public workshop, has  
23 been scheduled for Thursday, 22nd, so there's two  
24 different groups, but Thursday, 22nd, is for the  
25 public workshop where residents will learn more

1 about the concepts being considered for  
2 Hicksville's Downtown Revitalizations.

3 Residents will also be presented with  
4 the opportunity to discuss the recent announcement  
5 by Sears to close the doors in April and the  
6 resulting impacts and how we will mitigate those  
7 impacts as part of the Hicksville Downtown  
8 Revitalization initiative and our strategies.

9 We have continued to listen to our  
10 civic leaders in Hicksville, some of them are here  
11 today and we so appreciate you, and listen to the  
12 public regarding different development proposals.  
13 Throughout the Town, our residents' needs and  
14 concerns will always, as always, remain first and  
15 foremost.

16 Lastly, on this issue, I want to remind  
17 residents -- we want to remind our residents that  
18 the Town is hosting a series of free children's  
19 shows at our local libraries throughout the coming  
20 months. These are very cost effective because they  
21 are free, but it's great talent and I want to thank  
22 the Town of Oyster Bay's Department of Community  
23 and Youth Services for, once again, doing a  
24 phenomenal job and our residents can call from  
25 home, from anywhere, to get more details about our

1 free shows throughout the Winter months by calling  
2 516-797-7900.

3 Also, our Parks Department is hosting a  
4 six-week Winter Toddler Arts and Crafts Program at  
5 the Ice Skating Center and for more information,  
6 please call 797-4125. That's 516-797-4125. And we  
7 have a three ice skating rinks in the Town of  
8 Oyster Bay in Syosset-Woodbury Park and Bethpage  
9 Park and in Marjorie Post Park.

10 That public workshop -- maybe I'm being  
11 corrected, is Thursday, February 22nd, not  
12 January 22nd, so I'm being corrected and I thank  
13 you very much for that. So that's Thursday,  
14 February 22nd is the Arts Program at the ice  
15 skating center.

16 As I promised, it will be a very  
17 exciting and productive 2018. Thank you to our  
18 Town Board members for continuing to work on an  
19 exceptionally important initiative to restore trust  
20 in the Town of Oyster Bay and to continue to be at  
21 the cutting edge of ethics reforms.

22 There is much on our agenda today, but  
23 one very special Local Law, and that is the fact  
24 that the Town of Oyster Bay, as promised, is  
25 creating the Office of Inspector General.

1           Our initiative here was to add  
2           transparency to government to better protect the  
3           residents' wallets and to make sure that all  
4           activities, contracts, and thus far, will be  
5           conducted with the highest level of ethics and a  
6           belt-and-suspenders approach.

7           The 2018 Town budget included funding  
8           for this new office and was conservative in its  
9           estimates for both revenue and expenses. The  
10          budget also included a property tax cut for  
11          residents and exhibited our commitment to  
12          eliminating waste and constraining spending.

13          The Town of Oyster Bay has cut property  
14          taxes by \$1.3 million. We voted on this. We  
15          approved a budget prior to November and that budget  
16          for 2018 has a \$1.3 million tax cut, and we're  
17          very, very proud of that.

18          This action demonstrates our  
19          recognition to the sacrifices that our residents go  
20          through and we understand that we are here to  
21          strengthen the finances of the Town.

22          During calendar year 2017, we paid off  
23          \$85 million of the Town's debt. We are scheduled  
24          to pay off another \$50 million of the Town's debt  
25          in 2018. That's all in the budget. The

1 combination of the two years represents 22 percent  
2 of the Town's total debt. So we are moving in the  
3 right direction and you can expect a nice sizeable  
4 increase in the bond rating in the Town of Oyster  
5 Bay.

6 Additionally, we are working with our  
7 union and our work force. And our union is working  
8 with us to settle pending litigation, to deal with  
9 our work rules, which prevented us from hiring  
10 part-time employees and we expect to be able to do  
11 that going forward and we'll be able to save even  
12 more money, especially in the more expensive  
13 aspects of delivering services and Sanitation and  
14 other areas where we are streamlining the process,  
15 creating more efficiency, and once again, saving  
16 the taxpayers even more money.

17 This is very important. Working with  
18 our Town of Oyster Bay work force, and they have  
19 helped to cut millions of dollars in waste while  
20 implementing efficiencies which continue to save  
21 the taxpayers money.

22 And to continue retaining our best and  
23 brightest employees, we have actions needed to  
24 correct gender pay disparity in the Town of Oyster  
25 Bay. We are all in lockstep in this Town Board and

1 we are here today and every day to send a very  
2 strong message that in the Town of Oyster Bay,  
3 women will earn the same pay as men do for the same  
4 jobs.

5 Let's hear it, ladies.

6 (Applause.)

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Very important.

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Let's hear it,  
9 men.

10 (Applause.)

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's right.

12 And we will be correcting that and  
13 recognizing and respecting everyone in government,  
14 especially all of our women in administrative  
15 positions and positions throughout.

16 Our employees continue to do more with  
17 less and our managers and directors ensure that  
18 fiscal restraint, fiscal discipline is first and  
19 foremost. We work for the taxpayers.

20 Additionally, our Town will continue to  
21 have the lowest head count on record in years.

22 Yes, in fact, we pay nearly 200 less  
23 employees than the Town did just two years ago, and  
24 this year alone, we have reduced our workforce and  
25 will continue that through the initiatives of the

1 early retirement incentives. By year's end, we  
2 will have 50 less employees who are taking  
3 advantage of the early retirement incentive.

4 This is good news because as we reduce  
5 the head count, we protect our taxpayers, but we  
6 reorganize in a way that delivers better services,  
7 greater efficiency, and a much smarter approach to  
8 government. I want to thank all of those on our  
9 workforce who go to work each and every day to help  
10 our residents and deliver quality services in the  
11 best of weather, in the worst of weather, in any  
12 situation. We put our residents first, and that's  
13 why it is a New Day in the Town of Oyster Bay.

14 We're also forging forward with more of  
15 our inter-municipal agreements, which save the  
16 taxpayers dollars and we still have much more work  
17 to conduct on this initiative, but a great example  
18 of this is what we're doing in the costs of sand  
19 and salt and equipment to clean our roads, and  
20 working with the villages is just one of many, many  
21 examples of cost savings.

22 As a matter of fact, with the exception  
23 of one carve-out in Long Beach, we are the top in  
24 terms of saving money in the Governor's Shared  
25 Services Initiative of any town, any municipality

1 comparable in size in all of Long Island. We  
2 generated the most savings in the Governor's  
3 program.

4 There are also items on the calendar  
5 that include a bid proposal for 50 Engel Street in  
6 Hicksville and this is but another way to recoup  
7 money for our residents. So I thank you for giving  
8 me the opportunity to update you on some of our  
9 recent successes as we continue to move forward.

10 So let's get to the business of the  
11 day. This morning, the Oyster Bay Town Board is  
12 incredibly proud to welcome and honor a Massapequa  
13 resident and a World War II combat veteran,  
14 Sergeant Ralph Cavaliere of the United States Army  
15 Air Corps. He represents our greatest generation.

16 Many men and women have rendered great  
17 service to the United States of America, but the  
18 service rendered by those who served in the  
19 military in times of war is not merely great, it is  
20 incalculable because we are able to join in Town  
21 Board meetings, public hearings, just like this,  
22 from one end of our nation to the other.

23 We have the right to do this. We have  
24 the right to be able to serve the residents' need  
25 in a democracy because of the sacrifices of our



1 veterans and their loved ones.

2 Quite frankly, it's our duty as  
3 citizens of this free nation to honor the great  
4 tradition of service and perpetuate the memory of  
5 the sacrifices of the dedicated men and women who  
6 so loyally served this country.

7 During World War II, young American  
8 soldiers, like Ralph Cavaliere, set off on a  
9 mission to secure freedom, not only for the United  
10 States, but for the world. Those of us who lived  
11 through it, those of us who studied it in school,  
12 understand that World War II was a very dark and  
13 scary time. There were dedicated men and women,  
14 dedicated to safeguarding the principles which this  
15 nation was founded upon and by which it has  
16 flourished.

17 This morning's Town Board meeting  
18 provides the ideal backdrop to join in celebrating  
19 Ralph Cavaliere's proud legacy of military service.  
20 Ralph, a Sergeant, was attacked on two different  
21 bomb squadrons -- I'm sorry, was attached to two  
22 different bomb squadrons and flew clandestine  
23 missions with the OSS in supplying partisans behind  
24 enemy lines with arms and spies to fight against  
25 the Germans.

1           The OSS, the Office of Strategic  
2 Services, was a wartime intelligence agency of the  
3 United States during World War II and a predecessor  
4 of the modern CIA.

5           Ralph also flew as a Tail Gunner on  
6 B-52s and completed an incredible 45 missions and  
7 41 sorties. In honor of Ralph's amazing legacy of  
8 service, the Oyster Bay Town Board will bestow upon  
9 him, the Town of Oyster Bay's Veteran Lifetime  
10 Achievement medal so he will always know just how  
11 we feel about his incredible service.

12           We also join with all in attendance in  
13 recognizing today, Tuesday, January 9, 2018 as  
14 Ralph Cavaliere Day in the Town of Oyster Bay.

15           COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's nice.

16           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Isn't it nice,  
17 Tony?

18           COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It is very nice.

19           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We commend him  
20 for his distinguished service to the United States  
21 and we also utilize this moment to proudly pay  
22 tribute to all American soldiers who service with  
23 pride, bravery, and distinction and we take special  
24 pause to reflect on the lives lost in World War II,  
25 the sacrifices made in defense of world freedom and

1 democracy.

2 Sergeant Ralph Cavaliere is living  
3 history right here before us today. He is a true  
4 American.

5 Ralph, I know you're here, would you  
6 pleads step up? Come forward so our entire Town  
7 Board can make this presentation to you?

8 Ladies and gentlemen, I present to you,  
9 Sergeant Ralph Cavaliere.

10 (Applause.)

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'll ask the Town  
12 Board members to please step forward and join with  
13 all of us in honoring Ralph.

14 Hi, Ralph. How are you feeling? So  
15 good to see you. Why don't you stand here right  
16 here in front of all of us?

17 Councilman Tony Macagnone is going to  
18 present you with this Town of Oyster Bay  
19 proclamation.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Ralph, on behalf  
21 of the Supervisor and my colleagues on the Town  
22 Board and our residents, I want to present you with  
23 this citation and thank you so much for all you did  
24 for our nation.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ralph, on behalf

1 of the 300,000 residents of the Town of Oyster Bay,  
2 including all the people here today and all of my  
3 esteemed colleagues in government, we wish to  
4 present you with a very special award.

5 Rare individuals are presented with  
6 this award, but you not only have served our nation  
7 with incredible distinction, have shown us the way  
8 to be true Americans, but you represent so many  
9 others who are also quite deserving.

10 On behalf of my colleagues and the Town  
11 of Oyster Bay, we present this to you, Ralph  
12 Cavaliere, the Town of Oyster Bay World War II  
13 Veterans Appreciation Award.

14 (Whereupon, the Town of Oyster Bay  
15 World War II Veterans Appreciation Award was  
16 presented to Ralph Cavaliere.)

17 (Applause.)

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you like to  
19 say something, Ralph?

20 MR. CAVALIERE: What can I say?

21 I am overwhelmed. I really am.

22 Amy, where are you?

23 MS. CAVALIERE: I'm not here. It's  
24 about you.

25 MR. CAVALIERE: I thank you so much,

1 all of you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
3 gentlemen, again, a true American hero.

4 (Applause.)

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Ralph.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
7 Ralph. Thank you very much. Congratulations.

8 (A photo session ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Congratulations.  
10 It's a good day in this Town of Oyster  
11 Bay.

12 Thank you.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's one thing  
14 we all can agree on.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sure there  
16 will be a lot.

17 I'll share with you a comment from  
18 Councilman Muscarella and Councilman Tony Macagnone  
19 when they just said, boy talk about the way to  
20 start the year off right.

21 We are very, very proud.

22 (Applause.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Ralph.  
24 Congratulations.

25 God bless you.

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Thank you for your service.  
(TIME NOTED: 10:58 A.M.)

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
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**HEARING - FIRE PROTECTION**

To consider the 2018 Fire Protection Agreements.  
(M.D. 11/18/17 #69).

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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If our Town Clerk,  
2 James Altadonna Jr., would please call the roll?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Sure.

4 Supervisor Saladino?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Present.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.

12 Good morning, Jim.

13 Happy New Year.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Good morning.

15 Happy New Year.

16 Councilwoman Johnson?

17 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

21 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you please  
23 call the first hearing?

24 MR. ALTADONNA: The first hearing is

25 Fire Protection.



1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have to step  
2 away for a quick moment. Please proceed with my  
3 colleagues and I'll be right back to the podium.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: To consider the 2018  
5 Fire Protection agreements.

6 MS. SWANSON: Good morning, Supervisor.  
7 Good morning, Town Board.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Good morning.

9 MR. SKLAR: Ms. Swanson.

10 MS. SWANSON: Good morning.

11 Tony, how are you.

12 This hearing is in regard to the  
13 contracts between the Fire Protection Districts and  
14 the Town of Oyster Bay. These hearings occur  
15 basically once a year unless the Fire Protection  
16 District has a contract that lasts more than one  
17 year. Oyster Bay Fire District has a contract that  
18 last three years. East Norwich, three years, and  
19 now Glenwood-Glen Head will be three years.

20 Just to refresh everyone's  
21 recollection, in the Town of Oyster Bay, our  
22 emergency fire departments fall under two  
23 categories, Fire Protection Districts and Fire  
24 District.

25 Under Fire Protection Districts, the

1 most basic way to explain it is that the Town Board  
2 of the Town of Oyster Bay sit as the commissioners.  
3 They do not have commissioners, and as such, we  
4 enter into contracts with these fire companies to  
5 provide emergency services.

6 The Fire Protection Districts, these  
7 companies prepare a budget that must be submitted  
8 to Rob Darienzo by, I believe, it's October or  
9 November of each year. The Controller's Office  
10 then gets notification prior to that budget being  
11 presented to help with the budgeting process.

12 At this point in time, these various  
13 Protection Districts have submitted their budgets  
14 and that is what the contracts are based upon.

15 So, I respectfully request that these  
16 contracts be voted on and permission to enter them  
17 by the Town of Oyster Bay be given.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay.

19 Thank you, Donna.

20 Any questions?

21 (No verbal response given.)

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: All right.

23 So, I need a motion.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I make a motion

25 that --

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Hold up. Hold up. The  
2 affidavits.

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Oh, yeah.  
4 Any correspondence?

5 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavits of  
6 postings and publications.

7 There is no other correspondence.

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay.

9 I need a motion.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I make a motion  
11 that this hearing be closed and decision be voted  
12 on later on today.

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Second.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: All in favor?

16 ALL: "Aye."

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Any "Nays"?

18 (No verbal response given.)

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay.

20 Move forward.

21 MS. SWANSON: Thank you very much.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Proceed with the second  
23 hearing?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes, please.

25 (TIME NOTED: 11:02 A.M.)

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
11:03 A.M.

**HEARING - HYDRANT RENTAL**

To consider the 2018 Hydrant Rental for the Oyster Bay Fire Protection District and Oyster Bay Water District. (M.D. 11/28/17 #24).

P R E S E N T:

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

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

JAMES ALTADONNA JR., TOWN CLERK  
JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

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KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Hydrant Rental, to  
2 consider the 2018 hydrant rental for Oyster Bay  
3 Fire Protection District and Oyster Bay Water  
4 District.

5 Are you doing that one as well?

6 MS. SWANSON: Yes.

7 Again, Town Board, these are also Fire  
8 Protection Districts, and as such, we enter into  
9 contracts on behalf of the fire companies with the  
10 various Water Districts to provide water to our  
11 fire hydrants.

12 There are contracts between, I believe,  
13 Plainview, the two that are on today, as well as an  
14 agreement with the New York Water Aqua, New York  
15 Water, which does not have an agreement to have  
16 services for our fire hydrants.

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Any questions?  
18 Speaker? Do you want to speak on the hearing?

19 MS. SWANSON: Oh, we didn't do the  
20 third one. I'm sorry.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: That's okay.  
22 Any correspondence?

23 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavits of  
24 postings and publications.

25 There are no other correspondence.

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay. I need a  
2 motion.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I make a motion  
4 that this hearing be closed and the decision be  
5 voted on today.

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second?

7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Second.

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Thank you.  
9 All in favor?

10 ALL: "Aye."

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Any "Nays"?  
12 (No verbal response given.)

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: The "Ayes" have  
14 it.

15 Next hearing.

16 (TIME NOTED: 11:04 A.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
11:05 A.M.

**HEARING - HYDRANT RENTAL**

To consider the 2018 Hydrant Rental for the Glenwood-Glen Head Fire Protection District and New York American Water Company, Inc. (M.D. 11/28/17 #23).

P R E S E N T:

SUPERVISOR JOSEPH S. SALADINO  
COUNCILMAN JOSEPH D. MUSCARELLA  
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE  
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA  
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON  
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
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KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Hearing is the Hydrant  
2 Rental; to consider the 2018 hydrant rental for the  
3 Glenwood-Glen Head Fire Protection District and  
4 New York American Water Company, Inc.

5 You do have a speaker on this one.

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay.

7 Donna?

8 MS. SWANSON: Okay.

9 Basically, Glenwood-Glen Head Fire  
10 Protection District is serviced by New York  
11 American Water, Inc., and while there is no formal  
12 contract or agreement, New York American Water  
13 provides us with a price as set by, I believe, it  
14 is the State and claims that they don't need a  
15 contract, so we still need to pay for our water for  
16 our Fire Districts and we still need permission of  
17 the Town Board to pay for that water on behalf of  
18 the Fire District.

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay.

20 Thank you.

21 We have a speaker. Arthur Adleman  
22 would like to speak.

23 MR. ADLEMAN: Yes. I'm hoping -- Happy  
24 New Year to the Board.

25 Supervisor Saladino, if you can hear



1 us.

2 I'm taking an umbrage about this  
3 hearing between the Town of Oyster Bay and New York  
4 American Water, especially in the light of the  
5 recent disclosures that New York American Water  
6 is -- has made certain accounting errors in their  
7 basic figuring of how much they should be charging  
8 and surcharging the residents of the Sea Cliff area  
9 Water District which includes the Glenwood-Glen  
10 Head Fire Protection District.

11 In my conversations with Carmen Tierno,  
12 President of American Water, he conveyed to me that  
13 a good portion of the \$750 per year rental of the  
14 224 hydrants you're talking about in this hearing,  
15 that \$582 per hydrant is for component taxes, real  
16 estate taxes. I have confronted him on -- to  
17 request from him, numerous times, to please show me  
18 what aspect of what real estate is part of that  
19 \$582 or \$130,000 224 hydrants. He has been  
20 nonresponsive.

21 I have questioned the Council here  
22 regarding the contract, regarding the fact that  
23 they agree that they own and will maintain the fire  
24 hydrants. What is their responsibility when you  
25 talk about maintenance of a fire hydrant? Is it

1 just to make sure there's water pressure in there  
2 that the pumpers can use or are they responsible  
3 from clearing the hydrant for access following a  
4 snowstorm? There is no written contract and I find  
5 this fact that it's \$168,000 payment going to the  
6 water company is -- you know, it's ridiculous.

7 On a second light of the same argument,  
8 the fact that they're saying that \$130,000 of the  
9 component cost for them is taxes, real estate  
10 taxes, that is paid by the Fire Protection District  
11 yet is benefiting all of the residents of Nassau  
12 County and the Town of Oyster Bay as part of the  
13 general fund tax, that the Town pick up a portion  
14 of the fire hydrant rentals and that the Supervisor  
15 should contact the new County Executive and request  
16 that the County pick up a share of their taxes that  
17 is being brought in because of the \$130,000.

18 I don't know where we're going to go in  
19 this hearing, how we can adjust this rental rate  
20 because, unfortunately, it's been approved by the  
21 Public Service Commission.

22 I have written them, I have written the  
23 New York American Water to find out how the  
24 breakdown actually occurs, where this number comes  
25 from.

1           It's amazing that throughout New York  
2 state, wherever New York American Water is, the  
3 hydrant rentals are all in a range of \$740 to as  
4 high as \$960, Upstate New York.

5           How they can justify these numbers when  
6 the municipal water companies charge anywhere from  
7 Zero, which is what the Roslyn Water District  
8 charges the Roslyn fire companies, to as much as  
9 \$90, which is what you're voting on in the other  
10 hearings for Oyster Bay and Plainview, I think it  
11 is.

12           I would like to see the Town table this  
13 hearing or not bring the Resolution to the floor.  
14 If we do bring the Resolution to the floor, to have  
15 an addendum Resolution to consider paying part of  
16 this expense for both Glenwood-Glen Head, Sea  
17 Cliff, and the Merrick Fire Districts wherever --  
18 you know, because I'm sure they have a similar  
19 expense for the residents as well.

20           And, again, I just want to take -- now  
21 that you're back, Supervisor, I want to thank you  
22 for your effort in helping us get New York American  
23 Water to expose themselves on their accounting  
24 error and, hopefully, hopefully, the opening up of  
25 this little wound, they will come to their senses

1 and not try to buy buildings for \$5 million and  
2 say, hey, now we get 9 percent back on that, that  
3 they will act responsibly with their customers in  
4 mind, number one, and their stockholders, number  
5 two.

6 Thank you for your time.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
8 Arthur. Thank you very much.

9 We are in lockstep with you and full  
10 agreement about what's going on there.

11 Now, today, basically, it's just about  
12 access to the water so that the firefighters can  
13 continue to extinguish fires in emergency  
14 situations, but the good news is that we have been  
15 very proactive, our entire Town Board, in terms of  
16 pushing this joint agenda, and now we are getting  
17 word that there will be some good news going  
18 forward in terms of the rates.

19 So a little separate from what we're  
20 doing today. Today is just about ensuring that  
21 there is continuity of access for our firefighters  
22 to access that water in emergencies.

23 Yes.

24 MS. SWANSON: Yes.

25 Absolutely, Supervisor. You're 100

1 percent correct. To leave our homes of our  
2 residents vulnerable to fire at this point in time  
3 would be inexcusable.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But as you know,  
5 and I know you can confirm, that we are continuing  
6 to keep pressure on the PSC, continuing to keep  
7 pressure on New York American Water to ensure that  
8 they are getting it right and bringing the  
9 financial relief that our residents deserve.

10 MS. SWANSON: Yes. Absolutely,  
11 Supervisor. I know that you are doing your utmost.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, and  
13 our colleagues are in lockstep.

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I see  
15 Mr. Adleman shaking his head. I feel like he  
16 hasn't gotten the answer to his questions and  
17 perhaps somebody else can better answer what he's  
18 looking to find out.

19 MR. ADLEMAN: Is there no way we can  
20 negotiate this price? They've already admitted  
21 that they've erred in the surcharges that they  
22 put through with the PSC, that the PSC granted them  
23 in May 2017. Why are we accepting this rate of  
24 \$750? Why can't we go back and say, charge  
25 something reasonable?

1           The Oyster Bay Water District is  
2 charging \$90 per hydrant. How do you justify  
3 charging \$750? All right. When \$500 is taxes and  
4 you've already admitted that you made an error in  
5 your -- not you, New York American Water has  
6 already agreed that they made an error in their tax  
7 calculations.

8           I had a great rapport with Carmen  
9 Tierno. When I brought this to his attention, all  
10 of the sudden, he clammed up me. He has stopped  
11 talking to me. All right. Because I cc'd all of  
12 our e-mails to his bosses and now they are coming  
13 back with accounting error admissions.

14           We just can't say, yes, rubber stamp  
15 it, and give them their \$168,000. I find it  
16 offensive. All right. I find it offensive that  
17 the taxes they are collecting are going to the  
18 County for the Police Department, the Nassau County  
19 Community College for Police Headquarters. The  
20 Town's general fund and only a few residents are  
21 footing that bill.

22           COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Ms. Swanson, can  
23 it be just for a couple of months' rental and  
24 change it from the term, the term of the rental to  
25 explore that further?

1 MS. SWANSON: Well, I do not think that  
2 giving permission to enter -- to continue to pay  
3 New York Water would stop us from thereby  
4 negotiating it.

5 This is for the next year and that this  
6 point in time, if negotiations are forthcoming with  
7 regard to changing the rates or varying the rates  
8 or negotiating better rates, it would not preclude  
9 that; however, I do not think that we should be  
10 able or that we should put our residents in harm's  
11 way of not having water.

12 Yes, I agree it is 100 percent  
13 offensive; however, we still need the water in this  
14 area to fight fires and things.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Adleman,  
16 everyone on this Board agrees that New York  
17 American Water charges too much, but you understand  
18 the difference between a municipal water company  
19 and a private water company. You do know the  
20 difference and that's why there's such a disparity  
21 in the rate.

22 That doesn't make it right, that  
23 doesn't make us happy about it, but right now, that  
24 is the rate and we want to make sure that the  
25 residents and the firefighters have access to the

1 water. That's what we're doing.

2 MR. ADLEMAN: Then the second half of  
3 my statement is that, while all the residents of  
4 the Town of Oyster Bay and all the residents of  
5 Nassau County are benefitting from the taxes that  
6 New York American Water is stating is the cause of  
7 this huge price rental is benefitting everybody in  
8 the County and the Town, yet only the people in  
9 this Fire Protection District, okay, are paying  
10 that share. It is not a fair that the Town and the  
11 County should foot part of the bill.

12 It is only fair. Everybody's  
13 benefitting, but only a few are paying, all right,  
14 and it's not like just a Garbage District or a  
15 Water District, any of the special districts that  
16 only certain people can utilize it. The money  
17 being charged, the way they are calculating their  
18 rate, is based on component property taxes, which  
19 are benefitting everybody in the County and the  
20 Town.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But everybody in  
22 the County pays property taxes.

23 You understand that, right?

24 MR. ADLEMAN: Yeah, but this -- I have  
25 one piece of property that's charged \$386,000 in



1 the general tax bill. Of that \$386,000, \$200,000  
2 goes to the County. \$100,000 goes to Nassau  
3 Community College. Another \$120,000 goes to Police  
4 Headquarters and about \$50,000 goes to the Town of  
5 Oyster Bay, right, and that benefits everybody in  
6 those municipalities, not just the people paying  
7 it.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Right, just like  
9 when you pay property taxes on your home, it  
10 benefits everybody.

11 MR. ADLEMAN: Excuse me, that tax is  
12 being shifted onto a small select populus, a small  
13 Fire Protection District. Not fair. Not fair.  
14 That's why I'm asking that the Board do an addendum  
15 to the Resolution to maybe pick up \$200 per  
16 hydrant.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Arthur, we are  
18 clearly are in lockstep with you and our residents  
19 and we'll clearly continue to be the advocate for  
20 the community.

21 We have lobbied the PSC. We have  
22 contacted the State Controller, and we will have  
23 some good news, we're being told, going forward.

24 We've already spoken to the Governor  
25 and his team about seeing if they can bring down

1 the financial resources to support a takeover of  
2 the District, all the things you've asked for.

3 I'm going to ask Matt Rozea to also  
4 come forward to give us an update on some of these  
5 issues. Today is just about the State mandates  
6 that the Town oversee the contracts, this part of  
7 the providing of water for Fire Services, but  
8 there's a separate issue that you're bringing to us  
9 today that we are playing a role in advocating for  
10 our residents.

11 So, Matt Rozea, would you state your  
12 presence?

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Sorry,  
14 Supervisor.

15 Does the State mandate that it has to  
16 be a full one-year term for that? Is that the  
17 State mandate?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's find out.

19 MR. ROZEA: Well, the State mandate --  
20 Supervisor, member of this Board, the State mandate  
21 was that the water rates, as proposed by New York  
22 American Water, were presumptively correct in the  
23 view of the Public Service Commission. They don't  
24 speak to the term of any arrangement between the  
25 Fire Protection Districts, the Towns, and New York

1 American Water.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So are we able to  
3 amend this for a six-month contract and revisit it?

4 MR. ROZEA: Donna can speak better to  
5 that aspect.

6 MS. SWANSON: Basically, what you are  
7 doing is, you are agreeing -- what this hearing is  
8 doing is making money available to the Controller's  
9 Office to pay our water bill.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Ms. Swanson, the  
11 fact that we don't have a contract that we're  
12 entering into --

13 MS. SWANSON: There is no contract.

14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Does that mean  
15 that we're not bound for a specific term to pay  
16 this rate?

17 MS. SWANSON: No.

18 We're just looking for the appropriate  
19 amount of money to pay for any given period. If we  
20 want to -- it's almost like an encumbrance order so  
21 that the money is available in the proper account  
22 to pay this.

23 If the Town Board only wants to work  
24 authorize six months' worth of payments, then, of  
25 course, we can do that.

1 If -- whatever you'd like as far as --  
2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But the rate that  
3 we are approving is for an entire year?

4 MS. SWANSON: Yes. The rate we are  
5 approving is for an entire year; however, it is up  
6 to you to determine what money will be available to  
7 pay it.

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: And then I guess  
9 one more question is, in the Resolution itself, it  
10 calls for -- it's termed a rental fee and I would  
11 just --

12 MS. SWANSON: Yes. It's a rent fee.  
13 You are renting the fire hydrant.

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I would believe  
15 there should be -- I know there is not, but why is  
16 there no contract for something that is rented?

17 MS. SWANSON: Because their rates are  
18 controlled by their -- and back in the -- I believe  
19 it was the '40s or '50s when this first occurred,  
20 up in Glenwood-Glen Head, I believe it was it --  
21 may have been Brooklyn Water at that time, they're  
22 the ones that were contracted to place these fire  
23 hydrants there.

24 I have researched back into --

25 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I know you have.

1 We've had this conversation many times.

2 MS. SWANSON: -- the 40s and 50s and  
3 that's -- they put the hydrants there. They own  
4 them.

5 Again, it is not an agreement,  
6 Supervisor. It's just authorizing the money to be  
7 there; however, if we only do this for six months,  
8 we would then have to do a hearing again.

9 I do not think the encumbrance of this  
10 money -- it's just making the money available.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But if we did  
12 amend this to six months, would there be any  
13 financial consequences to the residents, to the  
14 Water District, for their ability to provide fire  
15 services or for the -- would it incur additional  
16 costs in any way?

17 MS. SWANSON: No, absolutely not.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Rozea, you  
19 were going to explain some of the efforts that  
20 we've taken.

21 MR. ROZEA: That's correct, Councilman  
22 Imbroto.

23 So, in addition to the Town Attorney  
24 having written to the New York State Comptroller,  
25 in addition to our outreach efforts to the Public

1 Service Commission, and directly to New York  
2 American Water, we've recently filed papers in the  
3 State Supreme Court, Albany County, arguing that  
4 the rates approved by the Public Service Commission  
5 are arbitrary, unconstitutional and downright  
6 wrong.

7 There is no reason why individuals in  
8 one geographic location should be paying an  
9 exorbitantly higher rate for a basic necessity of  
10 life than any other resident within Water Districts  
11 in the Town of Oyster Bay.

12 The Public Service Commission and  
13 New York American Water have unconstitutionally  
14 taxed the residents of the Glenwood,/Sea Cliff area  
15 and they've done it in an arbitrary manner, and  
16 that's only corroborated by the fact that New York  
17 American Water has now admitted that there was an  
18 assessment error and that there could be a very  
19 sizable reduction in sight.

20 But we've take a very aggressive  
21 position in State Court, up in Albany County,  
22 arguing that these rates need to be attacked and  
23 adjusted downward to bring relief to the taxpayers  
24 of these areas, which includes both Glenwood, Sea  
25 Cliff, and Glen Head areas, but also portions of

1 Massapequa. This is endemic on Long Island, quite  
2 frankly, and New York American Water has been  
3 allowed to ravage the taxpayers for too long.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Rozea, if  
5 those arguments are successful, what would be the  
6 impact on the action that we're taking today?

7 MR. ROZEA: We've argued -- what would  
8 happen is that we've argued that the rate should be  
9 stricken and that they need to go back to the  
10 Public Service Commission with real data and real  
11 facts and come up with the real rate.

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: If that happens,  
13 would we get any portion of this money back?

14 MR. ROZEA: We'd have to either seek it  
15 from them -- you know, through negotiations or  
16 litigation, but right now, as the rates stand --  
17 the rates as they are, are what they are. If the  
18 court vacates the rate, the Public Service  
19 Commission order, then we'd be able to get a  
20 reduction by one means or another.

21 MS. SWANSON: (Inaudible.)

22 MR. ROZEA: Well, right. It wouldn't  
23 be prospective, it would be only for what we've  
24 actually spent above and beyond what the rate  
25 should be.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Is the rate paid  
2 all at once?

3 MR. ROZEA: No. I believe it's  
4 invoiced monthly.

5 MS. SWANSON: Invoiced monthly or  
6 quarterly -- or quarterly. You would have to check  
7 with Mr. Bella, but I believe it's quarterly.

8 MR. ROZEA: Yeah.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And is it your  
10 legal opinion that you concur that if we were to  
11 amend this for a six-month contract, it would not  
12 put any fiscal burdens, no additional costs, there  
13 would be no downside?

14 MR. ROZEA: Donna was correct, I see no  
15 downside in limiting the scope, particularly  
16 because the Public Service Commission is going to  
17 be taking another look at these rates and, in fact,  
18 they've written to the court in Albany and said,  
19 there's a problem, we're investigating it, so  
20 please come back.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can't hurt them  
22 in any way?

23 MR. ROZEA: Certainly can't hurt the  
24 residents.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.



1 Well, based on the advice of our legal  
2 team and to be in lockstep with our community, I'm  
3 going to ask Councilwoman Michelle Johnson to make  
4 an amendment.

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor and  
6 Town Board, I'd like to make a motion to amend this  
7 Resolution to change the term from a period  
8 January 1, 20- -- actually, I believe the term on  
9 here is wrong -- from January 1, 2000 -- no, it's  
10 '18, but on here, it says '17. Perhaps I'm looking  
11 at the wrong part.

12 For a six-month term from January 1,  
13 2018.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a  
15 second?

16 COUNCILMAN HAND: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,  
18 please 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 MR. ROZEA: Very good. Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 Are there any other speakers on this  
3 issue? Is there correspondence on this?

4 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavits of  
5 postings and publications.

6 There is no other correspondence.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

8 Councilman Muscarella, may I have a  
9 motion?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
11 make a motion that this public hearing be closed  
12 and the decision be voted on today.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
15 Councilman Macagnone.

16 And we'll please take a vote.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: It's going to be voted  
18 on today in the Resolutions. We're going to go to  
19 the next hearing.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We're all in  
22 favor.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: All in favor.

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

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ALL: "Aye."

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

(No verbal response given.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have  
it.

(TIME NOTED: 11:25 A.M.)

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
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JANUARY 9, 2018  
11:26 A.M.

**HEARING - HYDRANT RENTAL**

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P R E S E N T:

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Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Hearing - Hydrant  
2 Rental; to consider the 2018 hydrant rental for the  
3 Plainview Fire Protection District and the  
4 Plainview Water District.

5 MS. SWANSON: Again, good morning.

6 This next hearing is a contract to be  
7 entered into on behalf of the Plainview Fire  
8 Protection District and the Plainview Water  
9 District.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

11 Same situation?

12 MS. SWANSON: Same situation, but it  
13 does not involve --

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Supervisor, I  
15 would feel remise if I didn't say something.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please, go right  
17 ahead.

18 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Because -- and I  
19 know there's nobody from the Plainview Water  
20 District here, and I also know that we've had some  
21 changes in leadership and we do have some very good  
22 leadership there, but it's also been on the cover  
23 of Newsday that there are some pretty significant  
24 issues with Plainview Water and by voting on  
25 this -- we do have some authority over the

1 Plainview Water District, and I've been reached out  
2 to and I know that Councilman Imbroto has probably  
3 been reached out to as well by residents that are  
4 concerned about the pervasive pinhole problem in  
5 Plainview -- with our Plainview Water District and  
6 with the water quality results that we've had.

7 We've had real frightening problems for  
8 people, so I wanted to ask -- I mean, obviously, we  
9 have to vote for this, we need to provide for  
10 hydrants and for water, but I wanted to ask if you  
11 would be willing to lend some of the power of your  
12 staff to helping us to look into the issues that  
13 are going on for the residents of Plainview and  
14 provide a little bit of extra oversight.

15 Is that something that we could work  
16 on?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely. We  
18 will provide for that, and I'd like to ask both  
19 Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia and Councilman Lou  
20 Imbroto to co-chair this committee so that we can  
21 go on a fact-finding mission and provide more  
22 assistance.

23 I'm going to -- just because you have  
24 brought this up, and I really appreciate the fact  
25 that you have, I would like to ask our PE, our

1 Professional Engineer, Richard Lenz, to please step  
2 forward.

3 Commissioner Lenz, could you please  
4 state your presence?

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: How are you doing?

6 My name is Richard Lenz, Commissioner  
7 of Department of Public Works and Highway.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Isn't it true  
9 that you are a professional engineer?

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How many years  
12 experience do you have as an engineer?

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Over forty years.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you just  
15 quickly give us the spectrum of that, from  
16 municipal work to water supply?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right.

18 I worked in Sanitation -- excuse me,  
19 they call it Sanitation and Water Supply at the  
20 County, but they don't do Sanitation or water  
21 supply, it's actually sewers, and then also, I did  
22 that for seventeen years.

23 I've worked for Town of Oyster Bay for  
24 seventeen years doing mostly garbage projects. You  
25 know, the Sanitation, Solid Waste, Road Work.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But it is safe to  
2 say -- and also D&B?

3 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right. And then  
4 D&B. I also did sewer treatment plans and solid  
5 waste there also.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The nation's  
7 leading engineering firm as it relates to water  
8 supply?

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the  
11 components of water and the contaminates of water?

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

14 So, clearly, you are highly skilled and  
15 experienced to answer this question.

16 So that we may relieve the stress and  
17 the anxiety of our residents, we will be looking  
18 into this issue. What we're doing today to provide  
19 fire departments' access to the hydrants within the  
20 Plainview Water District, would that, in any way,  
21 be connected to, or exacerbate, a very difficult  
22 situation? Would it complicate or add to these  
23 pinhole leaks and the other issues going on in  
24 Plainview Water?

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: It will not add to



1       them, no.

2                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO:  It's not related  
3       in any way, shape or form?

4                   COMMISSIONER LENZ:  There is no  
5       relationship, no.

6                   COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:  Supervisor, I'm  
7       aware of that, and I think that we have a very  
8       educated population.  I think that people know  
9       that, but people are very frightened.  It was on  
10      the cover of the newspaper.  We have a  
11      disproportionate number of pinholes in our  
12      community.

13                   We have bad water test results that are  
14      being -- they were publicly said by the Water  
15      District to be inconclusive, and this is our  
16      authority of them.  We have authority and it would  
17      be, I think, to me, it would be neglectful to not  
18      at least lend a little bit of a hand.  I really  
19      appreciate --

20                   COMMISSIONER LENZ:  Certainly.

21                   COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:  -- you speaking  
22      about it, and I thank you and certainly having your  
23      expertise, Commissioner Lenz, would mean a lot.

24                   And I just want to say, I know it's not  
25      the Water Commissioner -- the Water Commissioners

1 are trying to help as well.

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, they are. I  
3 wanted to mention that they are trying to -- I have  
4 been in contact with them at the Plainview Water  
5 District and they are trying to help and understand  
6 what's happening.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So I ask for your  
8 assistance and the assistance of your staff members  
9 to assist with this task force so that we may be  
10 responsive to our residents as it relates to this  
11 and I thank you for confirming --

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- that what we  
14 are doing today has no impact on that issue so  
15 we'll be doing both.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you,  
17 Supervisor.

18 Thank you, Commissioner.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner.

21 Thank you, Councilwoman.

22 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Happy New Year,  
23 Rich.

24 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you.  
25 Happy New Year.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
2 speakers on this? No speakers -- yes?

3 Are you done or do you have more  
4 information?

5 MS. SWANSON: No, I do not.

6 I just wanted to know if there was any  
7 further questions.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

9 Is there any correspondence.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: I have affidavits of  
11 postings and publications.

12 There are no other correspondence.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

14 May I have motion, please, Councilman  
15 Muscarella?

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
17 make a motion that the public hearing be closed and  
18 the decision be voted on today.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

22 ALL: "Aye."

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

24 (No verbal response given.)

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have

1 it.

2 MS. SWANSON: Thank you very much.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you so  
4 much. All right then.

5 If we are done with that, then we may  
6 begin our regular Action Calendar.

7 (TIME NOTED: 11:31 A.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
ACTION CALENDAR  
JANUARY 9, 2018  
11:32 A.M.

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
**SUPERVISOR**

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
**TOWN CLERK**

P R E S E N T:

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

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

JAMES ALTADONNA JR., TOWN CLERK  
JAMES STEFANICH, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

2 Supervisor, we are going to be just  
3 taking things a little slower because we're waiting  
4 for another Walk-On Resolution.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. So the first one  
7 is Resolution 889 where we're going to remove from  
8 the table.

9 May I have a motion to remove from the  
10 table and add Resolution No. 889-2017?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: It was tabled on  
14 December 12, 2017.

15 Motion was made by Councilman  
16 Muscarella, seconded by Councilman Macagnone.

17 On the vote:

18 Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Can you just tell

1 me what we're voting on, which numbers we're voting  
2 on again?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: This is just No. 889.  
4 This was in the back of the calendar.

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: We're adding it?  
6 I vote "Aye." I vote "Aye." I vote "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye," and  
11 I appreciate waiting so that I could be here to  
12 vote on this.

13 Thank you.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: He stepped out  
16 for a moment.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: He stepped out  
18 for a moment. He will be stepping back in just a  
19 moment.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Do you want to  
21 wait for him?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's wait a  
23 moment for him and make him feel real embarrassed.

24 (Whereupon, there was a pause in the  
25 proceedings.)

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Councilman, we  
2 have been waiting for you for your vote.

3 We are tabling Resolution --

4 MR. ALTADONNA: No, no. We're removing  
5 from the table and adding it.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sorry.

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: We're  
8 un-tabling it.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Un-tabling it.  
10 Please repeat that for the Councilman  
11 so he knows what he's voting on.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

13 What we're doing is we're removing from  
14 the table, or un-tabling, Resolution 889 and adding  
15 it to the regular calendar.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 889-2017?

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes, sir.

18 Okay, Councilman Hand?

19 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

21 Motion to remove from the table and add  
22 Resolution 889-2017 passes with seven "Ayes."

23 Okay.

24 May I have a motion to adopt Resolution  
25 No. 889-2017?



1 Resolution No. 889-2017; Resolution  
2 pertaining to the decision on the Local Law  
3 entitled, "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 4 of the  
4 Code of the Town of Oyster Bay to add New Article  
5 XVIII - Office of the Inspector General, Section  
6 4-194, ET SEQ." Hearing held: October 17, 2017.  
7 (M.D. 10/17/17 #5).

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

13 On the vote:

14 Supervisor Saladino?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

23 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

2 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to adopt  
4 Resolution No. 889-2017 passes with seven "Ayes."

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

6 I think we actually do have a speaker.  
7 A hand has just gone up.

8 Come on up, please.

9 Paul, would you please state your  
10 presence?

11 MR. MOLINARI: Paul Molinari,  
12 332 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville.

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Did you put in a  
14 slip to speak on this before we voted on it?

15 MR. MOLINARI: Yes, I did.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We apologize.  
17 Why don't you speak on this and let's  
18 see if there's information that would affect this.

19 MR. MOLINARI: Okay.

20 At the last Board meeting, I had spoken  
21 about wording changes that were made in the Code.

22 Last night, I tried to find the Code  
23 again to see if any other modifications were made  
24 because at the last Board meeting, I took objection  
25 to saying "with prejudice," and it was explained at

1 that time what "with prejudice" means it is a very  
2 limited definition by -- developed by case law for  
3 attorney/client relationships.

4 After the last meeting, I also e-mailed  
5 each one of you on the Board suggesting a minor  
6 modification to make it clearer to the general  
7 public what that means. And, basically, it was  
8 just adding and saying as defined in case law for  
9 attorney/client relationships.

10 Now, as I said, I could not find the  
11 revised Code on the website last night, so I  
12 didn't -- I do not know whether any other changes  
13 were made to the Code.

14 My whole point is that -- and  
15 especially because there's another resolution where  
16 you're continuing work on looking at the Town Code.  
17 These codes are written by attorneys. Attorneys  
18 have their own language.

19 I would suggest for any changes in the  
20 Town Code, go to a plain English type of language.  
21 I know the Federal Government did that and it meant  
22 a lot -- big difference. People understood what  
23 the environmental regulations were when we switched  
24 to plain English language, and I think you need to  
25 do that in Town Code.

1 Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Paul.

3 We do appreciate that very much.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor, you  
5 know, I happen to agree with Mr. Molinari. I think  
6 that maybe we should get a committee formed to try  
7 to work on that. I wouldn't mind being on that  
8 committee.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely.  
10 Absolutely. We appreciate that help.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Not being an  
12 attorney, I do sometimes find it difficult.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I think that's a  
14 great service to our residents and as we turn the  
15 corner for new initiatives in 2018, I'll call on my  
16 staff to put together that committee and we'll have  
17 Councilman Macagnone as one of the co-chairs of  
18 that committee and we'll look at all of our codes.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And, Councilman,  
20 I'll add, even as an attorney, I prefer plain  
21 English. I think that makes it easier for  
22 everybody.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
24 Councilman.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Great suggestion.

1 Thank you.

2 I just wanted to -- I notice now,  
3 Mr. McKenna has quite a few resolutions that he'd  
4 like to speak to and I've noticed now that this is  
5 one of them, so we might have to ask for an opinion  
6 from our Town Attorney, but, sir, please, please  
7 come up and speak on this.

8 MR. McKENNA: Thank you,  
9 Mr. Supervisor.

10 Kevin McKenna, 3 Edna Drive, Syosset,  
11 New York.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

13 MR. McKENNA: Happy New Year to the  
14 Town Board.

15 I just wanted to make a reminder that  
16 in a prior meeting, the Board had concerns and  
17 discussions about the qualifications of the  
18 attorney -- of the Inspector General, and there was  
19 discussion and a little disagreements as to what  
20 those qualifications should be and shouldn't be,  
21 and we haven't heard anything as to what the  
22 outcome was of that, as well as there was a  
23 suggestion made that it be published on the website  
24 so that the public can understand the  
25 qualifications and the public would have the

1 ability, if they wanted to, to apply for the  
2 position. So if somebody could shed light as to  
3 the outcome of that, I would appreciate it.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.  
5 Absolutely.

6 Please have a seat. We'll call Vicky  
7 Spinelli up.

8 Is she her in this room?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: She's out sick.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: She's out sick.  
11 Okay.

12 Then we'll ask our Town Attorney to  
13 come up to speak on this issue so that we can shed  
14 more light on this and I will ask the  
15 communications folks here to please ensure that we  
16 get this information onto our website.

17 Joe, it's been brought up, in terms of  
18 alerting the public to -- first of all, would you  
19 start off by stating your presence?

20 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

21 Joseph Nocella, Town Attorney.

22 Good morning, everyone.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Good morning,  
24 Mr. Nocella.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you describe

1 to the public and those watching at home on the  
2 Internet a little bit more information in regard to  
3 qualifications in the role of the Inspector General  
4 that we've been working on, we've had hearings on,  
5 we've done press on this. We've spoken to  
6 residents on this, and in detail with members of  
7 the press and so many others to get the information  
8 out on this and, quite frankly, we are very proud  
9 to be putting this into implementation here in the  
10 Town of Oyster Bay.

11 So why don't you speak to some of the  
12 qualifications as they're set forth in the  
13 legislation?

14 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. I'd be happy to,  
15 Supervisor.

16 For one, it is no longer a requirement  
17 that the Inspector General be an attorney. I think  
18 Councilman Macagnone pointed out, and others did  
19 too, that there are people involved in auditing in  
20 the financial world, in the accounting world, who  
21 perform a superb job as the Inspector General  
22 without happening to know the law or to have been  
23 an attorney. That was one of the changes that was  
24 deleted.

25 We also tried, to the fullest extent

1 possible, to assure the independence of the  
2 Inspector General by making certain that the  
3 candidate for the job, anyone who applies for the  
4 job, doesn't have a political affiliation or recent  
5 association with the Town of Oyster Bay.

6 Those are the primary and major changes  
7 that were requested by members of the Town Board,  
8 by members of the public.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: That goes for  
10 the Deputy also, correct?

11 MR. NOCELLA: That's absolutely  
12 correct.

13 And if there were additional ones, I'm  
14 sure Ms. Spinelli could specify them. I can't  
15 think of any others. Those are the primary ones.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Mr. Nocella, we  
17 went a step further even with the political  
18 affiliation, it can't even be someone who holds a  
19 committee position with a political organization.

20 MR. NOCELLA: That's precisely correct  
21 and spelled out word for word, as you just said.

22 Word for word, by which I mean, the  
23 word "committee person" appears right in the law.

24 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I saw that and I  
25 appreciated it.



1 Thank you.

2 MR. NOCELLA: You're welcome.

3 I would note again, as a preliminary  
4 matter for the benefit of the public, this law has  
5 yet to be passed, that's, I assume, what will be  
6 happening today when you vote on it.

7 Once the law is passed and the position  
8 is fully created, funded, and, of course, approved  
9 by the Civil Service Commission, then at that  
10 point, all the specifications and the application  
11 will be posted on our website.

12 It would have been premature when this  
13 body has not yet acted to post an application for a  
14 job that does not yet exist. So that may respond  
15 in part to a concern that was raised by the last  
16 speaker from the public. We need the law to be  
17 passed, if, in fact, it's going to be, and once it  
18 is passed and the position is created, then, of  
19 course, the application will be posted on the  
20 website for the entire public.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

22 And before you walk away, are there any  
23 other speakers on this item? Would it prudent for  
24 us to revote now that we have heard from these two  
25 speakers on this issue?

1 MR. NOCELLA: Well, Supervisor, I don't  
2 see any need for a motion for reconsideration of  
3 this because there hasn't been anything that was  
4 raised that would cause a change. It's a matter,  
5 however, within the discretion of the Board, but as  
6 a parliamentarian and as your Town Attorney, I  
7 would say that there isn't a need for a revote.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is everyone  
9 comfortable with that?

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm comfortable.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You all are?

12 Thank you very much.

13 MR. NOCELLA: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So, once again,  
15 I'll ask, are there any other speakers on the issue  
16 of creating the Office of Inspector General in the  
17 Town of Oyster Bay?

18 (No verbal response given.)

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

20 This is a very important component of  
21 our sweeping ethics reform. We are very happy to  
22 be among the very first in all of Long Island,  
23 perhaps the state, to put this in place and we will  
24 continue to embrace these issues, and obviously, be  
25 very public in the process of seeking the right

1 candidates for these positions.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

3 Supervisor, I am going to do the  
4 suspends now, but I don't have the sheet, so please  
5 look to see if there's speakers or not. Okay.

6 May I have motion to suspend the rules  
7 and add Resolution Nos. 38-2018 through 42-2018?

8 Resolution No. 38-2018; Resolution  
9 authorizing an Inter-municipal agreement with the  
10 Incorporated Village of Bayville which would  
11 provide sand and salt to said Village from  
12 November 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. (M.D.  
13 1/2/18 #5).

14 Resolution No. 39-2018; Resolution  
15 pertaining to obtaining the Town's Public Employee  
16 Blanket Bond Insurance for the period December 31,  
17 2017 to December 31, 2018. Account No. Town AMS  
18 1910 43030 601 0000 000. (M.D. 1/2/18 #7).

19 Resolution No. 40-2018; Resolution  
20 authorizing the continuation of utilizing the  
21 various existing Hearing Officers in connection  
22 with Employee Relations Matters for the period  
23 January 1, 2018 through no later than March 31,  
24 2018, in order to evaluate proposals received from  
25 an RFP. Account No. OTA A 1420 44800 000 0000.

1 (M.D. 1/2/18 #9).

2 Resolution No. 41-2018; Resolution  
3 relating to a bid proposal in connection with  
4 premises located at 50 Engel Street, Hicksville,  
5 New York. (M.D. 1/2/18 #10).

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

11 On the motion?

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion was made by  
15 Councilman Muscarella, seconded my Councilman  
16 Macagnone.

17 On the vote:

18 Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

6 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to suspend the  
8 rules and add Resolution No. 38-2018 through  
9 42-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."

10 Now I am going to table Resolution No.  
11 42-2018 and then you can vote on 38 through 41,  
12 noting if there's any speakers.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me.

14 Should we vote to table this?

15 MR. ALTADONNA: We are going to do it.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: That's what I'm doing  
18 right now.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have motion to  
21 table Resolution 42-2018?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

25 Motion was made by Councilman

1 Muscarella, seconded my Councilman Macagnone.  
2 On the vote:  
3 Supervisor Saladino?  
4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."  
5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?  
6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."  
7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?  
8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."  
9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?  
10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."  
11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?  
12 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."  
13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?  
14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."  
15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?  
16 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."  
17 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to table  
18 Resolution 42-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."  
19 Now, I'm going call for a vote.  
20 May I have a motion adopt Resolution  
21 38-2018 through 42-2018, noting that 42-2018 was  
22 tabled so we're going to vote on 38-2018 through  
23 41-2018?  
24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Point of order.  
25 Why are we not just going to vote on

1 the regular calendar?

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Because I'm trying -- I  
3 still have -- we're still waiting on a walk-on  
4 Resolution that is not here yet.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is going to be  
6 here in just a moment.

7 I'm going to ask for --

8 MR. ALTADONNA: I could add it to the  
9 Walk-On -- to the calendar but I--

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You can do the  
11 Walk-On when the Walk-On comes out?

12 MR. ALTADONNA: But I also have another  
13 Walk-On that's here. We're waiting for a second  
14 one.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Why don't we do  
16 this? Let's take a five-minute recess.

17 We are about to announce something very  
18 exciting that will ease the process that we're  
19 undergoing right now. So I am going to ask for a  
20 five-minute recess and then we will be able to come  
21 out and create a more efficient manner of doing  
22 this.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
25 much. We will be right back.

1 (Whereupon, a recess began at  
2 11:47 a.m. and the proceedings resumed at  
3 11:56 a.m. and as follows:)

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
5 gentlemen, without having to take your seats, we  
6 are going to ask to go into Executive Session.

7 I'm going to ask Councilman Muscarella  
8 to please present a motion.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
10 make a motion that this executive -- I mean, this  
11 Town Board go into Executive Session to discuss  
12 labor law issues.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

16 ALL: "Aye."

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All opposed,  
18 "Nay."

19 (No verbal response given.)

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

22 We will have some good news for you  
23 shortly on a brand-new development. It should take  
24 about five minutes or so, ten minutes at the most.  
25 It wouldn't be a long break, and I greatly



1 appreciate that.

2 (Whereupon, the Executive Session began  
3 at 11:56 a.m. and the proceedings resumed at  
4 12:20 p.m. as follows:)

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you for  
6 your patience. You know, my father had an  
7 expression growing up, "It is a glorious day."

8 Well, we will have some more news for  
9 you momentarily that I'm going to expand upon his  
10 expression to say, "It is a glorious day in the  
11 Town of Oyster Bay."

12 Once again, we have a some very  
13 exciting news for you.

14 So, Town Clerk James Altadonna.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
16 make a motion to close the Executive Session.

17 The Town Board will take action through  
18 a Resolution on the memorandum of agreement and  
19 understanding between the Town of Oyster Bay and  
20 the CSEA Local 881.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

24 ALL: "Aye."

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

1 (No verbal response given.)

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

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. I'm going to ask  
5 for -- may I have a motion to resuspend the rules  
6 and add the following Walk-On Resolution Nos.  
7 43-2018 through 44-2018?

8 43-2018 is a Resolution pertaining to  
9 the decision on a Local Law entitled, "A Local Law  
10 to amend the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay,  
11 New York, Chapter 96 - Dangerous Buildings, to add  
12 sections and provisions addressing vacant and  
13 abandoned buildings. Hearing held: December 12,  
14 2017.

15 Supervisor, we are still waiting for  
16 44. If you want, we can just vote to add it to the  
17 regular Action Calendar 43, while we are waiting on  
18 44.

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Motion made by  
22 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
23 Macagnone.

24 On the vote:

25 Supervisor Saladino?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."  
2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?  
3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."  
4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?  
5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."  
6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?  
7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."  
8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?  
9 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."  
10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?  
11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."  
12 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?  
13 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."  
14 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Motion to  
15 resuspend the rules and add Walk-On Resolution  
16 43-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."  
17 Now, we can treat 44 separate until I  
18 get the Resolution and we can continue to hear  
19 speakers. I can call for the regular Action  
20 Calendar, for the vote, if you so choose.  
21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I think that's a  
22 very good use of our time.  
23 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.  
24 Can I have a motion to adopt Resolution  
25 No. P-2-18 through Resolution 43-2018, noting that

1 Resolution 36 has been changed to six months,  
2 through June 18th and Resolution 42 has been  
3 tabled.

4 Personnel Resolution No. P-2-18 and  
5 PA-5-18; Resolution pertaining to personnel of  
6 various departments within the Town of Oyster Bay.

7 Transfer of Funds Resolution No.  
8 TF-2-18; Resolution pertaining to Transfer of Funds  
9 within various departments accounts for the Year  
10 2018.

11 Resolution No. 1-2018; Resolution  
12 authorizing a waiver of ice rink fees for Long  
13 Island Blues, Inc., Winter Classic Fundraiser to be  
14 held January 27, 2018 at the Bethpage Ice Skating  
15 Center and January 28, 2018 at Syosset-Woodbury  
16 Community Park. (M.D. 12/5/17 #4).

17 Resolution No. 2-2018; Resolution  
18 pertaining to the amendment of parking restrictions  
19 in Municipal Parking Field S-1, Syosset, New York.  
20 (M.D. 12/5/17 #24).

21 Resolution No. 3-2018; Resolution  
22 authorizing the acceptance of a monetary donation  
23 from the New York Rangers Alumni Association in  
24 support of the Town of Oyster Bay Youth Hockey Ice  
25 Program. (M.D. 12/5/17 #25).

1 Resolution No. 4-2018; Resolution  
2 authorizing an agreement for the employment of the  
3 services of a performer to provide entertainment  
4 for GAP Program participants on March 23, 2018 at  
5 Marjorie R. Post Community Center and March 27,  
6 2018 at SyossetWoodbury Community Park and for the  
7 Supervisor or his designee to execute said  
8 agreement. Account No. CYS A 7020 47660 000 0000.  
9 (M.D. 12/12/17 #4).

10 Resolution No. 5-2018; Resolution  
11 authorizing an agreement for the employment of the  
12 services of a vendor to provide food for GAP  
13 Program participants on March 16, 2018 at Syosset-  
14 Woodbury Community Park and for the Supervisor or  
15 his designee to execute said agreement. Account No.  
16 CYS A 7020 47660 000 0000. (M.D. 12/12/17 #5).

17 Resolution No. 6-2018; Resolution  
18 authorizing the Town of Oyster Bay sponsored Youth  
19 Arts and Crafts Program for Toddlers Ages two  
20 through four. (M.D. 12/12/17 #6).

21 Resolution No. 7-2018; Resolution  
22 authorizing the Town of Oyster Bay Men's Softball  
23 League and to adopt an entry fee. (M.D. 12/12/17  
24 #7).

25 Resolution No. 8-2018; Resolution

1 authorizing the issuance of a refund for a building  
2 permit fee to R. Khurana. Account No. PAD B 0001  
3 02555 000 0000. (M.D. 12/12/17 #20).

4 Resolution No. 9-2018; Resolution  
5 authorizing the issuance of a refund for a building  
6 permit fee to A. Baranello. Account No. PAD B 0001  
7 02555 000 0000. (M.D. 12/12/17 #21).

8 Resolution No. 10-2018; Resolution  
9 authorizing the issuance of a refund for a building  
10 permit fee to Cap-Land Homes. Account No. PAD B  
11 0001 02555 000 0000. (M.D. 12/12/17 #22).

12 Resolution No. 11-2018; Resolution  
13 authorizing the issuance of a refund for a building  
14 permit fee to G. Chaggar. Account No. PAD B 0001  
15 02555 000 0000. (M.D. 12/12/17 #23).

16 Resolution No. 12-2018; Resolution  
17 directing the Town Clerk to publish a notice of  
18 hearing on proposed amendments to the Code of the  
19 Town of Oyster Bay, New York, amending Chapter 233  
20 of said code pertaining to parking, stopping,  
21 crossing, loading zones, thru traffic, trucking  
22 operations and other traffic regulations. Hearing  
23 date: January 23, 2018. (M.D. 12/12/17 #24).

24 Resolution No. 13-2018; Resolution to  
25 standardize New Way Refuse Body for Sanitation

1 trucks. (M.D. 12/12/17 #25).

2 Resolution No. 14-2018; Resolution  
3 authorizing the Department of Community & Youth  
4 Services to conduct its Annual Talent Competition  
5 on March 3, 2018 at the Nassau BOCES, Long Island  
6 High School for the Arts, together with the Town of  
7 Oyster Bay Arts Council, Inc. (M.D. 12/19/17 #7).

8 Resolution No. 15-2018; Resolution  
9 authorizing the Department of Community & Youth  
10 Services to host an Art Gallery and Reception on  
11 January 10, 2018 at the Syosset-Woodbury Community  
12 Center to welcome the 2018 Rotational Artists and  
13 to present awards to the winning artists. (M.D.  
14 12/19/17 #8).

15 Resolution No. 16-2018; Resolution  
16 authorizing the Adult Co-Ed Athletic Program for  
17 Basketball at various Town of Oyster Bay facilities  
18 and to charge a fee for said program. (M.D.  
19 12/19/17 #9).

20 Resolution No. 17-2018; Resolution  
21 authorizing the Adult Co-Ed Athletic Program for  
22 Badminton and Volleyball at various Town of Oyster  
23 Bay facilities and to charge a fee for said  
24 program. (M.D. 12/19/17 #10).

25 Resolution No. 18-2018; Resolution

1 authorizing Fitness Workshops at various Town of  
2 Oyster Bay facilities and to charge a fee for said  
3 programs. (M.D. 12/19/17 #11).

4 Resolution No. 19-2018; Resolution  
5 authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a  
6 memorial plaque from D. Albanes, Mr. Darienzo to be  
7 placed on an existing bench at the Theodore  
8 Roosevelt Memorial Park in memory of John J.  
9 Albanes. (M.D. 12/19/17 #12).

10 Resolution No. 20-2018; Resolution  
11 authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the  
12 National Hockey League through the Hockey is for  
13 Everyone grant program to support the Town's  
14 Youth Ice Hockey Program. (M.D. 12/19/17 #17).

15 Resolution No. 21-2018; Resolution  
16 authorizing payment to four members of the Planning  
17 Advisory Board for the 2018 calendar year. Account  
18 No. PAD B 8020 44800 000 0000. (M.D. 12/19/17 #20).

19 Resolution No. 22-2018; Resolution  
20 granting request from C. Ribando to supply a  
21 "Reserved Combat Wounded" sign to be installed in  
22 Town of Oyster Bay Municipal Lot, M-9, in  
23 Massapequa. (M.D. 12/19/17 #21).

24 Resolution No. 23-2018; Resolution  
25 authorizing the Supervisor or his designee to



1 execute a contract for services with Nassau  
2 Community College under the Carl Perkins Act from  
3 February 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018. (M.D.  
4 12/15/17 #4).

5 Resolution No. 24-2018; Resolution  
6 authorizing an Inter-municipal Agreement with the  
7 Incorporated Village of Upper Brookville under  
8 which the Town will provide sand and salt to said  
9 Village from November 29, 2017 through April 30,  
10 2018. (M.D. 12/25/17 #7).

11 Resolution No. 25-2018; Resolution  
12 authorizing an Inter-municipal Agreement with the  
13 Incorporated Village of Centre Island under which  
14 the Town will provide sand and salt to said Village  
15 from November 29, 2017 through April 30, 2018.  
16 (M.D. 12/25/17 #8).

17 Resolution No. 26-2018; Resolution  
18 authorizing an Inter-municipal Agreement with the  
19 Oyster Bay-East Norwich Central School District  
20 under which the Town will provide sand and  
21 Salt to said School District for use during  
22 snowfalls from November 1, 2017 through April 30,  
23 2018. (M.D. 12/25/17 #9).

24 Resolution No. 27-2018; Resolution  
25 amending Resolution No. 131-91, for an increase in

1 authorization in connection with Town Code  
2 analysis, composition, publication and  
3 computerization. Account No. OTC A 1410 44100 000  
4 0000. (M.D. 12/25/17 #10).

5 Resolution No. 28-2018; Resolution  
6 authorizing the bid and construction phases for  
7 Contract No. DP17-166, Replacement of Synthetic  
8 Turf Field at Syosset-Woodbury Community Park.  
9 (M.D. 12/25/17 #13).

10 Resolution No. 29-2018; Resolution  
11 pertaining to property insurance covering the  
12 Town's building and contents for the period  
13 December 31, 2017 through December 31, 2018 and  
14 Authorizing the encumbrance of an additional sum to  
15 cover potential new locations and/or increased  
16 values. Account No. Town AMS 1910 43030 601 0000  
17 000. (M.D. 12/25/17 #15).

18 Resolution No. 30-2018; Resolution  
19 authorizing a one-year lease extension of commuter  
20 parking at 47 West Barclay Street, Hicksville,  
21 New York for the period January 1, 2018 through  
22 December 31, 2018. Account No. HWY H 5997 20000 000  
23 0811 016. (M.D. 12/25/17 #16).

24 Resolution No. 31-2018; Resolution  
25 authorizing the retention of the services of

1 instructors for Fitness Workshops at various Town  
2 of Oyster Bay facilities. Account No. PKS A 7110  
3 47660 000 0000. (M.D. 12/19/17 #13 & 1/2/18 #8).

4 Resolution No. 32-2018; Resolution  
5 authorizing amended Town Board approval on  
6 519 Central Avenue, Bethpage New York and to amend  
7 the prior Town Board approval granted June 13,  
8 1961. (M.D. 12/25/17 #11 & 1/2/18 #4).

9 Resolution No. 33-2018; Resolution  
10 pertaining to Contract No. H17-170 - Engineering  
11 Services for the preparation of a Project Labor  
12 Agreement relative to Repairs to the Hicksville  
13 Parking Facility. Account No. HWY H 5997 20000 000  
14 0811 016. (M.D. 12/25/17 #12 & 1/2/18 #6).

15 Resolution No. 34-2018; Resolution  
16 pertaining to the decision for the 2018 Fire  
17 Protection Agreements. Hearing held: January 9,  
18 2018. (M.D. 11/18/17 #69).

19 Resolution No. 35-2018; Resolution  
20 pertaining to the decision for the 2018 Hydrant  
21 Rental for the Oyster Bay Fire Protection District  
22 and Oyster Bay Water District. Hearing held:  
23 January 9, 2018. (M.D. 11/28/17 #24).

24 Resolution No. 36-2018; Resolution  
25 pertaining to the decision for the 2018 Hydrant

1 Rental for the Glenwood-Glen Head Fire Protection  
2 District and New York American Water Company, Inc.  
3 Hearing held: January 9, 2018. (M.D. 11/28/17 #23).

4 Resolution No. 37-2018; Resolution  
5 pertaining to the decision for the 2018 Hydrant  
6 Rental for the Plainview Fire Protection District  
7 and the Plainview Water District. Hearing held:  
8 January 9, 2018. (M.D. 11/28/17 #17).

9 Resolution No. 38-2018; Resolution  
10 authorizing an Inter-municipal agreement with the  
11 Incorporated Village of Bayville which would  
12 provide sand and salt to said Village from November  
13 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018. (M.D. 1/2/18 #5).

14 Resolution No. 39-2018; Resolution  
15 pertaining to obtaining the Town's Public Employee  
16 Blanket Bond Insurance for the period December 31,  
17 2017 to December 31, 2018. Account No. Town AMS  
18 1910 43030 601 0000 000. (M.D. 1/2/18 #7).

19 Resolution No. 40-2018; Resolution  
20 authorizing the continuation of utilizing the  
21 various existing Hearing Officers in connection  
22 with Employee Relations Matters for the period  
23 January 1, 2018 through no later than March 31,  
24 2018, in order to evaluate proposals received from  
25 an RFP. Account No. OTA A 1420 44800 000 0000.

1 (M.D. 1/2/18 #9).

2 Resolution No. 41-2018; Resolution  
3 relating to a bid proposal in connection with  
4 premises located at 50 Engel Street, Hicksville,  
5 New York. (M.D. 1/2/18 #10).

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

7 Bring on the speakers, Supervisor.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Town  
9 Clerk Altadonna.

10 Our first speaker on these Resolutions  
11 will be Paul J. Molinari of Hicksville.

12 Come on up again, Paul.

13 Thank you for all the patience waiting  
14 as we prepared these actions.

15 MR. MOLINARI: Good afternoon,  
16 Mr. Supervisor and Town Board members.

17 I'm going speak on three resolutions,  
18 No. 30, 33 and 42.

19 On Resolution No. 30, that is the  
20 rental agreement for parking spaces on West  
21 Barclay.

22 Last year you voted on it, approving it  
23 to give you an option whether to renew it again  
24 this year. I vote -- I would recommend that we do  
25 not spend \$45,000 for 65 parking spaces. That is

1 my -- to me, a lot of money. A lot less -- it's  
2 even at -- now almost as -- it's like \$60 a month  
3 that's you're paying, subsidizing to pay for the  
4 commuters to park there at West Barclay Street, so  
5 I would recommend that you vote no on this.

6 I'm just going to jump over to 42  
7 because my only comment that is -- that it's the  
8 sale of the Engel Street property.

9 This has been you know, discussions  
10 before the Board previously. I would just suggest  
11 that from the sale of that property, is \$2.5  
12 million. I understand it was -- is from the C  
13 Account, the Environmental Account, that that money  
14 be utilized to create an open space in Downtown  
15 Hicksville.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Great idea, Paul.

17 MR. MOLINARI: My last one is on  
18 Resolution 33, and that's where I have some  
19 questions.

20 I don't understand what a project labor  
21 agreement is needed for, a construction project,  
22 when that project is going to be put out for bids  
23 and you would have, you know, contractors bid on it  
24 and they're required by State Law to pay union  
25 wages and et cetera, et cetera, so I don't

1 understand what a project labor agreement is and  
2 why is it needed.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I can give you a  
4 real short answer.

5 MR. MOLINARI: Okay.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You're able to  
7 change the work rules to make it more financially  
8 viable for the Town on whether there's a change in  
9 the hours, no overtime, no strike clause, no picket  
10 clause. It's just a bunch of rules that help make  
11 it more viable for the municipality to be able  
12 switch work rules around and everything else. It's  
13 been used many times throughout Long Island and  
14 New York City and it's -- they show that it's a  
15 savings to the municipality.

16 MR. MOLINARI: Then I would support it  
17 if it's going to save us money on the  
18 reconstruction. I think --

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have not seen  
20 one that costs extra.

21 MR. MOLINARI: Thank you. I just --  
22 you know, I never heard of it, that's why I posed  
23 the question.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Paul, I'll send  
25 you some information on it.

1 MR. MOLINARI: Thank you. Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Paul.

3 Our next speaker is Cheryl Bronn [sic].

4 MS. BROWN: Brown, like the color.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sorry. I'm

6 reading it wrong. Come on up, Cheryl.

7 MS. BROWN: Good afternoon, everyone.

8 Happy New Year.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Happy New Year.

10 MS. BROWN: My question is regarding

11 the Resolution 30, which is the 47 West Barclay

12 Street property, again, with the \$45,000.

13 The Duffy Street garage has how many  
14 useable spaces, approximately, after the, you know,  
15 collapse?

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner  
17 Lenz, would you please step up and speak to this?  
18 Is there someone else who we should have up as  
19 well?

20 We will get you those answers in just a  
21 moment.

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Richard Lenz,  
23 Commissioner, and John Bishop, Deputy Commissioner.

24 There's 1,200 parking spaces at the  
25 parking garage.



1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: How many useable  
2 right now, Rich?

3 COMMISSIONER LENZ: There's close to  
4 1,100. It was actually, I believe, about 60 that  
5 we're not able to use because of the extra shoring  
6 that we are putting in and we're going to be  
7 bidding that contract soon.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: What's the  
9 history of the spaces that we're talking about  
10 right now; do you know?

11 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: The piece  
12 of land at West Barclay?

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Mm-hmm.

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: There was  
15 an agreement that we had discovered through the  
16 Town Attorney's Office that had been in effect for  
17 many years and we had continued to utilize that  
18 property because there were insufficient parking  
19 spaces.

20 When the new garage was then  
21 established and built, at the time, we kept it  
22 intact because we were carting people back and  
23 forth from Target and the Sear's parking lot.

24 So when it came up for renewal and we  
25 had the issue of the additional spaces being lost

1 at the garage because of the work that had to be  
2 performed currently, the extra spaces were  
3 requested by the residents, that we find additional  
4 spaces that they can park at to make the trains on  
5 time.

6 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I don't mean to  
7 put you on the spot, Commissioners, but was it  
8 always at 45,000? I'm sorry. I don't remember.  
9 I'm sure I must have voted on it in the past.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I do not  
11 have that. I know Town Attorney had the original  
12 agreement as to what the amount was for the rental  
13 on that property.

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I think the  
15 residents will be very angry for us to lose any  
16 parking spaces from there, but I can't argue with  
17 what this resident is saying, that \$45,000 for 60  
18 spaces does seem a little bit like -- what do they  
19 call it when the gas stations raise the prices?

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Gouging.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Price gouging.

22 Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Commissioner,  
24 what's the average cost of a parking space a day at  
25 the Hicksville Train Station, not through our

1 garage?

2 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Our lot --  
3 the lot across the street from the garage, I  
4 believe they're up to \$12 a day.

5 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So how does that  
6 compare to what we're spending?

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I guess --  
8 I don't have a calculator to do the math, that's --  
9 65 spaces times 12 a day for --

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: That \$35,000?  
11 But that's retail. We don't pay retail.

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Right. But I  
13 think that we're paying --

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Too much.

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: I think  
16 that the fee may be over what it would be for \$12  
17 per space, but the agreement was in existence and  
18 then when the garage was built, we had to extend  
19 it. So it's up to the Town Board to extend it or  
20 not extend it.

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Is it ending  
22 right now? Do we have any time that we can take  
23 this --

24 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: It has  
25 already ended and the Town Attorney's Office had

1 the file as to when it had finalized out.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: What do you  
3 think, Supervisor?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we have a  
5 situation, and, obviously, we have to continue to  
6 move on this, but --

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Can I also  
8 ask, in addition to the spaces, the Highway  
9 Department was informed that the shoring had to be  
10 put up. We did make additional spaces available  
11 with on-street parking and removed all the metered  
12 parking at some of the location spots, especially  
13 by Peppercorns.

14 We added additional spaces and still  
15 kept into consideration the businesses districts  
16 and met with some of the businesses as to what they  
17 felt was a compromise for having business district  
18 parking and handicap parking that's required by  
19 State Law and we were able to pick up an additional  
20 76 spaces at that time.

21 COMMISSIONER LENZ: So that really took  
22 care of what we lost.

23 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: What we  
24 lost, business lost.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone

1 and I had met previously with the mall and they had  
2 seemed fairly amenable to partner with us to offer  
3 more spaces there as well. I know it's not as  
4 proximate.

5 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: We can  
6 look into that as the next phase as the  
7 construction, as Commissioner Lenz had stated in  
8 the past, once the construction begins, we're going  
9 to have to start going back to that two-month  
10 period of utilizing the mall parking lot and  
11 providing the busses.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Also,  
13 Commissioner, have we taken into account when the  
14 MTA is going to be doing their construction, the  
15 parking garage?

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, we have.  
17 They're going to be starting soon too, you're  
18 right.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yeah, so it's  
20 going to be a real hodgepodge down there for a  
21 while.

22 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Commissioner, I  
24 got to ask, this is \$45,000 for what period?

25 COMMISSIONER LENZ: One year.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So at \$12 a day,  
2 that would come out to \$200,000. I mean, we're  
3 paying far less than --

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It's really only  
5 weekday, really, use. People aren't --

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Right. That's  
7 calculating a 260-day year. It would be about  
8 \$200,000 to rent the spaces individually. I think  
9 we are getting a good deal.

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: That's what they  
11 are asking.

12 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: 12 times  
13 65 spaces times, say, 5.

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: He's already done  
15 the math.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: What figure did you  
17 use, 260?

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: 260.

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: 260. It's usually  
20 around 280.

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I got 187,000.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner,  
23 after going over the numbers, seeing what the needs  
24 are, taking into consideration the will of the  
25 residents and the local store owners as well as

1 those who use the railroad and ensuring that we're  
2 looking at saving, doing this the most efficient  
3 way, do you advise as proposed is the best means to  
4 accomplish this?

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: I advise it at this  
6 time, yes. While we -- since we are going to work  
7 on the garage and we all are in the process of  
8 taking spaces. We had already taken spaces away.  
9 My recommendation is to approve this for at least  
10 one more year.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As proposed?

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: As proposed.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And how long do  
14 we think it will take for the construction to  
15 complete?

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Construction will  
17 take about two months.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Two months' time.

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: And we will --  
20 should be going out to bid soon.

21 We just got the plan, the  
22 specifications, in for review last week, and we're  
23 in the process of reviewing now, and then also, one  
24 of the other things that was brought up by one of  
25 the other residents is the PLA. We want to take a

1 look at that and see if -- well, we didn't make one  
2 yet. This was to put a consultant on Board to  
3 review, to see if we can facilitate to see if we  
4 can have a project wager agreement, which I think  
5 we certainly can have, but I -- you have to have it  
6 reviewed and you have to give facts of why this is  
7 the best way of going and work with the Unions.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And if approved  
9 as presented, if the construction ends earlier, do  
10 we have the flexibility to negotiate to protect our  
11 taxpayers?

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Save money?

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any other  
16 questions?

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: No, I just --

18 Supervisor, if you don't mind, I just  
19 want to address the resident and say that I agree  
20 that it does seem like an awful lot of money, but  
21 now as I'm looking at it and I'm thinking, well, it  
22 says 3,750 a month and if I had a piece of property  
23 that I owned in that area and I'm sure that he  
24 could use it if he had the right permits or  
25 whatever for other purposes and make more than



1 3,750 a month, you know, it doesn't seem like a  
2 crazy number to me when broken down like that, if  
3 we need it.

4 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right.

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It's a tough  
6 call, no question. I just wanted to tell you --

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

8 Thank you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: -- I definitely  
10 am thinking about what you're saying, but I see  
11 both sides.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 Before you leave, gentlemen, Cheryl,  
14 any other questions you have for them?

15 MS. BROWN: Yes.

16 I just have a question regarding the  
17 policing of the people parking there, because I go  
18 there every now and then, and I do see cars there  
19 without permits, so who is responsible and do they  
20 do it every day and what's the repercussions if you  
21 park there? Do you get a ticket from the Nassau  
22 County Police Department, the MTA? Who? Who's  
23 responsible for the --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do you have the  
25 answer?

1                   DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: All of our  
2 other parking lots, they are policed by the Nassau  
3 County Police Department. They do issue out the  
4 tickets.

5                   With the bad weather, a matter of fact,  
6 some of the lines, you can't see them so we've  
7 gotten requests from residents that have received  
8 parking tickets. We additionally -- and I had met  
9 with the Syosset Moms, we had a very productive  
10 meeting with Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia and  
11 Councilman Hand and trying to solve their parking  
12 situation in the Village of Syosset.

13                   And Public Safety, in addition, has  
14 upped their game and looking at these spots and  
15 making sure that they are legal parking stickered  
16 commuters that are parking there. We can also, of  
17 course, inform Public Safety to additionally add  
18 Hicksville to the list.

19                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Please.

20                   COMMISSIONER LENZ: And we'll also  
21 contact the police.

22                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Commissioner,  
23 please do that.

24                   COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

25                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because they may

1 not realize that we are the leaseholder on that  
2 parking lot.

3 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BISHOP: Especially  
4 where the lot is located, you know, it could be  
5 confusing.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

7 Questions resolved?

8 MS. BROWN: My only suggestions is  
9 maybe Town of Oyster Bay wants to put a parking  
10 garage down near the railroad here because the  
11 parking around here is terrible, too.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will be  
13 speaking to the State about that.

14 MS. BROWN: It's just an idea.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Great idea.  
16 We'll speak to the State about that.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Ms. Brown, as a  
19 Hicksville resident, there's clearly a need for  
20 additional parking.

21 MS. BROWN: As a Hicksville resident, I  
22 need -- yes, definitely.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

25 MS. BROWN: Thank you so much.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

4 Our next speaker is Kevin McKenna.

5 Welcome back to the podium,

6 Mr. McKenna.

7 MR. MCKENNA: Thank you,

8 Mr. Supervisor.

9 Kevin McKenna, 3 Edna Drive, Syosset,  
10 New York.

11 Staying on this Resolution on -- well,  
12 actually it's different. Switching over to 41,  
13 which also ties into the Resolution that the prior  
14 resident just spoke about, it seems that sometimes  
15 we create our own problems.

16 I mean, here -- here, the Town, along  
17 with the State is in the middle of the Hicksville  
18 revitalization discussion. It's been admitted  
19 recently, to me, by one of the committee members  
20 that a traffic study has still not been done yet  
21 regarding the Hicksville Hope Project with which  
22 many, many people think would be one of the first  
23 things that should have been done and I'm told now  
24 that Nassau County is going to be doing a traffic  
25 study, which is a little late.

1 I mean, we all know there's plenty of  
2 traffic there, and if you read -- if you read the  
3 announcement that the State made about the plan, it  
4 says right in the announcement that the third  
5 track, which we all know who are -- we all don't  
6 know, but some of us do know, that the third track  
7 is really what's driving the whole Hicksville  
8 Revitalization Plan.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Respectfully,  
10 Mr. McKenna, I disagree with that because I have  
11 personally been involved with the Downtown.

12 MR. McKENNA: No, but I know that you  
13 are.

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It was way before  
15 the third track was even --

16 MR. McKENNA: I know that you are and I  
17 know that you and Councilman -- I know you've put a  
18 lot of work into it, but the whole \$10 million  
19 grant thing was something that happened recently  
20 and a lot of decisions have been made up in Albany,  
21 on top of what you've already done, and I'm not  
22 here to talk about that right now so -- so, the  
23 bottom line is that the third track is going to  
24 throw a whole different perspective into  
25 Hicksville.

1                   Now, you have -- all right. You have  
2                   \$10 million that you have to spend, the third --  
3                   the State has documented that it's going to  
4                   bring -- it says it right in the announcement,  
5                   which I have on my Facebook right now -- it says  
6                   the third track is going to bring added traffic to  
7                   Hicksville. I mean, it's going to, right?

8                   So you're here right now, you're  
9                   talking about a parking problem. It's going to get  
10                  worse. You need more parking. In the middle of  
11                  this whole project, right now, you're talking about  
12                  selling 50 Engel Street, which came out of the  
13                  blue. I mean, I've been at the recent meetings and  
14                  there was some dissension here amongst the Board,  
15                  Councilwoman Alesia had said when you wanted to  
16                  have this parcel appraised a few meetings ago, you  
17                  said, Mr. Supervisor, that don't worry, we're only  
18                  trying to get it appraised because we want to -- we  
19                  want to see what it's worth.

20                  Okay. That's fine. That was only a  
21                  few meetings ago. All of a sudden, now you have a  
22                  buyer, boom, right? Now, that's great. Why would  
23                  a bus company want to pay \$3.1 million for that  
24                  piece of land? That's a whole other discussion.

25                  I have my own suspicions, which I'd be

1 happy to talk to anybody that wants to talk about  
2 them.

3 They're going to need a place for  
4 the -- the State's going to need a place for the  
5 rail yard. Which all the Civic people that I've  
6 spoken to over the past few weeks, okay, and I've  
7 spoken to Mr. Chitty from the Chamber, who knows --  
8 he knows a lot, and he will not answer the question  
9 for me as to where the rail yard's going to go.  
10 That would be an ideal place for it.

11 Now, the bus company could buy it right  
12 now. They could use it temporarily for their  
13 buses, but there's a longer term plan and the  
14 company that's buying that, this bus company, is  
15 politically connected directly to Cuomo and the  
16 State and all the people up there. That's fine.  
17 There's another plan.

18 My point is, is that I recommend you  
19 hold off on selling Engel Street for a couple of  
20 reasons, and this suggestion was made by a prior  
21 citizen a few times here. Why don't you use Engel  
22 Street as a parking lot to fix the immediate  
23 problem and run a shuttle from Engle Street to the  
24 train station?

25 And the other reason I think you should

1 hold -- there's two other reasons you should hold  
2 off on Engel Street. Number one, Engel Street is  
3 not that far from the discussions on this  
4 revitalization plan. You're talking right now  
5 about traffic problems and you're going to allow a  
6 bus company to put how many buses right down the  
7 road from the train station and now you're going to  
8 further increase traffic?

9 And then you have the other rumor  
10 which, you know, an announcement was made in  
11 Newsday a few weeks ago, and I know it hasn't come  
12 to the Town yet, about the other company that's  
13 going to buy the -- I don't have the address handy.  
14 There's another property nearby where a trucking  
15 company is going to want to put trucks there. We  
16 can't -- you can't allow these companies to make  
17 the parking and traffic problem worse. You're in  
18 control of Engel Street.

19 Why would you want to put 100, 200  
20 buses there when you're in the middle of the  
21 discussion on the revitalization program?

22 The last reason that I think you should  
23 hold off on the sale is because I think the Town,  
24 after the revitalization gets a lot further along,  
25 and Hicksville -- it could be before -- it could



1 take before I'm alive. I mean, I'm getting up  
2 there so by the time Hicksville is done, I might  
3 not be around. You'll still be here because you're  
4 a lot younger than me, but -- well, not a lot  
5 younger -- but when it is all said and done or even  
6 a few years from now, Engel Street's probably going  
7 to be worth a lot more than \$3.1 million. Hold  
8 off. Use it for parking.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I just want to  
10 address that one -- I had the same question as you.  
11 It was brought to me by another resident. I did  
12 inquire, why can't we use it for parking, because I  
13 totally see that as a viable solution, except that  
14 it cannot be used as parking unless we as the Town  
15 reimburse the SEA Fund, the appraised value.

16 So if we wanted to now use it rather  
17 than for open space for parking, the Town would  
18 have to replace three and change of SEA Fund bond  
19 money, so it's not -- it's not like it's just  
20 sitting there and we can use it for parking. I did  
21 inquire about that, and I think it's a very valid  
22 question. The rest of your points, I don't know  
23 how anyone else feels. It's a tough call, no  
24 question.

25 MR. McKENNA: Anybody else want to

1 share their thoughts?

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I believe Mark  
3 Twain said it best, "Invest in real estate.  
4 They're not making anymore."

5 MR. McKENNA: I saw that quote the  
6 other day from you somewhere, and since you brought  
7 up the SEA Fund, which I admittedly, I don't  
8 understand that stuff, but Mr. Molinari brought up  
9 a point about -- you know, take the money for the  
10 sale and use it for the Hicksville Revitalization,  
11 I remember Mr. Darienzo telling everybody that that  
12 money has to go back into the SEA Fund, is that  
13 what it was? So can that SEA Fund even be -- is  
14 that -- could that be used for Hicksville  
15 Revitalization?

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Sorry, and one of  
17 the attorneys might be able to speak better to it,  
18 but it has to be used, I believe, for open space or  
19 parkland, but I do -- I do just want to comment on  
20 one thing because I think this is continually being  
21 confused by people over and over again with respect  
22 to the Downtown Hicksville grant money, the grant  
23 money and the zoning that we've been working on  
24 are -- they're obviously complimentary things that  
25 need to, kind of, work hand in hand, but they're

1 separate.

2 The State didn't give us that grant to  
3 do rezoning or to work on rezoning the Downtown.  
4 It is grant money for a specific project which  
5 we're working on with the community to determine so  
6 the two things are not interchangeably connected,  
7 if that makes sense. And I know people have a  
8 tendency to get up and talk about the two things as  
9 if one can't be separated from the other, but they  
10 are two separate things.

11 MR. McKENNA: I'm going to leave, but  
12 along those lines, big discussion has always been  
13 about traffic and parking, and you're in the middle  
14 of different projects, Hicksville, now the Sears  
15 announcement. I was happy to hear you say, earlier  
16 today, that you're going allow the public meetings  
17 on Hicksville. Now you're going to allow Sears to  
18 be part of the public discussion where that was  
19 prevented in the prior meetings.

20 It is great that you said that because  
21 now you have Sears wanting to put 600 nonaffordable  
22 apartments up the road and you have all this  
23 traffic coming and it all needs to be talked about  
24 at the same time.

25 Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
2 Mr. McKenna, for your opinions.

3 Just to point out to the public that  
4 the law stipulations and mandates that we must pay  
5 back the SEA Fund and then monies beyond that would  
6 be available for some of these considerations.

7 So, obviously, some of -- most of the  
8 information that was just disseminated was opinion  
9 and we will continue to abide by the law and to  
10 work with the residents, and they have been  
11 absolutely wonderful so it's very clear, we're very  
12 confident that the outcomes and our decisions are  
13 at lockstep with the best interests of the  
14 residents, as well as of the taxpayers of this  
15 Town.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Supervisor,  
17 excuse me.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I know we had  
20 spoken a little bit briefly about this before the  
21 meeting, I'm wondering if we can make a commitment,  
22 if the Board can make a commitment that some of the  
23 money, that if we do proceed with the sale, that  
24 some of the money from the sale will be earmarked  
25 for open space in Hicksville itself because this is

1 land that was, in a way, promised to them?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, rather than  
3 label it specifically as open space, let's -- going  
4 forward, speak about the projects that are  
5 necessary as part of one comprehensive plan and how  
6 some of this can be utilized to assist along those  
7 lines.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have Arthur  
10 Adleman.

11 Arthur, you want to come on back up on  
12 one of the Resolutions?

13 MR. ADLEMAN: Hello again, Board.

14 Arthur Adleman, 110 Dubois Avenue,  
15 Sea Cliff.

16 I'd like to thank the Board for  
17 amending Resolution 36 to reflect the six-month  
18 time span; however, I do request that the Board  
19 follow this new Resolution up with a letter to -- I  
20 think his name is Dean, the guy who exposed the  
21 revised accounting errors by New York American  
22 Water in their recent rate increase of May of 2017  
23 and request that he also look into the fire hydrant  
24 rental rates in all the areas of New York American  
25 Water in the State of New York, because it's my

1 feeling they double dip on the number of their  
2 expenses for real estate taxes, or component taxes,  
3 they utilize to substantiate their fire hydrant  
4 rentals.

5 Thank you and good day.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's an  
7 excellent idea, and I'm going to ask that you meet,  
8 please, with Andy Rothstein in my office to further  
9 discuss those details.

10 Andy Rothstein. Just raise your hand,  
11 Andy. After the meeting, please meet with Andy on  
12 that issue.

13 And as I've stated before, Arthur, I  
14 too am a rate payer for New York American Water.

15 This entire Board is in lockstep with  
16 the community in terms of working toward  
17 protection. I thank you for being here today. I  
18 thank you for your important suggestions and we've  
19 proven once again, we're working with you, working  
20 with the community for the betterment of all on  
21 this issue.

22 Thank you.

23 Are there any other speakers on our  
24 Resolutions?

25 (No verbal response given.)

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do we have  
2 correspondence?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: There are no  
4 correspondence.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

6 Would you please call --

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. What we're going  
8 to do is I'm going to read -- at the request of  
9 Councilman Macagnone, I'm going read 43 and 44,  
10 which is a one-page document each.

11 So let me do 43.

12 "WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of  
13 Oyster Bay today has reviewed the proposed Local  
14 Law entitled, "A Local Law to amend the code of the  
15 Town of Oyster Bay, New York, Chapter 96 -  
16 dangerous buildings to add sections and provisions  
17 addressing vacant and abandoned buildings," and

18 "WHEREAS, a duly advertised Public  
19 Hearing on said legislation was held by the Town  
20 Board of the Town of Oyster Bay on December 12,  
21 2017, at which hearing, all parties interested in  
22 the subject matter and desiring to be heard were  
23 heard; and

24 "WHEREAS, the Town of Oyster Bay  
25 Department of Environmental Resources, Town

1 Environmental Quality Review Division, by  
2 memorandum dated December 4, 2017, recommended Town  
3 Board determination that the subject legislation is  
4 deemed to fall under the New York State  
5 Environmental Quality Review Act, 6 NYCRR, Part  
6 617, Section 617.5(c), Type II Actions Listed, as  
7 Item No. 20, relative to "routine or continuing  
8 agency administration and management, not including  
9 the new programs or major reordering of priorities  
10 that may affect the environment," and as such does  
11 not require completion of an Environmental Impact  
12 Statement or other environmental consideration,

13 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That  
14 the Town Board of the Town of Oyster Bay declares  
15 that such Local Law to amend the Code of the Town  
16 of Oyster Bay is a Type II Action, pursuant to  
17 New York State Environmental Quality Review Act  
18 (6 NYCRR, Part 617, Section 617.5(c)), Type II  
19 Actions List, Item No. 20; and be it further

20 "RESOLVED, that said Local Law 18  
21 entitled "A Local Law to amend the code of the Town  
22 of Oyster Bay, New York, Chapter 96 - dangerous  
23 buildings to add sections and provisions addressing  
24 vacant and abandoned buildings," is hereby adopted  
25 without change and shall take effect immediately



1 upon filing with the Secretary of State; and be it  
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That the Town Attorney is  
4 hereby authorized and directed to file this Local  
5 Law with the Secretary of State."

6 That's 43.

7 Now, may I have a motion to resuspend  
8 the rules and add the following Walk-On Resolution  
9 44-2018, which is a Resolution relating to:

10 "Resolution pertaining to the  
11 Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding between  
12 the Town and the CSEA to amend the Collective  
13 Bargaining Agreement for the period January 1, 2017  
14 through December 31, 2021.

15 "WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 36-2017,  
16 adopted on January 10, 2017, the Town Board  
17 approved the Memorandum of Agreement dated  
18 December 29, 2016, between the Town of Oyster Bay  
19 and Local 881 of the Civil Service Employees  
20 Association, Local 1000, AFSCME AFL-CIO ("CSEA"),  
21 and subsequently, the Town and CSEA executed a  
22 Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period from  
23 January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021, which  
24 Collective Bargaining Agreement was intended to  
25 embody all of the terms of the Memorandum of

1 Agreement dated December 29, 2016; and

2 "WHEREAS, the CSEA has filed two (2)  
3 grievances which resulted in two (2) Demands for  
4 Arbitration with the American Arbitration  
5 Association ("AAA") both dated June 9, 2017 (AAA  
6 Case Nos. 01-17-0003-4736 and 01-17-0003-4749, or  
7 other applicable case numbers); and

8 "WHEREAS, the parties have negotiated a  
9 settlement of all claims and disputes between them  
10 without resort to further litigation;

11 "WHEREAS, Joseph Nocella, Town  
12 Attorney, and Thomas M. Sabellico, Special Counsel,  
13 by memorandum dated January 9, 2018, advise that  
14 the Memorandum of Agreement and Understanding dated  
15 January 9, 2018, was entered into between the Town  
16 and CSEA, which Memorandum of Agreement and  
17 Understanding was executed by Jarvis T. Brown,  
18 President of the CSEA and Miguel Cruz, Jr., Labor  
19 Representative, CSEA, who asserted that they had  
20 the agency and authority to bind the CSEA, and by  
21 Gregory W. Carman, Jr., Deputy Supervisor, on  
22 behalf of the Town, subject to ratification by the  
23 Town Board in order for the said Memorandum of  
24 Agreement and Understanding to be binding upon the  
25 Town,

1 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that  
2 the Town Board approves the Memorandum of Agreement  
3 and Understanding dated January 9, 2018, which  
4 amends the Collective Bargaining Agreement between  
5 the Town and CSEA for the period January 1, 2017  
6 through December 31, 2021, all other terms of the  
7 said Collective Bargaining Agreement to remain in  
8 full force and effect.

9 Okay.

10 Now, may I have a motion to resuspend  
11 the rules and add the following Walk-On Resolution  
12 No. 44-2018, which is a resolution relating to as I  
13 just spoke?

14 On the motion?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion was made by  
18 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
19 Macagnone.

20 On the vote:

21 Supervisor Saladino?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I was hoping  
2 you'd read the entire 36 pages, but "Aye."

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: He'll do it for  
4 you later.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you, Councilman  
6 Muscarella.

7 I appreciate that.

8 Councilwoman Alesia?

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

15 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to resuspend the  
17 rules and proceed with the added Walk-On Resolution  
18 No. 43 and 44-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."

19 Okay. Now, you may want to ask if  
20 there's any speakers on that before we take the  
21 vote on the entire calendar, and that's on 43 and  
22 44.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

24 So what I will do is ask our Town  
25 Attorney to step forward so we can explain this.

1           A little earlier, you were all so  
2 patient while we went into Executive Session to  
3 speak to our -- with our Town Attorney and be  
4 briefed on a brand-new stipulation that's great for  
5 our taxpayers and great for, in terms of our  
6 services, as well as our workforce.

7           So why don't you give us an executive  
8 overview on what this is, hot off the presses, just  
9 signed with our workforce and our labor?

10           MR. NOCELLA: Certainly, Supervisor.

11           Again, I'm Joseph Nocella, the Town  
12 Attorney.

13           As the Town Board and you know,  
14 Supervisor, and I think many others know, the Town  
15 was incurring tens of thousands of dollars in  
16 overtime, especially in our Sanitation Department,  
17 and in order to address the overtime issue and the  
18 expenses incurred by overtime, we began to employ  
19 part-time workers.

20           The Collective Bargaining Agreement  
21 currently in place with the Union severely  
22 curtailed the use of part-time workers in the  
23 Sanitation Department and the Public Safety  
24 Department, and as a consequence, the Union, as was  
25 their right, brought two grievances regarding the

1 use of the part-time workers.

2 This stipulation now settles that --  
3 both grievances and it does so on terms that are  
4 acceptable to the Union as well as to the Town of  
5 Oyster Bay.

6 First, with respect to the Sanitation  
7 Department, part-time workers will be allowed for  
8 the duration of the Collective Bargaining  
9 Agreement, there will be up to 90 part-time workers  
10 who can be utilized by the Department of  
11 Sanitation, which has the effect of reducing  
12 overtime and overtime costs.

13 In the Public Safety Department, the  
14 number of part-time workers that can be brought in  
15 will be at a 50/50 ratio. 50/50 in the sense that  
16 there will be --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Percentages, not  
18 the number of employees.

19 MR. NOCELLA: Exactly, and from the  
20 period of Memorial Day through Columbus Day, there  
21 won't be a restriction on the number of part-time  
22 workers who can be brought in and that's when the  
23 demand for Public Safety Officers is at its peak.

24 The Union will receive an accelerated  
25 return of the concession that they made to the Town

1 of Oyster Bay in the Collective Bargaining  
2 Agreement.

3 The Union and its members had agreed to  
4 give back 2 percent of their salaries in the  
5 Collective Bargaining Agreement, and what the  
6 stipulation now does in exchange for their  
7 agreement to withdraw their grievances and permit  
8 part-timers, is to accelerate the return of the  
9 salary give backs.

10 So the 2 percent that each of the  
11 members of the workforce had contributed, or had  
12 allowed for in the reductions of their salaries,  
13 will be restored to them by Jan -- I'm sorry, by  
14 July of 2018. So, in every respect, the settlement  
15 contained in this stipulation is a win.

16 As you noted, Supervisor, for our  
17 taxpayers because of the cost savings, it's a win  
18 for the Union because our workforce will receive  
19 the benefit of their salary being restored sooner  
20 than it would have been otherwise in the Collective  
21 Bargaining Agreement.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So there is a net  
23 savings to our taxpayers.

24 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, that's correct.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're able to

1 reduce our operating costs. We will be able to  
2 improve services by having more people who are part  
3 time where we don't have to pay for the full-time  
4 salaries and the full benefits package. This  
5 allows us more flexibility in providing these  
6 services at a lower cost.

7 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. Each of those  
8 points is accurate, yes.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

10 Thank you very much.

11 MR. NOCELLA: Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
13 speakers on this issue?

14 I thank you. This is, as I said  
15 earlier, we are about to take a vote on this, but  
16 "It's a glorious day in the Town of Oyster Bay."  
17 We're working with our labor union. We're saving  
18 the taxpayers money and we will continue to improve  
19 upon the services in this Town.

20 So if there are no speakers, I believe  
21 we'll be asking for a vote.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

23 May I have a motion to adopt  
24 Resolutions P-2-18 through Resolution 44-2018?

25 On the motion?



1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

6 On the vote:

7 Supervisor Saladino?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I just want to  
13 say on the Personnel Resolutions, I sat -- I want  
14 to thank Deputy Supervisor Carman. I sat with him  
15 on Sunday morning for a good hour, hour and a half,  
16 and we reviewed this and I've got to say, the  
17 Deputy Supervisor did say stuff that really peaked  
18 my interest whereas -- you know, government is for  
19 the people and the Deputy Supervisor and I agreed  
20 that the people that work hard in the Town for the  
21 residents will be rewarded.

22 That we will not have people hide  
23 behind any affiliation. That they're going to have  
24 to do their job every day, and honestly, I really  
25 feel good about what the Deputy Supervisor had to

1 say, so I vote "Aye" on all but No. 41, the sale of  
2 the property in Hicksville.

3 I had the chance over the last few  
4 months to read over the minutes of that hearing. I  
5 don't remember who was on the Board with me at the  
6 time, but we were looking to make a parkland there.  
7 People of Hicksville, asked for a parkland and  
8 that's why we spent the money on that property.

9 Granted, Cantiague Commons won't  
10 happen. We got rid of the asphalt plants, I'm very  
11 proud of that, but I still think the people of  
12 Hicksville deserve a park. All right.

13 So I'm going to vote no on selling that  
14 property. "Aye" on all the rest, Jim.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

16 Councilwoman Alesia?

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I want to echo  
18 some of what Councilman Macagnone said and also, as  
19 somebody who was here during some of our, sort of,  
20 darkest hours, the workforce really, really gave  
21 back to us and sacrificed a lot over the last  
22 couple of years and I think it's -- we are moving  
23 in a much more positive direction. We're moving  
24 towards brighter days.

25 The workforce helped us cut millions of

1 dollars in spending when we needed it and I'm very  
2 pleased that this package writes some gender  
3 inequities that were occurring in our payment --  
4 our payroll systems and I'm pleased with it. I  
5 also took time to go over with the Deputy  
6 Supervisor and I'm comfortable, and proud, to vote  
7 yes on that as well.

8 Unlike Councilman Macagnone, I am going  
9 to vote yes on 41, but, Supervisor, I really want  
10 to hold your feet to the fire on this. I want the  
11 money that's coming from this sale to go to  
12 Hicksville. This is Hicksville's money. It  
13 belongs in the Hicksville system, in their  
14 community, going to give back for them.

15 So I'm giving an "Aye" in good faith  
16 that we are going to do the right thing by the  
17 residents there.

18 Did you write all of that down, Jim?

19 (Laughter.)

20 With that, Jim, I vote "Aye."

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

23 We're entirely committed to the  
24 residents of Hicksville.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I know that you

1 are, Supervisor.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

3 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm going to  
4 vote "Aye" on all as well, except I'm going to vote  
5 No on 41, Hicksville.

6 After listening to some comments and  
7 going back and forth, I had indicated that I was  
8 comfortable with the sale, but at this point, I  
9 don't necessarily feel it has to be done at this  
10 juncture, so I'm going to vote no on 41, "Aye" on  
11 the rest.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you,  
13 Councilwoman.

14 Councilman Imbroto?

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I'm going vote  
16 "Aye."

17 I'm very glad that the Town of Oyster  
18 Bay is coming into the 21st Century and addressing  
19 some of the gender and equality that we've had.  
20 There's no reason why a woman should be making less  
21 doing the same job as a man, so I'm very proud that  
22 we're addressing that today.

23 And I will also second Councilwoman  
24 Alesia's sentiments regarding some of the money  
25 from the sale of the Hicksville property. That

1 money should stay in Hicksville, or at least a  
2 portion of it should be earmarked for open space in  
3 Hicksville, so I vote "Aye" on all.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: I'm going to vote  
6 "Aye" on all.

7 I, too, want to thank Deputy Supervisor  
8 Carman and the HR Department for addressing many of  
9 the issues. We have to tip our hat to our  
10 employees. It's a tough job at times and they  
11 stood up when it was time to take a cut on behalf  
12 of our taxpayers, so I appreciate that and I want  
13 to go on record as thanking them and we want to  
14 give back to them what they rightfully deserve at  
15 this point in time.

16 As far as the land sale, I echo the  
17 Councilwoman's point earlier, that it was SEA Fund  
18 money and to get that property back, we would go  
19 ahead and have to pay for that, and at this point  
20 in time, I think it's best to sell and I've been on  
21 record for saying that for many, many months.

22 So "Aye" on all accounts.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Thank you.

24 Resolutions P-2-18 through Resolution  
25 40-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."

1 Resolution 41-2018 passes with five  
2 "Ayes" and two "Nays."

3 42 through 44 passes with seven "Ayes."

4 The calendar is complete.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

6 I'd like to also take this opportunity  
7 to thank our employees, all of our employees, for  
8 working with this Administration, for understanding  
9 that we are one family and that we will make the  
10 Town of Oyster Bay successful in every way,  
11 especially and including financially and we are on  
12 very sound financial footing, in part, thanks to  
13 our team, of this administration, are clearly  
14 our -- and thanks to our workforce and our Union.

15 I'd like to thank our Union members and  
16 the leadership of our Union and I'd like to  
17 especially give a shout out to my administration's  
18 team that negotiated this very important  
19 stipulation to get the issues of the past behind  
20 us, to be working moving forward and a very special  
21 thank you to the Deputy Supervisor who led that  
22 negotiating team.

23 Great work for our residents and it  
24 truly is a glorious day in the Town of Oyster Bay,  
25 and I thank the Board Members, all of our Board

1 Members, for your cooperation.

2 It is very important to bring equity,  
3 gender equity, in the Town of Oyster Bay and let it  
4 be known, as we have proven today, that women will  
5 get equal pay for equal work in the Town of Oyster  
6 Bay. We're very proud of that and we're moving  
7 forward on that today and every day in our Town.

8 This stipulation is very important. It  
9 is a tremendous financial benefit to our taxpayers.  
10 In a year, in 2018, we have cut property taxes  
11 \$1.3 million. We have reduced our workforce, 200  
12 fewer positions as compared to just two years ago.  
13 We have presented and passed two early retirement  
14 incentives, holding hearings here, and we are  
15 continuing to reduce the number of our workforce  
16 through those early retirements, as many as 50  
17 positions in 2018.

18 We've eliminated \$85 million in debt  
19 last year. Another \$50 million will be eliminated.  
20 That's a historic 22 percent and we have cut  
21 millions in nonmandated spending. We have greatly  
22 reduced our reliance on outside consultants, also  
23 saving money there. We've merged Sanitation and  
24 our Recycling Divisions to save money there.

25 We've consolidated and streamlined our

1 Sanitation routes. We'll be bringing more  
2 financial benefit to our taxpayers through things  
3 like the single stream recycling, the installation  
4 of LEDs.

5 Let me just tell you that one again.  
6 We saved half a million dollars just by replacing  
7 light bulbs in the Town and we're scheduled to  
8 replace about 1,250 light bulbs per year and  
9 utilize tremendous savings through grants in the  
10 process of paying for those light bulbs. Half a  
11 million dollar lower electric bill in our Town, and  
12 that's an ongoing savings, not a one shot.

13 Our Shared Services Agreements have  
14 saved a tremendous amount of money. We have ended  
15 the practice of amortizing our pension payments,  
16 so, therefore, we don't pay the debt service on it  
17 and then did that reallocating of salaries to the  
18 Capital Budget. We continue to save money and  
19 today, we are doing these Resolutions while  
20 continuing to lower taxes, to save money, and bring  
21 more efficiency in the Town of Oyster Bay, and oh  
22 boy, we're incredibly proud.

23 I'm personally proud to work with such  
24 consummate professionals on this Town Board and in  
25 our Administration.



1 Thank you to each and every one of you.

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

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

7 ALL: "Aye."

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."  
9 (No verbal response given.)

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

12 Thank you very, very much, and now we  
13 will begin our public comment portion of the Board  
14 meeting.

15 (TIME NOTED: 1:11 P.M.)

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