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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD

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January 31, 2017
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54 Aubrey Avenue
Oyster Bay, New York

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10 B E F O R E :
11 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA
12 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA
13 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO
14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE
15 COUNCILMAN PINTO
16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON
17 JAMES ALTADONNA, JR., TOWN CLERK
18 DONNA SWANSON, DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY

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20 MINUTES OF HEARING

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22 Lisa H. MacDonald, RPR
Court Reporter

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1 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

2 Good morning, everyone.

3 We would like to start with the
4 Pledge of Allegiance led by our Town
5 Clerk, Jim Altadonna.

6 (At this time the Pledge of
7 Allegiance was conducted)

8 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA: We
9 have only one thing on the agenda
10 today, to appoint a new supervisor to
11 the Town of Oyster Bay. It's the best
12 interest of the residents and town
13 government.

14 So I would like to have a motion
15 by Rebecca Alesia.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: A roll call
17 please first.

18 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

19 Oh, sure.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Acting Supervisor
21 Muscarella?

22 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

23 Here.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman

25 Macagnone?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Here.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman

3 Coschignano?

4 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Here.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

6 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Here.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman

8 Alesia?

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.

10 Good morning, Jim.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Good morning.

12 Councilwoman Johnson?

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

14 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

15 I'd like a motion.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Yes. Thank

17 you, Acting Supervisor.

18 Before we proceed any further, I

19 would like to acknowledge Acting

20 Supervisor Muscarella for his

21 leadership and dedication in this

22 difficult time and I'd ask you all to

23 join me in thanking him.

24 Okay. You know our board has

25 taken some time and care in reaching

1 this decision. There has been some
2 speculation that this time meant that
3 our board is fractured and that's
4 interesting, isn't it? For a long
5 time we were criticized for
6 frequently voting with unanimity and
7 with one voice and yet when there was
8 a desire for thoughtful dialogue
9 regarding such a major decision as
10 this one, we were criticized for
11 taking the time to hear our own
12 colleagues.

13 There is nothing wrong with
14 there being descending opinions
15 amongst our board. Let me say that
16 again. There is nothing wrong with
17 the people who sit up here having
18 differences of opinion. Each and
19 every one of my colleagues on the
20 Town Board has the best interests of
21 our residents at heart and we should
22 not be criticized for having taken
23 our time with making such a
24 significant decision and one with
25 such far reaching and important

1 ramifications as choosing the next
2 supervisor.

3 What is further significant is
4 that the candidate that we have
5 chosen, Assembly Man and I believe
6 soon to be Supervisor, Saladino. He
7 gets that, too. He wasn't afraid to
8 get up here last week and express his
9 opinion in a loud clear voice and he
10 should be celebrated for that and
11 complimented for it.

12 That passion and that
13 willingness to tell us how important
14 the job of Supervisor is to him
15 personally, how seriously he will
16 take it and how much he will cherish
17 it, those are the things that are
18 going to make him a great leader for
19 this Board and a great Supervisor for
20 the town.

21 I've known Joe for many years.
22 He has been a forceful voice for the
23 residents of his assembly district,
24 successful at reaching across the
25 aisle to get things done in Albany.

1 He has been an advocate for sweeping
2 ethics reform there and a tireless
3 champion of the environment. His
4 vision for the town is one of
5 modernization and efficiency. He
6 truly wants to continue his own and
7 his family's legacy of representing
8 his community and there can be no
9 doubt that he has the stamina,
10 passion and love for the Town that
11 this job requires.

12 Therefore, it is with great
13 honor that I move that this Board
14 appoint the Honorable Assemblyman
15 Joseph Saladino to become the next
16 Supervisor of this great Town of
17 Oyster Bay.

18 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

19 Thank you, Rebecca.

20 Can I have a second, please?

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I second
22 that nomination.

23 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

24 Roll call on the vote.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: On the vote,

1 Acting Supervisor Muscarella?

2 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

3 Aye.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman

5 Macagnone?

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Abstain.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman

8 Coschignano?

9 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Aye.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Pinto?

11 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Aye.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman

13 Alesia?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Aye.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman

16 Johnson?

17 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

18 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

19 The ayes have it.

20 Congratulations.

21 I call on the Honorable Stephen

22 Bucaria to come up and now do the

23 swearing in, Honorable Judge.

24 JUDGE BUCARIA: Just a very quick

25 moment of personal privilege. I have

1 known the Saladino family for many,
2 many years and I got to know his
3 parents very well because of the job I
4 had in the Supreme Court and I can
5 only feel the pride that they have.
6 It's so present here for both Jessie,
7 his mother, and his father, the late
8 and great Supreme Court Justice Joe
9 Saladino. So thank you very much.

10 And with that pride I ask you to
11 please raise your right hand. Repeat
12 after me. I, state your name.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I, Joseph
14 S. Saladino.

15 JUDGE BUCARIA: Do solemnly
16 swear.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do solemnly
18 swear.

19 JUDGE BUCARIA: That I will
20 support the Constitution of the United
21 States.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That I will
23 support the Constitution of the United
24 States.

25 JUDGE BUCARIA: The Constitution

1 of the State of New York.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The
3 Constitution of the State of New York.

4 JUDGE BUCARIA: The ordinances of
5 the Town of Oyster Bay.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The
7 ordinance of the Town of Oyster Bay.

8 JUDGE BUCARIA: And that I will
9 faithfully discharge.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that I
11 will faithfully discharge.

12 JUDGE BUCARIA: The duties of the
13 office of Supervisor.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The duties
15 of the office of Supervisor.

16 JUDGE BUCARIA: Of the Town of
17 Oyster Bay.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of the Town
19 of Oyster Bay.

20 JUDGE BUCARIA: To the best of my
21 ability.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To the best
23 of my ability.

24 JUDGE BUCARIA: This so help you
25 God.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This so
2 help me God.

3 JUDGE BUCARIA: I declare that
4 you are dully installed.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

6 JUDGE BUCARIA: God bless you.

7 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

8 Joe, would you like to say a few
9 words?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:

12 Congratulations, Joe.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 Justice Bucaria, my co-workers,
15 members of the Town Board, my beloved
16 family and dear friends, Mark Twain
17 wrote the two most important days of
18 your life are the day you're born and
19 the day you find out why. Well,
20 today for me I found out why. I
21 found out that my destiny is to come
22 home and to rebuild the Town of
23 Oyster Bay.

24 I'd like to thank the members of
25 the Town Board for instilling me with

1 this responsibility and I realize it
2 is a great responsibility and I
3 appreciate your faith in me.

4 My fellow residents, a sad and
5 unfortunate chapter in the Town's
6 history is coming to an end. Today
7 we begin anew. Today we begin to
8 restore the people's faith in our
9 town government. Today we return
10 town government to a path it had
11 followed for so many years, a path
12 that made Oyster Bay a model of
13 fiscally conservative leadership and
14 provided residents an unparalleled
15 suburban quality of life.

16 While it is too soon for me to
17 talk about the specifics of policy
18 matters, it is an appropriate time
19 for me to outline the goals for our
20 new administration. I have two
21 paramount goals. First, I want to
22 regain the faith and trust that the
23 residents -- in the residents who
24 feel their town government has failed
25 them in recent years. Under my

1 administration, we will have zero
2 tolerance for inappropriate behavior
3 of any kind. Even the appearance of
4 impropriety will not be tolerated and
5 no one is exempt. I will work to
6 ensure we provide residents with an
7 open, transparent government so that
8 everyone will know what we are doing
9 and why we are doing it.

10 My second goal is to make sure
11 that Oyster Bay is a town where
12 people can afford to live. Over the
13 next few weeks, we will be looking at
14 every aspect and as those who know
15 me, I mean every aspect, of town
16 government in order to save money,
17 improve efficiency and protect
18 taxpayers. No aspect of town
19 government will be exempt from
20 scrutiny. Everything is on the
21 table.

22 I want to assure my fellow
23 residents that we will save money.
24 We will reduce the town's debt and we
25 will make town government live within

1 its means while still delivering
2 top-notch municipal services, the
3 kind of services that Town of Oyster
4 Bay residents have come to expect.

5 Over the next few weeks and
6 months, I will be outlining in detail
7 the specific policies that we will be
8 implementing and the work we'll be
9 doing to meet these goals.

10 Again, I want my fellow
11 residents to know that I fully
12 realize the magnitude of the
13 important responsibility that I have
14 been entrusted with today. I promise
15 I will not let you down. I will not
16 let you down. I know that working
17 together we can move Oyster Bay in a
18 new direction and build a more proud
19 future, a future built on the
20 foundation of the highest standard of
21 ethics, strong hands on management
22 and rock solid fiscal practices.

23 I appreciate each and every one
24 of you for entrusting me with this
25 great responsibility and I want to

1 say thank you for working with me to
2 forge a new beginning, creating
3 trust, transparency, the highest
4 level of ethics, fiscal
5 responsibility and affordability in
6 the Town of Oyster Bay.

7 God bless each and every one of
8 you and God bless the Town of Oyster
9 Bay.

10 Thank you.

11 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

12 Thank you, Joe. I need a motion
13 to adjourn the meeting.

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: So moved.

15 COUNCILMAN PINTO: Second.

16 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

17 All in favor?

18 COUNCILWOMAN: Aye.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Aye.

20 COUNCILMAN COSCHIGNANO: Aye.

21 ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

22 Ayes have it. Thank you again.

23 I move to make a motion to close
24 the meeting.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I second.

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COUNCILMAN PINTO: Aye.

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

ACTING SUPERVISOR MUSCARELLA:

Thank you.

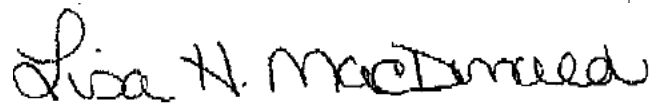
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I further certify that I am not employed by nor related to any party to this action.



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