

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
ACTION CALENDAR  
October 22, 2019  
11:38 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 MICHELE M. JOHNSON  
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND  
COUNCILMAN STEVEN L. LABRIOLA

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:

OLGA RAPTIS  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would The Clerk  
2 please call the regular Action Calendar?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: We have a few  
4 housekeeping issues before we start.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

6 Thank you.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: I have a motion to add  
8 Resolution No. 513-2019 which was tabled on  
9 August 20, 2019?

10 This is just to add it to the regular  
11 action.

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 513-2019;** Resolution  
13 authorizing adoption of the ten principles required  
14 to become part of the Climate Smart Community  
15 Program. (M.D. 8/6/19 #46).

16 On the motion?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

18 COUNCILMAN. MACAGNONE: Second.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
20 Councilman Muscarella, second by Councilman  
21 Macagnone.

22 On the vote:

23 Supervisor?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGONONE: "Aye."

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

9 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

11 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to add

13 Resolution 513-2019 passes with seven "Ayes."

14 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to  
15 table Resolution 604?

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 604-2019;** Resolution  
17 authorizing an extension of Contract No. HVR  
18 17-156, Cleaning and Inspection of Storm Drainage  
19 Systems, for the period November 14, 2019 through  
20 November 13, 2020. (M.D. 9/24/19 #16).

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
24 Councilman Muscarella, second by Councilman  
25 Macagnone.

1                   On the vote:  
2                   Supervisor Saladino?  
3                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."  
4                   MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?  
5                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."  
6                   MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?  
7                   COUNCILMAN MACAGONONE: "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: And Councilman  
15                  Labriola?  
16                  COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."  
17                  MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to table  
18                  Resolution 604 passes with seven "Ayes."  
19                  We have a Walk-On Resolution.  
20                  May I have a motion to suspend the  
21                  Rules and add the following Walk-On Resolution No.  
22                  659 which was presented by Councilman Macagnone?  
23                  I'll read it: Resolution 659-2019:  
24                  "WHEREAS, it is the primary  
25                  responsibility of Town Government to represent the

1 residents and businesses of the Town of Oyster Bay.

2 "WHEREAS, all Commissioners and Deputy  
3 Commissioners have the responsibility to run their  
4 departments and their staff to serve the residents  
5 of the Town of Bay.

6 "THEREFORE, effective January 1, 2020,  
7 no Elected or appointed official, Commissioner or  
8 Deputy Commissioner and/or officer that serves on  
9 any boards in the Town of Oyster Bay (including  
10 Zoning, Planning, Housing, Ethics) not hold a  
11 position of a Political Leader, and/or Political  
12 Club Officer or any Political Organization."

13 On the motion?

14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I don't have a  
15 copy of this Resolution. It sounds like something  
16 that would require a hearing.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: This was just given to  
18 me. I don't know.

19 Do you want me to make copies?

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Please.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: As I might be  
22 selfishly wanting to vote on this Resolution,  
23 basically we should review it. Protocol is that we  
24 get it prior to the meeting.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: It sounds like it

1 would require a hearing.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Even it doesn't  
3 require a hearing, I believe this is an issue  
4 that's worthy of discussion, and with everything,  
5 we are here to improve transparency, and hearings,  
6 just like the one we're doing this morning and this  
7 evening on the budget, is what I believe is the  
8 better and proper process to involve the public, to  
9 listen to the public.

10 To rush something without a hearing, I  
11 think blocks the public's free speech, blocks the  
12 public's ability to be heard.

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So, we can  
14 always bring it forward to the table --

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And I would be  
16 happy to amend it to the public hearing, say,  
17 November 20th.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: That might  
19 work. We can bring it forward.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before any of us  
21 take a vote one way or the other on this, we would  
22 like at least have time to review it. It sounds  
23 worthy, but I think we would like to review this  
24 before we take a vote on it. I'm just hearing  
25 this, and point be taken, when we presented the

1 draft budget for a vote at the preliminary budget,  
2 you made the public statement that you were not  
3 going to vote on it because you didn't have a  
4 chance to review it yet. And I took that as very  
5 reasonable. But the same story applies here.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm taking what  
7 you're saying as reasonable also.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Once we get a  
10 copy, we'll take a look at it and I'll amend it to  
11 -- I have a hearing we'll say --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Rather than vote  
13 on a hearing, I would like to see it. I would like  
14 to speak with counsel and, therefore, I prefer not  
15 to vote on anything at this point until we have a  
16 chance to see it.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That will be  
18 your prerogative when it comes forward to vote or  
19 not vote on it.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I just want to  
21 know how the Resolution got called without anyone  
22 being provided a copy.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: It was a Walk-On  
24 resolution.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: A lot of time

1 walk-ons are just --

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I don't know if  
3 that's how the calendar works, but

4 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: But he has a  
5 right to bring up any motion according to the  
6 rules. It doesn't mean that we have to second it.  
7 We have to know what it says. I certainly don't  
8 know what it says. I heard him read it, but I'd  
9 like to hear it again.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: How did it get a  
11 resolution number? I don't understand how any of  
12 this happened.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because I went  
14 by the calendar, I saw what the last resolution was  
15 and I went with the next number.

16 Mr. Clerk, I'd like to make a motion  
17 that we hold a hearing on Tuesday, November 20th at  
18 10:00 a.m. to discuss this.

19 There will be plenty of time for the  
20 public to come up. It'll be post-election day so  
21 that maybe we'll take the political attitude out of  
22 it. But I'd like to have this number before I  
23 leave.

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: The only thing  
25 is that we should take up legal counsel and see how



1 it should be presented.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And I think they  
3 need some time to go through the process and  
4 research this to see what the constitutional and  
5 free-speech implications are.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Sir, you're making the  
7 motion.

8 Do we have a second?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: We have to  
10 consult with the legal defense, I mean a legal --  
11 but after the Town Attorney and everybody looks at  
12 it, then we will put it forward.

13 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I would just say  
14 on the surface, it's overly restrictive. I mean  
15 you can't even be a treasurer or a reporting  
16 secretary of a political organization, so it's  
17 sounds like it's very restricted.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I understand  
19 that, but in light of recent issues of  
20 Commissioners and Deputy Commissioners and club  
21 officials doing stuff and I'd really rather -- you  
22 know the hours taken, you were a leader.

23 I would rather have them concentrate in  
24 helping, finelining the process of getting our  
25 budget down, getting our work force more efficient,

1 and our Workers' Comp.

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Rather than  
3 debating an issue that's really not before us  
4 because there's been implication of a notice of the  
5 hearing, there's been no scheduling of a hearing,  
6 there's been no draft local law --

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll tell you  
8 what --

9 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: And who would  
10 testify at this hearing?

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It's going to be  
12 open to the public.

13 Who testifies at any public hearing?

14 COUNCILMAN JOHNSON: Sometimes we have  
15 experts come in.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Clerk, is there a  
17 second to this motion?

18 MR. ALTADONNA: I have not received a  
19 second yet, but you had said you had wanted to  
20 speak with counsel first, so I haven't called for  
21 it.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, I think  
23 they're going to need some time to research this.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll tell you  
25 what, I'll do. I'll withdraw my motion until next

1 Tuesday. We'll bring it forward next Tuesday.  
2 We'll give everybody a week to examine it, make the  
3 decision and next Tuesday I'll bring it up.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And I'd ask that  
5 you bring the Town Attorney the information that  
6 he'll need to fully research the constitutionality  
7 about that.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Not a problem.  
9 I'll be happy to.

10 And Councilman, as you said, did you  
11 want to change some of the restrictions, we can.  
12 That's what the good part about stuff, we can tweak  
13 it and alter it to make it best for the Town.

14 MR. LABRIOLA: I agree.

15 And I think we do need to look at the  
16 legal implications, free-speech, participating in  
17 our democracy and our democratic rights to  
18 participate. I think that is something we really  
19 need to look at to see whether or not we're  
20 infringing upon people's rights to dissipate.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Not a problem.

22 So next Tuesday, Mr. Clerk, we'll bring  
23 this up again. I'll bring my motion forward again.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: I will have a  
25 resolution coming from Town Attorney?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'd like to say  
2 yes, but I don't want to speak with the Town  
3 Attorney.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Where is the Town  
5 Attorney?

6 MR. NOCELLA: We will work on it.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you to  
8 Board members for indulging me on this.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course. It's  
10 certainly worth taking a look at.

11 Would the Clerk please continue?

12 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to  
13 adopt Resolutions TF7-19, 513, and then 600 through  
14 658, noting that 604 is tabled?

15 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION NO.**

16 **TF-17-19;** Resolution pertaining to Transfer of  
17 Funds within various departments accounts for the  
18 Year 2019.

19 **RESOLUTION NO. 513-2019;** Resolution  
20 authorizing adoption of the ten principles required  
21 to become part of the Climate Smart Community  
22 Program. (M.D. 8/6/19 #46).

23 **RESOLUTION NO. 600-2019;** Resolution  
24 authorizing an agreement for entertainment for the  
25 Group Activities Program (GAP) for an event

1 scheduled for November 1, 2019 at the North  
2 Massapequa Community Center and authorizing the  
3 Supervisor and/or his designee to execute said  
4 agreement. (M.D. 9/24/19 #4).

5 **RESOLUTION NO. 601-2019;** Resolution  
6 authorizing implementation of the winter storage  
7 operation and fee schedule for Theodore Roosevelt  
8 Memorial Marina and Harry Tappen Marina for the  
9 2019-2020 season. (M.D. 9/24/19 #5).

10 **RESOLUTION NO. 602-2019;** Resolution  
11 granting request from S. Nathan to donate a  
12 memorial plaque and bench to be placed at  
13 Syosset/Woodbury Community Park in memory of  
14 Michael Nathan. Account No. PKS A 0001 02770 590  
15 0000. (M.D. 9/24/19 #6).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 603-2019;** Resolution  
17 authorizing commencement of litigation to seek,  
18 *inter alia*, specific performance in connection with  
19 the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. (M.D. 9/24/19  
20 #15 & 10/1/19 #8).

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 605-2019;** Resolution  
22 authorizing use of a sub-consultant for Contract  
23 No. PWC07-18, Environmental Services relative to  
24 the development of a commuter parking field in  
25 Locust Valley at Elm Street and 4th Street. (M.D.

1 9/24/19 #17).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 606-2019;** Resolution  
3 pertaining to the Delinquent Water Rentals for 2019  
4 for various Water Districts in the Town of Oyster  
5 Bay. (M.D. 10/1/19 #7).

6 **RESOLUTION NO. 607-2019;** Resolution  
7 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
8 Jericho Fire District where the Town will provide  
9 sand and salt to said District effective  
10 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
11 10/1/19 #10).

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 608-2019;** Resolution  
13 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
14 Syosset Fire District under which the Town will  
15 provide sand and salt to said District, effective  
16 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
17 10/1/19 #11).

18 **RESOLUTION NO. 609-2019;** Resolution  
19 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
20 Massapequa Fire District under which the Town will  
21 provide sand and salt to said District, effective  
22 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
23 10/1/19 #12).

24 **RESOLUTION NO. 610-2019;** Resolution  
25 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the

1 Hicksville Fire District under which the Town will  
2 provide sand and salt to said District, effective  
3 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
4 10/1/19 #13).

5 **RESOLUTION NO. 611-2019;** Resolution  
6 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
7 Plainview Fire District under which the Town will  
8 provide sand and salt to said District, effective  
9 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
10 10/1/19 #14).

11 **RESOLUTION NO. 612-2019;** Resolution  
12 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
13 Jericho Water District under which the Town will  
14 provide sand and salt to said District, effective  
15 November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020. (M.D.  
16 10/1/19 #15).

17 **RESOLUTION NO. 613-2019;** Resolution  
18 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
19 Jericho Public School District under which the Town  
20 will provide sand and salt to said District,  
21 effective November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.  
22 (M.D. 10/1/19 #16).

23 **RESOLUTION NO. 614-2019;** Resolution  
24 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
25 Incorporated Village of Lattingtown under which the

1 Town will provide sand and salt to said Village,  
2 effective November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.  
3 (M.D. 10/1/19 #17).

4 **RESOLUTION NO. 615-2019;** Resolution  
5 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
6 Incorporated Village of Brookville under which the  
7 Town will provide sand and salt to said Village,  
8 effective November 1, 2019 through April 30, 2020.  
9 (M.D. 10/1/19 #18).

10 **RESOLUTION NO. 616-2019;** Resolution  
11 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
12 Incorporated Village of Upper Brookville under  
13 which the Town will provide sand and salt to said  
14 Village, effective November 1, 2019 through  
15 April 30, 2020. (M.D. 10/1/19 #19).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 617-2019;** Resolution  
17 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
18 Incorporated Village of Old Brookville under which  
19 the Town will provide sand and salt to said  
20 Village, effective November 1, 2019 through  
21 April 30, 2020. (M.D. 10/1/19 #20).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 618-2019;** Resolution  
23 authorizing renewal of the License and Permit Bond  
24 required by the New York State Department of  
25 Transportation, effective November 2, 2019 through



1 November 2, 2020. Account No. HWY DB 5110 44900 000  
2 0000. (M.D. 10/1/19 #21).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 619-2019;** Resolution  
4 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
5 19 Carman Boulevard, Massapequa, New York,  
6 performed on June 19, 2019, be referred to the  
7 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
8 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #22).

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 620-2019;** Resolution  
10 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
11 43 Maxwell Drive, Westbury, New York, performed on  
12 June 4, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
13 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
14 Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #23).

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 621-2019;** Resolution  
16 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
17 140 Harvard Drive, Plainview, New York, performed  
18 on June 26, 2019, be referred to the County of  
19 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
20 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #24).

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 622-2019;** Resolution  
22 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
23 44 Langdon Road, Farmingdale, New York, performed  
24 on July 17, 2019, be referred to the County of  
25 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax

1 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #25).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 623-2019;** Resolution  
3 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
4 28 Pickwick Drive, Old Bethpage, New York,  
5 performed on June 6, 2019, be referred to the  
6 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
7 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #26).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 624-2019;** Resolution  
9 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
10 1129 North Broadway, Massapequa, New York,  
11 performed on May 23, 2019, be referred to the  
12 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
13 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #27).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 625-2019;** Resolution  
15 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
16 23 Radcliff Lane, Farmingdale, New York, performed  
17 on July 11, 2019, be referred to the County of  
18 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
19 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #28).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 626-2019;** Resolution  
21 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
22 14 Gainsboro Lane, Syosset, New York, performed on  
23 May 22, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
24 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
25 Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #29).

1                   **RESOLUTION NO. 627-2019;** Resolution  
2                   authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
3                   Newbridge Road, New York, performed on June 17,  
4                   2019, be referred to the County of Nassau for  
5                   placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
6                   Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #30).

7                   **RESOLUTION NO. 628-2019;** Resolution  
8                   authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
9                   43 Maxwell Drive, Westbury, New York, performed on  
10                  July 16, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
11                  for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
12                  Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #31).

13                  **RESOLUTION NO. 629-2019;** Resolution  
14                  authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
15                  91 Dover Street, Massapequa, New York, performed on  
16                  May 30, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
17                  for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
18                  Rolls. (M.D. 10/1/19 #32).

19                  **RESOLUTION NO. 630-2019;** Recommending  
20                  the property cleanup assessment of 5 Willow Street,  
21                  Bethpage, New York, performed on June 18, 2019, be  
22                  referred to the County of Nassau for placement on  
23                  the Nassau County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D.  
24                  10/1/19 #33).

25                  **RESOLUTION NO. 631-2019;** Resolution

1       pertaining to Contract No. PWC-20-18, On-Call  
2       Consultant Service, Tank Management, in connection  
3       with tank testing failure of Tank No. 18 in the  
4       Central Maintenance Garage; Account No. DPW H 1997  
5       20000 000 1401 001. (M.D. 10/1/19 #34).

6                   **RESOLUTION NO. 632-2019;** Resolution  
7       pertaining to Contract No. PWC23-18, On-Call  
8       Engineering relative to Environmental Engineering  
9       in connection with design of an upgraded treatment  
10      system to accommodate increased water usage and  
11      further treat potable water at Tobay Beach and for  
12      the use of a sub-consultant to perform video  
13      inspection of well number 4. Account No. PKS H 7197  
14      20000 000 1902 001. (M.D. 10/1/19 #35).

15                   **RESOLUTION NO. 633-2019;** Resolution  
16      authorizing the Supervisor or his designee to  
17      execute a State of New York Master Contract with  
18      the New York State Department of Environmental  
19      Conservation in connection with the 2018 Electronic  
20      Waste Assistance Program. (M.D. 10/8/19 #4).

21                   **RESOLUTION NO. 634-2019;** Resolution  
22      relating to the filing of Town of Oyster Bay  
23      Federal Single Audit Report for the year ended  
24      December 31, 2018 and ratifying the actions of the  
25      Town Clerk in publishing said report as required by

1 law. (M.D. 10/8/19 #7).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 635-2019;** Resolution  
3 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
4 11 Dorcas Avenue, Syosset, New York, performed on  
5 June 14, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
6 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
7 Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #8).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 636-2019;** Resolution  
9 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
10 66 Joludow Drive, Massapequa, New York, performed  
11 on July 1, 2019, be referred to the County of  
12 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
13 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #9).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 637-2019;** Resolution  
15 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
16 19 Carman Boulevard, Massapequa, New York,  
17 performed on August 8, 2019, be referred to the  
18 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
19 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #10).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 638-2019;** Resolution  
21 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
22 23 Bailey Drive, Massapequa, New York, performed on  
23 June 28, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
24 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
25 Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #11).

1                   **RESOLUTION NO. 639-2019;** Resolution  
2                   authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
3                   3 Lawnside Drive, Hicksville, New York, performed  
4                   on August 5, 2019, be referred to the County of  
5                   Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
6                   Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #12).

7                   **RESOLUTION NO. 640-2019;** Resolution  
8                   authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
9                   30 Columbia Road, Hicksville, New York, performed  
10                  on July 31, 2019, be referred to the County of  
11                  Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
12                  Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #13).

13                  **RESOLUTION NO. 641-2019;** Resolution  
14                  authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
15                  1050 Merritts Road, Farmingdale, New York,  
16                  performed on June 24, 2019, be referred to the  
17                  County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
18                  Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #14).

19                  **RESOLUTION NO. 642-2019;** Resolution  
20                  authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
21                  63 Vandewater Street, Farmingdale, New York,  
22                  performed on August 6, 2019, be referred to the  
23                  County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
24                  Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #15).

25                  **RESOLUTION NO. 643-2019;** Resolution

1 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
2 1129 North Broadway, Massapequa, New York,  
3 performed on August 5, 2019, be referred to the  
4 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
5 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #16).

6 **RESOLUTION NO. 644-2019;** Resolution  
7 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
8 8 Island Street, Plainview, New York, performed on  
9 August 6, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
10 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
11 Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #17).

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 645-2019;** Resolution  
13 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
14 70 Lincoln Avenue, Massapequa, New York, performed  
15 on June 14, 2019, be referred to the County of  
16 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
17 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #18).

18 **RESOLUTION NO. 646-2019;** Resolution  
19 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
20 540 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville, New York,  
21 performed on June 20, 2019, be referred to the  
22 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
23 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #19).

24 **RESOLUTION NO. 647-2019;** Resolution  
25 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of

1 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, New York, performed on  
2 August 1, 2019, be referred to the County of Nassau  
3 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
4 Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #20).

5 **RESOLUTION NO. 648-2019;** Resolution  
6 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
7 89 Cleveland Avenue, Massapequa, New York,  
8 performed on July 28, 2019, be referred to the  
9 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
10 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/8/19 #21).

11 **RESOLUTION NO. 649-2019;** Resolution  
12 directing the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of  
13 Hearing in connection with the application of  
14 62 South Street Tower, Inc. For a Special Use  
15 Permit for premises located at 62 South Street,  
16 Oyster Bay, New York. Hearing Date: November 19,  
17 2019. (M.D. 10/8/19 #22).

18 **RESOLUTION NO. 650-2019;** Resolution  
19 directing the Town Clerk to advertise a Notice of  
20 Hearing in connection with the application of  
21 27 Carmans, Inc. for a Special Use Permit for  
22 premises located at 25-27 Carmans Road, Massapequa,  
23 New York. Hearing Date: November 19, 2019. (M.D.  
24 10/8/19 #23).

25 **RESOLUTION NO. 651-2019;** Resolution



1 authorizing the list of sidewalk repair assessments  
2 be referred to the County of Nassau for placement  
3 on the Nassau County Tax Assessment Rolls (M.D.  
4 10/8/19 #24).

5 **RESOLUTION NO. 652-2019;** Resolution  
6 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
7 Jericho Fire District under which the District may  
8 purchase fuel for their vehicles from the Town of  
9 Oyster Bay for the period November 1, 2019 through  
10 July 31, 2029. (M.D. 10/8/19 #25).

11 **RESOLUTION NO. 653-2019;** Resolution  
12 granting request from the First Presbyterian Church  
13 in Oyster Bay for the use of one roll-off container  
14 from November 19 through November 26, 2019 for  
15 their fall cleanup. (M.D. 10/8/19 #26).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 654-2019;** Resolution  
17 granting request from Friends of Raynham Hall,  
18 Inc., for Town assistance in conducting their 4th  
19 Annual Halloween Parade Event to be held  
20 October 26, 2019, to utilize Municipal Parking  
21 Field O-1 in Oyster Bay, for posting of temporary  
22 "No Parking" signs, use various Town equipment, and  
23 to waive Section 82-3 of the Code of the Town of  
24 Oyster Bay for the event. (M.D. 10/8/19 #29).

25 **RESOLUTION NO. 655-2019;** Resolution

1 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
2 Incorporated Village of Centre Island under which  
3 the Town will provide sand and salt to said  
4 Village, effective November 1, 2019 through  
5 April 30, 2020. (M.D. 10/8/19 #31).

6 **RESOLUTION NO. 656-2019;** Resolution  
7 authorizing an agreement for the purpose of canine  
8 grooming effective May 15, 2019 through  
9 December 31, 2019 in connection with the Geese  
10 Peace Program. Account No. DER A 3510 44900 000  
11 0000. (M.D. 10/8/19 #32).

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 657-2019;** Resolution  
13 authorizing an agreement with the Board of  
14 Cooperative Educational Services of Nassau County  
15 for the provision of Youth Program Services and to  
16 authorize the Supervisor or his designee to execute  
17 said agreement. Account No. IGA CD 6293 48050 000  
18 CW 19. (M.D. 10/8/19 #6 & 10/15/19 #8).

19 **RESOLUTION NO. 658-2019;** Resolution  
20 granting request of Trinity Lutheran Church and  
21 School, for Town assistance in conducting their  
22 Trunk or Treat Event on October 27, 2019 and to use  
23 various Town equipment for the event. (M.D. 10/8/19  
24 #28 & 10/15/19 #20).

25 On the motion?

1 Councilman Muscarella, on the motion?

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me,  
3 before we go to a vote, 649 --

4 MR. ALTADONNA: We're not going to  
5 vote.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're not going  
7 to vote. We haven't heard from the public yet.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: On the motion?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
12 Councilman Muscarella, second by Councilman  
13 Macagnone.

14 Now, you have slips.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

16 Our first speaker will be Richard  
17 Werner.

18 Oh, I'm sorry. This is for public  
19 comment. You don't want to -- Richard, do you want  
20 to comment on, specifically on the Resolutions?

21 Okay, that's public comment. And we  
22 see Harriet also on public comment.

23 So there are no speakers on our  
24 Resolutions.

25 Are there mail-ins, communications?

1 MR. ALTADONNA: There's nothing.

2 Councilman --

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Clerk, before  
4 you go forward, 649 and 650 have the wrong date on  
5 the back. It says August 19th. It should be  
6 saying November 20th --

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: They both have the  
8 wrong hearing date on the Resolution.

9 It should be November 19th. It says  
10 August 20th.

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: They have been  
12 corrected.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I don't have a  
14 corrected copy.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you please  
16 provide the Members of the Board the corrected  
17 copies for their review and please make a note in  
18 the record?

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I will make a  
20 note.

21 For the record, it has been corrected.  
22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm just going to  
24 ask our Town Attorney to confirm that, please?

25 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If, indeed, it  
2 has been corrected to allay any concerns that we  
3 may have been out of order?

4 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, they have been  
5 corrected.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you for  
7 concurring with me, Counsel.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: To recap, there's no  
9 speaker, so we have Councilman Muscarella and then  
10 Councilman Macagnone making a motion in the second.

11 Now, we're going to go for the vote.  
12 Supervisor?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: We're voting on  
15 what right now?

16 MR. ALTADONNA: We're voting on TF7-19,  
17 513 through 600 through 658, noting that 604 was  
18 tabled.

19 Got it?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Correct. I will  
21 vote "Aye" on all and I will "abstain" on 513,  
22 Resolution 513.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?  
24 Go slow.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye" on all

1 with the exception of 607, 652, and the reason I'm  
2 doing that --

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Well, what are you  
4 doing? Are you abstaining or your voting no?

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm voting "No"  
6 and the reason is the person that requested it for  
7 the Jericho Fire Department is one of our  
8 Commissioners. There's multiple commissioners in  
9 that fire department. Someone else should have  
10 asked for us to do this.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: 607, and what's the  
12 other one, sir?

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 652.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm voting "Aye"  
16 on all of them, but I'm also "abstaining" on 513.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I will vote "Aye"  
19 on all, just with the understanding that 649 and  
20 650 would be corrected to reflect the correct  
21 hearing dates.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: They are corrected,  
23 correct?

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: No one handed me a  
25 corrected one, but they should be corrected, yes.

1 So "Aye" on all with the correct dates.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

3 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye" on all.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

5 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I have some  
6 questions before I vote.

7 For Town Attorney Nocella, if he would  
8 just give me an explanation of Resolution 603.

9 Exactly, what are we doing with this  
10 particular homeowner?

11 And I have some questions on 513.

12 MR. NOCELLA: Joseph Nocella, Town  
13 Attorney.

14 The answer is fairly straightforward,  
15 Councilman. This was a grant program which was  
16 used for a particular home to be elevated and it  
17 required that certain covenants and restrictions by  
18 the homeowner be consented to.

19 The work was done and the homeowner has  
20 not allowed those covenants and restrictions to be  
21 filed. As a consequence, if we do not take action,  
22 we will be stuck in a position where we cannot  
23 represent to the State that we complied with all of  
24 the requirements of the grant.

25 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: They're filed

1 with the County Clerk's Office?

2 MR. NOCELLA: That would be correct,  
3 yes.

4 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: And they filed  
5 with the deed.

6 So these are like deed restrictions  
7 now?

8 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: These covenants  
10 you call them?

11 MR. NOCELLA: Right.

12 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Can you give me  
13 an example of something they have to comply with?

14 MR. NOCELLA: Well, It could be, for  
15 example, that a restriction, for example, on the  
16 qualifications for resale. For example, that the  
17 amount of the grant be repaid upon the resale and  
18 that that be recorded with the County Clerk.

19 That would be an example.

20 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So the homeowner  
21 got this money, did the work and agreed to file  
22 these restrictions and now is reneging on that; is  
23 that what is happening?

24 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

25 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So we're



1 compelling them to do that?

2 MR. NOCELLA: Exactly.

3 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Thank you.

4 MR. NOCELLA: You're welcome.

5 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: And I just have  
6 questions on 513.

7 I noticed a couple of my colleagues  
8 "abstained" and I just want to go over some of this  
9 -- if a Commissioner is here to maybe answer some  
10 of my questions?

11 This Resolution is a pledge that our  
12 municipality is making. That's the way I'm reading  
13 this. And it's a pledge from New York State and it  
14 has to do with climate change. It's a model  
15 Resolution.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Correct,  
17 Councilman.

18 George Baptista, Department of  
19 Environmental Resources.

20 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So some of the  
21 questions I have -- well, first of all, is this a  
22 mandate that will require us to have to spend  
23 dollars, tax dollars in order to comply with some  
24 of the language in this Resolution.

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: No

1 Councilman, not at all. There's no mandates,  
2 unfunded mandates or any obligation on the Town to  
3 expend any monies in pursuit of this particular  
4 climate smart communities pledge, as you call it.

5 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So some of the  
6 language, I'm not sure what it means. I'm not a  
7 scientist when it comes to climate change, global  
8 warming, whatever it is that, you know, that is the  
9 argument of the day, but it looks like New York  
10 State has adopted the language of climate change.  
11 They're calling this a climate smart community.  
12 They're talking about setting goals, the inventory  
13 emissions, decrease energy use, shift to clean  
14 renewable energy.

15 I mean, these are very broad statements  
16 that are beyond our control. We're a Township. We  
17 don't set the emission standards and we certainly  
18 don't measure emission standards.

19 I mean, how do we know that we are in  
20 compliance with this Resolution?

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Your  
22 particular perspective is accurate.

23 However, the Town Attorney's Office has  
24 helped us draft this Resolution in such a fashion  
25 that we adopt the ten principles as we're required

1 to do without making any leap of faith, if you  
2 will, that somehow these principles that the Town  
3 Board is being asked to adopt can somehow solve all  
4 those problems. They can't.

5 But what the ten principles do allow  
6 and what the ten principles do, do, is provide us  
7 with a guideline, a path forward to implement the  
8 things in some cases, Councilman, that we already  
9 do, whether it's the exchange of LED lights for the  
10 old sodium vapors in the street lights, the  
11 exchange of the incandescent in our facilities to  
12 LEDs. And then in the future, Councilman,  
13 something that you've been interested in and the  
14 Supervisor too, is electric charging stations.

15 So we receive credit for all those  
16 activities that we do, all the activities that  
17 we've done that fit this mold. And that will  
18 actually help us enhance our ability to get grants  
19 for environmental projects.

20 So that's really what we're looking  
21 forward to as we hope that this gets adopted.

22 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: That's where I  
23 was going, Commissioner.

24 I wanted to know if this will enhance  
25 our ability to get State grants to do the

1 initiatives that we are all trying to undertake.

2 You know my interest in electric  
3 charging stations for electric vehicles. You know  
4 that we now just put out an RFP and we're going to  
5 see where it's appropriate, how we will go about  
6 installing over forty of these charging stations  
7 throughout our Township. It's an initiative that I  
8 know the Supervisor and many of the Town Board  
9 members want. I know we have multiple green  
10 initiatives.

11 So what you're saying is by adopting  
12 this Resolution, the State will be more than --  
13 they'll be more apt to give us grant monies to help  
14 us do these kinds of things that we're doing  
15 already.

16 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Exactly.  
17 Yes, sir.

18 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: It doesn't commit  
19 us or mandate upon us anything additional to our  
20 taxpayers?

21 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Not at  
22 all.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: We're just  
24 accepting this language?

25 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Not one

1 dime, not one mandate that says we have to do  
2 anything, that we have to acknowledge somehow,  
3 man-made global warming through this initiative.

4 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: That helps me  
5 with my decision.

6 Thank you so much, Commissioner.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If I may just  
8 add, Deputy Commissioner, because we've had  
9 conversations on this, and Steve knows we've had  
10 many conversations on our priorities, and we have  
11 spoken about protecting our environment over and  
12 over, And as I've stated before, we were the  
13 leading voice for years on cleaning up the Grumman  
14 Navy plume and other contaminations throughout our  
15 communities.

16 But the State is looking to motivate  
17 all municipalities to get on board, to make  
18 changes, to reduce our carbon footprint and, quite  
19 frankly, I'd like to think that the State is  
20 recognizing the things that we're doing because  
21 many of the things that we've already done are on  
22 the list as mentioned, whether it's changing out  
23 our bulbs to LED lighting in our Town facilities  
24 and street lighting. There's a tremendous amounts  
25 of 733 miles of roads that are in the Town of

1 Oyster Bay that we light, so that's a huge impact.

2 We've already changed out many of our  
3 heating systems in the Town to work on either home  
4 heating fuel or work on natural gas for money  
5 savings, but that also provides a higher level of  
6 efficiency and, therefore, reduces the amount of  
7 burning that takes place and reduces our carbon  
8 footprint.

9 So by embracing all of these changes,  
10 the State is looking for all municipalities to work  
11 toward better environmental outcomes. And, quite  
12 frankly, as stated, we have already done many of  
13 these in the Town and then we are adding so many  
14 more that are not on the list. Putting two million  
15 clams and oysters into reseeding our bay. Oysters  
16 will, as we were teaching the public throughout  
17 this weekend at the Oyster Festival, an oyster will  
18 filter 50 gallons of water a day. Clams, some 20  
19 to 25 gallons of water per day. So these have a  
20 positive environmental impact. And as you know,  
21 Steve, the State loves to use the carrot and the  
22 stick.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: That's what I was  
24 making sure we were getting at. We're getting the  
25 carrot, not the stick.

1 MR. IMBROTO: I will also note that  
2 even putting aside the language of carbon emissions  
3 and climate change, they're are all environmentally  
4 sound initiatives that will reduce pollution and  
5 have financial benefits to the Town, whether you  
6 accept climate change or not, whether you talk  
7 about carbon emissions or other forms of pollution --

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It's a smart use  
9 of our resources.

10 MR. IMBROTO: It's environmentally  
11 friendly --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And in the state  
13 grant programs, you got to be in it to win it.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Commissioner, I  
15 want to thank you for spending the time with me on  
16 that afternoon. It was excellent. You explained  
17 everything. Thank you very much. And once again,  
18 keep the good work up.

19 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER BAPTISTA: Thank  
20 you, Councilman.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Deputy  
22 Commissioner.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Clerk, I vote  
24 "Aye" on all.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Resolution Number 513

1 passes with five "Ayes" and two "Abstentions."

2 TF17 through 606, seven "Ayes" noting  
3 that 604 was tabled.

4 607 passes with six "Ayes" and one  
5 "No."

6 608 through 651 passes with seven  
7 "Ayes."

8 652 is one "No" and six "Ayes."

9 653 through 658 passes with seven  
10 "Ayes."

11 And the calendar is complete.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 Before we close, I just have one  
14 question for Commissioner Sammartano.

15 Commissioner, would you please rise?

16 This issue was brought up by one of the  
17 Council members and for further transparency I just  
18 have one question for you.

19 In your mandatory financial disclosure  
20 filing that you did, correct --

21 COMMISSIONER SAMMARTANO: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- you did that,  
23 which we have all done, did you disclose that you  
24 are a Commissioner with the Jericho Fire  
25 Department?



1 COMMISSIONER SAMMARTANO: Yes, I have.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
3 Commissioner.

4 May we have a motion, please?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Make a motion  
6 to adjourn the meeting until tonight at 7:00 p.m.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

10 ALL: "Aye."

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed  
12 "Nay."

13 (No verbal response given.)

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

16 Thank you.

17 We have public comment coming.

18 (TIME NOTED: 12:00 P.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 22, 2019  
10:39 a.m.

**HEARING - BUDGET**

To consider the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Oyster Bay for the Year 2020. (M.D. 9/10/19 #16).

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND  
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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  
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OLGA RAPTIS  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I will ask the  
2 Clerk to please poll the Board.

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I am here,

9 Mr. Clerk.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm here.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

15 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

17 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Here.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please call the  
19 first hearing.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: To consider the  
21 preliminary budget for the Town of Oyster Bay for  
22 the year 2020.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

24 So on October 3, 2010, my tentative  
25 budget was accepted by a vote of the Town Board as

1 is the process to bring the budget from a draft to  
2 become the preliminary budget. That vote was  
3 taken, as I said, on October 3rd, and now the  
4 preliminary budget has been available since that  
5 time for public review, especially on the Internet  
6 and in hard copy as well.

7 So, now is the time that we hold our  
8 public hearing. We will be doing that today, this  
9 morning, and then again in the evening to listen to  
10 comments from anyone and everyone who would like to  
11 comment on this budget.

12 Again, it's fully available, all 230  
13 pages -- 226 in hard copy, 230 on the internet --  
14 in terms of the numbers of pages. All of those  
15 pages are available to read.

16 And before we listen to the public, we  
17 will get a presentation of an overview of our  
18 preliminary budget for 2020 by our Director of  
19 Finance, Robert Darienzo.

20 Would you please step forward?

21 Good morning, Mr. Darienzo.

22 Would you please state your presence?

23 MR. DARIENZO: Sure.

24 Rob Darienzo. I'm the Town's Director  
25 of Finance.

1 Good morning, Supervisor and Town Board  
2 Members.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

4 MR. DARIENZO: Okay. The 2020 budget  
5 includes a spending plan that totals \$306.5  
6 million. This figure is up 1.9 percent when  
7 compared to the \$300 million shown in the 2019  
8 amended budget.

9 The majority of the increases can be  
10 attributed to mandated and contractual expenses in  
11 various funds. In an effort to ensure a balanced  
12 budget which includes conservative estimates in all  
13 areas, we've included projected increases in total  
14 workforce costs. The majority of the increase will  
15 be in the form of contractual union raises for  
16 full-time employees in January and in July totaling  
17 3.4 percent.

18 Part time and seasonal salaries will  
19 also see a modest increase as the Town must account  
20 for the New York State law which mandates a \$1  
21 hourly increase to the minimum wage.

22 These salary increases will result in  
23 increased costs for Social Security, MTA payroll  
24 tax and New York State employee retirement system  
25 pension bill as those charges are based on a

1 percentage of our total salaries. These mandated  
2 charges are out of the Town's control.

3 It is worth noting that despite the  
4 projected increase to the Town's pension bill, our  
5 vastly improved financial position means the Town  
6 will continue our recent practice of paying the  
7 \$15 million yearly pension bill in full without  
8 amortizing the allowable portion as was done in the  
9 past.

10 The Town is self-insured. We are  
11 subject to paying awards granted by the New York  
12 State Workers' Compensation Board in the event that  
13 an employee is injured on the job. We project  
14 those costs will rise by \$700,000 in 2020.

15 As has been well documented, the world  
16 recycling industry was affected by China's  
17 recycling ban. At one point, the Town was  
18 receiving \$25 per ton of single-stream recycling.

19 With China's policy shift, the market  
20 for recyclables was drastically altered. The Town  
21 now pays \$65 per ton to have our recycling carted  
22 away, which has resulted in an additional yearly  
23 expense of \$1.2 million.

24 Budgeted amounts for professional  
25 services a/k/a outside consultants, continues to

1 drop. It's been cut by more than 50 percent since  
2 2017 and is set to drop by another 200,000 in 2020.  
3 Rental of land and building is projected to  
4 decrease by 100,000 in 2020 as the Town's rental of  
5 The Cave finally comes off our books in April.

6 Along those same lines, we expect a  
7 Resolution to the issue at 150 Miller Place in  
8 Syosset which would negate our need to pay rent on  
9 that property.

10 Other than those highlights, the rest  
11 of the expenses in the budget roughly hold the line  
12 when compared to 2019.

13 Speaking of holding the line, the 2020  
14 preliminary budget maintains a \$1.3 million tax cut  
15 that was put into place in the 2018 budget. This  
16 will make it three years in a row that the Town  
17 will leave money in the pockets of our taxpayers.

18 The layperson may ask how can you  
19 increase expenses by \$6 million while holding the  
20 line on taxes? This is possible in 2020 because of  
21 our conservative budgeting in 2019.

22 I stood up at this podium last year and  
23 said that the budget contained lines that have  
24 ultra-conservative figures in key areas. Our  
25 figures were so conservative that even with

1 increased expenses expected and projected in 2020,  
2 we expect the budgeted in 2020 to be more than  
3 structurally balanced and generate another surplus.

4 The other benefit to the conservative  
5 budgeting will be felt at the end of this current  
6 year. When the 2019 figures are audited in the  
7 first half of 2020, we are projecting another large  
8 surplus. It would mark our fourth surplus in a  
9 row. While it's still way too early to pin down an  
10 exact number, we project the surplus to be in the  
11 range of \$5 to \$10 million which will take our  
12 cumulative surplus from \$8 million to approximately  
13 \$15 million.

14 I must sound like a broken record to  
15 this Board by now, but let's note our progress over  
16 the years one more time.

17 We have a cumulative deficit of over  
18 \$44 million just three years ago. The 2016 audit  
19 dropped that deficit to 24 million. The 2017 audit  
20 dropped it further to only 9.5 million. And then  
21 the 2018 audit released in June of this year  
22 denoted a surplus of \$17.7 million in 2018 which  
23 took us from negative 9 million to a positive  
24 \$8.2 million surplus.

25 Now I stand up here telling you the



1 2019 results will bring you more good news in the  
2 form of a surplus that will probably double the  
3 cumulative surplus that we have on hand right now.

4 While we are on the subject of our  
5 cumulative surplus, I wanted to clarify something  
6 for our residents. You may have read in the paper  
7 or on Twitter or on Facebook that the Town still  
8 has a deficit and is in significant financial  
9 stress. It's just not true. Let me explain.

10 When I say that we have an \$8 million  
11 cumulative surplus, I arrived at that figure by  
12 adding up the fund balances for the thirteen Town  
13 funds shown in our audit. That's the General Fund,  
14 Highway, Refuse, Solid Waste, Debt Service, Park  
15 Town, Grants, Drainage, Parks, Fire Protection,  
16 Lighting, Public Parking and Water. If you simply  
17 add up the surplus or deficit in those thirteen  
18 funds, you will arrive at an \$8.2 million surplus.

19 Now let's talk about the New York State  
20 Fiscal Stress and Monitoring Systems Scoring  
21 Criteria.

22 Their maximum score is 100. 50 percent  
23 of their scores based on the fund balance of one of  
24 our funds, not thirteen, just one of our funds,  
25 they look at the cumulative fund balance in just

1 the General Fund and thinks that that tells our  
2 whole story.

3 Now you might ask why do they only  
4 count one fund. Well, in fairness to them, they  
5 need to analyze hundreds of counties, cities,  
6 towns, villages and the easiest way for them to do  
7 that is to take the fund that's most popular and  
8 try to cram everybody into a box. We don't fit  
9 that box.

10 Let's go further, though. They only  
11 look at the General Fund. That's what I just  
12 stated. At the end of 2018, the General Fund has a  
13 \$10 million deficit. And that's how we got 50 of  
14 our 70 points on the stress score.

15 Listen to this though: In the two  
16 audits that have been released under Supervisor  
17 Saladino, the General Fund deficit had been reduced  
18 from 40 million to 10 million. That's a \$30  
19 million improvement in the General Fund alone, not  
20 to say anything about the other twelve funds.

21 Here is the kicker though: On the  
22 stress test scoring that \$30 million improvement  
23 means nothing. Their criteria doesn't care if your  
24 General Fund deficit is \$100,000 million or \$1. As  
25 long as you have a deficit in that one fund, you

1 get the full 50 points scored against you.

2 It took 363 years of history to get  
3 that General Fund to a deficit of \$40 million at  
4 the end of 2016. That's what we mean by  
5 cumulative.

6 Each year every fund, all thirteen of  
7 them, either has a surplus or a deficit depending  
8 on the results of that year. The cumulative  
9 figures are simply a running total throughout the  
10 history of the Town in those funds.

11 If the scoring system only reflects the  
12 General Fund results for the two that's released  
13 under your stewardship, it would show a \$30 million  
14 surplus in the General Fund which would wipe those  
15 50 points off our score and remove us from any  
16 stress list issued by the State Comptroller.

17 I'm not going to go through the whole  
18 thing again, but let's talk about Moody's for a  
19 minute. Moody's says we have a \$5 million deficit;  
20 again, different from our \$8.2 million surplus.  
21 Moody's only includes six of our thirteen funds  
22 because they feel for their purposes that  
23 represents the bulk of their clients.

24 With all due respect to the New York  
25 State Comptroller's Office and Moody's, the most

1 accurate reflection of our cumulative fund balance  
2 is derived by simply adding up our thirteen funds.

3 Moving on, the capital budget shown in  
4 the back of the preliminary budget is there for  
5 informational purposes only. The vote you take  
6 next week will be on the operating budget only. We  
7 include the capital program in the operating budget  
8 to give interested parties insight into what our  
9 capital plans will be for the following year.

10 It should be noted that separate  
11 capital bond resolutions will need to be adopted by  
12 the Board at a later date to make these plans  
13 official.

14 With that being said, we are projecting  
15 to issue under \$40 million in new capital debt for  
16 Town purposes in 2020. When you couple that with  
17 the \$70 million in Town debt set to be paid down  
18 next year, total debt will drop by another \$30  
19 million. That would be total debt reduction from  
20 2017 to 2020, a four-year period, to a \$190 million  
21 from a high of \$763 million to \$573 million by the  
22 end of 2020.

23 We're able to reduce this debt by this  
24 significant amount while still apportioning over  
25 \$20 million in Highway improvements, the vast

1 majority which will go towards road restoration.

2 Also, I've heard it been said the Town  
3 isn't really reducing debt. We're only paying off  
4 what is scheduled. That is incorrect for several  
5 reasons.

6 Number one, BANs, our short-term debt  
7 don't have a separate payment schedule. There are  
8 minimum principal payments that need to be paid  
9 back upon renewal. Our payments have exceeded  
10 those minimums.

11 Number two, it's true that bond  
12 payments are made based on a schedule. What you  
13 haven't heard is that the length of the schedule is  
14 set by us. Our most recent bond offerings have  
15 been put out for a period of fifteen years. Our  
16 financial advisors told us we're eligible to place  
17 that debt out for a period of eighteen to twenty  
18 years. That's right. We're paying down our  
19 principal and interest on long-term debt three to  
20 five years earlier than allowable.

21 Standard & Poor's actually made note of  
22 this in their 2018 written report in which the Town  
23 received a bond upgrade. To quote the report they  
24 called it "a positive credit factor" that we were  
25 paying off 70 percent of debt within the following

1 ten years.

2 Most importantly, an increase or  
3 decrease in debt in a given year is simply based on  
4 comparing the amount of debt that you issue versus  
5 the amount of debt you're paying down. This  
6 administration made it a stated goal to reduce debt  
7 as quickly as possible by minimizing the issuances  
8 of new debt including Zero in 2017.

9 Bonding payment schedules have always  
10 existed and have been down on time for as long as  
11 the Town has borrowed money. And yet the total  
12 debt rose from \$300 million to \$750 million from  
13 2006 to 2016.

14 If reducing debt is as simple as making  
15 payments on a schedule, how did it go up \$450  
16 million in a decade?

17 The 2020 budget continues a pattern of  
18 reduced taxes, reduced debt, projected surpluses  
19 and, most importantly, no cash flow borrowing, all  
20 while repaving more roads than ever, improving and  
21 expanding our parks, hosting more events and  
22 concerts for our residents and providing the  
23 excellent services that our taxpaying residents  
24 deserve.

25 Supervisor, on January 31, 2017, your

1 first day in office, we spent hours together where  
2 you grilled me on the finances and started to lay  
3 out your vision of how you can turn them around.

4 Here we are two and a half years later,  
5 countless meetings together that you have  
6 instructed me to make sure your vision has been  
7 carried out. And while there's still work to do, I  
8 have to say that I'm stunned with how fast the  
9 turnaround has occurred.

10 The 2020 proposed budget is another  
11 example of how the Town is turning things around  
12 under your stewardship and that of rest of this  
13 Town Board.

14 I'm happy to answer questions that  
15 anyone might have.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: First of all,  
17 thank you for that presentation.

18 Thank you for all the assistance in  
19 ensuring that our vision is met. To go from a high  
20 of a \$44 million ongoing deficit to an \$8 million  
21 surplus and continuing the plan to continue to  
22 build our surplus -- we know the New York State  
23 Comptroller asks for approximately 10 percent of  
24 overall operating budget, so in our case that would  
25 be a \$30 million surplus -- and be communicating

1 the plan to get to that point while continuing to  
2 bring down records amounts of the capital debt  
3 faster than the basic payments, I think really  
4 shows our commitment.

5 I would also like to thank all of my  
6 colleagues on the Town Board for all of your  
7 assistance and support in the process of turning  
8 the Town's finances around.

9 Councilman Tom Hand, Councilwoman  
10 Johnson. Thank you, Michelle. Councilman Joe  
11 Muscarella, Councilman Tony Macagnone, Councilman  
12 Lou Imbroto, Councilman Steven Labriola.

13 Thank you. We're working as a team to  
14 accomplish and it's greatly appreciated.

15 I have some questions, but let me open  
16 the floor first to my colleagues on the Town Board.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Darienzo, a  
18 few years ago we discussed inventory control, time  
19 clocks, training our workers to deal with the new  
20 millennials coming in.

21 Have we implemented any of that?

22 MR. DARIENZO: Training our workers --

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You've been  
24 institutionalized for a long time.

25 MR. DARIENZO: That -- that's not a



1 compliment. In the public sector, not the private  
2 sector is what he means.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: In a regular  
4 workforce -- in the private sector.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You might want to  
6 correct that.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Let me correct  
8 that.

9 In the public sector, not the private  
10 sector, there's classes, there's everything on how  
11 to reach the young kids and get more production out  
12 of them. I know that -- I see faces that it will  
13 never work. It works. You have to reach out to  
14 these young kids and adjust to their schedule and  
15 the way they work and the way they think.

16 Have we looked at any of that to get  
17 more productivity out of our workforce?

18 MR. DARIENZO: First of all, forgive my  
19 ignorance to private sector matters. I have been  
20 institutionalized; I've only worked for the Town of  
21 Oyster Bay my entire career.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's  
23 admirable.

24 Thank you for that.

25 MR. DARIENZO: You're welcome.

1                   With that being said, I personally  
2                   never heard the term training for millennials. I  
3                   like it, though.

4                   COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Actually, it  
5                   sounds pretty pathetic.

6                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I would love to  
7                   sit down with you. I know Commissioner Lenzo and I  
8                   discussed it a couple times. I would love to sit  
9                   down with any commissioner and go over some of your  
10                  stuff that -- in my previous life, I was very much  
11                  into this with teaching in the Carpenter's Union,  
12                  how to get the most work out of people.

13                  MR. DARIENZO: I can't speak to  
14                  training for millennials, but I will say that since  
15                  this Town Board, this administration, has taken  
16                  over, there's been more training than ever, whether  
17                  it be for sexual harassment --

18                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's just CYA  
19                  classes.

20                  MR. DARIENZO: -- Narcan training --

21                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let him answer  
22                  the question rather than turn it into a debate.

23                  Why don't you provide us some  
24                  information?

25                  COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: You don't think

1 they're educational.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's continue  
3 with allowing Mr. Darienzo to answer the question.

4 MR. DARIENZO: Some training programs  
5 that I'm aware of would be the sexual harassment,  
6 the workplace violence, the Narcan -- is it Narcan?  
7 CPR training has happened recently. We have  
8 trained for emergency events as if there was an  
9 active shooting. I don't have a full list.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're very proud  
11 of the ethics training that we put in place when I  
12 came on board. Clearly, something that brought  
13 about great improvement and something that we hold  
14 very important to the public and to our workforce.  
15 An ethics training for all our employees including  
16 all of our elected officials is mandated in this  
17 Town.

18 MR. DARIENZO: I've gone to more  
19 training classes in the past two or three years  
20 that I did in the previous eighteen. That doesn't  
21 mean that there's not room for more.

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: It sounds like the  
23 councilman is referring to productivity training --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I think that's a  
25 question, with all due respect, to Councilman

1 Macagnone, that we can discuss with Human Resources  
2 because I think that's a great idea.

3 The more we improve training -- we've  
4 brought about new systems, we've encouraged  
5 employees to take more exams to better themselves  
6 and to move them up the union ladder with taking  
7 exams that are all through Nassau County,  
8 obviously, but we have continued to provide  
9 training to give our employees a path to improve on  
10 their job performance. And this is something we  
11 hold very important.

12 I stand with you, Tony. We will  
13 continue to find and implement more training.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: In my limited  
15 time left, I would love to work with somebody in  
16 Human Resources that knows what they're doing --  
17 maybe the Deputy Commissioner over there -- to work  
18 to get a program in place that we can work with our  
19 foremen. The most important guy on the crew is the  
20 foreman. He's the one that's going to get the most  
21 work out of somebody.

22 MR. DARIENZO: I can speak specifically  
23 to 2020 budget and not the programs themselves. I  
24 can tell you this.

25 In the 2020 budget, there's more money

1 budgeted for our expense line for training than  
2 there ever has been. I'll say that.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll be happy to  
4 work with any commissioner willing to in the next  
5 couple months to share my knowledge that I have. I  
6 actually am still teaching in the Carpenter's Union  
7 and stuff.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we appreciate  
9 getting the benefit of your knowledge.

10 If you would just expand on this  
11 because I really think you hit on a very important  
12 point, Tony, that the foreman, the people who  
13 supervise our employees are people that we should  
14 also focus on because that improves services;  
15 doesn't it?

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: They're the most  
17 important people to the crew and to the residents.

18 The residents, for the most part are  
19 not going to see the commissioners or deputy  
20 commissioners. They're going to see the foremen  
21 and the workers. If they have the right attitude  
22 out there, the right message to our foremen, to the  
23 supervisors and to the workers would only help us.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Tony, along those  
25 lines, as people in those supervisory positions

1 retire, you agree that we should move people up  
2 from our workforce into those positions --

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Without a doubt.  
4 It all should come from within.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think that's  
7 -- it gives people the opportunity to see if there  
8 is a future for them. Instead of coming from  
9 outside the Town, from outside the workforce, come  
10 from the inside.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's fabulous.  
12 I agree.

13 And you also agree that our union rules  
14 mandate that as we increase somebody's  
15 responsibility, the union mandates that they get an  
16 increase in their salary as well?

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: An increase in  
18 productivity does equal increase in salary, yes.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that's  
20 mandated by the union?

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Tony.

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: To summarize  
24 what the Councilman has said, basically I come from  
25 corporate America. What he basically wants is

1 better education, automation, technology, training  
2 of our employees to bring them to the 21st Century.

3 MR. DARIENZO: Certainly nothing wrong  
4 with that.

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Anything that  
6 comes from the State, we can move forward on that.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Since you're here  
8 representing the finance department/division of  
9 this Town, are there -- as this preliminary budget  
10 is currently in place, are there resources to pay  
11 for increased training?

12 MR. DARIENZO: There are certainly  
13 additional dollars, more dollars than ever in the  
14 training lines in this budget.

15 I can't speak to --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You can speak to  
17 the one that financially support the training --

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm sure we can  
19 get some grants for it also.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's an  
21 excellent idea.

22 Collin Bell, Frank Sammartano, you've  
23 heard that mandate from this Board to continue to  
24 search out all grants that we can find to increase  
25 our ever increasing training of all our employees.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And, Supervisor,  
2 even after my time, if you so choose, I'd be happy  
3 to come back and help out and assist in training.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Tony.  
5 We will certainly keep that in mind.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because I've  
7 been institutionalized for the last twenty years  
8 also.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: On a voluntary  
10 basis.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Voluntary basis  
12 is fine. I'd be happy to.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Wonderful.  
14 Thank you. I really appreciate it.  
15 Okay. Other comments and questions?

16 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Yes, if you don't  
17 mind.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Please.

19 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Mr. Darienzo, I  
20 want to complement you, first of all, on a very  
21 thorough explanation and the summary statements  
22 that you've made regarding financial and fiscal  
23 condition.

24 Last week when I reviewed with you and  
25 the finance people and the Comptroller's Office,



1 et cetera, we discussed basically the bulk of the  
2 increase, in the 1.9 percent increase in spending  
3 is contractual. There was a point -- there was  
4 about \$700,000 increase in Workers' Compensation  
5 insurance, I think, that we discussed.

6 But I was wondering if you could  
7 discuss the risk management efforts that you're  
8 going to take on behalf of the Town, you and, of  
9 course, the Human Resources Department and  
10 Comptroller's Office in terms of risk management to  
11 try to sort of mitigate that increase.

12 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

13 Within the past -- I think it was  
14 during 2019, we have used a new third-party  
15 administrator to handle our Workers' Compensation,  
16 a company named, CorVel. They took over in an area  
17 where Nick DiSipio -- is it DiSipio & Associates?  
18 I don't know the exact name of their firm, where  
19 they used to handle that for us.

20 And it's our understanding that while  
21 it will certainly take time, because there are a  
22 lot of cases that are in the system that might take  
23 several years to filter through, that in the long  
24 run, we are going to see significant savings in  
25 this area thanks to the efforts of CorVel.

1           They do preventative measures where  
2 employees need to call I think a nurse's hot line  
3 first. They will send people out to make sure that  
4 our people who say they're injured are injured --

5           COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: You mean  
6 investigative work, to verify that people are, in  
7 fact, permanently injured?

8           MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely. More than  
9 we have in the past. That's correct.

10           Again, when the Supervisor came here  
11 and this administration was examining each of the  
12 areas of our budget, we noticed that Workers'  
13 Compensation costs were rising at a rapid pace and  
14 we looked to a way to stem that tide and CorVel has  
15 been put into place.

16           Unfortunately, it will take a period to  
17 see the full effects of that change.

18           COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And honestly to  
19 help train the workforce might help with the costs.  
20 We're seeing it in the Carpenter's Union. You have  
21 a more productive worker, safer worker, from the  
22 training.

23           COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Training clearly  
24 is part of what I think Councilman Macagnone is  
25 referring to.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And I do  
2 attitude training also.

3 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Because it's part  
4 of the risk management.

5 When you talk about the injuries and  
6 the expenses that we incur as a result of the loss  
7 of limbs, et cetera, loss of use of limbs I think  
8 what we call it, correct?

9 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

10 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Based on  
11 percentages of how much --

12 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

13 The New York State Workers'  
14 Compensation Board determines the percentage loss  
15 of certain limbs or certain areas of the body.

16 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I do know that in  
17 my experience in Nassau County that this was an  
18 area that was being addressed with a different  
19 firm. And I don't know about CorVel, but I hope  
20 that they will have similar success in trying to  
21 put a message out there that this system cannot be  
22 abused. It's creating quite an expense for our  
23 taxpayers and I think we really need to get on top  
24 of it and get a handle on it.

25 I'll let the message go forth to our

1 workforce also that we are here to make sure that  
2 they are working in a safe environment and we are  
3 going to take care of them if they get injured.  
4 But some of these claims that I've seen I think are  
5 things that we should really be looking at and  
6 continuing follow-up investigation.

7 MR. DARIENZO: You're 100 percent  
8 correct.

9 Unfortunately, the items that you are  
10 referring to come from the past administrator and  
11 they're just working their way through.

12 Unfortunately, it's going to take some  
13 time for us to see the full positive effects.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Something as  
15 simple, Councilman, as a month without an incident,  
16 giving the guys a shirt or something, something for  
17 the workforce when they can concentrate a little  
18 bit better, especially if you can have this  
19 training.

20 MR. DARIENZO: Sounds good.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Darienzo, I  
22 have some questions.

23 Do we have questions on this side? I  
24 have some questions about moving forward in our  
25 financial vision.

1                   You referenced the fact that we sat  
2 down on my first day as the Supervisor which was  
3 January 31, 2017, and then we've met many, many  
4 times since then as you know.

5                   We talked about our vision. And let's  
6 just give our residents who are interested in this  
7 subject, interested in our budget and so forth,  
8 some idea of what that vision was and what we  
9 started out with and where we are today. I think  
10 it's very important that people continue to track  
11 what our status is.

12                   What was the total debt when I began?

13                   MR. DARIENZO: 763 million.

14                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What is it today?

15                   MR. DARIENZO: Today, roughly 613  
16 million.

17                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How much have we  
18 paid off to date?

19                   MR. DARIENZO: The net paydown has been  
20 just over \$150 million as of today and will rise to  
21 \$160 million by the end of this year.

22                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we will be at  
23 a net paydown of 160 by December 31, 2019?

24                   MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

25                   We've paid down more than that, but

1 we've issued some debt also.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's very  
3 important to point out. We have paid down more,  
4 but we also have borrowed with the chief purpose of  
5 repaving our roads.

6 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely. That's  
7 where the majority of the funds have gone towards.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And, obviously,  
9 that's a capital expense, but we also know that's  
10 paid down with the debt service fund. That is one  
11 of the thirteen funds that wasn't considered by the  
12 State as you aptly pointed out, but it is one of  
13 the many funds.

14 On our operating budget we're  
15 continuing to set money aside to appropriately pay  
16 down what we're borrowing, and quite frankly, more  
17 than we're borrowing, so each year we have a net  
18 reduction.

19 Is this the largest, historically  
20 throughout the Town's entire history, is this the  
21 largest net reduction in debt?

22 MR. DARIENZO: There's been no one-year  
23 reduction larger than the \$84.5 million in 2017;  
24 there's been no two-year reduction larger than the  
25 135, whatever it was in 2017 and 2018; and there

1 will be no larger than the \$160 million that will  
2 be over the three-year period between 2017 and  
3 2019.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So you're  
5 reporting to the Board members, to the public that  
6 this is the largest debt reduction in the Town's  
7 entire history since 1653?

8 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, how do we  
10 compare to other towns on Long Island, for  
11 instance? Has any other Town reduced debt by this  
12 much?

13 MR. DARIENZO: Have they reduced debt  
14 by this much? I would say no. I have not given a  
15 full examination to their paydown schedules, but I  
16 would consider it highly unlikely, less than  
17 1 percent chance, that they've paid down the levels  
18 that we have.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk about  
20 the vision for the debt service fund.

21 How are we arriving at that? We've  
22 talked about this. I've set out my vision. You've  
23 carried it out. But let's explain to the public  
24 how we arrived at that in terms of our budgeting on  
25 the debt service fund.

1 MR. DARIENZO: At the end of the day,  
2 it's not really that difficult. If you issue less  
3 debt than you pay down, you're going to continue to  
4 lower your outstanding debt.

5 You can do it an extreme fashion like  
6 in 2017 where no debt was issued and we reduced  
7 that by \$84.5 million, or once you get your debt to  
8 a manageable level, you can still issue debt in a  
9 responsible fashion, getting things done like  
10 repaving roads, improving parks, making sure the  
11 fleet stays at an acceptable level while still  
12 reducing debt in a moderate fashion.

13 We are still going beyond moderate.  
14 \$30 million planned for reduction in 2020. It's  
15 unbelievable. \$190 million over four years.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That might lead  
17 to someone to believe that we're not assigning  
18 enough capital monies to get that job done in terms  
19 of repaving our roads that we all know that they  
20 need repaving. We all know for years this Town did  
21 not do enough to keep up with road repaving  
22 projects, I assume because of costs -- I wasn't  
23 here -- but I assume it was because of cost.

24 Let's talk about our commitment.

25 Have I made it very clear, has this



1 Board made it very clear to you that we must make a  
2 tremendous priority of putting as much resources as  
3 possible to get as many roads paved as possible?

4 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

5 Repaving roads is one of the key points  
6 that you made early on in your tenure. An outside  
7 firm was hired to rate all of the 733 miles of Town  
8 roads, 1 through 10; 1 being the worst. It's my  
9 understanding that 93 miles of that 733 were rated  
10 1 through 4. And it's projected by the end of  
11 2019, 70 of those 93 miles will have been repaved  
12 with the remaining 23 miles to be repaved in 2020.

13 While you're not the Deputy  
14 Commissioner of Highway, you certainly know from  
15 the financial side, are we both using an outside  
16 contracting company and using Town employees to  
17 pave our roads to get as many done as efficiently  
18 and as quickly as possible?

19 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

20 We are doing it more efficiently than  
21 ever. We have an outside company, Metro Paving,  
22 who is doing some of the roadwork and our own  
23 employees. We've purchased rollers, obviously,  
24 large rollers to repave roads. We've bought lots  
25 of asphalt to handle this job and our employees are

1 doing it as fast as they can. They've been trained  
2 to take care of these side streets and the  
3 cul de sacs, the roads that are in their area.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You mentioned  
5 equipment.

6 Has this administration purchased  
7 equipment so that we can handle a portion of the  
8 road repaving ourselves, meaning inhouse?

9 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

10 So, in the past where we may have  
11 outsourced the entire thing and spent many more  
12 millions than we are now, we have been able to buy  
13 some equipment where the sticker price may shock  
14 you at first, but when you realize the millions  
15 you're saving by doing it yourself because the  
16 employees already work here, once we have the  
17 equipment, it's ours, we save on all the  
18 multipliers and such for the outside vendors that  
19 have been doing the job in the past.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Are we doing a  
21 mill and fill which has roughly a ten-year life or  
22 are we doing right down to base, replacing the base  
23 and then replacing it?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That I can answer  
25 because I've asked this question and I've directed.

1 We're doing both. We have areas where we're doing  
2 the entire roadbed, sidewalks and drainage --

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's the  
4 proper way to do it because mill and fill has a  
5 ten-year life and all we're doing is kicking the  
6 can down the road --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But it is  
8 important to point out that when we took the reins  
9 there was such tremendous debt, the Town was in  
10 such fiscal disarray, that to get this done in an  
11 amount we could afford while getting a budget under  
12 control --

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: As long as we're  
14 not just kicking the can down the road, I'm happy.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are not  
16 kicking the can down and I -- I'll let you answer  
17 it on the finances.

18 Are we doing both, the appropriate  
19 repaving, the appropriate reconstruction and  
20 getting our finances to a point, let's say, where  
21 we're being recognized by Wall Street.

22 MR. DARIENZO: As you mentioned, I'm  
23 not the Deputy Commissioner of Highway. I don't  
24 work in engineering, but I can say we are doing  
25 both. The roads are being rated. Those that

1 require full reconstruction are getting such on a  
2 priority basis, and those that are just in need of  
3 the mill and fill are receiving that kind of  
4 attention.

5 I've been here a long time and we used  
6 to operate under the assumption of \$1 million per  
7 mile of total reconstruction. That is something we  
8 set over a decade ago. That's no longer.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How many miles do  
10 we have in this town?

11 MR. DARIENZO: 733.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So it would  
13 require, say to get everything done in one year, it  
14 would require -- and to do total reconstruction, it  
15 would require over \$700 million of new debt all at  
16 once?

17 MR. DARIENZO: Yes, if you did it a  
18 decade ago. It was a \$1 million long ago. It's  
19 north of that now.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Even more than  
21 that?

22 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So would you say  
24 that we are taking an appropriate approach to,  
25 both, getting the finances back under control, back

1 to where they need to be, as well as properly  
2 addressing road reconstruction?

3 MR. DARIENZO: I think we're making  
4 great strides in both areas. Debt is being reduced  
5 at record paces and roads are being repaved at  
6 record paces.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We get an audit  
8 every year, correct?

9 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's done by an  
11 outside firm?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Cullen & Danowski, yes.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Tell us about  
14 their approach, what their responsibilities are.  
15 This is mandated by the State.

16 MR. DARIENZO: The audit is run through  
17 the Comptroller's Office, but the auditors are here  
18 for most of the first half -- well, actually, yeah,  
19 they're here for three to six months in the first  
20 half of the year that just passed, and they do  
21 their job in terms of analyzing transactions,  
22 making sure everything is done on a proper basis,  
23 that we're meeting all of the reporting  
24 requirements and following generally-accepted  
25 accounting principles.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You mentioned  
2 generally-accepted accounting principles.

3 Is the Town following generally-  
4 accepted accounting principles in every single  
5 transaction in every single line?

6 MR. DARIENZO: The Town has only  
7 deviated from GAP for one transaction and that was  
8 back in 2013.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What transaction  
10 is that?

11 MR. DARIENZO: Related to the sale of  
12 150 Miller Place in Syosset, our DPW complex.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will bring the  
14 Comptroller up to expand on that later because we  
15 have some questions for our Comptroller.

16 And other than that one deviation that  
17 was done by the prior administration, are we  
18 currently following all GAP principles?

19 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

20 Again, only that one transaction in my  
21 twenty-plus years here.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Was that fact  
23 certified by our independent auditors?

24 MR. DARIENZO: That fact was noted in  
25 their audit in 2013, '14, '15, '16, '17 and '18.

1 It has been fully disclosed. Fully transparent.  
2 No secrets.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

4 Steve Labriola.

5 MR. LABRIOLA: I'm sorry to interrupt  
6 you, Supervisor.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's okay.

8 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I just wanted to  
9 get back to we were talking about this increase  
10 totaling 1.9 percent. We talked about Workers'  
11 Compensation. We talked about the contractual  
12 increase. And we were also discussing, in our  
13 meeting and I'm not sure if you covered it here, is  
14 was the cost of our recycling program.

15 Now, some of the way in which you're  
16 counterbalancing this, I understand -- I've asked  
17 for a report from the Parks Commissioner and also  
18 the Comptroller's Office on our increase in  
19 revenues as a result of what we've done; in  
20 particular, at Tobay Beach.

21 Could you discuss the increase in  
22 revenues from 2018 to 2019 on the beach concession  
23 revenues?

24 MR. DARIENZO: 2018 to 2019, I can  
25 speak on the change from when Singh was the

1 concessionaire to our concessionaires today. The  
2 concession fees, the concession revenues that we're  
3 collecting since the day and age of the Singh  
4 agreements is four and a half times what it was  
5 back then, so a great increase to the Parks  
6 Department. I think it's worth 800 to \$1 million,  
7 that increase. I'm going off the top of my head  
8 here. Again, negating the need for having to  
9 burden taxpayers further through taxes themselves.

10 MR. LABRIOLA: Also, on an offset that  
11 I received from the Comptroller's, it says that we  
12 are already ahead by \$105,000 from 2018 to 2019  
13 just based on the three concession agreements, just  
14 talking about the Tobay Beach.

15 MR. DARIENZO: We met with the Parks  
16 Commissioner last Friday. I'm sure he's in the  
17 back there. He is very proud of the increases in  
18 revenue across the board in Parks, again, due to  
19 the efficiencies and the efforts of him, his  
20 deputies and the department. All areas up.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "All areas up" is  
22 a very big claim. Please support that.

23 MR. DARIENZO: I don't have the  
24 documents with me. But golf rounds, I believe --  
25 and Commissioner forgive me if I'm wrong -- 25,000



1 rounds they hit --

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 28, I believe.

3 MR. DARIENZO: But they hit 25,000  
4 rounds in August when last year it was October.

5 There might be a --

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I know that  
7 number.

8 MR. DARIENZO: You've heard it.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: More than heard  
10 it. I've said it over and over. We changed our  
11 marketing strategies -- we can bring the  
12 Commissioner up to explain this -- but we changed  
13 our marketing strategies. We did not raise fees.  
14 Last year we hit 20,000 rounds of golf in October.  
15 This year because of the push put on so many  
16 aspects in the Parks Department, we reached the  
17 20,000 rounds of golf in August and we are about --  
18 we are at 28,000 --

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 28,000.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Close to 28,000  
21 rounds now.

22 Thank you, Tony.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I've been  
24 playing golf for thirty-plus years. It's probably  
25 the nicest I've seen the course is this year, the

1 best shape.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've also  
3 changed out some personnel, including our  
4 greenskeeper.

5 And you're saying that you've seen the  
6 results?

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And other  
8 golfers throughout the area have seen the results.  
9 The course is in a much better shape, it's more  
10 player friendly, and the rounds are moving right  
11 along.

12 And I don't people I'm a councilman  
13 when I'm playing and I talk to them and they tell  
14 me how much nicer. Actually, I played nine holes  
15 at Bethpage yesterday afternoon and people will  
16 tell me how nice the course at Oyster Bay is this  
17 year, you should go play it.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: And also the  
19 vendor also, correct, Tony?

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I don't know --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have made a  
22 lot of changes and I can tell you I've put a big  
23 push on to work with the teams in the Parks  
24 Department about greatly improving our marketing  
25 strategies, our advertising.

1           As a matter of fact, one issue came up  
2           about utilizing a program at Mets games and we have  
3           a full page ad in the Mets program that did not  
4           cost the Town a dime and yet that was one of many.

5           We appreciate the media pointing that  
6           out because it really speaks to our successes. It  
7           lets people know that we are changing our  
8           marketing, changing our advertising, improving the  
9           course, improving our outreach.

10           COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It didn't hurt  
11           this year that the PGA was at Bethpage and that  
12           course was closed for basically a month, all five  
13           courses, so it increased our course. With the  
14           course being in better shape, golfers will be more  
15           apt to go there if Bethpage has a couple outings.  
16           Also shoot up 135 to Oyster Bay.

17           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
18           Councilman.

19           That speaks to an overall improvement  
20           in our plan, evidence-based results. I'm going to  
21           ask you to just take a seat for a moment while we  
22           bring up our Parks Commissioners to speak about  
23           these specifics.

24           Hello, Commissioner.

25           Would you state your presence, please?

1 MR. PINTO: Joe Pinto, Parks  
2 Commissioner, Town of Oyster Bay.

3 The Councilman is correct. We actually  
4 had that as part of our plan, and the reason why we  
5 wanted to do some work up in Oyster Bay Golf Course  
6 was, of course, the PGA was coming in and we felt  
7 that we could get our residents back to our course  
8 and keep them there. And that's what we've done.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And get some  
10 outsiders there also.

11 For the longest time, people that lived  
12 outside of the Town of Oyster Bay, those who play  
13 golf, always thought they could not play there  
14 because they didn't live in Oyster Bay. You got  
15 the word out that, yeah, you can. Welcome. You  
16 might pay a little bit more, but you're welcome to  
17 come play.

18 MR. PINTO: And we've instituted as  
19 October 15th a fall rate which reduces the rate  
20 somewhat, kind of includes the golf cart with their  
21 rounds, so that's hopefully going to bring some  
22 more people in.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Councilmen, as we  
24 review our preliminary budget, we're looking at  
25 improvements in every department. We've set goals

1 for commissioners and department employees.

2 Let's talk about some of the goals we  
3 set and what the status is.

4 Would you please start with skating,  
5 ice hockey and ice programs?

6 MR. PINTO: When we got there about two  
7 and a half years ago, our revenue was about  
8 5 million, \$5,009,000. With some of the  
9 improvements we made, we really looked at every  
10 facility on its own. It's taken a little bit  
11 longer to get, like, the golf course we did this  
12 year as opposed to the rink we did last year. By  
13 the end of this year, we're looking at about \$6  
14 million in revenue for Parks. We've never hit  
15 6 million before. And it's largely due to the  
16 management at the facilities.

17 And speaking to Councilman Macagnone  
18 before, we actually have unofficially implemented  
19 something along the lines about bringing managers  
20 in -- our deputies, Frank Gatto and Greg Skupinsky  
21 -- bring the managers in often to discuss what we  
22 expect from them as a facility --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Training? In  
24 essence, training for improvements?

25 MR. PINTO: It's not an official

1 training, but yes, it's along those lines, what we  
2 expect from them and --

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oversight,  
4 supervision.

5 MR. PINTO: And how we expect to handle  
6 their staff, their seasonals when they come, the  
7 part-timers when they come in. We've done that  
8 unofficially and we think that's gone a long way in  
9 helping what's going on in the Park Department  
10 because from the pools getting renovated and  
11 listening to the residents on what was needed  
12 there, we focused on that in '17 to the new  
13 bathrooms in '18, the new filtration system also in  
14 '18. Some of the replacement of the turf field  
15 we're seeing now. As they get worn down, they need  
16 to be replaced --

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Pushing the  
18 paddle, pickle ball --

19 MR. PINTO: That was Councilwoman  
20 Johnson's idea over there at Bethpage --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Great idea.

22 MR. PINTO: We're getting a lot from  
23 that as well. It's been a total team effort, no  
24 pun on words, but Parks is really doing well  
25 because of the team.

1           The Town Board has allowed us to work  
2           on the pools and the golf courses and the fields  
3           and we're seeing the benefits.

4           The most important thing to me is have  
5           our residents use their facilities. And more  
6           residents are coming back to the Town of Oyster Bay  
7           with the work we've done here in the last two and a  
8           half years.

9           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What percentage  
10          of the bathrooms would you say have been renovated  
11          since we took over in January of 2017, a number, a  
12          percentage, some kind of --

13          MR. PINTO: Well, I can tell you that  
14          Tobay has been done, all the pools' bathrooms have  
15          been done. We've done Roosevelt. I would say a  
16          percentage approximately about 60, 65 percent.

17          We're going after now the parks, some  
18          unmanned facilities that might have some bathrooms  
19          that we haven't gotten to yet. But I would say  
20          about 65 percent, around there.

21          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: With plans to  
22          continue on that. I know that's a capital  
23          discussion, but, generally, as it relates to the  
24          budget, has our commitment to our residents, have  
25          we kept our promise to upgrade our parks and to

1 provide the upgrades that they were asking for?

2 MR. PINTO: I believe so. I think that  
3 we're, our infrastructure in the parks has been  
4 better than ever before.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To support that,  
6 I asked you about skating and hockey -- I'm going  
7 to put you on the spot because I didn't let you  
8 know I was looking for these numbers. But can you  
9 give us some -- we spoke about goals settings for  
10 different programs across all of our Parks  
11 Department programs.

12 Can you give us a few examples?

13 MR. PINTO: Sure.

14 Our ice skating facility in Bethpage is  
15 one of the best on Long Island. When we got here,  
16 it was probably being underutilized and maybe the  
17 management wasn't as great as it is right now.

18 Our hockey program was dwindling. The  
19 year we got here it was \$107,000 in total revenue  
20 for our hockey program. There was some thoughts  
21 about maybe going outside and bringing an outside  
22 vendor to run the program, but we took a look at it  
23 and we said we want to give it one more try.

24 In 2018 we did the best ever in hockey  
25 revenue at \$163,000. This year already we're at



1 \$250,000 for our hockey program revenue.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just say that  
3 again because you're throwing out a lot of numbers.

4 I want people to know, to be proud of  
5 the Parks Department in the Town of Oyster Bay.

6 Can you give us that change again?

7 MR. PINTO: Yes.

8 From last year 163 to this year  
9 \$250,000 in our hockey program revenue. We changed  
10 formats. We went from instructional to a house  
11 league format which does include instructions as  
12 well. But people want to play games. The kids  
13 want to play games.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But Commissioner,  
15 that doesn't even include public skating?

16 MR. PINTO: No.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What have we done  
18 with public skating?

19 MR. PINTO: The public skating in '18  
20 went up approximately \$60,000 from '17. Our rink  
21 rentals went up from 290,000 in '17 to 407,000 in  
22 '18. We're not going to go up as much this year.  
23 We'll be happy to stay that way. And it's because,  
24 again, because the way we're managing it. When  
25 open ice becomes available, we hit an e-mail blast

1 and send out to all the users of the rink and the  
2 ice and they come running as soon as they get it.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we've talked  
4 about, and I don't want to belabor this, we'll wrap  
5 it up, but the point I want to make is we've talked  
6 about changing, improving the services, but we also  
7 talked about setting the goal of better marketing,  
8 advertising. We use a variety of methods. There's  
9 a Facebook page for the Parks Department. We  
10 e-mail residents, but we also get a lot of  
11 information out on the different things we mail  
12 out. We have a recreation brochure that talks  
13 about all our facilities, concert, schedules, how  
14 to sign up for hockey.

15 Has that been effective, the input that  
16 we've received in terms of what we're doing to mail  
17 out and reach the public to inform them and  
18 advertise these programs?

19 MR. PINTO: I think we -- especially on  
20 social media, the way we've advertised on social  
21 media, has really helped our programs a lot, but  
22 the best thing that helps is by putting out a good  
23 product because people will talk about what's being  
24 done at the Town of Oyster Bay ice skating  
25 facility.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And letting the  
2 public know about it through these various --  
3 through mail, to social media to all these  
4 different processes that we're changing.

5 MR. PINTO: It's been a good couple  
6 years.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does anyone have  
8 any questions for the Commissioner?

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor, as  
10 the public knows, our Commissioner is also a CPA  
11 and I know that he's, what everyone calls  
12 affectionately a bean-counter. But he showed me  
13 his programs. I took a tour of his office and he's  
14 got spreadsheets on just about every metric that he  
15 can count. And I think that it's really starting  
16 to show us that the revenues you're bringing in are  
17 offsetting these costs that are beyond our control.  
18 The recycling problems that we're having and the  
19 Workers' Compensation insurance, et cetera.

20 From what I'm hearing and what I'm  
21 seeing and the questions I'm asking and getting the  
22 answers from our finance people, I believe that  
23 your department is offsetting the expenses that  
24 we've just talked about in terms of the  
25 uncontrollable expenses.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Commissioner, as  
2 I told you it was back in April I went over the  
3 golf course and walked around there. You guys are  
4 doing a great job. I played it again in September,  
5 and excellent. The residents were very happy over  
6 there.

7 MR. PINTO: Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And as I said,  
9 three people from Bethpage, I played with and they  
10 were telling me how nice it is and the carts are  
11 new -- just keep the good work up and tell the guys  
12 they're doing a great job.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 I will.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
16 Commissioner.

17 And thank you to the employees of your  
18 department from all of us.

19 Mr. Darienzo, I just want to wrap  
20 things up right now, but I would ask you to just  
21 summarize what the independent outside finance  
22 world has --

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor --  
24 please don't take me as being critical of your  
25 budget.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Never.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think we can  
3 get better.

4 I think it's good, but I think there's  
5 things we can do to make us more productive and  
6 make us more efficient.

7 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: How about his  
8 fashion statement, Councilman?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm happy he's  
10 wearing a tie.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Darienzo,  
12 what you're hearing over and over again is that our  
13 finances, our budget continues to get better.

14 Our vision that we spoke about, that we  
15 crafted in those many, many meetings where you and  
16 I sat from my first day on the job, you're  
17 following through with the team, our departments  
18 are following through. I'd like to thank you  
19 because our objective is to get better and better  
20 every single year.

21 I think we're reaching a point where  
22 other towns are taking notice of our successes. I  
23 got a great compliment on Friday night from the  
24 supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead, and I  
25 appreciate her recognizing our tremendous

1       turnaround in a very short time. But you've heard  
2       the message from me. You've heard the message that  
3       we will continue to make our budgets better, make  
4       our services and better and better.

5                 But what has Standard & Poor's and  
6       Moody's specifically said because they're the  
7       renowned experts? They're the ones whose opinions  
8       are recognized around the state, around the country  
9       for that matter.

10                What have they said?

11                MR. DARIENZO: Well, it's no secret our  
12       bond rating is in need of further improvement. And  
13       improvement and higher ratings are on the way.

14                The most important thing to them is  
15       trend. So we've had giant surpluses in 2016, 2017  
16       and 2018. But both Moody's and Standard & Poor's  
17       rely on a total of five-year look backs. So  
18       there's some ugly years in 2014 and 2015 that need  
19       to come off the books, for lack of a better term.

20                Our 2019 yearend audit will show, as  
21       mentioned earlier, a surplus in the range of 5 to  
22       \$10 million. Our 2020 budget will also show  
23       another surplus. That'll be five years in a row of  
24       surpluses. We're doing all the things that  
25       Standard & Poor's and Moody's have asked us to do

1 in terms of seeing our bond rating improve. And  
2 I'm confident that the next time we talk to both of  
3 them, we're going to get good news from them.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have they stated  
5 that they see a great improvement in management in  
6 this Town?

7 MR. DARIENZO: They certainly noted our  
8 improved management practices, absolutely, both in  
9 budgeting and just our policies in general.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So by the end of  
11 2020, we'll be more than halfway to arriving at  
12 that surplus, to an amount that is recommended by  
13 the State Comptroller?

14 MR. DARIENZO: By the end of 2019,  
15 we'll be at more than half.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: At the end of  
17 2019, and that result will come out in  
18 approximately June of 2020?

19 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Halfway through  
21 that year.

22 Are there any other questions for  
23 Mr. Darienzo?

24 (No response.)

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, sir.

1                   At this time, we would like to hear  
2                   from anyone in the public who would like to comment  
3                   on the budget by filling out a form. I don't have  
4                   any forms from anyone who would like to speak on  
5                   this.

6                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Rob, nice job.

7                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: One speaker on  
8                   this.

9                   Mr. McKenna, let me remind you this is  
10                  a budget hearing and we are happy to listen to what  
11                  you have to say.

12                  MR. McKENNA: Kevin McKenna, Edna  
13                  Drive, Syosset, New York.

14                  I heard Mr. Darienzo talk about  
15                  scheduled debt and I'll call it extra paydown debt.  
16                  It would be interesting if he could or somebody  
17                  could share what the schedule debt amount was  
18                  versus what the extra paydown debt was or will be.

19                  He also talked about 150 Miller Place  
20                  in Syosset. He made a statement that there could  
21                  be resolution to the lawsuit, I think he said by  
22                  the end of the year, and that, if successful, the  
23                  Town will not have to pay rent anymore. That's  
24                  what he said.

25                  I can't understand how he can say that



1 because one of the reasons that we are being sued  
2 is because we never paid the rent to the purchasers  
3 of the property. I would like that clarified.

4 I also wonder, and I'm sure other  
5 people do, why the Comptroller of the Town of  
6 Oyster Bay is not the one presenting the budget.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Because it's not  
9 his job.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. McKenna, the  
11 Record of Finance is supposed to report the budget  
12 under the State rules.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To answer your  
14 question in regard to 150 Miller Place,  
15 negotiations are continued as I have made public in  
16 the past and we are going to continue this with the  
17 goals of getting this issue wrapped up which will  
18 solve both financial problems and close out this  
19 issue, financial issues, I should say, and close  
20 out this chapter in the Town. And we do not intend  
21 to move our footprint of our buildings and our  
22 services off that property.

23 MR. McKENNA: Thank you.

24 But that does not answer the question  
25 that I asked.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
2 Mr. McKenna. We appreciate you being here.

3 We don't have slips from anyone else,  
4 so I will ask for a motion.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Correspondence.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Correspondence,  
7 please.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: 2020 budget for the  
9 Town of Oyster Bay, we have affidavits of postings  
10 and publications.

11 There is no other correspondence.

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,  
13 I'll make a motion that this public hearing be  
14 adjourned until tonight at 7:00 p.m.

15 MR. MACAGNONE: Second.

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

18 ALL: Aye.

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

21 (No verbal response given.)

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

24 (TIME NOTED: 11:37 A.M.)

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