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TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY

REGULAR MEETING

October 15, 2024

7:14 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING

(Evening Meeting)

To Consider the Preliminary Budget for the
Town of Oyster Bay for the Year 2025

JOSEPH SALADINO

SUPERVISOR

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RICHARD LaMARCA

TOWN CLERK

TAKEN BY: ALEXA LORENZO, STENOGRAPHER

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

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

RICHARD LaMARCA TOWN CLERK
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO RECEIVER OF TAXES
FRANK SCALERA, ESQ., TOWN ATTORNEY

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SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, welcome to the evening session of today's board meeting. We adjourned earlier today, and now we will get started with the second portion of our Budget Hearing.

I am going to ask that we all begin by standing and would Councilwoman Michele Johnson. Please lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance is said.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I now ask for a moment of silence as we remember all of those in the armed forces defending our nation and defending our sister nation, Israel. We also continue to pray for the hostages. May God act swiftly to return them home safely. Amen.

(Whereupon, a moment of silence is observed.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm going to ask for a motion to resume our Town Board meeting and Hearing on the Budget.

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COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: On a motion that the continuation of budget meeting commence.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And I'll second that motion.

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

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed, "Nay".

(Whereupon, no verbal response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The ayes have it.

Rich LaMarca, Town Clerk, would you please take attendance?

TOWN CLERK: Thank you.

Supervisor Saladino?

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Present.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

COUNCILMAN HAND: Present.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

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TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola is absent. Councilwoman Maier is on her way. Councilwoman Walsh?

COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Present.

TOWN CLERK: We have a quorum.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I see we have some guests here today. I believe we have a scout from Troop 423. What is your name, young man?

TEAGAN: Teagan.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are you here to observe? Do you have a question? Would you like us to recognize you?

TEAGAN: I'm here to observe.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're here to observe. And you're working towards your Eagle Scout project?

TEAGAN: Yes. That's a very worthy endeavor, my friend.

TEAGAN: Thank you. You're a fine young person. Is this your dad? Your scoutmaster? Who's with you?

TEAGAN: My dad.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Your dad?

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What's his name?

(Whereupon, inaudible
response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you
very, very much.

We did the major hearing today,
where we answered the questions and went
through the long list of the
accomplishments. We are holding our
second part of our hearing to announce
that we have our eighth consecutive
budget presentation, with a 0% increase.
We are freezing taxes once again for the
eighth time.

At this time, we hold these hearings
to provide the public with an opportunity
to be heard, to ask questions, and to be
fully transparent. So I'm going to ask,
is there anyone who would like to be
heard on our proposed 2025 Town of Oyster
Bay budget?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please let the

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record reflect that no one has indicated that they would like to be heard on this budget. Does anyone on the Town board have any questions or comments?

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: No, Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay then it seems as though there is no one here to speak on the budget, we take that as a great sign. There are many aspects of this budget which we are extremely proud of.

We as a group on the town board, as one body, we'd like to thank all of our staff members who worked so diligently to put this together, including Rob Darienzo and our Director of Finance; Steve Ballas, our Comptroller; our Town Attorney's office; and all of our staff members who have worked hard to make today possible.

We're very proud for our residents to keep services at the height that they have been at, which is very high, and very high quality services, without

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raising taxes for eight years in a row now with the highest inflation the nation has ever seen.

So with that, on the October 29th town board meeting, we will take a vote on the budget to pass or deny the budget. I know, for one, I'm very proud to be voting, aye, come the 29th. Of course, the record is open and we will continue to listen to members of the public who would like to contact us by e-mail, by email, or by phone call. Until the 29th, we thank you all.

With that, I'd like to finish off by thanking all of my colleagues moving in in a timely fashion. And thank you for the preparation of this budget and with this.

With that, may I ask for a motion?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I make a motion that this Hearing be closed, decision be reserved.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second that motion.

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

(Whereupon, all members of
the Town of Oyster Bay Town
Board respond in favor with,
"Aye.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
"Nay".

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes"
have it.

May I have a motion close the Town
Board meeting?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I
make a motion to close the meeting.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I'll second the
motion.

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

(Whereupon, all members of
the Town of Oyster Bay Town
Board respond in favor with,
"Aye.)

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SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
"Nay".

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes"
have it.

Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, above matter
concludes, 7:20 p.m.)

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STATE OF NEW YORK)
 : SS.:
COUNTY OF NASSAU)

I, ALEXA LORENZO, a Notary Public for and
within the State of New York, do hereby
certify:

That the above is a correct transcription
of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set
my hand this 15th day of October, 2024.

Alexa Lorenzo
ALEXA LORENZO

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