

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
10:21 A.M.

**HEARING - TRAFFIC**

To consider proposed amendments to the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, amending Chapter 233 of the said code pertaining to parking, stopping, Crossing, loading zones, thru traffic, trucking operations and other traffic regulations. Hearing adjourned from October 3, 2017. (M.D. 8/15/17 #14).

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary

1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,  
2 ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to our Town Board  
3 meeting of October 17, 2017.

4                   This morning's prayer will be led by  
5 Rabbi Shalom Lipszyc of the Town of Oyster Bay  
6 Chabad. Town of Oyster Bay Chabad headquarters was  
7 founded to offer the growing Jewish population in  
8 the Town of Oyster Bay, a warm and vibrant Jewish  
9 community life.

10                  Since its inception, it has founded a  
11 another three branches, two in the north of the  
12 Town of Oyster Bay and one in the south. The Town  
13 of Oyster Bay Chabad is open to people of the  
14 Jewish faith regardless of affiliation or prior  
15 background, believing all of its congregants have  
16 the right to experience the warmth and traditional  
17 Judaism in a fun, exciting, relevant and  
18 nonjudgmental atmosphere.

19                  Rabbi Shalom Lipszyc grew up on Long  
20 Island and was recently appointed to the Northeast  
21 Nassau region where he is currently providing  
22 rabbinical service to over 27,500 people and we are  
23 very proud to have him with us this morning.

24                  Rabbi, if you would.

25                  (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by

1 Rabbi Shalom Lipszyc.)

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Rabbi.

3 And for the purposes of our Pledge of  
4 Allegiance, I'd like to ask Paul Molinari, why  
5 don't you come up and lead us in the Pledge of  
6 Allegiance?

7 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance  
8 was recited and led by Paul Molinari.)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Paul.

10 We have a very busy day today, but I'd  
11 like to start off by wishing a very Happy Birthday  
12 to Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia.

13 God bless. I hope your birthday  
14 continues to be happy and filled with good health  
15 and prosperity for you and your family.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: You know,  
17 Supervisor, no matter how old I get, you'll always  
18 be older than me.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Wonderful.  
20 Wonderful. So thank you.

21 We have quite a bit of the business to  
22 take care of today.

23 With that said, I'd like to provide  
24 residents with an update since our last Town Board  
25 meeting.

1 Over the past two weeks, we have made  
2 several important announcements about community  
3 improvements that are under way. Through the use  
4 of capital dollars set aside by the Town Board from  
5 previous years, we're able to get these capital  
6 programs accomplished.

7 In Farmingdale, we've moved forward  
8 with redevelopment of the Liberty site by  
9 announcing plans for an expansion of Ellsworth  
10 Allen Park, including ball fields and a running  
11 track while providing open space to continue to  
12 have percolation into our aquifer to protect our  
13 groundwater.

14 For far too long, the property sat  
15 idle. We've jump-started development with plans,  
16 as we mentioned, for these ball fields, a  
17 multi-purpose field, a pedestrian bicycle path,  
18 exercise areas, and throughout the rest of the  
19 Town, playgrounds that had reached their useful  
20 life are being replaced in Bethpage and with the  
21 construction of new fields; again, using capital  
22 dollars that were unused from past year's budgets.

23 Today is an important day in the Town  
24 of Oyster Bay. As a Board, we will consider two  
25 important items to further restore the public's

1 trust and confidence in our Town government.

2 First, we will approve an RFP for the  
3 sale of 50 Engel Street in Hicksville, helping us  
4 turn the page on the problems of the past.

5 Second, similar to the Medicaid  
6 Inspector General position I helped create in  
7 Albany quite a few years ago, we will consider the  
8 creation of an Office of Inspector General to  
9 oversee all aspects of the Town's contracting  
10 process.

11 We found, over the years, this was very  
12 successful for the State, and I'm sure this will be  
13 very successful in the Town of Oyster Bay.

14 Under this proposal, the Inspector  
15 General will be charged with standardizing the  
16 Town's purchasing and contract administration,  
17 monitoring compliance with all applicable  
18 procurement guideline policies and requirements of  
19 the Federal, State and Local laws.

20 Providing technical expertise to ensure  
21 all contracts, requests for proposals, and bid  
22 solicitations are posted on the Town's website and  
23 that we can assure we're getting that information  
24 out to everyone in the public and expanding the  
25 Town's access to Municipal and State electronic

1 systems to verify the qualifications and standing  
2 of potential contractors.

3 If approved, the Town of Oyster Bay  
4 will publicly advertise for the position and be the  
5 first local municipality on Long Island to hire an  
6 Inspector General. Funding for the Inspector  
7 General's office is included in my proposed budget  
8 and today, we will listen to public comment on that  
9 budget which cuts nonmandated spending and lowers  
10 taxes.

11 The 2018 proposed budget cuts property  
12 taxes by \$1.3 million. It also reduces, by  
13 nonmandated spending, \$2 million. It implements  
14 real structural reforms and reduces debt by another  
15 \$50 million on top of the total of \$85 million of  
16 total debt that was reduced in this year.

17 The 2018 proposed budget holds each and  
18 every department accountable for their budgets.  
19 While there is a reduction in nonmandated spending,  
20 which is under the Town's control, the reality is  
21 that this reduction is offset by mandated debt  
22 severance payments and State mandated employee  
23 healthcare and pension contributions. Those costs  
24 are going up to every municipality in the State,  
25 and the Town of Oyster Bay is no different.

1           The 2018 proposed budget includes a  
2           savings of \$3 million in full-time salaries.  
3           That's a reduction of \$3 million to the taxpayers.  
4           Saving that money in the cost of reducing the  
5           salaries when compared to the 2017 budget, due to  
6           the elimination of two dozen positions. The  
7           full-time workforce for 2018 has been reduced from  
8           a high of 1,250 employees nearly five years ago to  
9           999 employees, the lowest level in decades.

10           The budget also includes real  
11           structural reforms to the way in which Town budgets  
12           its workforce expenses. The past administration  
13           amortized approximately \$20 million in New York  
14           State Retirement payments over the last six years;  
15           however, the Town of Oyster Bay will not amortize  
16           the allowable portion of its retirement system bill  
17           in 2018.

18           Additionally, the Town will no longer  
19           reallocate salary and related expenses from its  
20           operating budget to the capital side. Although  
21           this practice was used by the prior administration  
22           to reduce fiscal stress on the operating budget  
23           over the last five years, this practice will no  
24           longer take place in our Town.

25           The elimination of wasteful spending

1 allows us to save taxpayers money in every corner  
2 of this budget and we are very proud. We achieve  
3 savings from reducing contractor services, reducing  
4 outside legal fees, lessening our reliance on  
5 electricity from the grid. Due to the LED lighting  
6 we have installed, that will save a half a million  
7 dollars each and every year, ongoing savings  
8 through that tremendous reduction in our electric  
9 energy costs.

10 The elimination of leased space, we  
11 save almost half a million dollars a year on that  
12 alone. We're performing far more engineering  
13 services in-house; therefore, reducing our outside  
14 contracting costs on outside engineers. And  
15 through the single stream recycling program, we are  
16 estimated to generate at least \$2 million over the  
17 next five years, returning that money to our  
18 taxpayers rather than losing money for our Town.

19 As a matter of fact, when people came  
20 up to comment on our single-stream recycling, they  
21 said it's too good to be true. This would be  
22 amazing if it, in fact, saves us that money and  
23 those numbers are actually what we report them to  
24 be and I'm very proud to say, they are.

25 We continue to do everything possible



1 to side with taxpayers and that includes the  
2 removal of take-home vehicles from our  
3 Commissioners, Deputy Commissioners, and so many  
4 employees.

5 We're also correcting the wrongs of the  
6 past by tackling the Town's debt. The Town  
7 historically borrowed up to approximately  
8 \$100 million a year for capital projects. We  
9 reversed this trend in 2017 by not borrowing a  
10 single dime.

11 For the first time in history, we did  
12 not borrow for capital projects in 2017, and it is  
13 quite a feat to accomplish this goal while  
14 continuing on the capital projects, using money  
15 from past years' budgets.

16 The Town Board and I accelerated debt  
17 service payments and we are on track to reduce the  
18 Town's debt overall by \$85 million by the 31st --  
19 December 31st of this year, or approximately 11  
20 percent by year's end, 11 percent of the total  
21 debt.

22 This is the largest debt reduction in  
23 the Town's 364-year history. Debt service payments  
24 in the proposed budget are estimated to help  
25 decrease the Town's debt by a total of an

1 additional \$50 million in 2018. The combined debt  
2 reduction of 2017 and 2018 will reduce the Town's  
3 debt by over 21 percent.

4 In a short period of time, we have  
5 taken on the fiscal challenges of historic  
6 proportions and we have moved the Town forward by  
7 implementing spending reductions and landmark  
8 reforms that together, have laid the groundwork for  
9 a very bright future in the Town of Oyster Bay.

10 Many Board members and employees have  
11 asked questions about our shared services  
12 initiatives which explores the merger of public  
13 safety officers into the Nassau County Department  
14 of Public Works. Let me first say, this  
15 administration and Town Board honors its  
16 contractual obligations.

17 That said, we also tremendously honor  
18 our commitment to the taxpayers. We're keeping our  
19 pledge to explore savings in every corner of this  
20 government, as we know that's the right thing to do  
21 and that's what I promised when I first came on  
22 Board on February 1st of this year.

23 While we continue to explore the  
24 possibility of shared services, I have instructed  
25 our Town Budget Director to prepare an amendment to

1 ensure that the Town Department of Public Safety is  
2 fully funded and intact should the potential shared  
3 service initiative not come to fruition by  
4 December 1st of this year.

5 This is a common budget practice that  
6 we have all experienced because, quite frankly,  
7 working on the Ways and Means Committee for many  
8 years in the State Assembly, this was the language  
9 that has been used over and over in the New York  
10 State Budget where I participated and have  
11 experience in that budget process.

12 Last week, I met with our public safety  
13 officers on this very issue and explained to them  
14 the cost benefit analysis that must be derived as  
15 well as the variation levels of approval that would  
16 be required to enact this initiative. The goals of  
17 the shared services initiative are to save  
18 taxpayers money, maintain the same level of  
19 service, and hold employees harmless from any  
20 change in benefits.

21 So, we will move forward and this is  
22 quite the historic day in the Town of Oyster Bay as  
23 we present a rock solid budget and we hear from the  
24 public.

25 Will the Town Clerk please poll the

1 Board?

2 MR. ALTADONNA: We are missing two  
3 members.

4 MR. MUSCARELLA: In the back, they can  
5 hear us.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: They hear us?

7 Supervisor Saladino?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

10 MR. MUSCARELLA: Here.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Here.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.

15 Good morning, Jim.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Good morning.

17 Councilwoman Johnson?

18 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: And Councilman Hand?

22 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

23 All are present, Supervisor.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will the Town

25 Clerk call the first hearing?

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Hearing No. 1 is  
2 Traffic; to consider proposed amendments to the  
3 Code of the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, amending  
4 Chapter 233 of the said code pertaining to parking,  
5 stopping, crossing, loading zones, thru traffic,  
6 trucking operations and other traffic regulations.  
7 Hearing adjourned from October 3, 2017.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I believe we have  
9 some folks who would like to be heard on this  
10 hearing.

11 Are there any members of the public  
12 that doesn't speak to Hearing No. 1 -- any members  
13 of the public would like to be heard on this?

14 MR. McKENNA: Yeah, I'd like to be  
15 heard.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please come  
17 forward.

18 MR. McKENNA: Good morning, Town Board.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. McKenna, how  
20 are you?

21 MR. McKENNA: Good. How are you?

22 Real quick, on traffic, since you  
23 mentioned stopping, if the Town is going to  
24 implement Town Code and it relates to traffic, I  
25 just want to say that the Town should not violate

1 its own Town Code in relation to traffic. And I'm  
2 not saying that it's the Town that's violating it,  
3 but Town officials are putting their campaign  
4 workers in a position to violate their own law.  
5 Town officials are putting campaign workers in  
6 danger by asking them to go out on State roads and  
7 place campaign signs on State roads, which is in  
8 violation of the same law that you're writing, and  
9 that's all I want to say.

10 Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
12 Mr. McKenna.

13 Are there any other speakers on this  
14 hearing? Is there any correspondence?

15 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavits of  
16 postings and publications.

17 There is no other correspondence.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
19 make a motion that this public hearing be closed  
20 and the decision be reserved.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll second  
22 that, but I believe we'll vote on that this  
23 morning, Councilman.

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Is it? So we  
25 will vote on it later on in the calendar then.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

4 ALL: "Aye."

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

6 (No verbal response given.)

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

9 (TIME NOTED: 10:41 A.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
10:42 a.m.

**HEARING - LOCAL LAW**

To consider a Local Law entitled: "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 4 of the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay to add New Article XVIII - Office of the Inspector General, Section 4-194, ET SEQ." (M.D. 9/19/17 #44).

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would the Clerk  
2 please call our next hearing?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Sure.

4 Local Law, to consider a Local Law  
5 entitled: "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 4 of the  
6 Code of the Town of Oyster Bay to add New Article  
7 XVIII - Office of the Inspector General, Section  
8 4-194, ET SEQ."

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have some  
10 speakers on this.

11 The first will be Paul --

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Shouldn't this  
13 be presented by our Town Official first?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Yes,  
15 please.

16 Thank you, Councilman.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You're welcome.

18 MS. SPINELLI: Good morning, Supervisor  
19 Saladino, Members of the Town Board.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

21 MS. SPINELLI: Vicky Spinelli, Deputy  
22 Commissioner of Human Resources.

23 I'm here today to discuss the  
24 establishment of the Office of the Inspector  
25 General.

1 Supervisor Saladino has discussed for  
2 many months that he would like to appoint an  
3 Inspector General to review procurement policies  
4 and Town contracts.

5 There are two different steps that need  
6 to take place to make this happen. The Town needs  
7 to pass a Local Law to establish a new department  
8 to be submitted to the Secretary of State and then  
9 create a table of organization and job  
10 specifications to be submitted to Nassau County  
11 Civil Service Commission, along with the filed  
12 legislation.

13 To begin this process, I contacted  
14 Nassau County Civil Service Commission for  
15 guidance.

16 Since the Town is creating a new title  
17 that is independent of any existing department, the  
18 Local Law needs to be voted on to establish a new  
19 department. Once this Local Law is filed with the  
20 Secretary of State, the Town can submit a table of  
21 organization and job specifications for review and  
22 approval by Nassau County Civil Service Commission.

23 I've been working with the Office of  
24 the Town Attorney to draft this legislation, as  
25 well as to develop -- begin to develop the job

1 specifications for Inspector General and Deputy  
2 Inspector General. The proposed legislation and  
3 draft versions of both job specifications have  
4 already been submitted to the Town Board for  
5 review.

6 The Inspector General shall be  
7 appointed by the Town Board for a term of three  
8 consecutive years at a salary fixed by the Town  
9 Board.

10 As the Supervisor mentioned earlier,  
11 the functions of the Office of the Inspector  
12 General as stated in the Local Law are as follows:  
13 To standardize the Town's purchasing and contract  
14 administration, to review the Town's procurement  
15 policy and surplus policy, and to suggest any  
16 revisions or amendments thereto and to review all  
17 requests for proposals and bid offerings before  
18 same are issued.

19 Number two, to monitor compliance with  
20 all applicable procurement guidelines, policies,  
21 and requirements of Federal, State and Local laws,  
22 including the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay and  
23 resolutions adopted by the Town Board.

24 I can answer any questions you have at  
25 this time.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, I do.

2 Can we preclude that no previous  
3 elected official served this position, that no past  
4 employee for the Town for the last five years  
5 served this position, no appointed officials served  
6 this position, and no political leaders served in  
7 this position?

8 MS. SPINELLI: That can absolutely be  
9 put into the legislation if that's what you want.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, please.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I'd like to  
12 add -- I'm not sure if it's covered by political  
13 leaders, but I think that the Inspector General and  
14 the Deputy should not be committeeman in either of  
15 the political parties.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Agreed.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any of the  
18 political parties.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Any of the  
20 political parties.

21 MS. SPINELLI: That's fine.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just one quick  
23 question to the Councilman.

24 Would you preclude a retired Justice?

25 MR. MUSCARELLA: A judge.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: A judge?

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Providing that  
3 they were never employed by this Town, certainly.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So you're concern  
5 is with former Town elected officials?

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Or appointed  
7 officials in that matter.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But for Town of  
9 Oyster Bay?

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I have a  
12 follow-up question to that.

13 I have received an e-mail actually, a  
14 couple of e-mails from residents asking, there's no  
15 requirement that this person be a lawyer; is that  
16 accurate?

17 MS. SPINELLI: At this point, we only  
18 have a drafted job specification for both Inspector  
19 and Deputy. It is still in draft form for review  
20 and comment by the Town Board, by any members of  
21 the public to be incorporated into this.

22 So, as of now, what we do have is as  
23 part of the minimum qualifications, is a former  
24 judge, prosecutor or individual with comparable  
25 experience, juris doctorate, criminal justice, or

1 comparable degree from an accredited college or  
2 university.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So someone could  
4 be a --

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: How about  
6 someone who has been in sales and procurement,  
7 somewhere in business that knows the ethical way.  
8 Doesn't have to -- believe me, as many wrongdoings  
9 by regular people is wrongdoings by the same  
10 percentage of attorneys, so why not just somebody  
11 with a history of procurement?

12 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I would agree.

13 Or someone who has a history -- someone  
14 whose been an Ethics professor, someone who has  
15 been --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I would agree as  
17 well.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Comparable  
19 experience.

20 MS. SPINELLI: That would include a  
21 comparable experience. Someone who was a mediator  
22 or arbitrator.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So why not take  
24 the justice, the attorney, the judge out of the  
25 equation? Put someone comparable.

1 MS. SPINELLI: As I said, Councilman,  
2 this is just a draft. We have to start from  
3 somewhere. We went to the State, we looked at what  
4 they have as part of their requirements for  
5 Inspector General and we tried to mirror a bit of  
6 what they had.

7 So, as I said, this is just a draft.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Does this have  
9 to be approved by the CSEA, the union?

10 MS. SPINELLI: It's not a union  
11 position.

12 MR. MUSCARELLA: It's not.

13 MS. SPINELLI: It's not planned to be a  
14 union position.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second of all,  
16 the Board can easily, when they come, have to vote  
17 on that individual, so we can vote and say no to  
18 that individual.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: But not if people  
20 can't be considered. If we're precluding people  
21 from being considered.

22 MR. MUSCARELLA: Correct.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is very clear  
24 the Board wants everyone to be able to be  
25 considered.

1 MS. SPINELLI: Absolutely.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's very clear  
3 that we all --

4 MS. SPINELLI: This can be amended at  
5 any point. We just needed a starting point.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Let's start with  
7 amending it right now.

8 Take the judge or attorney out of the  
9 question -- that requirement.

10 MS. SPINELLI: Fine. That's fine.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Deputy  
12 Commissioner --

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You don't want a  
14 judge who has never worked for the Town to be  
15 considered?

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I want him to be  
17 considered, but I also don't want to preclude  
18 anybody who hasn't been a judge or an attorney.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We all feel  
20 that way.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So let's take  
22 that out.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We all feel that  
24 way.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If we take that



1 out, we -- it doesn't matter, the judge can be  
2 considered then.

3 MS. SPINELLI: Also, just keep in mind,  
4 as part of the legislation, the Inspector General  
5 has subpoena rights so -- and they need to  
6 understand --

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And we have  
8 whole slew of Town attorneys that can do that  
9 subpoena.

10 MS. SPINELLI: That, I don't know.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Well, the  
12 bottom line is that the Town Board, you clearly  
13 hear, wants everyone to be able to be considered  
14 and then let's hear from our Town Attorney so that  
15 we'll get some more insight on this.

16 Thank you, Vicky. If you'd stand by.

17 MR. NOCELLA: Joseph Nocella, Town  
18 Attorney.

19 Good morning Supervisor, Town Board.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

21 MR. NOCELLA: An example, by the way,  
22 to follow through on what the colloquy on the dais  
23 is of somebody who would be an excellent candidate  
24 with qualifications would be a Forensic Accountant,  
25 somebody who routinely has to put together business

1       dealings, find out where money was seconded.

2               Often, they're used in conjunction with  
3       divorce lawyers where a spouse is alleging that  
4       they're not getting proper support because the  
5       other spouse is fighting income, so on and so  
6       forth, and a person with that experience would be  
7       superb in that position.

8               The -- as Ms. Spinelli said, we can  
9       alter the potential qualifications. It wasn't to  
10      be that they must be a judge and/or a lawyer or  
11      something equivalent so that limits it to the legal  
12      field. It was intended a judge with the  
13      understanding that judges having weighed evidence  
14      and been in a position where they were required to  
15      be impartial, would be an excellent position to  
16      serve in this function.

17              A lawyer, because there's going to be  
18      an enormous amount of interpretation of the law,  
19      and yes, they can, of course, call upon the  
20      resources of the Town Attorney's Office or  
21      separately, outside counsel or independent counsel,  
22      if they need that in addition. Perhaps a section  
23      of the law that they're not familiar with.

24              But the alternative -- there is an  
25      alternative there. I think we should beef it up.

1 I think we can beef it up to cover all the concerns  
2 of the council members so that the example I use,  
3 the example that Councilman Macagnone used, the  
4 suggestion the Supervisor and Ms. Alesia made can  
5 all be clearly indicated as alternatives.

6 I just note that a retired judge would  
7 be an excellent potential candidate. A semiretired  
8 forensic accountant who spent twenty years at a big  
9 accounting firm putting together the financial  
10 documents of business failures or business frauds,  
11 also somebody that should be considered.

12 But that third category was meant to be  
13 in addition to judge and lawyer, be someone  
14 comparable.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Town Attorney,  
16 under the current spec that was just described, all  
17 of those people would be permitted to apply for the  
18 position, be considered for the position, and if  
19 the Board chose, in their discretion, to be chosen  
20 for the position?

21 MR. NOCELLA: My answer to your  
22 question is, yes, but it's obvious that it's not  
23 clear to everybody, so I think we can make it  
24 clearer.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I would like the

1 spectrum to be as wide as possible so we could have  
2 the largest possible number of applicants so that  
3 we have a large pool to choose from and that we  
4 give opportunities for everyone to apply for this.  
5 Obviously, they need some experience, but I don't  
6 want to preclude our communities from being able to  
7 apply.

8 MR. MUSCARELLA: Also, as the  
9 Councilman said, we want somebody that is  
10 apolitical, not with a political affiliation.

11 Correct?

12 MR. NOCELLA: Well, that wouldn't mean  
13 not registered for any political party.

14 MR. MUSCARELLA: No, but actively  
15 involved.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Actively  
17 involved.

18 MR. NOCELLA: Like, as a committeeman  
19 or woman, like councilman -- Rebecca Alesia said,  
20 or a political leader, someone like that, but  
21 doesn't preclude a judge.

22 I might note --

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Actually, a  
24 judge follows those rules.

25 MR. NOCELLA: Exactly. Exactly,

1 Councilman, which is why a retired judge was  
2 thought to be one of the ideal candidates.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: But a retired  
4 judge can be a committee person or a leader.

5 MR. NOCELLA: That's true.

6 So if they are, they would not be  
7 allowed, but if they're simply a retired judge and  
8 they like this position, they would work very well  
9 in that position.

10 Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you, sir.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What other  
13 questions do we have for Vicky Spinelli?

14 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: The Deputy, will  
15 that be someone who is appointed by the Inspector  
16 himself, by the Town Board, by both?

17 MS. SPINELLI: It is -- as part of the  
18 Local Law, it is someone who is recommended and  
19 appointed by the Inspector himself, yes.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And what type of  
21 qualifications would they require?

22 MS. SPINELLI: It's similar  
23 qualifications, but we can lessen that and this is  
24 part of the what the Councilman was saying, if you  
25 have someone who has extensive sales and background

1 of that nature, I think probably as a Deputy, to  
2 learn the processes, maybe as a Deputy, may be a  
3 better option.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll be quite  
5 honest with you, I'd like to see the Town Board  
6 appoint a Deputy also at the suggestion of the  
7 Inspector General.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I would agree  
9 with the Councilman. I would rather see -- you  
10 know, as we're starting out, this is fresh clean  
11 slate, an opportunity I would rather see some Town  
12 Board control over that.

13 MS. SPINELLI: Absolutely.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So let's look to  
15 the Inspector General that we appoint to provide us  
16 with some choices that we could then deliberate  
17 over and we could discuss publicly so that everyone  
18 sees how we're doing this process and why we're  
19 doing it and that we open the process up  
20 100 percent.

21 MS. SPINELLI: Okay.

22 We'll make whatever corrections you  
23 need and we can come back if you need to.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

25 Any other questions?

1 (No verbal response given.)

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We have a  
3 number of speakers. Yes, I see it. Come on up.

4 We have other speakers, but I can see  
5 that you're very impassioned to come and speak on  
6 this.

7 MS. EATON: Margaret Eaton from  
8 Hicksville, Hicksville Garden Civic Association.

9 Just need clarification. I'm getting a  
10 little -- I just would like to clear this up.

11 You said, from the very beginning, this  
12 is an appointment. Now, from my point of view, an  
13 appointment is not -- does not need people to apply  
14 for a position, but then I heard Councilman Imbroto  
15 say that people will be applying.

16 Can you just verify? Is that posted?  
17 Will people be applying for this position.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We will  
19 apply --

20 MS. EATON: So it's is really not a  
21 complete appointment without application.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There is an  
23 application -- we will create an application  
24 process. We will advertise on the Internet. We  
25 will advertise through the press.

1 MS. EATON: Okay.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will make it  
3 very clear and we'll make it very easy for people  
4 to apply because we'd like to see their resumes  
5 before we interview them.

6 MS. EATON: Which makes sense.

7 On the private sector, many times when  
8 we say someone is appointed, that means that people  
9 do not actually apply for a job, so that's why I  
10 just wanted clarification on that.

11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

13 Thank you. All right.

14 We have some speakers on this.

15 Anyone else?

16 (No verbal response given.)

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have some  
18 speakers.

19 The first will be Paul Molinari.

20 MR. MOLINARI: Good morning,

21 Mr. Supervisor and Town Board members.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

23 MR. MOLINARI: I'm Paul Molinari,

24 333 West Nicholai Street, Hicksville.

25 I want to thank you, Mr. Supervisor,



1 for creating the position of Inspector General to  
2 ensure that all contracts are properly advertised  
3 and awarded in accordance with all applicable laws.

4 I'm pleased that the Town has not  
5 rushed into hiring an individual and is codifying  
6 the position into the Town Code. I'm glad that  
7 there was some discussion on the qualifications  
8 because that's why I wanted to discuss -- you know,  
9 talk here, testify at this hearing.

10 I now want to address the  
11 qualifications to be Inspector General. The  
12 Hicksville News reported that the individual has to  
13 have a law or criminal justice degree, five years  
14 experience in public, a quasi public sector and a  
15 minimum of three years supervising experience.

16 I agree that there should be minimum  
17 qualifications. I do not agree that the individual  
18 has to have a law degree or a criminal justice  
19 degree, and why?

20 Take, for example, if an individual has  
21 a Bachelor's or Master's degree, has twenty years  
22 experience in supervising, managing, state, public  
23 staff, reviewed engineering contracts, construction  
24 contracts, bid awards, to ensure they were in  
25 compliance with all Federal laws. The person's

1 also prepared proposals in response to RFPs and  
2 managed several different programs, interpreting  
3 rules and regulations and implementing those  
4 programs with those regulations.

5 This individual, the way it's written,  
6 will not be eligible for that position. I would  
7 recommend that the education requirement be a  
8 minimum of a Master's degree.

9 Also, I'd recommend that one of the  
10 minimum qualifications be that the individual has  
11 demonstrated the ability to interpret rules and  
12 regulations and properly implement them.

13 Thank you for hearing me.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
15 Mr. Molinari.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

17 Our next speaker will be Mr. Kevin  
18 McKenna.

19 Good morning, Mr. McKenna.

20 MR. McKENNA: Good morning, again, to  
21 everyone.

22 A meeting ago or two meetings ago, I  
23 had suggested that the qualifications for the I.G.  
24 be put on the website and apparently that's not  
25 been done. You thought it was a good idea, yet I

1 hear, and I've read, that qualifications have been  
2 put out in the media, so I don't understand why it  
3 hasn't been put on your website.

4 I totally agree that -- well, let me  
5 just step back.

6 First of all, I remember when Town  
7 Attorney Nocella was appointed. I remember you,  
8 Mr. Supervisor, saying that he was going to review  
9 and investigate every contract, yet I hear that  
10 now, all of a sudden, the Inspector General's going  
11 to do that, and when you said that, you made it  
12 sound like the Town Attorney's never done it before  
13 so, I -- the long and short of it is that I think  
14 that, first off, the Inspector General position was  
15 something that you were totally against right up  
16 until the Democrats had a news conference and you  
17 actually not only interrupted the news conference,  
18 but you told the Democrats that you thought it was  
19 a crazy idea to have an Inspector General and,  
20 quite frankly, I agree with you.

21 It's really the first time in a long  
22 time that I really agree with what you said at that  
23 news conference. The Town of Oyster Bay does not  
24 need to waste money on an Inspector General if you  
25 have the right people in the right -- if you have

1 the right people on the council and the right  
2 Supervisor and the right Town Attorney and the  
3 right Commissioners doing the job that need to be  
4 done. If everybody does their job properly and  
5 honestly and reviews contracts and the Town Board  
6 has the Resolutions days before the vote, and they  
7 could read them, then everybody would be able to  
8 make sure that things are done properly.

9 So, you know, how you could consider  
10 right before an election of trying to do this  
11 Inspector General -- if anything, it should be  
12 tabled. I urge the Town Board. This is totally  
13 ridiculous. A week -- 20 days before an election  
14 to trying to be -- for this Town Board, you don't  
15 even know if you're going to be here January 1st to  
16 be starting a process right now about an Inspector  
17 General.

18 This is a waste of time. You should  
19 wait until whoever is going to be the Supervisor  
20 and whoever is going to be on the Town Board after  
21 the election, let whoever that is start this  
22 process. This is totally ridiculous. 23 days  
23 before an election, you're starting a process that  
24 there's no way it could get done properly before  
25 the election.

1                   And I want to know, from the Human  
2                   Resources Department, what is the interview -- what  
3                   is the process once these -- A, you haven't defined  
4                   the qualifications yet, but yet you led the media  
5                   to believe that you did and you haven't. Once  
6                   that's done, which it's not done, and people start  
7                   to call, what's the process?

8                   Who's going to narrow down these  
9                   candidates to present the candidates to the Town  
10                  Board? I'll bet that there's not even a process to  
11                  find to do that. If it's done the way the Ethics  
12                  Board was done, okay, the Ethics Board process was  
13                  not even a process. I'm not even going to go  
14                  there, so what's the process to narrow it down, the  
15                  people who apply for the Ethics Board?

16                  Can you explain what that process is?

17                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. McKenna.

18                  MR. McKENNA: I'm going to end because  
19                  I don't want to take up too much time.

20                  I urge the Town Board to not even start  
21                  this process until after you figure out who the  
22                  Supervisor and who the Town Board is going to be  
23                  because it's not fair that come January 1, a new  
24                  Supervisor is -- is stuck with some appointed or  
25                  some civil service position.

1                   Let whoever is elected start this  
2                   process. This is totally ridiculous.

3                   Thank you.

4                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
5                   Mr. McKenna.

6                   To answer the question that came  
7                   forward is the purpose of the public hearing is to  
8                   gather information to better continue in the  
9                   process. To make decisions before listening to the  
10                  public would be inappropriate so we are listening  
11                  to the public and we are taking input from  
12                  everywhere, including input from how Albany has  
13                  rolled out this process and we will continue with  
14                  this process in a 100 percent transparency, and  
15                  that's very critical to all that we are doing.

16                  Our next speaker is Mr. Bob Freier.

17                  Good morning, Bob.

18                  MR. FREIER: Good morning.

19                  Bob Freier, 33 Chestnut Lane in  
20                  Woodbury.

21                  Just really simple, to follow up on  
22                  what Mr. McKenna was just saying, will you -- you  
23                  have an election that's three weeks from today.  
24                  You may not be Supervisor come January 1st. Three  
25                  people on this Board may not be on the Board come

1 January 1st.

2 So, will you as Supervisor and this  
3 Board, pledge not to hire someone until a new  
4 administration is in place after January -- in  
5 January?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are going to  
7 continue to listen to the public and to have a  
8 process that's very respectful to the public's  
9 wishes.

10 MR. FREIER: That wasn't my question.

11 My question is: Will you and this  
12 Board pledge not to make that hire until the new  
13 administration is in place?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will consider  
15 that and every aspect of this.

16 MR. FREIER: So is that a no? It's a  
17 yes or no question.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I just answered  
19 your question, that we will consider what you have  
20 brought to us today, we'll truly consider it.

21 I'd have to speak to -- with the Board  
22 members, obviously before.

23 MR. FREIER: I'm asking you separately,  
24 as a Supervisor, and the Board separately. It's a  
25 yes or no question.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm happy to  
2 listen to your testimony today.

3 MR. FREIER: I'm not testifying. I'm  
4 asking a question.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And I'll give  
6 that some thought.

7 MR. FREIER: It's a yes -- so you are  
8 not willing to make that pledge today?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I am willing to  
10 strongly consider the testimony you're bringing  
11 today and as well as everyone else.

12 MR. FREIER: So if the Supervisor won't  
13 answer the question, will the rest of the Board  
14 answer the question?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, this is --

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Supervisor, I'm  
17 curious.

18 Do we have a target date for this hire?  
19 I mean, are we trying to do this before --

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are not  
21 rushing to do. We're looking to do this  
22 appropriately without any date in mind to do this  
23 properly.

24 MR. FREIER: But you potentially could  
25 have -- if there's a new administration and new



1 Board members elected on November 7th, they should  
2 have a vote in this process.

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Bob, well  
4 understood, what you just said, but there's seven  
5 Board members.

6 Joe Saladino is putting forward for the  
7 public to interact with the Inspector General what  
8 we're moving forward. He doesn't have the  
9 timetable. That's all.

10 MR. FREIER: Okay. I'm just saying,  
11 will you, as a Council member --

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I don't know.

13 MR. FREIER: You don't know?

14 MR. MUSCARELLA: I can't answer that.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll wait  
16 75 days before voting on this right now.

17 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: But the other  
19 way, it is probably in the best interest to do  
20 that. If you don't feel it's in the best interest  
21 to have an Inspector General, that's my question,  
22 too.

23 MR. FREIER: No. I'm for an Inspector  
24 General, but I think it should be decided with the  
25 new administration after the first of the year.

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Bob, bob, it's  
2 a simple question.

3 Are you in favor of having an Inspector  
4 General?

5 MR. FREIER: Yes, I am.

6 Now, I -- see how I just answered yes  
7 to a yes/no question, I would like the Supervisor  
8 and everyone else on this Board to answer that same  
9 question.

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I certainly have  
11 no problem committing to waiting until after  
12 Election Day. I don't think that's unreasonable.

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yeah. We are  
14 not going to do it prior to election day.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Isn't the entire  
16 point to make sure that the position is apolitical  
17 and has nothing to do with who happens to be on  
18 this --

19 MR. FREIER: Mr. Imbroto, you may not  
20 be elected, so why should you make that decision  
21 before you leave office?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: No Board member  
23 can prejudge.

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: We don't want  
25 somebody to pick their own Inspector General. It

1 should be a person that's totally independent.

2 MR. FREIER: But if you lost, you  
3 potentially would be leaving a new administration,  
4 new council people, to vote on something that  
5 you're -- you know, your -- you could potentially  
6 be out of here in a couple of months.

7 MR. MUSCARELLA: Bob, we said we're not  
8 voting before the election.

9 MR. FREIER: Well, now -- well, it  
10 should even -- let's say that if -- okay.

11 The election is in three weeks, but  
12 then you're going to have a month -- a little over  
13 a month after the election with potentially new  
14 people joining the Board.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: We will take it  
16 up --

17 MR. FREIER: If it's all the same, go  
18 for it.

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I know you're a  
20 candidate. I understand. We will take it after  
21 the election, Bob. We know your position, which is  
22 good.

23 MR. FREIER: Okay.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Actually, you  
25 have almost two months before the new Board.

1 MR. FREIER: Right. Exactly. Right.

2 So that new Board -- you know, if there  
3 is a new Board and new Supervisor, they should have  
4 a vote in that say.

5 Other question, since really only two  
6 people answered that question is, I saw in the  
7 budget, I believe the Inspector General, correct me  
8 if I'm wrong, was at \$160,000 salary?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No. That is a  
10 budget for the department.

11 MR. FREIER: So for the Inspector  
12 General and the Deputy, it's combined \$160?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's a proposal.  
14 We are putting forth a proposal and we're going to  
15 listen to the public. You are one of the first  
16 speakers.

17 MR. FREIER: So what is the proposal in  
18 terms of budget for that office?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're going to  
20 listen to everything.

21 Vicky, would you come up here please  
22 and -- Bob, if you would kindly take a seat. We'll  
23 get your question answered.

24 Why don't you do this? Why don't you  
25 give us all of your questions to avoid an

1 argumentative situation?

2 MR. FREIER: Those are my questions.  
3 Go right ahead.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. So why  
5 don't you take a seat, Bob, and we'll get them  
6 answered.

7 Thank you so much, Mr. Freier.

8 MR. McKENNA: Can you explain the  
9 process for resumes?

10 MS. SPINELLI: Okay. Just a few  
11 clarifications.

12 This is a -- this is the first step in  
13 the process. It is a long process. We haven't  
14 even filed anything with the Secretary of State.  
15 We don't have a Local Law yet and I don't know that  
16 we are going to have one today.

17 Once that is done, it needs to go to  
18 the Nassau County Civil Service Commission who then  
19 has to send it to the State Civil Service  
20 Commission for a review and vote by commission.

21 This is not going to be something  
22 that's going to happen before Election Day. It  
23 will probably happen, as far as I can tell, after  
24 the New Year, just based on timeframe and  
25 procedure.

1           The budget that we have in place right  
2           now is, from what I understand, a maximum number  
3           that we're -- maximum dollar that we're appointing  
4           to that department. We're not --

5           MR. FREIER: What is that number?

6           MS. SPINELLI: I, myself, I'm not aware  
7           of that. It would have to be in the budget. I  
8           don't set budget.

9           So if we have \$160,000 budget and we  
10          decide that we do want a Deputy, that money would  
11          be allotted accordingly, but right now, as far as I  
12          understand, we're only looking for an Inspector to  
13          get things started.

14          At this point, there is no plan for a  
15          Deputy, but I need to put a Deputy in place because  
16          we are setting up a department. That's what this  
17          is for.

18          COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Excuse me, Vicky,  
19          is this going to be a full-time position, so it's  
20          someone that would report here every single day and  
21          the Deputy as well?

22          MS. SPINELLI: My understanding, yes,  
23          ma'am, it is.

24          MR. McKENNA: What's the process to  
25          screen resumes?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We'll answer all  
2 the questions appropriately.

3 We have other speakers.

4 MR. McKENNA: That's a question for  
5 her. That's why I'm asking.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

7 Come on up, please. Let's keep a  
8 decorum in the room, please.

9 MR. NOCELLA: Ms. Spinelli answered one  
10 of the questions which is as a practical matter,  
11 this won't happen until after the first of the  
12 year.

13 I just wanted to make a note to this  
14 parliamentarian that nobody is required to give a  
15 yes or no answer. Either a resident speaking or a  
16 member of this Town Board. This is not a trial and  
17 people are not on a witness stand.

18 The response --

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: But we are not  
20 precluded from doing it if we so choose.

21 MR. NOCELLA: No. Absolutely. You can  
22 absolutely do so, sir. Absolutely.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you, sir.

24 MR. NOCELLA: But on a -- but what I am  
25 saying is that nobody should be compelled to.

1           And the responses right now during the  
2           hearing are largely to solicit, as the Supervisor  
3           said, comment and it seems to me that every comment  
4           that is made ought to be considered.

5           Some, obviously, like the  
6           qualifications for the job, we're going to revise.  
7           Others, such as whether or not we're going to --  
8           when we're actually going to go about appointing  
9           somebody, nobody should be forced to answer a  
10          question like that when it's largely out of the  
11          hands of this Board anyway for the reasons  
12          Ms. Spinelli just explained.

13          And to demand a commitment from  
14          somebody or a pledge from somebody is not  
15          appropriate in this forum, nor is it appropriate to  
16          shout out from the gallery additional questions and  
17          I don't -- that is out of order, sir.

18                 MR. FREIER:   You don't answer.

19                 MR. NOCELLA:   That is out of order.

20                 SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Gentlemen.

21                 Gentleman, please.

22                 This is a wonderful process in the Town  
23                 of Oyster Bay and I know my intention is to listen  
24                 to every resident and to strongly consider their  
25                 input and I'm going to make the assumption that



1 that's the intention of my colleagues on the Board.

2 MR. NOCELLA: May I ask, Supervisor,  
3 that you ask everyone present not to call out from  
4 the gallery. They'll all be given their  
5 opportunity, and it does continue, I'm going to  
6 exercise my discretion to have Public Safety escort  
7 anybody screaming out from the gallery.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'll make that  
9 decision and I thank you for your input.

10 Our next speaker is Eva Pearson.

11 Good morning, Eva.

12 How are you?

13 MS. PEARSON: Good morning.

14 Rebecca, Happy Birthday. It's also my  
15 son's birthday. You have a fantastic birthday.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Happy birthday to  
17 your son.

18 MS. PEARSON: Thank you.

19 I'm Eva Pearson. I live at 426 Staple  
20 Street.

21 Mr. Supervisor, I'll save you the time,  
22 I'm a candidate for Town Council, so my question  
23 about this is, given this Town's history of  
24 [inaudible] and nepotism, which far predates  
25 everybody on this Board, it's -- did seem odd that

1 the position requirements were listed on -- I  
2 believe it was FiOS1 News and we're hearing here  
3 today that those have not been finalized, so I'm  
4 wondering what the Board is doing to make sure that  
5 the history of the past is not going to move  
6 forward.

7 Specifically, I'm wondering if the  
8 applicants for the Inspector General position are  
9 going to have to fill out a financial disclosure,  
10 including campaign contributions; are they going to  
11 be disclosing any conflicts of interest?

12 And the other thing is I'm curious  
13 about why this was decided to be a three-year  
14 position. It almost seems as though that puts  
15 whomever the Supervisor is as a disadvantage  
16 because the Supervisor position is up every two  
17 years, and if it's possible to change this to a  
18 two-year position that's on opposite years as the  
19 Supervisor's election as a suggestion.

20 So, thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
22 much for your testimony, appreciate it.

23 So to answer some of these questions,  
24 we specifically want to avoid the position running  
25 concurrently with the Supervisor's position so that

1 it takes the Supervisor out of any perception of  
2 influence on that.

3 The next question was about a financial  
4 disclosure form. I'm very glad that that question  
5 was brought up, quite frankly, because we  
6 established the financial disclosures in this Town  
7 and we greatly strengthened them after those  
8 that -- I've been reporting on for many, many  
9 years, all of my years in the State Assembly as is  
10 per law, so it is very important for all financial  
11 information would be -- to be reported, as per  
12 ordinance and as per state law to ensure that there  
13 are no conflicts of interest. That's why we put  
14 that in place. That's why we all continue to file  
15 financial disclosure forms, all of the elected  
16 officials, the Commissioners, the Directors, people  
17 in decisionmaking positions in the Town of Oyster  
18 Bay and we're quite proud of the fact that we will  
19 ensure that anyone in this position and in that  
20 office would also be filing financial disclosure  
21 forms and we can guarantee that these employees  
22 would be doing so.

23 Are there any other speakers on this  
24 hearing?

25 MR. McKENNA: Sir, can I get a rebuttal

1 to that?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We don't  
3 entertain rebuttals.

4 MR. McKENNA: Town website says that  
5 you can do it.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We did have you  
7 come up and speak. I'll be happy to address that  
8 then. Okay.

9 If you stay in your seat, I'd be happy  
10 to address that.

11 First of all, as most people here  
12 realize, that due to the first -- under the First  
13 Amendment protections, the media has the right to  
14 report as they choose.

15 So if questions have come up about what  
16 the vision is for this position, if the impression  
17 someone read from a newspaper or in a 60-second  
18 news -- television news report, if the impression  
19 they got is that everything is set in stone and  
20 done, that would be false impression.

21 The reality is that the media is able  
22 to ask questions and to report at will. The  
23 discussion -- a vision of how all this could go is  
24 certainly been part of the conversation in terms of  
25 building this position appropriately and we will

1 continue to work with Civil Service, but  
2 ultimately, Civil Service of Nassau County has a  
3 very large role in how this person -- who this  
4 person would be in terms of qualifications and the  
5 mandates of their work.

6 But where the Town has its say and the  
7 Town Board has its say, all of the members of the  
8 Town Board will have input into this and the public  
9 will have input, and that's very important that  
10 everyone knows that the public's input will  
11 strongly be considered and throughout this fluid  
12 process.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Excuse me,  
14 Supervisor.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: To follow up,  
17 although the question was yelled out, and I'm not  
18 condoning yelling out at all, but what will the  
19 resume process be?

20 In other words, who will people be  
21 submitting resumes to and will we all on the  
22 Council get a copy of every single one?

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

24 Vicky, would you please come up to  
25 verify this?

1           It's very important that everyone on  
2           the Town Council gets that resume and one of the  
3           aspects that we're considering is to interview  
4           everyone publicly. We'll have to go through all  
5           the legal process and still confer with counsel,  
6           but this is something that I think is something we  
7           should consider very strongly.

8           We, very successfully, interviewed  
9           everyone in a -- for the first time in the Town of  
10          Oyster Bay, I'm very proud of the process that we  
11          utilized to consider our concessionaires.

12          Many of you were here for that process  
13          and watched the success of a new leaf in terms of  
14          how open and transparent we were and how wonderful  
15          the outcome of that was, including having rock  
16          solid concessionaires and increasing our revenue by  
17          500 percent.

18          So I am, for one, and obviously, all of  
19          your input would have to be considered first, but I  
20          for one as someone who is very fond of the idea of  
21          interviewing our candidates publicly.

22          Could you talk to us a little bit about  
23          how we might frame -- obviously, no decisions could  
24          be made at this point yet, we haven't listened to  
25          every one of the public and we certainly haven't

1 begun to read the correspondence that will be  
2 coming in, and we encourage the public to  
3 correspond with us on this.

4 MS. SPINELLI: My initial conversations  
5 about the process, that all of the applications,  
6 all resumes, would be submitted to my department.  
7 I would gather them all together and submit every  
8 application to the members of the Board for review  
9 and recommendation for interview.

10 With the resume or application that is  
11 submitted, I will be also requiring a financial  
12 disclosure so we know up front, who is it is that  
13 is applying and what their situation is. So that  
14 was what the initial process was, but you're going  
15 to be the ones recommending to us who you want to  
16 interview.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

19 Any other questions. Any Board  
20 members?

21 (No verbal response given.)

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would anyone in  
23 the public like to be heard on this hearing, anyone  
24 who hasn't spoken yet would like to come up and  
25 speak?

1                   Okay. I encourage, again, those  
2                   here -- yes, Mr. Forsacki, would you like to come  
3                   up and speak?

4                   MR. FORSACKI: I'll be brief because I  
5                   know you have a full agenda today.

6                   Good morning, everyone.

7                   James Forsacki, 40 Lafayette Avenue,  
8                   Sea Cliff, New York.

9                   As you know, I strongly support the  
10                  hiring of an Inspector General, creation of an  
11                  Inspector General's Office in the Town. The one  
12                  thing that I would ask is to make sure that this is  
13                  considered nonpolitical as possible; that the  
14                  Supervisor and the Board, who controls this  
15                  process, not either hire anyone and it seems like  
16                  you're saying it can't happen before Election Day  
17                  or that it happened even if there was a change in  
18                  administration, that Inspector General would be  
19                  then left for the new administration.

20                  I think it's important for the Town to  
21                  move forward with whoever wins the election and  
22                  that this Inspector General position be kept as  
23                  neutral as possible. So I would encourage you to  
24                  not rush this because the people want to have this  
25                  position particularly neutral.



1                   So, thank you for hearing my comments  
2                   today.

3                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Thank you.

4                   You're very welcome.

5                   If there are no other speakers, may I  
6                   have a motion?

7                   MR. MUSCARELLA:   No correspondence?

8                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Oh, I'm sorry.

9                   Is there correspondence on this?

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

12                  There is no other correspondence.

13                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   No  
14                  correspondence, but, again, we will leave the rolls  
15                  open and we encourage the public to correspondence  
16                  on this issue.

17                  MR. MUSCARELLA:   All right.

18                  Supervisor, I make a motion that this  
19                  public hearing be closed and the decision be  
20                  reserved.

21                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   Second.

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

24                  ALL:   "Aye."

25                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Those against,

1 "Nay."

2 (No verbal response given.)

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

5 We're going to take a very quick  
6 five-minute recess before we begin our third budget  
7 hearing.

8 (TIME NOTED: 11:20 A.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
11:39 A.M.

**HEARING - BUDGET**

To consider the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Oyster Bay for the Year 2018. (M.D. 9/19/17 #23).

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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

Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay, ladies and  
2 gentlemen, we're all ready to proceed with our  
3 third hearing. Thank you for your patience.

4 Would Town Clerk Jim Altadonna please  
5 call the third hearing?

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Hearing - Budget, to  
7 consider the preliminary budget for the Town of  
8 Oyster Bay for the year 2018.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Darienzo,  
10 would you please step forward and make the  
11 presentation of the proposal?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Good morning, Supervisor  
13 and Town Board members.

14 My presentation will actually be very  
15 short. In your opening remarks, you hit on all the  
16 bullet points of this budget, but I can say that I  
17 have met with each -- almost all of the Town Board  
18 members within the past two weeks to discuss the  
19 overview of the budget and the summary of the  
20 budget and I asked you all if you had any  
21 questions, to please reach out to us.

22 I can say that our budget is, not just  
23 balanced --

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We didn't meet,  
25 but I do have one question.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: How come the  
3 Town Board had to find out through a Newsday  
4 article that, once again, we failed to file with  
5 New York State on time?

6 MR. DARIENZO: Well, the document  
7 you're referring to had been late for the last  
8 three years.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's --  
10 really. That's not really a great excuse, that's  
11 it's been late the past three years.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Why don't we give  
13 him an opportunity to explain the history of this?

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I don't need him  
15 to explain the history. I just want to know why it  
16 wasn't filed on time this year, and more  
17 importantly, why the Town Board wasn't notified on  
18 time that it wasn't filed?

19 MR. DARIENZO: The first thing I'll  
20 tell you is the AUD that you're referring to is a  
21 product of the Comptroller's Office. I'm a  
22 Director of Finance, I work for the Supervisor. I  
23 have no direct involvement with this document.

24 With that being said, I'll be happy to  
25 answer your questions.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Go ahead.

2 How come we find out from Newsday that  
3 it wasn't filed on time?

4 MR. DARIENZO: You certainly should not  
5 have found out from Newsday. It's in our borrowing  
6 documents and it's been in our borrowing documents  
7 that we've been late for the past three years, so  
8 it should not have been coming from Newsday. It's  
9 in documents that are received by your office  
10 several times a year.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Very  
12 disappointed.

13 MR. DARIENZO: We are also.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk about  
15 how this situation has been resolved.

16 MR. DARIENZO: Okay. Sure. It's a bit  
17 of a history here.

18 In 2012, our IT Department chose to go  
19 with a product called Microsoft Dynamics AX. It's  
20 an accounting software that was to replace what we  
21 call the AS-400, our mainframe software that was  
22 put in place in the 1970s.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is the first  
24 change since the 1970s?

25 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

1 All during 2013, we spent hundreds and  
2 hundreds of hours -- me personally, thousands and  
3 thousands of hours between Town employees, various  
4 consultant groups, to gather requirements from  
5 every department to put this product in place. It  
6 was meant to go in place in January of 2014, and it  
7 did go live at that time.

8 Unfortunately, the product  
9 implementation, the product launch, did not go  
10 smoothly at all, and to spare you a lot of details,  
11 for 2014, and even 2015, every single day, we  
12 struggled with this program. Every single day, me,  
13 personally, again, having no direct involvement, I  
14 took phone calls from every department in Town.

15 Rob, can you help me with this, can  
16 help with that. One day the program worked; one  
17 day it didn't. Our employees weren't trained on it  
18 properly. There was a problem from A to Z with  
19 this product. At the end of 2014, our accountants,  
20 AVZ, came in and they had to make heads or tails of  
21 all the transactions that took place during 2014.

22 Again, to make a long story short, our  
23 2014 audit, which would normally come out in June  
24 of 2015, did not come out until April of 2016, a  
25 full ten months late. Being that didn't come out

1     until April of 2016, it was impossible for our  
2     accountants to work on our 2015 audit until they  
3     completed the 2014 audit in April of 2016.

4             They worked day and night and we paid a  
5     decent sum to them, and our auditors, to get our  
6     2015 audit done, which would be done typically by  
7     June of 2016, that was released in January of 2017.  
8     It was seven months late as opposed to the ten  
9     months that the previous one was late.

10            So now we're in January of 2017 and we  
11    have -- in February of 2017, the Supervisor,  
12    several Town Board members met with the auditors  
13    and the accountants where they told us, you have an  
14    AUD that's typically due by April 30th and your  
15    audit that's typically due on June 30th. You can't  
16    get both of them done on time this year.

17            We were sharply criticized for not  
18    having our audits done on time the previous two  
19    years. We made a decision to put every effort  
20    towards completing our audit on time, by June of  
21    2017. Our audit was released on June 29, 2017.

22            The AUD, again, which is typically  
23    filed by April 30th and is the report that the  
24    State Controller uses for their fiscal trust  
25    monitoring program, was submitted to the State on



1 September 6th of this year.

2 That's the background of the entire  
3 situation. The good news is, now that we're back  
4 on schedule with everything, starting in 2018, our  
5 AUD will be due, as always, by April 30th and our  
6 audit will be done on time, by June 30th. So it  
7 was cascade effect.

8 What happened in 2014 set us back for  
9 several years and we're now back on schedule.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I hope I'll be  
11 on the Board still this April. I'll be notified  
12 personally by you, if you're still in your  
13 position, that it will get done in time?

14 MR. DARIENZO: I can take the step to  
15 personally notify you. It has nothing to do with  
16 me, but I will personally notify you.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you, sir.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And to just point  
19 out for verification, this is the role of the  
20 Controller to notify you and to make certain that  
21 this is done on time.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please proceed.

24 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

25 With regards to the 2018 operating

1 budget, again, Supervisor, you did a great job of  
2 summarizing the bullet points in your opening  
3 remarks.

4 I want to make sure that everyone  
5 understands that there's no gimmicks, there's no  
6 one-shots. This budget is more than structurally  
7 balanced. If -- the revenues are budgeted  
8 conservatively enough that if everything comes in  
9 as we expect, we can expect a \$3 to \$4 million  
10 surplus in 2018.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To clarify, I  
12 thought I heard you say "if they are," but I  
13 believe the -- I know the reality is that they are  
14 100 percent conservatively estimated.

15 MR. DARIENZO: The revenues are 100  
16 percent conservatively estimated.

17 Earlier in your remarks, you mentioned  
18 some -- a contingency plan for Public Safety.

19 If the Public Safety plan didn't come  
20 to fruition, that might eat into the protected  
21 surplus by a small amount. Either way, the 2018  
22 budget will produce a surplus which will go towards  
23 knocking down our cumulative deficit that we've  
24 built up over the years.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Approximately,

1       how much surplus do we project for the 2018 budget?

2               MR. DARIENZO:   The 2018, at this time,  
3       as it's currently proposed, projects to produce a  
4       surplus in the \$3 to \$4 million range.

5               SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   \$3 to \$4 million  
6       of surplus?

7               MR. DARIENZO:   Correct.

8               SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Okay.

9               COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:   I have a question  
10       unless -- would you prefer to finish your  
11       presentation?

12               MR. DARIENZO:   My presentation is  
13       virtually finished.

14               I was saying that I met with almost  
15       each and all of the Board Members and, hopefully  
16       you took some time to look over the budget and put  
17       together some thought and I'm happy to answer any  
18       questions the Board might have or that the public  
19       might have.

20               COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA:   Okay.   I have a  
21       couple of questions.   I'm going to lead them off  
22       with my questions about Public Safety because I'm a  
23       little confused.

24               So the budget that we're being  
25       presented with today has the elimination of Public

1 Safety in it, and you have a contingency plan for  
2 if the County doesn't approve the IMA or the  
3 merging with the taking over, however we want to  
4 call it, of our Public Safety Department, but I am  
5 personally not interested in doing away with Public  
6 Safety, so what happens if --

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Neither am I, to  
8 be honest with you.

9 MR. DARIENZO: Well, the good news is  
10 this is a hearing with regards to our preliminary  
11 budget.

12 As Town Board members, you each have a  
13 voice and a vote as to what the final budget, how  
14 the final adopted budget looks. We have -- we're  
15 not adopting a budget today. The idea is to take  
16 in your input, take in the public's input, go back  
17 to our offices and meld a final product, which will  
18 be voted on at a later date.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Right. I  
20 understand that. I just want to -- I'm just  
21 looking for clarification that it's not that we  
22 have done away with the Public Safety proposal;  
23 it's that we have a contingency plan in case the  
24 County doesn't agree with it.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Darienzo, is

1 additional Town Board action required, besides  
2 voting on the budget, to put that plan into place?

3 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.

5 So if that action is not taken by the  
6 Town Board, even if we had chosen to approve the  
7 budget, there's still action that has to take place  
8 after that, and if that's not taken place, the  
9 contingency would kick in?

10 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

11 Conceivably, you can adopt the budget  
12 as it is at a later date, and then when comes such  
13 time, if a proposal came to the Town Board, you  
14 could vote yes or no.

15 If, in fact, you voted no, then we  
16 would have a budget amendment, which would put the  
17 funds back in place into Public Safety.

18 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And what are  
19 funds -- I'm sorry, Councilman -- what are the  
20 funds that would need to come back in the budget if  
21 Public Safety remains in place?

22 MR. DARIENZO: The amount of dollars  
23 that were being transferred to Nassau County under  
24 this potential program was just under \$1.3 million,  
25 the amount of money that was -- the taxes were

1 reduced by.

2 If we were to reinstitute that \$1.3  
3 million, I would take several of the lines that I  
4 had conservatively projected revenues for and  
5 increase them while still having conservative  
6 revenues, and that's why I said earlier about a \$3  
7 or \$4 million surplus, that would get knocked down  
8 by \$1.3 million in this case.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Okay.

10 And if it did -- if the budget did  
11 pass, despite the fact that I probably wouldn't  
12 vote for it with the Public Safety amendment in it,  
13 but if it did pass, is there anything in the budget  
14 for security at our facilities?

15 Like, right now, we have security  
16 guards posted here at Town Hall -- sorry, there's a  
17 fly. I'm not going crazy. It was actually  
18 something that flew by.

19 We have security officers posted here  
20 at Town Hall South, at our facilities. Who is  
21 going to man those desks? In the past, before we  
22 had Public Safety, we paid a private security firm.  
23 Is that in the budget?

24 MR. DARIENZO: I would tell you that as  
25 my role as Budget Director, I don't have all the

1 ins and outs of what the deal -- what happened with  
2 Nassau County would be, but it's my understanding  
3 that these Public Safety officer -- Public Safety  
4 officers would still man various Town facilities,  
5 whether they be parks or buildings.

6 And please note, that the Public Safety  
7 Department is not fully going away. Some of them  
8 are being absorbed by the Parks Department, so not  
9 all of Public Safety would be going to Nassau  
10 County under this arrangement.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Right. I  
12 understand that.

13 I'm glad we're talking about it because  
14 I think that the surveillance of our parks is very  
15 important based upon our feedback from residents,  
16 but I am also concerned, we can't have Parks  
17 Department employees --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's right.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: -- posted at Town  
20 Hall with security guards.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So I'd like to  
22 address that.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you,  
24 Mr. Supervisor.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In the event that

1       this was agreed upon by the Town of Oyster Bay, by  
2       the administration of Nassau County, by the Nassau  
3       County Legislature, by the Union of Nassau County,  
4       and the Union of the workforce of the Town of  
5       Oyster Bay and perhaps NIFA, if all of those  
6       entities, all agreed and signed agreements prior to  
7       the December 1st cutoff date, the plan, as  
8       proposed, would increase the number of cameras  
9       looking over and inspecting our Parks and our Town  
10      facilities.

11               It would ensure that we continue to  
12      have the capital assets for those cameras and that  
13      infrastructure, and including adding more cameras  
14      to continue to provide security in our parks as  
15      well as an ability for an upgrade in our Parks  
16      personnel to handle some of those responsibilities  
17      and in this proposal, that would have to be agreed  
18      upon by all of those entities aforementioned.

19               We would have to insure and have  
20      guarantees constructed so that we wouldn't lose no  
21      Park observation and no Park security, that we'd  
22      have to be guaranteed to have a minimum of what we  
23      currently have, if not increasing upon that.

24               This is an attempt to recognize that  
25      it's our role to look at every option of protecting



1 taxpayers. Since Governor Cuomo put in place a  
2 Shared Services Option or a program as part of the  
3 State's Budget, that program provides matching  
4 dollars to every dollar saved.

5 So if we saved \$1.3 million, we have an  
6 option to take advantage of a State grant of  
7 another \$1.3 million, so in total, we would be  
8 looking at an uptick of \$2.6 million, and quite  
9 frankly, I believe it's our responsibility to keep  
10 these options open for examination by you and by  
11 all the Board members and that was the reason for  
12 including this proposal, to not cut this off before  
13 you had an opportunity and the other Board members,  
14 and, quite frankly, the public, had an opportunity  
15 to weigh in.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I do appreciate  
17 that, Supervisor, but again, because I know that we  
18 spent money on a security firm in the past, again,  
19 for our facilities here, for the garage, which is  
20 not a Park, is there compensation -- compensation  
21 might not be the right word, but is there --

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there a plan  
23 in place?

24 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: In the budget?  
25 Are those dollars, the million or 1.5

1 million that we're probably going to need to spend  
2 on security in the budget if we do away with Public  
3 Safety?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We do have some  
5 capital expenditure money that could be spent on  
6 the infrastructure to increase the security  
7 cameras, the equipment needed, and we do have some  
8 employees that we would be keeping from Public  
9 Safety as well as other employees that could be  
10 utilized for these purposes, but, in that scenario  
11 of having those entities agree in writing,  
12 including the Town of Oyster Bay Administration,  
13 the Administration of Nassau County, the Nassau  
14 County Legislature, the Union of Nassau County, the  
15 Union of the Town of Oyster Bay, the Worker's  
16 Union, as well as potentially NIFA, if all of those  
17 parties come together and sign agreements that  
18 guarantee no reduction of services and no  
19 diminishment of benefits to those or the  
20 protections to those employees, if that all came  
21 together, we do have contingency plans to ensure  
22 that we lose no level of security and, in fact,  
23 increase security in our Parks and facilities.

24 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Is anybody here  
25 from the -- sorry.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Go ahead.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Is anybody here  
3 from our Union, from the CSEA to talk about this?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there someone  
5 present who can address communications with the  
6 Union?

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Can I just back up  
8 a little bit because --

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Hang on,  
10 Councilman. I think I have the floor.

11 Supervisor, I just want to say, I  
12 remember what the parks were like prior to Public  
13 Safety. I was from the generation where your  
14 mother didn't take you to the park, we had to go  
15 there and deal with the gangs, you saw the drugs,  
16 you saw everything else, and private public safety,  
17 even when I was elected, I saw the graffiti, the  
18 broken bottles, everything else, and I must commend  
19 Commissioner McCaffrey and his group because we  
20 don't have that any longer.

21 And granted, cameras are beautiful and  
22 wonderful, I don't know how much money we have from  
23 capital increased in Parks. From what I remember  
24 last meeting, there was none, but a camera is not  
25 going to stop somebody from getting beat up or some

1 drug sales going on behind the camera or some  
2 tagging or some graffiti going on whereas Public  
3 Safety does.

4           Somehow, the car with the guy with the  
5 uniform and the lights on top and the radio to get  
6 the police there has been a big deterrent and I for  
7 one, don't want to worry about what happens down  
8 the road if we vote on this with Nassau County and  
9 everything else. I want to see Public Safety  
10 patrolling our parks and our facilities.

11           COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I completely  
12 agree with Councilman Macagnone, not to mention at  
13 the garage, I mean, I believe the -- I don't think  
14 there's ever been oh, Commissioner is there.

15           Has there ever been an arrest made in  
16 our garage?

17           COMMISSIONER PEARL: No.

18           COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: That's an  
19 incredible statistic.

20           It is so safe and there are women  
21 coming back at night from work in the city. I  
22 don't think a camera is nearly as effective as  
23 having uniformed Public Safety.

24           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is a good  
25 time to weigh in. I have been meeting with the

1 Commissioner. I have been meeting with the  
2 workforce on numerous occasions.

3 I want to point out that our Public  
4 Safety Department, during my tenure as Supervisor,  
5 which began on the first -- first full day of work  
6 was February 1st of this year. It's been about  
7 nine months, nine and a half months.

8 During that time, our personnel from  
9 the Department of Public Safety have saved lives,  
10 especially on the water. There have been numerous  
11 instances where problems were cut off at the pass  
12 before they became life threatening and I do  
13 believe that our Public Safety personnel has --  
14 continues to do a yeoman's effort so I am in  
15 agreement with you and many of the Board members  
16 who have all voiced a big support, tremendous  
17 support, for the professionalism and the efforts  
18 made by our Public Safety officers.

19 I believe they are highly trained  
20 beyond just Public Safety initiatives. They're  
21 trained in HAZMAT; they're trained in CPR; they're  
22 trained in many lifesaving efforts, so I tend to  
23 agree but I do want to point out that without  
24 putting this proposal out there, we couldn't have  
25 this conversation.

1 Without putting the proposal out on the  
2 table, it would be a -- it would be ignoring our  
3 duties to have an open transparent conversation on  
4 the issue and we would be rejecting having an  
5 opportunity to even consider taking part in the  
6 Governor's Shared Service Plan that could net the  
7 Town \$2.6 million. This is not just about money,  
8 although our response and our respect for the  
9 taxpayers has to be on the list.

10 But I do want to point out, if we did  
11 not put this proposal in the budget, we couldn't be  
12 having the conversation and we would not be able to  
13 take advantage of the tremendous financial savings,  
14 if indeed, the Board members chose to go that  
15 direction.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Supervisor, on  
17 that -- and I think that we're getting a little bit  
18 into the weeds on Public Safety here because right  
19 now we're just considering the budget.

20 If we were to go forward with this, an  
21 additional Town Board vote would be necessary in  
22 order to touch anything with Public Safety; is that  
23 accurate?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If we take this

1 out, though, that comes off the table completely.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And my concern,  
3 Councilman, is specific to the budget because I  
4 believe that there will be increased costs if we do  
5 away with Public Safety that may not be reflected  
6 in the budget.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So let's ask the  
8 Director of Finance.

9 First, Public Safety cannot be  
10 eliminated without an additional Town Board vote,  
11 correct? Or that's not a question for you?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: How can the  
13 Director of Finance be an expert on that? Wouldn't  
14 that be through the Town Attorney?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is just in  
16 response to language of the budget.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: But I think I'd  
18 rather have the opinion of the Town Attorney, no  
19 offense, Mr. Darienzo.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The budget itself  
21 does not eliminate the department.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will  
23 absolutely get that.

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The budget itself  
25 does not eliminate the department.

1 MR. DARIENZO: The budget allows Zero  
2 dollars for the Department of Public Safety.

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But that's  
4 contingent upon all of these other things  
5 happening.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: These agreements  
7 in place.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: No, it's not.

9 If we voted for this budget, there's no  
10 money for Public Safety. It's Zero.

11 (Everyone speaking at once.)

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me.

13 Everyone is speaking at once. Okay.

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I have a few  
15 comments.

16 Historically, we had three different  
17 departments, basically. We have the Emergency  
18 Management, the Constables and private security  
19 doing all these services, so way back when, we  
20 consolidated it or put it under one umbrella, one  
21 department, which obviously, maybe was a little too  
22 large, but now we've scaled back on it.

23 I think there's no one on this Town  
24 Board that does not support Public Safety. They're  
25 phenomenal, exceptional, hands on. They really



1 make a difference in the community.

2 Basically, we'll have to work that out,  
3 but ideally we want to hear from the public on  
4 other things of the budget. I think we should --

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I agree.

6 MR. MUSCARELLA: I think we are all in  
7 majority that we have to work that out.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I also think that  
9 the Union has representation here now that might  
10 want to speak. I'm just letting you know.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly welcome  
12 to.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Also,  
14 Mr. Darienzo, last year we agreed, no new hires.  
15 We spent \$1.4 million on new hires, full time, and  
16 I've seen some part-timers as much as \$50 an hour.

17 Are we making the same promise and  
18 going to let our Union down again?

19 MR. DARIENZO: We did not promise no  
20 new hires.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, we  
22 certainly did.

23 MR. DARIENZO: No.

24 If you allow me -- if you allow me.

25 The union contract stated that employee

1 hires will be limited to a dollar at, or less,  
2 those that retired.

3 So if \$4 million worth of Union  
4 salaries retired, we could hire up to \$4 million in  
5 new Union salaries, and we have hired less. The  
6 2018 budget is \$3 million less in full-time  
7 salaries than it is in 2017.

8 Additionally, unfilled exempt positions  
9 do not apply and could be filled as part of our  
10 Union contract, so it's not -- is simple to say we  
11 had a hiring freeze, but it was more complicated  
12 than that.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: What's the total  
14 spent on part-time additions in 2017?

15 MR. DARIENZO: I'm sorry. I don't have  
16 exact figures on what we have spent on part-time  
17 right now. I can certainly get it for you.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I just want to go  
19 back to my question about Public Safety because I  
20 didn't get it answered.

21 Right now, this budget does not include  
22 funding for Public Safety; however, that's  
23 contingent upon additional things happening.

24 If those things don't happen, the  
25 department is funded; is that accurate?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Let me in speak in round  
2 numbers here.

3 Let's say Public Safety's budget would  
4 be roughly \$3 million. About half of that went to  
5 the Parks Department and about half of that would  
6 have went to Nassau County.

7 If, in fact, we -- if, in fact, the  
8 Town Board chooses not to allow this transfer to  
9 the County, the \$1.5 million would come back out of  
10 our Parks and go back into Public Safety and the  
11 \$1.3 million or so that was going to the County  
12 would come back into Public Safety and I would  
13 correspondingly increase a revenue line to make the  
14 budget whole.

15 With that being said, just so we're  
16 very clear, the revenue line item that I would  
17 increase would not be taxes. The \$1.3 million in  
18 taxes that are being reduced this year, would  
19 happen -- are happening in this budget or our  
20 contingent budget.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So the budget  
22 that's being proposed includes funding as a  
23 contingency should we not be able to enter into an  
24 agreement with Nassau County on that issue, and if  
25 that did not happen, Public Safety would be funded

1 and we would still have a surplus?

2 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

3 We'll still have a surplus, and just so  
4 we're clear, this budget doesn't include it; the  
5 amendment would include it.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The importance of  
7 that amendment was to ensure that there would be no  
8 break of service and that we are taking a very  
9 responsible role and this is language that has been  
10 adopted in the New York State Budget on numerous  
11 occasions, if not every year, so we utilize that  
12 language to make sure that we would have seamless  
13 protections of our Park and our community.

14 Once again, by not including this as a  
15 proposal, we wouldn't be able to discuss whether or  
16 not we want to take advantage of the New York State  
17 Shared Services Initiative that provides matching  
18 dollars for every dollar saved.

19 MR. DARIENZO: Supervisor, you said  
20 deadline of December 1st for this, so if it doesn't  
21 come to pass by December 1st, we'll have time in  
22 December to do the budget amendment to make sure  
23 everything's in place by January 1, 2018.

24 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Mr. Director,  
25 what comes out of the budget and the amendments to

1 make it stay the same? If we can make it stay the  
2 same, let's just do that with this budget.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I agree.

4 MR. DARIENZO: What do you mean make it  
5 stay the same?

6 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: You're saying  
7 that the contingency amendment would reflect the  
8 same \$1.3 million savings.

9 MR. DARIENZO: Currently, the  
10 \$1.3 million is out of the budget. If we put it  
11 back into the budget on the expense side, I need to  
12 do a corresponding revenue increase, and I'm saying  
13 that revenue increase would not be in taxes; it  
14 would in a different revenue line because the  
15 budget must be balanced.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Wait. Wait.  
17 You mean, we could be like a business that's  
18 hurting that merges departments, does away where we  
19 have a lot of high salaried people leading it.  
20 Some departments, there's like a leader to every  
21 two workers, it's ridiculous. We could just merge  
22 some departments like a business would do or --  
23 I've seen in the private sector many of times.  
24 They just merge stuff, they do without stuff, and  
25 they just run much better.

1 We could do something like that?

2 MR. DARIENZO: Respectfully, we are  
3 doing more with less.

4 We have gone from 1,250 employees to  
5 1,025 employees to 999 --

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And we haven't  
7 done away with any of the leadership. That's what  
8 I'm saying. Some of the heads of the departments,  
9 we have some departments where there's more heads  
10 than there are workers. It's ridiculous. It  
11 boggles my mind when I read this stuff.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Councilman, I'm  
13 not aware of a department where we have a  
14 two-to-one ratio.

15 Could you mention a department where  
16 you believe there's a two to one ratio of leaders  
17 to workers?

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: IGA.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There are two  
20 employees.

21 Oh, in IGA?

22 MR. DARIENZO: IGA, yes, sir.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: IGA should fall  
24 back under Youth and Community Services.

25 We have general services where the

1 leadership is over a half a million dollars. I  
2 mean, these are wild numbers that we're coming up  
3 with, should be merged and responsibly done by  
4 other departments where you have shared -- forget  
5 shared with the State, we have shared departments  
6 within the Town that we should be looking at. Any  
7 construction, let it be done by Parks. Parks has a  
8 great crew. Let them oversee all that.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is important  
10 to point out that we have done consolidations by  
11 consolidating the DPW, Department of Public Works,  
12 Highway, Sanitation, Sort, Central Vehicle  
13 Maintenance and Engineering, brought those six  
14 departments together this year.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You brought two  
16 departments together, Supervisor, respectively,  
17 we -- Highway and DPW were brought together.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Highway and DPW  
19 are brought together.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Right.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We saved a large  
22 amount of money with -- by reducing the overtime  
23 that, quite frankly, was bleeding a tremendous  
24 expense for our taxpayers with Sort and Sanitation.

25 What was the total savings on that?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That falls under  
2 Highway and DPW also.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That falls under  
4 DPW, right, so we --

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Right. You  
6 didn't merge them, you merged that department  
7 together like it was when I first came on Board.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We created --

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We should also  
10 merge back -- the IGA back into Youth and Community  
11 Services. Do away with General Services.

12 You know, just right there will be a  
13 major savings of multimillion dollars.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By doing away  
15 with General Services, who would be responsible for  
16 providing the current services? Where would you  
17 like to see that go? That's the reason for this  
18 hearing. To listen to each other.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Youth and  
20 Community Services, Parks, DPW, divide it all up  
21 between them.

22 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I think what the  
23 Councilman is saying is that the individual  
24 departments could take responsibility for their  
25 individual general services needs.



1 I just want to return to my question,  
2 Rob. What about the part timers? I understand  
3 we've had a lot of cost savings in the departments,  
4 but did we just make that up in how many  
5 part-timers we've hired? How do we not know that  
6 total?

7 MR. DARIENZO: I'm sorry. I don't  
8 have -- I'm here to talk about the 2018 budget. I  
9 don't have year, date, what we spend on  
10 part-timers. I can certainly get that for you  
11 during a break. I'm sorry. I just don't have  
12 that.

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Is that part of  
14 the 2018 budget, the amount of money that's going  
15 to be spent on part-time employees?

16 MR. DARIENZO: Yes. And it's so -- not  
17 noteworthy, that I don't have a not on it, so I  
18 don't think it changed higher or lower in a great  
19 amount that it made a bullet point.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, after all  
21 the questions have been asked, you can look into  
22 that and we can -- we can report that publicly so  
23 we can get the Councilwoman's question answered and  
24 we can get the information answered. And I would  
25 like to just point out to Councilman Macagnone that

1 that's why we have this budget hearing.

2 Obviously, you've been here for many,  
3 many years and have been through many budget  
4 hearings and maybe this one differs from the ones  
5 in the past, but the -- my intention is to, in a  
6 very public and transparent way, listen to your  
7 suggestions and then try to implement them, to  
8 listen to the good ideas, rather than attack our  
9 employees, to provide a comprehensive process to  
10 utilize all the good ideas and the experience.  
11 You've been on the Board maybe 17 or 20 years and  
12 you have a lot of experience at this.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Something I  
14 brought up last year was naming rights. Our fields  
15 are getting old. The Astroturf, they got to be  
16 replaced. Let's go for naming rights so we can  
17 help defer some of the cost.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's  
19 interesting you bring that up because this has been  
20 one of our initiatives through the years and we  
21 have -- we're undergoing the process.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I was told that  
23 last year. I was told that the year before.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We -- I don't  
25 know what was going on during the years and time

1 prior to February 1st of 2017, but I can tell you,  
2 since February 1st of 2017, when most of you  
3 appointed me to fulfill the responsibilities of  
4 Supervisor, we have been actively searching for the  
5 naming rights as a revenue.

6 We don't have that as a revenue in this  
7 budget even though we will continue to and that's  
8 proof of the very, very conservative estimates of  
9 our revenue in this budget.

10 Having said that, part of the process  
11 of restoring the trust of the public, making things  
12 more transparent, having a Board that is working  
13 together, making sure that we have a budget that is  
14 structurally balanced, 100 percent sound, utilizing  
15 no gimmicks, that's how we bring back tremendous  
16 trust and pride in the Town of Oyster Bay.

17 Paying down our debt, \$71 million thus  
18 far. Paying it down by \$85 million by the end of  
19 this year, which will result in upgrades in our  
20 bonds rating. These are the ways in which we make  
21 businesses want to invest in the Town of Oyster Bay  
22 and that's part and parcel to following through  
23 with the naming rights.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor, I'd  
25 much rather see Coca-Cola on the sign than my name,

1 especially if they're paying for the right to put  
2 it on there.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We rush to some  
5 appointed officials names on the signs, we could  
6 have taken naming rights and sold them and got some  
7 money, revenue, to pay for our fields, to pay for  
8 renovations.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The point I'm  
10 making is that we are reaching out to businesses  
11 and we're here with the media reporting as our  
12 regular beat reporter is working away at his pad to  
13 present the idea to the public and I'm going to  
14 have Mr. Rothstein talk about what we have been  
15 getting done this year in this process and I think  
16 it's a great idea and we really extend to you, an  
17 opportunity to help us reaching out to businesses  
18 to do this.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You and I  
20 discussed this back in January. Mr. Rothstein and  
21 I brought it up last year at the budget hearing.

22 What progress have we made in twelve  
23 months?

24 MR. ROTHSTEIN: We have a made  
25 progress. This is a process. This is a process.

1 It's just as easy as going to Coca-Cola and having  
2 them put their name all over. It is done a certain  
3 way. If we're going to do it, we're looking to do  
4 it the right way. This --

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It took  
6 Northwell less than six months to get to the County  
7 skating rink.

8 MR. ROTHSTEIN: Absolutely not.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Absolutely yes.

10 MR. ROTHSTEIN: I will respectfully  
11 disagree with you on that as far as what the  
12 process was. It's a different process that we're  
13 going through. We're looking to do image  
14 advertising, which is a lot different than  
15 sponsored advertising.

16 We don't want to fill up our Parks to  
17 look like NASCAR, we want to do it the right way  
18 and that's the process we've been going through.  
19 We'll continue to go through it until we find the  
20 exact way to do it, the right way to do it, in  
21 respect to our residents and everyone who utilizes  
22 our parks and our facilities. We want to do it,  
23 but there's a right way to do it.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Rothstein, I  
25 have great respect in the initiative that

1 Councilman Macagnone is speaking about and to  
2 better inform the public, including Councilman  
3 Macagnone, on what we've been doing, let's talk a  
4 little bit about the initiatives.

5 Did you and I have a conversation back  
6 in February and another one in March about this  
7 very issue?

8 MR. ROTHSTEIN: Absolutely.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you please  
10 tell the Board and the public what we discussed?

11 MR. ROTHSTEIN: What we talked about is  
12 we looked at a tiered approach to doing  
13 sponsorships.

14 We looked at -- to your point to doing  
15 the ice skating rink, possibly Tobay Beach, looking  
16 at the golf course as the first three.

17 But, again, it's got to be done  
18 properly and that's what we looked at. I met with  
19 the Town Attorney. I met with folks from the Town  
20 Attorney's Office to see how to do it and how to do  
21 it the best way.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Did we also talk  
23 about in that conversation --

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Nine months?  
25 That's terrific. Come on.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, Councilman,  
2 in this time, we've also --

3 MR. ROTHSTEIN: Councilman, it needs be  
4 done the right way. I've spent a good majority of  
5 my career prior to the Town doing sponsorships.  
6 It's got to be done the right way. We don't want  
7 NASCAR. And again, no disrespect to NASCAR, but we  
8 want to do sponsorships the right way.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Rothstein,  
10 during our conversations, did I, indeed, point out  
11 that in any negotiations about signage, that it  
12 would be the sponsor paying 100 percent of the sign  
13 costs?

14 MR. ROTHSTEIN: Absolutely.

15 That would be -- again, that would be  
16 built into the sponsor package.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Rothstein,  
18 you mentioned the golf course. It's probably not  
19 your area of expertise, but talking to people who  
20 are experts in golf courses, we're losing a ton of  
21 money over there that we can be making if we did  
22 have somebody else come in and oversee running it,  
23 a professional golf course vendor, if you would.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, that  
25 presents a problem.

1                   You spoke to our contract with the  
2                   Union, and in our contract with the Union, we have  
3                   been very respectful of our workforce and that  
4                   would require negotiation with our Union to  
5                   privatize the golf course.

6                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Well, they could  
7                   still be hired there by us, but someone else  
8                   running it, that would be more efficient to bring  
9                   more rounds in to bring more money in. I don't  
10                  need my name on the back of the score card. I'd  
11                  much rather see money go out to Titliest. Titliest  
12                  can sponsor the back of the score card.

13                  COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Councilman, while  
14                  we're on the subject of the Union, I just wanted to  
15                  remind the Supervisor that there are  
16                  representatives from the Union that came in, I  
17                  think, in response to my question earlier. I just  
18                  wanted to remind you that they are here in the back  
19                  of the room.

20                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely.

21                  And if they would like to speak, that's  
22                  fine with me because that's the process here. The  
23                  process I want going forward, from this budget and  
24                  every budget forward that I'll be a part of, is to  
25                  ensure that we have the input of everyone.



1           Our Union employees are also residents  
2           of our Town and they deserve a right to be heard as  
3           do you and everyone in the room and anyone of the  
4           public because we also, obviously, accept  
5           information via e-mail and in letters.

6           COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I would -- if  
7           Councilman Macagnone is done on the Parks  
8           subject --

9           COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Go ahead.

10          COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: -- I would like  
11          to hear from the Union on the Public Safety issue  
12          and I had a couple of other questions about the  
13          budget beyond Public Safety, when you're ready.

14          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

15          Would a representative of our Union  
16          like to speak and be heard?

17          COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: At some point,  
18          I'd like to hear from the Commissioner of Public  
19          Safety as to possibly how many calls you receive a  
20          year and your role in that.

21          MS. HEALEY: Hello.

22          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good afternoon.

23          MS. HEALEY: Good afternoon,  
24          Supervisor, Members of the Town Board.

25          I am Betsy Healey. I am the Executive

1 Vice President, CSEA Local 881, and I'm speaking  
2 for Jarvis T. Brown, our President of the Union,  
3 and we are speaking on behalf and for the  
4 members -- the Union members and employees of not  
5 only every department, but we are now speaking of  
6 the Public Safety Department, so I'm here speaking  
7 on behalf of the Union members of the Public Safety  
8 Department.

9 As I mentioned, we are CSEA Local 881.  
10 We represent the employees of the Town of Oyster  
11 Bay. We've been talking about Nassau County as  
12 well. They're a CSEA local also. They are Local  
13 830. While we are both under the apparent umbrella  
14 of CSEA New York State, we are our own Locals. We  
15 have our own Collective Bargaining Agreements, and  
16 we are not the same.

17 Listening to this Shared Services  
18 Agreement, I ask you to remember that we have a  
19 Collective Bargaining Agreement that we fought very  
20 hard for. I think you all remember what we went  
21 through in 2016 to pass our Collective Bargaining  
22 Agreement. I think we mutually worked very well  
23 together to have this done.

24 This Collective Bargaining Agreement  
25 became effective this past January 2017 and goes

1 through the end of 2021. In that Bargaining  
2 Agreement is a clause. There is no layoffs or  
3 privatization of services for any financial or  
4 budgetary stringencies until the end of 2021.

5 Our contract does not allow for any  
6 transfers or reassignments to another municipality.  
7 I ask you to respect our contract. You all signed  
8 it. You were all in agreement when we signed it.  
9 We all agreed that this was a contract that we were  
10 going to put forth for five years.

11 We, at Local 881, are asking you to  
12 respect our Bible, our Collective Bargaining  
13 Agreement.

14 Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Vice President,  
16 I'll be happy to respect it.

17 (Applause.)

18 MS. HEALEY: Thank you very much.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: You have my  
20 commitment as well.

21 MS. HEALEY: Thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just one moment,  
23 please, Betsy, if you don't mind.

24 Do the Board members have questions?  
25 Some of you had pointed out you had some questions.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I think that my  
2 question was, how does the Union feel about this --  
3 the Public Safety being eliminated from our budget  
4 and I think that Ms. Healey responded to that.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Ms. Healey  
6 responded.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Anyone else have  
8 any questions?

9 (No verbal response given.)

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

11 And just as a point of information to  
12 the public, three of us were not here during the  
13 negotiation and through that process; myself,  
14 Councilman Hand and Councilman Imbroto.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Well, you're  
16 lucky because they were excruciating.

17 MS. HEALEY: It was excruciating.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Councilman  
19 Muscarella and I can speak to that.

20 MR. MUSCARELLA: Yes.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But we are  
22 committed to respecting the Agreement.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. You have  
24 our respect.

25 We've had many conversations about

1       this. We've made it very clear, and I've stated  
2       once again today publicly, that the only way this  
3       could go through is if we have an agreement in  
4       writing by the Union of the Town of Oyster Bay  
5       workforce, the Union of Nassau County's workforce,  
6       the Administration of the Town of Oyster Bay, the  
7       Administration of Nassau County, a vote by the  
8       Nassau County Legislature, the permission of the  
9       Town of Oyster Bay Town Board and perhaps a vote of  
10      NIFA as well.

11                   MS. HEALEY: And I think -- thank you.

12                   And all due respect, I think you know  
13      from some from previous conversations with the two  
14      Union Presidents, that they are not in agreement to  
15      having the Union members go over to another  
16      municipality.

17                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does the  
18      workforce understand that we can't have the  
19      conversation about shared services without putting  
20      this on as a proposal so that we can discuss it  
21      publicly?

22                   MS. HEALEY: I think -- most, we follow  
23      our Collective Bargaining Agreement, so that's --  
24      that's our first and foremost priority is that our  
25      Bargaining Agreement is upheld which means that the

1 employees of the Town of Oyster Bay remain the  
2 employees of the Town of Oyster Bay until the end  
3 of 2021.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, I would  
5 greatly appreciate it if the workforce would hear  
6 from its administration that this exercise is the  
7 responsibility of the executive, to have the door  
8 open for discussion and I think that you and others  
9 have heard how resounding the support for our  
10 workforce is by this Board.

11 MS. HEALEY: Thank you.

12 I very much appreciate it, and just in  
13 closing, I would just like to say, and I mean no  
14 disrespect, but as an exercise, this -- these are  
15 people's livelihoods, and we fight very hard every  
16 member of our Bargaining Unit, and we intend to  
17 keep them right here in the Town of Oyster Bay.

18 I think they do an excellent job and  
19 they --

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Ms. Healey, as a  
21 fellow Union Official, I know how hard you people  
22 work for your people and I know how hard your  
23 people work for our residents.

24 MS. HEALEY: To us, it was more than an  
25 exercise, and I mean no disrespect by that.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I don't mean an  
2 exercise for all of you, but the only way that we  
3 could discuss whether or not the Shared Services  
4 Agreement, as per law by the Governor, is something  
5 that's the right fit for this Town is to put it in  
6 a budget proposal.

7 And may I also assume by your  
8 statements and the feelings of the Town, that the  
9 workforce enjoys working for the Town of Oyster  
10 Bay, enjoys working for this Board, and enjoys  
11 working for our residents?

12 MS. HEALEY: 100 percent, and I think  
13 that is shown by the excellent work that our  
14 employees do.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
16 much.

17 MS. HEALEY: Thank you.

18 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Ms. Healey, I  
19 want to add that I did speak with Mr. Brown on this  
20 topic and he knows, very well, how I feel and you  
21 have my support.

22 MS. HEALEY: We are aware, yes.

23 Appreciate it very much, and thank you.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's been very  
25 helpful having you come testify.

1 MS. HEALEY: Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Appreciate it.

3 Okay.

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I do have a  
5 couple of additional questions, Supervisor, with  
6 your permission?

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please, go right  
8 ahead.

9 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

10 Mr. Darienzo, I wanted to ask, I had  
11 sent you an e-mail regarding the public information  
12 portion of the budget.

13 So my understanding is that Public  
14 Information falls under the Town Board's budget and  
15 I did also express -- and I did send this in a memo  
16 to you as well, Supervisor, in the future, I -- as  
17 all the departments had a Commissioner present for  
18 their budget, their budget review, I would love it  
19 if somebody from the Town Board, from the six of  
20 us, could be present when our budget is being  
21 discussed.

22 I don't understand why we're not  
23 invited to sit down and go over the budget process.  
24 At least one of us should be there. It's our  
25 budget.



1 (Applause.)

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: On that point, I  
3 was shocked to see how many people are on our  
4 budget that really don't work on the Town Board's  
5 assignment. It's spread out to all different areas  
6 of the Town.

7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Correct.

8 I had asked about that as well in my  
9 e-mail and I didn't really receive an answer and  
10 I'm glad to go into that subject too, Councilman,  
11 but what I wanted to know about, I would like to  
12 put something in place where the amount that's  
13 being spent on mailers, which I realize comes under  
14 both General Service and Public Information, I  
15 think we need to -- we would like to -- I don't  
16 know if I speak for all my colleagues, but I think  
17 we would like to have some idea of how much money  
18 is being spent, when it's going out, what the  
19 schedule is for the mailers, and we'd like to have  
20 a little -- at least, I shouldn't speak for all of  
21 us -- I would like to have a little more control  
22 over that in the future.

23 Is that something that we can agree  
24 upon?

25 (Applause.)

1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. It's  
2                   important to point out -- and, yes, that is  
3                   something we can agree upon and it is also  
4                   important to point out that throughout the year, it  
5                   is a fluid situation and part of providing for the  
6                   highest level of transparency is to provide  
7                   information for people, Senior citizens and others  
8                   who don't have access or don't choose to have  
9                   access to the Internet.

10                  We are currently continuing to utilize  
11                  our mailers to build that e-mail list so that we  
12                  are transitioning to a much higher level of  
13                  electronic communication.

14                  Let's take a case in point. During the  
15                  year, we open up the process, the bid process, for  
16                  a single-stream recycling so we wouldn't have known  
17                  that we would be changing over and that would be an  
18                  important purpose for a mailer.

19                  We have the opportunity now to make  
20                  much more money and we have embraced that through  
21                  your votes, and I appreciate your votes, and I  
22                  appreciate the Commissioner and the Department's  
23                  work to bring that to fruition.

24                  We now are going to be making upwards  
25                  of \$2 million over the next five years and we no

1 longer will be paying out and there's nothing in  
2 our budget, no line item to pay out for the removal  
3 of recyclables.

4 MR. DARIENZO: It was removed. That's  
5 correct.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It was removed.

7 So, now we have a new process to inform  
8 the public that they should be putting out much  
9 more in the way recyclables, all cardboards, more  
10 plastic, and it's my intention to continue to  
11 greatly increase the percentage of our waste stream  
12 that is recyclable.

13 Other nations do it and some other  
14 municipalities do it and one only has to look at  
15 the California models to really see a much higher  
16 level and I think -- I know we should be working  
17 toward that in this township, and what has been  
18 realized throughout our nation is that education is  
19 the number one component of compliance on a much  
20 higher percentage of the waste stream being  
21 recycled.

22 So, we want to continue to get that  
23 education out. Most of us have been going out  
24 publicly in -- throughout our time in the evenings  
25 and weekends and whenever we can possibly, by word

1 of mouth, but there's a component to that education  
2 that should take place electronically through  
3 e-mail blasts and, obviously, through mailings so  
4 that the public will know.

5 We didn't know -- I wasn't part of the  
6 budget, so you didn't know last year when you put  
7 this budget together that you'd have to put a  
8 certain amount of dollars toward Public Information  
9 -- public education on the change of -- to our  
10 recent -- to a single stream recycling and the  
11 necessity now to put out cardboard.

12 And by the way, the more we recycle --  
13 it's a great opportunity to point this out -- the  
14 more we recycle, the more revenue will be here for  
15 the Town and the less we have to spend on refuse  
16 removal.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Supervisor, I'm  
18 completely in agreement with you on this issue.

19 I had -- I don't think anyone would  
20 challenge the idea of sending out a mailer or a  
21 letter, such as the one that I received from you  
22 and the Councilwoman, about single-stream  
23 recycling.

24 I, myself, ended up in my kitchen  
25 because it was important and relevant information.

1 All I'm suggesting is, we would like -- at least  
2 I -- again, I keep using it collectively and I  
3 don't mean to lump everybody in, but if it's part  
4 of the budget, I would like to know what the plan  
5 is for the mailers for 2018, how many we're doing,  
6 what the cost is per mailer, are they glossy, why  
7 can't they be black and white.

8 All of these things, I would like to  
9 have some input and information regarding that.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And regarding the  
12 employees that Councilman Macagnone brought up, I  
13 am a little unclear on why they're -- there are  
14 apparently some employees that are labeled as Town  
15 Board employees, but they're not -- I was unaware  
16 of it. They're not reporting to the Town Board,  
17 they're not actually -- one is a Research  
18 Assistant, not actually researching for the Town  
19 Board that I'm aware of.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I can address  
21 that.

22 In previous years, what we found when  
23 we came on Board and we turned this information  
24 over to the media, I reported it publicly on  
25 numerous occasions, that previously, the

1 administration, and I assume with some cooperation  
2 on the Board, voted to put people into various  
3 titles.

4 When we got here, we realized that  
5 through a combination of -- for a combination of  
6 reasons, including the fact that we've had many,  
7 many retirees, we've reduced the Town's workforce,  
8 not only this year, but over the past few years,  
9 and in doing so, other employees had to assume, not  
10 only their responsibilities, but the  
11 responsibilities of others.

12 Due to the fact that we respect our  
13 Union, we respect our workforce, and the fact that  
14 we must comply with labor law, we have been making  
15 changes, and you know that, obviously, because  
16 those changes have come as votes on Personnel  
17 before this Board throughout 2017.

18 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Respectfully,  
19 Supervisor, when I ask the question via e-mail, the  
20 response I got was that these slots can be filled  
21 by your appointment, the Supervisor's appointment,  
22 without a Town Board vote.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm going to  
24 bring Vicky up on that so we can get some  
25 clarification on that, and I know we have had

1 numerous meetings with you so if you haven't gotten  
2 the answer via e-mail, obviously, we want to sit  
3 with you and get these things hammered out so  
4 you -- all Board members will be notified and  
5 consulted on these changes.

6 But the need for the changes is because  
7 previously to this year, previously to my coming on  
8 this Board, we had employees working out of title  
9 and we've had to continue to move toward getting  
10 people into the right titles and getting people  
11 assigned to duties to make sure the services got  
12 done.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. So we are  
14 going to the people that aren't currently working  
15 as -- for the Town Board, as in Research Assistant  
16 to the Town Board, we're going to take them off our  
17 payroll then and put them to some other department.

18 That's what you're telling me?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have no problem  
20 with realigning --

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: This has been  
22 brought up three -- couple of years now. I've  
23 raised this point a few times. If these people are  
24 not currently working for the Town Board, they  
25 should not be in our payroll.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And then --

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Councilwoman, go  
3 ahead.

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: That those spots  
5 should be filled by some -- either taken out of the  
6 budget or filled by someone who actually is doing  
7 work for the Town Board.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's the point.

9 Councilwoman Alesia had asked that we  
10 reassign people so that they are assisting in  
11 providing services to Town Board members and to  
12 their staff so that each and every Town Board  
13 member has employees assigned to them to assist  
14 with your mailings, to assist with your Public  
15 Information.

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I was asking for  
17 one to assist all of us. I'm not looking for each  
18 of us to have an additional person. I just think  
19 if we -- if the entire Public Information  
20 Department serves the Supervisor, it wouldn't be so  
21 bad to have one person that was assisting the Town  
22 Board. We could have a Town Board monthly  
23 bulletin. We could have information being passed  
24 through the Board members.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have no



1 absolutely no problem with that and these are the  
2 reasons that we have a public hearing.

3 As far as my vision for the Town is to  
4 continue to vet these issues and to make changes to  
5 the Town. We all agree the Town needs to continue  
6 to make many, many changes for many reasons.

7 First and foremost, are taxpayers and  
8 residents. One of those many reasons is to make  
9 the Town very attractive so corporations will want  
10 to invest and that addresses the naming rights  
11 issue, once again, because as we become more and  
12 more attractive, as people see the huge changes  
13 that have taken place in a positive way in our  
14 Town, this budget being one of them.

15 Clearly, to have a budget that is  
16 structurally sound and balanced without any  
17 gimmicks, without any one-shots, without any shell  
18 games, without anything but good sound financial  
19 and accounting principals put in place, this is  
20 something we can be very proud of. This is  
21 something the public can be proud of and this  
22 reflects well on us, this reflects well on our  
23 staff and our commitment.

24 We have, again, reduced our debt by  
25 historic amounts. There's been no year in the 364

1 years of the Town of Oyster Bay where they came  
2 anywhere close to reducing the debt, and there's a  
3 large amount of debt, but we still have among the  
4 best parks in the nation that that debt was spent  
5 on and we do have the open space that was  
6 purchased.

7 In previous years to my coming here,  
8 for -- to Councilman Imbroto coming here, to many  
9 of you coming here, the public took votes to borrow  
10 money to buy that open space to permanently  
11 preserve it and we still own that open space which  
12 is a tremendous asset to preserving our  
13 environment.

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I would just say  
15 that there's nothing wrong with looking at our past  
16 practices and trying to do things better as we move  
17 forward, and I think we've made a really good start  
18 at that and we'll continue to do that.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Hi, Vicky.

20 MS. SPINELLI: Just for a point of  
21 reference, I guess, as you mentioned earlier, we've  
22 had a lot of people leave the Town through  
23 retirements or resignations or whatever the case  
24 may be.

25 Because we have not, especially this

1 year, we really have not been hiring this year,  
2 last year, and I believe the year before, not been  
3 replacing the people who have left, we've lost a  
4 lot of institutional knowledge here, so the  
5 departments, in their defense, use the people that  
6 they have around them, look at what their strengths  
7 are and say, okay, you do this for me, you do that  
8 for me, you do this for me.

9 So are people working out of title?  
10 Probably.

11 Have we been trying to rectify that?  
12 Absolutely.

13 Within the realm of what we have, I  
14 have certain guidelines that I am allowed to go  
15 with as far as job specifications and availability  
16 of titles from Civil Service that I need to --  
17 that's my first and foremost of what I -- what I  
18 can and cannot go by here, and even more so, no  
19 offense, than your budget. Because of Civil  
20 Services know, it's never going to happen  
21 regardless of whether you tell me yes or no.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just to bring a  
23 clarification, you made the statement that you're  
24 allowed to go with and you're referring to labor --  
25 State labor Law, Civil Service Law, and other

1 contractual agreements?

2 MS. SPINELLI: Yes, sir.

3 There's a lot that goes into just  
4 moving someone from a title when they've been  
5 working out of title. You've been seeing this now  
6 for the last eight months, nine months now. Just  
7 about every Board meeting, there is some sort of  
8 movement going on. This has been a monumental  
9 task. The stuff that we did earlier on fortunately  
10 was the easy stuff.

11 It's getting less and less now because  
12 things are getting more difficult. We did have one  
13 Research Assistant that was taken off the Town  
14 Board so we are moving in the direction of getting  
15 all of that done.

16 As far as hiring for that -- for the  
17 Town Board, past practices have always been, it  
18 goes through the Supervisor's Office.

19 I can't really attest to much more than  
20 that but that's the way it has been. If, as a Town  
21 Board, you decided that the people who are on your  
22 budget, you want in your office, you say you want  
23 them in your office and those people report up to  
24 your office.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And if we want to

1 eliminate the positions to save money from the  
2 budget, could we do that as well, as a Board?

3 MS. SPINELLI: No.

4 Only because they are part of the  
5 Collective Bargaining Agreement. They are in the  
6 Union.

7 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Has anyone been  
8 added in the last year to the Town Board's payroll?

9 MS. SPINELLI: Other than Mr. Nevin,  
10 I'm not aware, that I could think of.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: So Mr. Nevin  
12 works -- I so choose to have him in my office, we  
13 can say we want him in the office to work on Town  
14 Board issues?

15 MS. SPINELLI: Yes. He's a Public  
16 Information Officer.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Good to know.  
18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.  
20 Yes?

21 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I had one last  
22 question and then I'm finished.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's okay. It's  
24 the whole -- part of this process is to be open, to  
25 listen to all of you and to create the best budget

1 that incorporates everyone's ideas.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you,  
3 Supervisor.

4 Mr. Darienzo, the DPW site, I'll  
5 colloquial refer to it as, you know, our DPW,  
6 animal shelter, et cetera. I think we're supposed  
7 to start paying rent on that in the coming year.

8 Is that factored into the budget?

9 MR. DARIENZO: The five years lapses in  
10 September of 2018, so yes, we will start paying in  
11 2018. That amount has not been factored into the  
12 budget. I don't know the exact amount. We don't  
13 know the amount of the rent and we're still in  
14 negotiations with the people that bought the parcel  
15 from us, so there's no guarantee that we will be  
16 paying in 2018.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I'm embarrassed  
18 that I don't know this answer, but we must have had  
19 a prearranged amount?

20 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah.

21 I think it's \$8 a square foot of usable  
22 space so it's a matter of how much space we use.  
23 And I might be wrong on the dollar amount, but I  
24 think it's \$8.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It's \$8, yes.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Tony, do you  
2 know -- excuse me, Councilman Macagnone, do you  
3 know how many square feet the property is?

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I do, but I  
5 don't know how many square feet we are going to  
6 use.

7 MR. DARIENZO: It's not the property  
8 total, it's what we're going to use and initial  
9 estimates had it at -- between \$50,000 and \$60,000  
10 a month so you might be looking at a couple hundred  
11 thousand dollars total.

12 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: 15 to 16 or 50 to  
13 60?

14 MR. DARIENZO: I'm sorry, 50 to 60.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

16 MR. DARIENZO: For four months, it  
17 would be a well less than a million dollars.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: To the chair.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Okay. I'm  
20 finally finished with my questions.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Darienzo,  
22 thank you very much as usual.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Yes. Very nice  
24 job, Rob.

25 Thank you.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Thanks, guys.

2 I'm right here.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: First up is Paul  
4 Molinari of Hicksville.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman, these are  
6 still on the budget hearing, correct?

7 MR. MUSCARELLA: Correct.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Hearing 3, Jim.  
9 Thank you for checking. I appreciate  
10 that.

11 MR. MOLINARI: Good afternoon, Board  
12 Members, Paul Molinari, 332 West Nicholai Street,  
13 Hicksville.

14 I believe the preliminary budget is a  
15 step in the right direction. It is a lot more  
16 readable and understandable than the previous ones.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have to say,  
18 yes, it has been.

19 Thank you, Mr. Darienzo.

20 MR. MOLINARI: I'm pleased to see that  
21 each department's responsibilities and activities  
22 are -- have been identified. However, I still  
23 recommend that the budget have an executive  
24 summary. Many of the items identified like, the  
25 Supervisor and his points leading into the



1 discussion, should be in the Executive Summary.

2 This would make it a lot clearer to everybody what  
3 the goals of the budget.

4 For example, you talk about eliminating  
5 lease space, debt reduction, shared services,  
6 in-house engineering, the Inspector General  
7 position, et cetera, et cetera. I think that has  
8 to be up in the forefront of the budget so it's  
9 nice and clear to everybody to understand what the  
10 budget is supporting.

11 Also, the summary table that's there, I  
12 would recommend that the contracted line item be  
13 subdivided because that line item is shown as  
14 \$56 million and that includes a lot of normal  
15 government operations, such as vehicle maintenance,  
16 heating, lighting, office supplies, et cetera, but  
17 there's also -- what should be broken out is the  
18 large big ticket items, such as legal fees,  
19 engineering fees, IT maintenance, auditing.

20 These are all high priced items up  
21 there over a million dollars or, you know, in that  
22 ball park range. I think they can be broken out  
23 because the way that table is set up is the  
24 contracting numbers is -- there's 4,000 --  
25 whatever, it's 40,000. That encompasses everything

1       that's in the 40,000 range.

2               And each of these other items are just  
3       a sub item within that, so I still recommend that  
4       you have an Executive Summary and that that table  
5       be identified that the large ticket items that are  
6       in the budget that has to be there -- you know, be  
7       shown.

8               After hearing all the discussion and  
9       everything else, I would support that the budget  
10      put back in the Public Safety.

11              It's -- you know, I remember when the  
12      contract was negotiated. I remember that there's a  
13      no layoff clause in that contract, so I would think  
14      it's in the best interest of the Town to honor that  
15      contract and reinstate the monies for Public Safety  
16      into the budget before -- just do it. Don't wait  
17      for a contingency plan for December 1st. It's not  
18      going to happen. You hear all the bells and  
19      whistles on that? It's never going to happen by  
20      December 1st. If you want to look at consolidation  
21      next year or shared services, then you start the  
22      process again, so that's what I would recommend.

23              I do have one question. The summary  
24      table shows a debt reduction of \$98 million in  
25      the -- Mr. Supervisor, in the press release, early

1 in the meeting, so next year we're going to reduce  
2 the deficit by 50 million.

3 To me, that saying we're borrowing \$48  
4 million next year. What are we going to use that  
5 money for? Is that going into a capital program,  
6 improvement program?

7 You do need to keep on -- you know,  
8 have a capital improvement program, especially for  
9 roads and et cetera. They're deteriorating all  
10 over the place.

11 So I guess my question on that is: Are  
12 we going to be borrowing approximately \$50 million  
13 next year and what is that money going to be used  
14 for?

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

17 Mr. Darienzo, you care to answer that,  
18 please?

19 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

20 The \$98 million that Mr. Molinari  
21 refers to is roughly \$75 million in principal and  
22 \$23 million in interest so we're paying down \$75  
23 million in debt next year, and the plan right now  
24 is to issue roughly \$25 million in new money.

25 Therefore, the \$50 million reduction

1 the Supervisor referenced earlier, so we're going  
2 to take \$25 million, approximately, in new money  
3 along with existing money, we're going to  
4 prioritize certain projects and use the existing  
5 funds plus some new funds to get things done in  
6 2018. So that's the \$98 million, again, is  
7 principal and interest. It's important that we  
8 note that.

9 Thank you.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you, sir.

11 Vincent Grandy? Mr. Grandy?

12 MR. GRANDY: Good afternoon all.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: This is on  
14 Hearing No. 3, sir?

15 MR. GRANDY: It is at this time.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

17 MR. GRANDY: Vince Grandy, Dover Road,  
18 Massapequa, New York.

19 I find it incredible that the Budget  
20 Director can stand here and say that we were  
21 replacing IBM AS-400s that go back to the '70s when  
22 I just took the opportunity to Google it and it  
23 came out June 21, 1988, so yeah, it's kind of  
24 ridiculous that we can't even understand what  
25 platform the budget's on when we're talking about a

1 budget and the excuses for why we haven't done what  
2 we were supposed to have done here the last few  
3 years.

4                   Additionally, as I talk about Public  
5 Safety, you can eliminate Public Safety and  
6 probably save more than half the money by letting  
7 rid of the management of same without affecting the  
8 Union budget. Seems to, in my opinion, have been a  
9 dumping place for political patronage the last few  
10 years and Councilwoman Alesia brought up a point  
11 that there's never been a police issue over at the  
12 garage. I'm assuming you meant the garage in  
13 Hicksville.

14                   COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Never been an  
15 arrest.

16                   MR. GRANDY: Okay. What kind of  
17 concerns me though is that we currently have a  
18 Public Safety employee whose out on bail on a  
19 felony, assigned there as security.

20                   I wouldn't want my ex-wife going to the  
21 garage when the Town employee who's there for  
22 safety is out on bail on a 26503. It's insane.

23                   What are we doing here?

24                   (Applause.)

25                   COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I'm being told

1       that's not accurate.

2               We do have the Commissioner of Public  
3       Safety here and he can address that subject to the  
4       senior Councilman.

5               MR. GRANDY:   Well, I just went on  
6       eCourts and saw that he's currently out on bail and  
7       he currently -- he was an Ippolito leftover and  
8       he's been parked over there and, you know, why do  
9       we have people with pending felonies working in  
10      Public Safety?  It makes no sense to me.

11              COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:  Mr. Grandy, let  
12      me get an answer from the Commissioner if you don't  
13      mind, sir.

14              MR. GRANDY:   Certainly.

15              COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:  Commissioner  
16      McCaffrey.

17              MR. GRANDY:   Oh, he got his waiver for  
18      this year.

19              MR. McCAFFREY:  Good afternoon.

20              Justin McCaffrey, Commissioner of  
21      Public Safety.

22              I'm not aware of any Town of Oyster Bay  
23      Public Safety officer that's out on bail for a  
24      felony.

25              As a reminder, our Public Safety

1 officers are all licensed by the State of New York  
2 that would strictly prohibit anybody that's been  
3 arrested to act as a Public Safety officer, so I  
4 don't know what information he's referring to, but  
5 I have no knowledge of that.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Without  
7 divulging the man's name in public, would you mind  
8 giving it to the Commissioner, please?

9 MR. McCAFFREY: Yeah, I'd be happy to  
10 speak to him afterwards.

11 MR. GRANDY: It was in Newsday last  
12 night. It's in the Supreme Court of the King  
13 Courts of the State of New York.

14 MR. McCAFFREY: The name that he's  
15 showing me is not an employee of Public Safety.

16 It is not a licensed New York State  
17 security officer and is not a Public Safety officer  
18 in the Town of Oyster Bay.

19 MR. GRANDY: Is he employed in the  
20 Town? Maybe he reports to the Board and you have  
21 him tucked in over there?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Thank you,  
23 Commissioner.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

25 I see no further speakers on Hearing

1 No. 3.

2 MR. FREIER: We wanted to speak, but I  
3 want to wait for the Supervisor to return.

4 For him to miss all the public comment  
5 is ridiculous.

6 MR. McKENNA: I didn't know you had to  
7 sign up.

8 MR. FREIER: I did sign in for a  
9 hearing.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I don't see it.  
11 Okay, there he is. All right.

12 Mr. Freier, I don't see it in front of  
13 me, but actually --

14 MR. MUSCARELLA: Let's call him up.  
15 Bob Freier?

16 MR. FREIER: Hi. Good morning.

17 Bob Freier. I think I stated my  
18 address. But from Woodbury, New York.

19 First, just to comment about the Public  
20 Safety. Mr. Molinari mentioned it a few minutes  
21 ago, for the Supervisor's budget to come out,  
22 literally, I think it was two days after what  
23 happened in Las Vegas, we have a graffiti problem,  
24 there's hate graffiti posted on the Syosset High  
25 School. There's hate graffiti being put on



1 people's homes.

2 I recently just read on social media by  
3 a very active citizen who lives in Plainview,  
4 Larry Weiss about drug deals that are happening in  
5 Teddy Roosevelt Park, about the state of disrepair,  
6 the bathrooms, things like that.

7 To just drop your desire to get rid of  
8 Public Safety, we need Public Safety. They're not  
9 highly paid people. They work hard. There is --  
10 you could eliminate half a million dollars just  
11 from the Supervisor's budget alone, Day One.

12 Please just, you know, why wait until  
13 December to modify this? Do it now.

14 Okay. A few things -- a statement I  
15 want to make.

16 A good budget is made up -- oh, and  
17 also, I'm sorry -- just to add to what Mr. Molinari  
18 also said, in an effort, you stated that this  
19 budget is more transparent than ever.

20 I've got the last three budgets right  
21 here. There's no narrative. The wording is  
22 virtually identical, verbatim, for each single one,  
23 so it is really more of the same, but a good budget  
24 is made up of words and numbers, as most people  
25 would realize that for the purpose of properly

1 explaining itself.

2 The 2018 budget boasts 177 pages that  
3 contain little, no -- little detail, no narrative,  
4 no explanations, no charts, no graphs, no  
5 information on staffing. Okay.

6 Inter-fund transfers, which happen all  
7 the time, extremely high administrative costs,  
8 existing capital projects, the existing negative  
9 fund balances, and the specific steps to upgrade  
10 our bond rating, which is still at junk, and with  
11 one rating agency, below investment grade.

12 One has to read the Town's audit and  
13 bonding documentation to find out the accurate  
14 picture to gain an understanding of the Town  
15 finances. Okay.

16 This budget follows Supervisor Venditto  
17 and the Town Board's long standing policy of no  
18 budget transparency. I was actually amazed to hear  
19 that the Board doesn't have input into creating  
20 this budget. They're handed it and then they have  
21 to do it.

22 The budget -- the Board should be  
23 working on putting this budget together. So this  
24 is -- this budget has really no transparency.

25 Like I just showed you, I'm happy to

1 pass it around, the beginning -- this budget,  
2 verbatim, is the same, in terms of narrative and  
3 explanation, as the last three years' previous  
4 budget. There is no explanation.

5 So even assuming complete transparency  
6 of the numbers put forward for expenses, revenue,  
7 debt payment, and so forth, how might the residents  
8 of Oyster Bay feel about not seeing their public  
9 servants justify these numbers to them?

10 So I can -- I can go on and -- but, in  
11 general, if you look at the -- if you look at the  
12 statement, Press Release, the budget that you  
13 called for, honesty, integrity and transparency.

14 So if there is -- if honesty, integrity  
15 and transparency are there, why is there no budget  
16 message or narrative? That's a question.

17 Why is there no information whatsoever  
18 on staffing?

19 Why is there no information on capital  
20 spending whatsoever?

21 And how much do taxes change from 2017  
22 in total and by each fund, dollars and percent?

23 So I'd like you to be able to answer  
24 those questions, you know, and then in terms of the  
25 budget, why did spending from this year to next go

1 from 284 million to 298 million?

2 Why -- you know, why are there no  
3 summaries comparing general fund revenue to  
4 expenses? Okay.

5 What did -- why did debt cost rise if  
6 the actual debt dropped? If so, why is there no  
7 information, no specifics whatsoever on this.

8 The Town audit showed deficits. What  
9 is the current deficit by fund? Has it been  
10 reduced? If so, by what level? Okay. In which  
11 funds?

12 There's no mention or explanation  
13 whatsoever. I know my time's up so thank you for  
14 listening and I'd appreciate it if you can answer.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

16 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

18 So to address -- I'll address some of  
19 these issues, then we'll bring our team up and get  
20 more of this addressed.

21 You spoke to the issue of our deficit.  
22 This budget reduces our deficit by \$3 million in  
23 the 2017 budget which we have been carefully  
24 following and most carefully creating efficiencies  
25 everywhere possible. We have reduced the

1 deficit --

2 MR. McKENNA: Is that counting the  
3 1.3 million for Public Safety?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- by \$10 million  
5 in 2017.

6 We had a deficit going back -- by the  
7 way, there is no structural deficit in this budget.

8 This budget is a 100 percent balanced  
9 budget with no structural deficit. That's very  
10 important to point out.

11 So our deficit on January 1st of 2017,  
12 this year, was at \$27 million.

13 We have reduced that to under  
14 \$17 million in this year. So we start off the  
15 coming year with a \$17 million ongoing deficit, not  
16 structural deficit, and by year's end of 2018,  
17 we'll bring it down to 14 million so that's at this  
18 point with very conservative revenue estimates, the  
19 most conservative.

20 One only has to open the daily paper  
21 today, other media outlets reporting that other  
22 municipalities are not doing this.

23 Today's Newsday article speaks to a  
24 major municipality overestimating its revenue,  
25 we're underestimating, very conservative, with

1 other initiatives that will bring more revenues.

2 In 2018, that number can go down further.

3 In terms of the total debt of the Town  
4 and its bond rating, clearly by continuing to  
5 reduce the total debt of the Town, that will have a  
6 tremendous positive impact on increasing the bond  
7 rating of the Town. The reality is that bond  
8 rating agencies don't give three upgrades in a  
9 year. We have a positive outlook and we will get  
10 upgrades going forward and they have presented the  
11 information and the opinions to us that, among  
12 other things, operating the Town far more  
13 efficiently and paying off the debt will lead to  
14 directly to bond rating upgrades and \$85 million of  
15 debt reduction in 2017, as is our proposal.

16 Another \$50 million of debt reduction  
17 in 2018 in a budget that lowers taxes and reduces  
18 the ongoing deficit, not a structural deficit. I  
19 think a pretty amazing accomplishments and we're  
20 going to continue to do that.

21 So, Mr. Darienzo, why don't you step  
22 forward so we can address some of the claims, and  
23 more importantly, get the facts out appropriately  
24 and accurately.

25 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah, honestly,

1 Supervisor, the resident rattled off about ten to  
2 twelve questions, and as he was saying them, I have  
3 the answers for all of them, but if we could go  
4 through them one at the time, would it be possible?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.  
6 Certainly.

7 MR. DARIENZO: Would it be possible for  
8 the resident to repeat them one at a time so I can  
9 answer them one at a time?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, I don't  
11 want to create a back and forth. Let's start off  
12 by your answering the ones that you remember.

13 There was a question about no narrative  
14 in this budget and it not being transparent enough.

15 Let's talk about the transparency of  
16 this budget.

17 MR. DARIENZO: Every department in the  
18 Town submitted a new narrative stating their  
19 responsibilities and duties and what they do for  
20 the taxpayers, that's included for -- that has not  
21 been included in this budget for four or  
22 five years.

23 Every one of them was updated, so I  
24 don't know exactly his claim that it's the same  
25 exact verbatim from the past three years is

1 impossible.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Rather than speak  
3 to his claims, because I don't want this is to be  
4 back and forth, this is about an informational  
5 process to be transparent to our residents and  
6 let's phrase this as what we are doing rather than  
7 a counter part because no one wins in that scenario  
8 and we want to keep all the politics out of this  
9 process.

10 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

11 Every department in the Town submitted  
12 a statement letting everyone know what they do on a  
13 day-to-day basis for both the taxpayers and for the  
14 residents in general.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Excuse me,  
16 Mr. Darienzo, who prepared that on behalf of the  
17 Town Board?

18 MR. DARIENZO: Public Information  
19 Office.

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

21 MR. DARIENZO: So that goes in front of  
22 every department's budget in this -- it goes in  
23 front of every department's expense lines in this  
24 budget, so before you see where they're spending  
25 the dollars, you get a description of what they do



1 for the Town.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So what you're  
3 saying, there are narratives in this budget and  
4 they're broken down department by department to  
5 provide more detail than one Executive Summary up  
6 front?

7 MR. DARIENZO: Yes, sir.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

9 Can we talk about providing the  
10 numbers? Does this budget accurately provide the  
11 numbers, the information that substantiates the  
12 fact that there is no structural deficit, that we  
13 do have a balanced budget, and provide the numbers  
14 of our revenue, for instance, in a very  
15 conservative manner.

16 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

17 One would only need to look at the  
18 budgeted figures for 2017 and the actual figures  
19 for 2016 that are contained in this budget to see  
20 just how conservatively we budgeted our revenues  
21 for 2018.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And why did --  
23 why did you go ahead and be so conservative? Was  
24 it at my direction?

25 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

1 In the past, we've been criticized for  
2 being too aggressive with our revenues and too  
3 aggressive with underestimating our expenses.

4 That's a thing of the past now, and  
5 this budget, again, is more than structurally  
6 sound. It will produce a surplus in the \$3 to \$4  
7 million range; \$4 million range if Public Safety  
8 remains as it is here and roughly \$3 million if  
9 Public Safety is reinstated.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

11 Do you have other questions in relation  
12 to these issues?

13 MR. FREIER: Staffing.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, staffing was  
15 a question.

16 Let's speak a little bit about staffing  
17 in the line items for staffing.

18 MR. DARIENZO: Well, staffing is not  
19 explicitly stated in the line items here. You've  
20 made it very clear that we had 1,025 employees on  
21 January 1st.

22 We have 999 employees as of today, and  
23 our protocol is to un-fund any slot that is empty  
24 as of the time of our budget preparation. That's  
25 why we were able to reduce the full-time salaries

1 by roughly \$3 million in this budget when compared  
2 to the 2017 amended budget.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we're no  
4 longer keeping unmanned or woman positions funded?

5 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're moving the  
7 funding so it accurately depicts the number of  
8 employees we have?

9 MR. FREIER: Why aren't we showing  
10 staffing by department?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

12 Let's avoid this back and forth because  
13 we're not going to get --

14 MR. FREIER: I asked the question.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, I understand  
16 that, but let's give Mr. Darienzo an opportunity to  
17 fully explain this.

18 Go ahead, Mr. Darienzo.

19 MR. DARIENZO: Our operating budget is  
20 meant to show you the dollars that are meant to be  
21 spent on a line by line basis. There is no  
22 requirement that we list the number of employees in  
23 a department. It's certainly -- there's -- again,  
24 there's nothing to hide. We have reduced our  
25 employees from 2017, 2018. It simply is not

1 included.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And can we speak  
3 about the mandated increases in our costs?

4 We have mandates as it pertains to  
5 health insurance, which I know we all are in  
6 agreement on this Town Board that we provide our  
7 employees with the same New York State Health and  
8 Benefits and health package of every municipality  
9 in the state that the state provides and that they  
10 have received in the past, but those costs continue  
11 to rise.

12 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

13 The mandated costs in this budget in  
14 three specific areas total an increase of \$11.4  
15 million. We are paying an additional \$6.2 million  
16 in -- we're making an additional \$6.2 million in  
17 debt service payments in 2018 when compared to  
18 2017.

19 Health insurance, we have a budget  
20 increase of roughly \$4 million and an additional  
21 roughly \$2.2 million in our employee retirement  
22 system bill. Those three items together are  
23 \$11.4 million. The overall budget -- the overall  
24 spending plan is only up \$9.4 million so when you  
25 exclude the mandated increases, the balance of the

1 budget is actually down by \$2 million.

2 In your opening remarks, you mentioned  
3 the fact that we are not -- we would no longer be  
4 amortizing our Employee Retirement System bill so  
5 that \$2 million increase to the budget in that  
6 line, you know, is something that was kind of  
7 glossed over but that's -- the rating agencies,  
8 that's very important to them that we don't have  
9 amortize our bill, so they don't even know this  
10 yet, but when this budget is passed and we tell  
11 them that that's, in fact, the case, that's going  
12 to be another, you know, checkmark in terms of us  
13 having our bond rating increased.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that's  
15 something that was told to each and every one of  
16 our Board members as they had meetings with you and  
17 some of those meetings, I sat in. Obviously, we're  
18 not all allowed to, by law, to come together in one  
19 place at one time, that would constitute a public  
20 meeting, so we individually sat down. I was in  
21 some of those meetings where you briefed our Board  
22 and told them that among many other of the  
23 proposals we're making.

24 MR. DARIENZO: And we wouldn't be able  
25 to -- we wouldn't be able to fully pay our Employee

1 Retirement System bill if, in fact, we weren't on  
2 the right track and improving our financial  
3 condition.

4 We could have gone the same old way of  
5 amortizing the allowable portion, but we have the  
6 ability to pay the entire bill and still generate a  
7 surplus overall.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's an  
9 important point to go over again, that we do have  
10 the right, by law, to amortize a portion of that,  
11 but I refused to do that because we wanted an even  
12 better budget than is allowed by law, something  
13 that takes the very most responsible path to  
14 getting our Town fully back on track financially.

15 Can you speak to that?

16 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah, absolutely.

17 Again, the idea that we are making a  
18 commitment to pay our bills in full and the -- we  
19 pay all of our bills in full and on time. The  
20 retirement system is the one allowance that because  
21 of the large increases that took place over the  
22 past decade, it went up exponentially from 10 to 12  
23 to 14 to \$18 million.

24 Very few municipalities could keep up  
25 with that kind of increase without having to, you

1 know, break the bank on the revenue side. We did  
2 take advantage and we amortized our allowable  
3 portion for six years, and now because we've  
4 reduced our cumulative deficit from negative 44  
5 million to negative 27 million to negative 17  
6 million and now we're going to go to negative 14  
7 million or better, we are now -- we now have the  
8 ability to pay our bill in full and erase some of  
9 the practices that took place in the past.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And because we're  
11 covering a lot of information for the public, I do  
12 believe it's very important and certainly  
13 substantiates how solid a financial document this  
14 is.

15 So we have expenses that we're not --  
16 that we're responsible for paying, but they are  
17 mandated by law that we must pay them, that's going  
18 to be mandated this year, it's going to be mandated  
19 three, five years, ten years from now, there will  
20 continue to be mandates by law that we must follow,  
21 so let's take a look at what that expense is. You  
22 spoke to that \$11.4 million.

23 That includes our healthcare costs?

24 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah, budgeted  
25 healthcare costs for 2018 are roughly \$4 million

1 higher than we budgeted in 2017.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: \$4 million  
3 increase.

4 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

5 We don't -- we're not notified of our  
6 health insurance increase until after we adopt the  
7 budget so in 2017 --

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We projected it.

9 MR. DARIENZO: We projected.

10 In 2017, we've projected an increase of  
11 roughly five to six percent.

12 In actuality, we came in at 12 percent  
13 so 2018 budget more than makes up for the problem  
14 for 2017 and a healthy increase for 2018; again, in  
15 an effort to have a conservative figure, that will  
16 not go over.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: A responsible  
18 approach --

19 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- knowing that  
21 the health increase costs will greatly increase.

22 MR. DARIENZO: And the other portion,  
23 \$6.2 million of increased debt service payments in  
24 2018.

25 It is certainly factual and possible to



1 decrease your debt while also increasing the amount  
2 you pay off. We are increasing the amount we pay  
3 off in 2018 due to bonds that were issued in the  
4 beginning of 2017 and late in 2016 and with our  
5 first principal payments are due in 2018.

6 So, we have increased principal  
7 payments for 2018 and because we didn't issue any  
8 new money at all in 2017 for capital purposes, that  
9 allows us to reduce our overall debt while still  
10 increasing the amount of scheduled debt service  
11 payments that must be made in any given year.

12 Whenever we issue debt, we're given a  
13 schedule as to how we're to pay it down, for bonds,  
14 and those are the strict schedules. They tell you  
15 what you have to pay and you pay it. When you have  
16 short-term bond anticipation notes, you have the  
17 ability to pay down the amount of principal as you  
18 see fit. There are certain minimum requirements.  
19 We pay down more than the minimum and for TANs and  
20 RANs --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before we go  
22 further, we are paying down more than the minimum.  
23 We are accelerating our debt payments to quickly  
24 reduce our debt. This is something else that I  
25 instructed you to do.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely. We're  
2 striking a fine line here.

3 The Town has, admittedly, had a cash  
4 flow issue, but our cash position is improving and  
5 it's allowing us to make higher payments than  
6 absolutely necessary.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the next  
8 component of those increases that are mandated are  
9 our pension costs?

10 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

11 We touched on that already. That's the  
12 \$2.2 million budget increase that's going to allow  
13 us to pay the entire bill without having to  
14 amortize a portion as we have done in the past six  
15 years which will, again, lead to, in my mind, an  
16 increase to our bond rating when we next go to the  
17 bond rating agencies in 2018.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There are always  
19 going to be detractors. They're always going to  
20 see the glass is half empty versus half full, but  
21 it your experience, and I know you have some twenty  
22 years experience at this, is this one of the best  
23 financially responsible budgets in the Town's  
24 history?

25 MR. DARIENZO: I have --

1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO:  -- or at least  
2                   your history with the Town?

3                   MR. DARIENZO:  Yeah.  Absolutely.

4                   I'm 42 years old.  I was an intern in  
5                   the Finance Office when I was 18 and right out of  
6                   college, I went right back to the Finance Office,  
7                   so I've been working on budgets in this Town for  
8                   24 years, and this budget is the one that I'm most  
9                   happy to put forward.  I'm happy to answer  
10                  questions about it.  There's nothing hidden in  
11                  here.  There's no tricks.  There's no gimmicks.  
12                  There's no one-shots.  This is as real as it gets.  
13                  This is as good as it gets, and that's why I have  
14                  no problem standing up here and answering any  
15                  question that anyone poses.

16                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:  I've also asked  
17                  you to provide some research, some comparison to  
18                  other municipal budgets.

19                  How does this budget stand up to other  
20                  municipal budgets?

21                  MR. DARIENZO:  Well, again, you  
22                  mentioned an article that came out today.

23                  Other local municipalities, and us, in  
24                  the past, have been criticized for overestimating  
25                  our revenues and underestimating on expenses.  In

1       this case, we're doing the opposite.

2               We are underestimating our revenues and  
3       conservatively overestimating in expenses to ensure  
4       that we don't go over in any expense line.

5               SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   And how would you  
6       categorize the financial situation when I first  
7       arrived to the Town?

8               MR. DARIENZO:   When you first arrived  
9       to the Town, we were -- the Town was on the brink.

10              The Town was on the brink of  
11       bankruptcy/default within this past year and I'm  
12       happy to say that that's not the case anymore.  
13       We've certainly turned the corner, stepped away  
14       from the cliff.   We are on the right track.   Again,  
15       from negative \$44 million deficit to negative \$27  
16       million, thanks to a \$17 million surplus in 2016.

17              We projected a \$10 million or more  
18       surplus for 2017 to take us from negative 27 to  
19       negative 17.   This budget projects three to four  
20       million dollars for 2018.   That will take us to  
21       roughly negative 14 million to negative 13 million.

22              That, again, includes no one-shots.  
23       If, in fact, there are any other revenue  
24       initiatives that take place or any other sales that  
25       take place, that will only add to us coming out of

1 the hole that we were --

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: A reduction of  
3 the ongoing deficit. There is no structural  
4 deficit in this budget.

5 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. No structural  
6 deficit.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As well as the  
8 tremendous commitment to paying down the total debt  
9 of our Town.

10 And what will the financial result of  
11 all of that be?

12 MR. DARIENZO: The financial result --  
13 it's a long plan. You can't -- you can't go from  
14 the highs that we were at in 2011 with a AAA bond  
15 rating and the lows that we achieved in 2016, you  
16 can't turn that around overnight so you have to put  
17 a plan in place. That takes years.

18 So reducing the debt by \$85 million in  
19 one year, tremendous accomplishment. To do \$50  
20 million next year and for the three or four years  
21 that follow, will take us to roughly \$500 million  
22 or under \$500 million in Town-based debt. By the  
23 end of that time, that's going to put us back to  
24 where we were as recently as 2011.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And is it my

1 plan, as described to you, to ensure that our Town  
2 reaches a point where we have less debt than any  
3 other municipality of our size?

4 MR. DARIENZO: That is certainly the  
5 idea that you've brought to me to make sure takes  
6 place, yes.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is our  
8 target. Thank you. Thank you.

9 Does anyone on the Board have more  
10 questions for Mr. Darienzo and the structure of  
11 this budget?

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Very thorough.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 MR. DARIENZO: Thank you for your time.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

16 Well, if we have no more questions, we  
17 have speakers.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: We have some speakers.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yeah, I know we  
20 have speakers. All right.

21 We are going to call them in order.

22 We had Mr. Freier. Eva Pearson is  
23 next.

24 MS. PEARSON: Hi, Board.

25 Eva Pearson from Farmingdale.

1           So, the first thing I want to say is  
2           that it's perplexing to me how this Board can  
3           create a budget, or this Town can create a budget,  
4           but yet not submit the documents to The New York  
5           State Controller. I don't understand how you have  
6           the financial information for one and not the  
7           other.

8           I know that this Town Board this past  
9           year has really emphasized its desire to be more  
10          transparent, and to that end, it is perplexing how  
11          this budget visually looks like the budgets of  
12          yesteryear without narratives and without charts,  
13          and I believe it's the only one in Nassau County  
14          without those components.

15          People learn differently and some  
16          people need charts and narratives in order to  
17          understand what you all are putting forth.

18          The other thing I just want to mention,  
19          I know, Mr. Supervisor, you've mentioned several  
20          times, there is no new capital expenditures for  
21          2018; is that correct?

22                 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No.

23          There is some capital expenditures for  
24          two -- we are borrowing for some specific projects.  
25          Most of them are road improvements because we

1 recognize that that is an important component to  
2 our responsibilities.

3 But just to add to your earlier point,  
4 there are narratives in this budget. Mr. Darienzo  
5 described them. They're broken down.

6 MS. PEARSON: I'm sorry. Executive  
7 Summary. I should have been more specific.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: They're broke  
9 down, but part of the process of what we're doing  
10 is to ensure that we --

11 MS. PEARSON: Mr. Saladino, I don't  
12 mean to be rude, but can I finish because I know  
13 we're under a time constraint?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Absolutely.

15 MS. PEARSON: I'm sorry. Go ahead.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Go ahead.

17 MS. PEARSON: Okay.

18 So, the reason why I was asking is  
19 because you mentioned, at the start of this meeting  
20 that -- about the improvements in Farmingdale. I  
21 happen to live in Farmingdale and I've been taking  
22 my kids to that park for ten years.

23 There was a large, as you know,  
24 historically interest in that area with the  
25 Concerned Citizens of Farmingdale, many civic



1 organizations and there was a press conference  
2 there and you mentioned there's a \$5 million grant  
3 that you all found that this -- supposedly going to  
4 carry over to do that work in 2018 at that park,  
5 but that the actual cost of that park would take up  
6 to \$8 or 9 million, so I'm just kind of curious  
7 about how that fits into this budget, so that's one  
8 question.

9 The other thing I just want to mention,  
10 returning to the issue of Public Safety, as a  
11 parent, I am very concerned about the prospect of  
12 Public Safety being eliminated, and with all due  
13 respect, Mr. Supervisor, cameras do not replace  
14 people.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We weren't  
16 considering not having people.

17 MS. PEARSON: No. But you had  
18 mentioned when -- I believe it was Councilwoman --

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Cameras in  
20 addition to.

21 Just so that we alleviate your concern,  
22 we -- this scenario would not reduce the amount of  
23 personnel going there. It would change where they  
24 collect their paycheck from. Instead of being --  
25 collecting it from the Town's coffers, it would be

1 transferred to the County's coffers, if all those  
2 organizations agreed.

3 MS. PEARSON: Yeah, and -- I'm sorry.  
4 Go ahead.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In addition, the  
6 combination of the more cameras and more personnel,  
7 but we're not saying that this has to happen.  
8 We're saying that, I know you would -- I'm assuming  
9 you would agree, that we have to be transparent and  
10 speak to every proposal that's out there and to  
11 ignore the Governor's Shared Service proposal, I  
12 think would, in my opinion, would deny the public  
13 an opportunity to consider this. That's all that  
14 this is.

15 MS. PEARSON: I'm not at all suggesting  
16 we ignore the Governor. I do have concerns about  
17 us proposing that another financially strapped  
18 government agency take over Public Safety.

19 As you mentioned yourself, there are  
20 several players that would have to approve this  
21 deal so it is a little perplexing as a resident to  
22 hear about these multiple layers, NIFA, the  
23 legislature, the Unions, which have already come  
24 out and spoken against it.

25 It seems to me very odd that you would

1 be including this into a budget where there's been  
2 no actual agreement.

3 I appreciate the --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The only process  
5 by which --

6 MS. PEARSON: I appreciate -- I do  
7 appreciate your attempts at trying to reduce costs,  
8 but I'm just saying, this seems highly unrealistic  
9 given all the players that would need to approve  
10 it.

11 And lastly, as a Union employee, it  
12 does seem to me egregious that this Board would be  
13 willing to break a Union contract, even if you  
14 weren't here when that contract was negotiated.

15 We heard from the CSEA representative  
16 that this is something that they are not in support  
17 of, and, for those reasons, I would encourage this  
18 Board to not move forward on this particular budget  
19 with the Public Safety proposal as it stands.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Ms. Pearson,  
21 it's assured, I will not break the Union trust.

22 MS. PEARSON: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've made it  
24 clear on multiple times while you were sitting in  
25 the room listening and I could tell you were paying

1 attention, that we have Zero intention of breaking  
2 the Union contract and Zero intention of reducing  
3 safety in any park or any facility in this Town, so  
4 those -- while I understand that you want an  
5 opportunity to be heard, those aspects of this  
6 consideration are really not on the table.

7 MS. PEARSON: Okay.

8 And then my last concern about this  
9 Public Safety proposal is, even if all the players  
10 agree to it, how would you guarantee that these  
11 employees which, as you put it, are now to be paid  
12 for from County coffers, are still going to be in  
13 Town of Oyster Bay parks and facilities because now  
14 they belong to the County?

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In order for this  
16 to go forward, if it went forward, if all of those  
17 organizations agreed in writing, there would have  
18 to be a memorandum of agreement that guarantees  
19 that we would continue to have those employees at  
20 our Town parks to provide the same level or better  
21 of safety.

22 MS. PEARSON: Okay. Lovely.

23 And lastly, I am just kind of curious  
24 if this Public Safety proposal is not accepted by  
25 the County, how does that affect the proposed

1 reduction for the tax levy?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We still will  
3 have a reduction of taxes, as you heard, because we  
4 addressed that at least twice today during this  
5 hearing.

6 MS. PEARSON: Does that include even  
7 if -- if the Public Safety proposal does not go  
8 forward because I know that's a considered a  
9 substantial amount of savings, \$1.3 million;  
10 correct? Is that the proposed saving of moving  
11 Public Safety to County?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If the Public  
13 Safety proposal does not go through, there is still  
14 a reduction of taxes, and this, in part, is because  
15 we went about the process with very, very  
16 conservative estimates.

17 For the first time in recent memory of  
18 the Town, we have approached this budget extremely  
19 responsibly. We have not inflated. If anything,  
20 we have leaned to the conservative side of all  
21 estimates and we've made sure we have fully  
22 recognized what our expenses will be, at least  
23 those that you can estimate, and it's quite a large  
24 percentage of them.

25 So there's -- even if this does not go

1 through, and again, the reason for this is to be  
2 responsible. I think any Board would be criticized  
3 for not allowing the public to be heard on an  
4 initiative and I would guess that you would be in  
5 agreement that the public should be heard on every  
6 initiative, including a State Law created by our  
7 Governor and that the Governor and the State Law  
8 deserves the respect of the public hearing, their  
9 feelings on that, and that's what we're doing.

10 If you didn't put the proposal in, you  
11 couldn't have the conversation, and we couldn't be  
12 here listening to you and listening to every other  
13 member of the public, but if it does not go through  
14 and we are embracing the contingency plan that has  
15 been worked into the verbiage of the budget, there  
16 will still be a tax cut in the budget for our  
17 public.

18 MS. PEARSON: A reduction of the levy,  
19 of the tax levy?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There will be a  
21 tax cut.

22 MS. PEARSON: Okay.

23 Which actually brings me to my last  
24 point, so thank you for taking the time to answer  
25 my questions.

1           In previous years, previous to you  
2       being appointed to the Board, Mr. Saladino, this  
3       Town of Oyster Bay would pass a budget and then  
4       Election Day would come and then we would get the  
5       tax increase.

6           So I would just certainly hope that  
7       since we have three new appointed members to this  
8       Board, that if this budget moves forward, that  
9       after Election Day, regardless of the outcome,  
10      there is no tax increase for any of the residents  
11      for the Town of Oyster Bay.

12           Thank you.

13           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I can guarantee  
14      on my part that if I'm here in January, and I fully  
15      intend to be, that there will be -- that we will be  
16      adhering to our budget.

17           MS. PEARSON: And that there will be no  
18      tax increase that happens after Election Day?

19           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That is exactly  
20      what I am presenting.

21           MS. PEARSON: Thank you for going  
22      public with that statement.

23           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's fair.

24           Just so we're clear on this, we are  
25      voting on this budget next week and we are passing

1 a budget after we make the changes that the -- that  
2 we have accepted, after we listen to the Board  
3 members, after we fully disseminate all of the  
4 suggestions that have been given to us and that we  
5 will have a budget voted on, passed, and in place  
6 next week.

7 MR. FREIER: Is there a new scheduled  
8 public meeting?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Special  
10 meeting.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, of course.  
12 Of course.

13 Okay. Our next speaker -- let's see.  
14 Where is that list?

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I believe it is  
16 Mr. McKenna.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. McKenna is  
18 next. Okay.

19 Come on up, Kevin. How are you? You've  
20 been patiently waiting.

21 MR. McKENNA: Thank you.

22 Kevin McKenna again, Syosset, New York.

23 I appreciate your -- your new -- your  
24 new attitude today. I really do. You're being --  
25 you're allowing people to communicate and I



1 appreciate that.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, that --  
3 if you could stop the clock for a second, please.

4 I want to say I appreciate yours too  
5 because I don't get the feel that you're here  
6 for -- on an attack basis to be perfectly frank.

7 I appreciate this and I appreciate  
8 everyone in communicating because we want to hear  
9 the public and we want the best budget and we're  
10 going to get that and the more we all communicate  
11 in a professional manner, the easier it is to  
12 achieve that.

13 MR. McKENNA: Very good.

14 I can't understand how Mr. Darienzo  
15 could say that this is one of the soundest budgets  
16 when we, in the last hour and a half, just  
17 uncovered two critical areas that are included in  
18 the budget that obviously -- listen, I'm not going  
19 to waste my time right now. Public Safety is not  
20 going to be a part of this whole situation.

21 It's not going to be. It's -- unless  
22 you want to create another lawsuit, so that's not  
23 going to happen, so the budget has to be revised --  
24 the Public Safety thing just shot the budget down,  
25 has to be redone, A. B, Mr. Darienzo minimized

1 the -- he admitted that the rent that starts being  
2 due next -- early next year, I think it's March,  
3 from -- the Town of Oyster Bay needs to start  
4 paying rent to Simon and Partners because you  
5 haven't vacated the property, and last year --  
6 okay, I have in writing from the Town of Oyster  
7 Bay, I think it was through Mr. Macagnone and  
8 Mr. Coshignano, I have the exact figure of the rent  
9 based upon the square footage and it's \$850,000 a  
10 year. It's not \$200,000. I have that in writing.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It's based on  
12 the prorated --

13 MR. McKENNA: Based upon the square  
14 footage that's used --

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's used.

16 MR. McKENNA: That you're using, right.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Right now, but  
18 if we reduce the square footage, it will be a lot  
19 less.

20 MR. McKENNA: Okay. Well, it doesn't  
21 appear that you're reducing any.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Based --

23 MR. McKENNA: Let me finish.

24 It doesn't appear -- thank you. It  
25 doesn't appear you're reducing anything. Nothing

1 is really -- been -- going to change, you still  
2 have all those people there, so it looks to me like  
3 you're going to have to pay that 850,000 -- and  
4 that's not in the budget. That's almost a million  
5 dollars that you have in this budget that's not in  
6 there.

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Kevin, can I  
8 correct you?

9 That's in four months that we start,  
10 until next year. We're dealing with next year's  
11 budget and we will only have to pay rent for four  
12 months.

13 MR. McKENNA: You're going to have to  
14 pay rent probably for the eight months next year.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: No.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Starting  
17 September.

18 MR. DARIENZO: Started on September 4,  
19 2013 so September 4th will be the first day we  
20 start, not March.

21 MR. McKENNA: I disagree with you.

22 You obviously haven't read the contract  
23 that I've read.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. McKenna.

25 MR. McKENNA: But anyway, let me move

1 on. Let me move on.

2 The fact of the matter is, is that the  
3 amount of money, whatever it is, it's not in the  
4 budget, that you just said is the best budget on  
5 the face of the earth. It's not in the budget.

6 Now, I could probably find other things  
7 that are not in the budget, okay. I appreciate  
8 Councilwoman Alesia, her questions. Okay. Now I  
9 know why the Town Board has never been provided the  
10 organizational chart of the Town of Oyster Bay.

11 Now, I know why when I foiled the  
12 organizational chart before you, I was told that it  
13 doesn't exist because apparently the Town, before  
14 you, after you, okay, doesn't want people to know  
15 who reports to who.

16 How is it that Public Information  
17 submitted the narrative to your budget when Public  
18 Information reports to the Town Board?

19 Okay. I just brought the  
20 organizational chart to the attention of everybody  
21 and apparently some people are reading it. Okay.  
22 There is stuff that is hidden from the Town Board.  
23 Okay. There's a lot information that's hidden from  
24 the Town Board because you don't want them to know  
25 what's going on so I dispute the statement you made

1       that nothing is hidden.

2               Public Safety, okay, which is not going  
3       to go away, people are being moved from Public  
4       Safety within the Town right now. I know of a few  
5       individuals that have been moved, so it seems to me  
6       that it is a shell game, so I don't understand how  
7       you can come up with your formulas if Public Safety  
8       went away when some of the people just went to a  
9       different department within, so that's that.

10              The excuse about not submitting the  
11       budget to the New York State -- I forget the exact  
12       term.

13              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Controller.

14              MR. McKENNA: Over the software glitch  
15       is the same excuse that was used -- Mr. Saladino,  
16       prior to you, it was it was a Mr. Venditto excuse,  
17       whether it was last year or the year before, and I  
18       would like to know, after I'm finished, if you care  
19       to answer, who is the IT company that is  
20       responsible for this coordination? I know the  
21       answer.

22              I know -- I'd like you to tell the  
23       public who the IT company is and I'd like you --  
24       I'd like you to tell everybody that because that IT  
25       company that coordinates your IT doesn't want you

1 all to have accurate information because they're  
2 under investigation. All right.

3 Now, the -- the statement was made -- I  
4 think it was Mr. Darienzo, that the only new  
5 hire -- no, it was actually maybe, Vicky -- the  
6 only new hire that was made over the past -- I  
7 think she said year, whatever, is Mr. Nevin. That  
8 is incorrect. That is totally incorrect.

9 I can give you names of people who have  
10 been hired. I'm just -- I get upset when people  
11 outright give misinformation. Okay.

12 Which I really believe that even you,  
13 Mr. Supervisor, are being given misinformation from  
14 the same people that are part of the prior  
15 administration that has a culture of corruption.

16 You, unfortunately, are being given  
17 misinformation. You're one man. Okay. You can't  
18 know everything that goes on in here and the same  
19 inmates are running this asylum and it's  
20 unfortunate for you.

21 I have asked this question last night  
22 when Mr. Imbroto -- I give him a lot of credit for  
23 showing up last night at the meet and greet all by  
24 himself -- you keep talking about this \$85 million  
25 reduction. I keep asking a simple question.

1                   You came here, where did the \$85  
2                   million come from to pay down that \$85 million? It  
3                   didn't just magically appear and I believe I know  
4                   the answer to that, but I'd like you to tell us  
5                   where the money came from.

6                   Was it just borrowed on another credit  
7                   card? Where did it come from?

8                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

9                   MR. McKENNA: And the \$3 million  
10                  reduction that you're talking about, the surplus at  
11                  the end of the year, it's not going to be 3  
12                  million, and that's just with the two areas that we  
13                  just talked about with Public Safety and the rent  
14                  for Syosset Park.

15                  And I'd also like to know if each one  
16                  of the commissioners in each department -- okay. I  
17                  spoke to one of them and it was Commissioner Pinto.  
18                  Okay -- and don't yell at Commissioner Pinto and  
19                  tell him, you shouldn't talk to Mr. McKenna, as  
20                  some of you have. Okay.

21                  He's trying to do his job. He told me  
22                  he has no input into what people are classified in  
23                  his department, that it's not up to him.

24                  He's the Commissioner of the Department  
25                  and this whole thing with slotting of people in

1 different positions, you probably read in the  
2 newspaper, and I've sent you a copy of it -- well,  
3 not that, but Mr. Kemp, who's the Civil Service  
4 Director of Nassau County, who recently just did an  
5 investigation into Mrs. Cayman, who was slotted,  
6 they -- the Civil Service Department takes it very,  
7 very seriously, so they say, about people being  
8 slotted into the wrong position.

9 I've been bringing this to the  
10 attention of the -- a lot of the people on this  
11 Town Board for a year now. I recently sent you a  
12 memo that I sent to Mr. Kemp. How is it that Rob  
13 Mangano -- okay -- and correct me if I'm wrong, but  
14 how is it that he is listed and paid as a Deputy  
15 Public Works Supervisor -- okay -- at  
16 100-something-thousand dollars a year?

17 Okay. I called up Public Works last  
18 week. I spoke to one of the people in Public  
19 Works. I have the name of the Public Works  
20 Commissioner. It's not Mr. Rob Mangano.

21 That's fraud. You're gaming the  
22 pension system and there's nine other people that  
23 are in that same category and this is all  
24 incorporated into this great budget that you have  
25 that's the best budget of the year.



1           It's nonsense, and, Mr. Supervisor, you  
2           are not aware of everything that's going on because  
3           you can't be and they're not telling you.

4           Thank you.

5           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

6           Mr. Darienzo, would you please step  
7           forward?

8           There's a lot of ground covered there  
9           and, obviously, a lot of accusations, but rather  
10          than to go down that road, let's take the high road  
11          and let's speak to the issues of cost savings.

12          There's a reason we are able to achieve  
13          these cost savings. There's a reason that we are  
14          able to absorb some of the many costs the Town is  
15          slated with and we have a number of ways that we  
16          are enhancing revenue without raising taxes.

17          As a matter of fact, we're cutting  
18          taxes. Let's talk about -- let's be informative to  
19          the public so they understand all the many ways.  
20          There has been press conferences. We have  
21          announced this. We've put examples up on the  
22          Website. We've tried to communicate in numerous  
23          ways, and at least one case, there was a mailing  
24          done to talk about and communicate with the public  
25          so we have transparency on how we are operating

1 Town government.

2 Let's speak to some of the ways in  
3 which we have increased revenue. For instance,  
4 we've sold off many of the vehicles in the Town.  
5 We have increased revenue by cutting back on some  
6 of our many expenditures.

7 Can you enlighten us and go back over  
8 some of these because some of the members of the  
9 public didn't -- didn't pick up on it on the first  
10 time that we were describing, and maybe we didn't  
11 get to all of them in our description?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

13 The Town -- hold on.

14 One thing we didn't mention -- one  
15 thing we haven't mention so far is that budgeted  
16 overtime for 2018 is down just under a million  
17 dollars compared to the 2017 amended budget. It is  
18 down -- that budget amount is \$1.6 million less  
19 than the actual amount in 2016.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And didn't we, in  
21 fact, reduce overtime expenditures in 2017 as well  
22 as what we are doing for 2018?

23 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

24 2017 is ongoing, as you obviously know  
25 and but, yes, we project to reduce our 2017 -- we

1 project that 2017's overtime will be less than 2016  
2 and 2018 will be further reduced. We're reducing  
3 the amount of budgeted consultant costs.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What are we using  
5 for the number for the savings on that?

6 MR. DARIENZO: Just under one million  
7 dollars, I think it's \$950,000 in the budget.

8 We are no longer paying for the  
9 recycling process, thanks to the single-stream  
10 initiative. In fact, we're going to be receiving  
11 money, \$25.08 a ton, I believe it is.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: \$25.08 a ton, and  
13 what's the savings on that for 2018?

14 MR. DARIENZO: We removed a \$350,000  
15 line item in the Solid Waste budget and to further  
16 illustrate our conservative nature, we did not  
17 budget an additional penny in revenue to come from  
18 that so when the revenue comes in, that will just  
19 be surplus that goes towards that fund.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So the number  
21 will be higher than the 385,000, did you say?

22 MR. DARIENZO: There was a 350 -- there  
23 was a \$350,000 expense line that went away. We  
24 anticipate revenues for this to be roughly 100 to  
25 \$150,000. Therefore, a \$400,000 swing, yes.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In addition to  
2 that.

3 But we didn't report that as revenue?

4 MR. DARIENZO: We didn't budget that at  
5 all.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To be extremely  
7 conservative?

8 MR. DARIENZO: Exactly.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk about  
10 the sale of the Sort vehicles.

11 MR. DARIENZO: I believe there were --  
12 was it 22 or 44, I think -- we sold 4 or 5 Sort  
13 trucks for \$44,000 each, I believe.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thus far.

15 MR. DARIENZO: And there are 22  
16 additional vehicles that are up for bid now as my  
17 understanding.

18 Again, the revenue for that has not  
19 been budgeted, for so the money that comes in for  
20 that will just go towards surplus.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just be  
22 additional revenue that we can pay down the surplus  
23 with, and we can bring the Commissioner up to give  
24 us, Commissioner Lenz, to give us more information  
25 on that.

1 Not yet, Commissioner. We still have  
2 more to go over. There's lots more savings that  
3 we're bringing forward, this is just the tip of the  
4 iceberg because you asked how were we able to do it  
5 and this really gives you dollar by dollar how  
6 we're able to do that.

7 Another area we've saved money is on  
8 our electric bill.

9 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. We are  
10 budgeting \$500,000 less in 2018 for our electric  
11 costs due to the installation of LED lights  
12 wherever available to us, most notably in our  
13 streets. The expense for the rental of buildings  
14 for storage is being decreased by \$400,000 in 2018.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Actually, in  
16 excess of \$400,000.

17 MR. DARIENZO: In excess of \$400,000.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: \$430,000. That  
19 is an ongoing savings, if you will, because we're  
20 done renting space.

21 MR. DARIENZO: Those are the key areas  
22 where we're cutting expenses in the budget in 2018.

23 Now, again, the budget is going up by  
24 \$9.4 million. We spoke about the \$11.4 million in  
25 mandated costs.

1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Which we will  
2                   have no control over. That's mandated by law.

3                   MR. DARIENZO: There are -- obviously,  
4                   I mentioned, you know, millions of dollars in  
5                   reductions, so, clearly, there's some other areas  
6                   where expenses are going up, and one that I can  
7                   mention is an increased usage of seasonal  
8                   employees.

9                   We have gone from 1,250 employees down  
10                  to 999 and we feel like it's a more efficient use  
11                  of resources and people to hire seasonals who have  
12                  a lower hourly rate, they have no medical insurance  
13                  costs, they have no retirement system cost, and we  
14                  can use them on an as-needed basis.

15                  We don't need to have them working 24,  
16                  32 hours a week for 52 weeks. Certain departments  
17                  have busy seasons and some of them have light --  
18                  light times of the year, so there's no need to  
19                  continue to hire full-time employees that might be  
20                  needed for a certain part of the year and then not  
21                  needed as much during other points in the year.

22                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What's the  
23                  projected savings from that initiative?

24                  MR. DARIENZO: No. No.

25                  We project to -- we're going to spend

1       \$2 million dollars on -- additional amount of \$2  
2       million on seasonals in our 2018 budget to help  
3       counteract the hundreds of people and over  
4       \$10 million dollars in full time salaries that  
5       we've lost when compared to 2016.

6               Not to mention the fringe benefits, you  
7       know, no medical and no retirement system, so we'll  
8       still be able to provide the services as we've  
9       always provided to our residents, but do it in a  
10      more efficient fashion.

11              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

12              Would Mr. Lenz, Commissioner Lenz, come  
13      up?

14              So the question was presented by a  
15      member of the public about how we are able to  
16      achieve all of these savings. How are we able to  
17      do what we're doing and there has been additional  
18      revenues, some associated with your department, so  
19      can you describe to the public some of the savings;  
20      for instance, we'll start off with the sale of  
21      excess equipment and vehicles that we did not need?

22              COMMISSIONER LENZ: We have sold off  
23      four Sort trucks for \$45,000. We are looking into  
24      the future of selling more trucks when we go into  
25      single stream.

1           When we go into single stream, we'll be  
2           using packers in the future. But that, again, will  
3           have to be moved into slowly because I don't  
4           have -- I need -- couple more manpower in order to  
5           do fully garbage truck, so then we'll take  
6           Sanitation trucks, recycling trucks, which is about  
7           22 of them and start selling them in the future.

8           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we haven't  
9           budgeted for that additional income?

10          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. That has not  
11          been budgeted for.

12          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But it will be  
13          another income as we sell off the trucks?

14          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

15          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And from what  
16          you're -- what we are -- our conversations have  
17          been is that we need to do this in phases.

18          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

19          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To do it  
20          appropriately, but that's just additional money  
21          that we are guaranteed.

22          Are there many municipalities who would  
23          like to buy used Sort trucks?

24          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right now, those  
25          four were sold to Canada, believe it or not, and in



1 the future, we will be able to sell some more.

2 Oh, also, surplus equipment, there's a  
3 lot of equipment that the Town has bought that has  
4 not been used or repaired in many years. We sold  
5 them off around \$100,000. We're looking to sell  
6 some more equipment off in the future due to the  
7 repairs being an extreme cost and that we are not  
8 replacing them.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And then we're  
10 not replacing them, including -- on that list  
11 included in the vehicles we have told was the --  
12 the previous Supervisor, two vehicles.

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. We did. We  
14 sold both of them.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And they have not  
16 been replaced?

17 COMMISSIONER LENZ: They have not been  
18 replaced, and we will be selling more vehicles in  
19 the future. Part of that -- and that, again, is  
20 not part of this budget.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In terms of  
22 garbage trucks and the larger vehicles, we have had  
23 a number of those that we have sold?

24 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, we have.

25 Again, garbage trucks, some sanding

1 trucks, some pickup trucks we have sold. We also  
2 sold some mowers and a spreader so we're working in  
3 every area we can to try to reduce the equipment  
4 load.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And expenses  
6 associated with it?

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I recall  
9 conversations that I've had with you where we spoke  
10 about evaluating the cost benefit analysis to  
11 determine if it's better to continue to repair  
12 those or to replace those at some point; in some  
13 cases, replacing them with used vehicles.

14 For instance, New York City sells  
15 vehicles after they -- once they reach a certain  
16 amount of mileage and they're still operable  
17 vehicles, which is a great idea for us to buy  
18 theirs at a tremendously reduced rate.

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. Yes.

20 So we've been working on reviewing all  
21 of that.

22 Central Vehicle Maintenance is under my  
23 supervision also and that's where this is coming  
24 from, from Central Vehicle Maintenance. They  
25 repair all an awful lot of the garbage trucks and

1 all the other equipment in-house. Some of the  
2 stuff is sent out, but for the most part, they do  
3 it, and then once we realize that there is not a  
4 cost benefit of keeping this vehicle, then we put  
5 it on -- reduce the fleet.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By selling off  
7 the equipment?

8 COMMISSIONER LENZ: By selling them  
9 off, yes.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

11 Thank you, Commissioner.

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you, sir.

13 MR. McKENNA: Rebuttal.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

15 There isn't a rebuttal. That's not  
16 part of the process. You made accusations and we  
17 got you some -- these are just some of the cost  
18 savings.

19 We talked about a million dollars in  
20 overtime. A reduction of our electric bill by  
21 \$500,000, a half a million dollars. A reduction,  
22 or a savings, we no longer are paying that \$350,000  
23 a year to have our recyclables removed from the  
24 transfer station and this goes on and on, so these  
25 are some of the ways on a long list of initiatives

1 to save that money and that really answers the  
2 question of how we are able to do this.

3 MR. McKENNA: Can I just clarify one  
4 thing?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's get through  
6 everyone else.

7 MR. McKENNA: You didn't write a check  
8 out and you're leading the public to believe that  
9 you wrote out a check and paid down \$85 million.  
10 You didn't make out a check for \$85 million.

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Can you get up  
12 to address the Board, please?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just a moment.  
14 All right. We'll address this. It's a very  
15 salient point.

16 Go ahead, please.

17 MR. DARIENZO: We certainly didn't  
18 write out a check for \$85 million.

19 As you can see, there's a budgeted --

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Schedule.

21 MR. DARIENZO: -- pay down for \$98  
22 million next year.

23 We had a similar type of pay-downs  
24 scheduled for this year, so we made our payments.  
25 I actually have a piece of paper that details every

1 payment we've made this year and how our debt went  
2 down during the year.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Date of that  
4 payment and the amount of that payment.

5 MR. DARIENZO: To the dollar.

6 So there's no -- there -- there was no  
7 magic check. There was no second credit card.  
8 It's absurd.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But is it not  
10 true -- isn't it true that we have already paid  
11 down -- let me rephrase that.

12 What's the total amount of our debt we  
13 have paid down in calendar 2017 to date?

14 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

15 So, again, when we talk about debt, we  
16 want to make sure everyone is on the same page. We  
17 issue debt for Town purposes. We issue debt for  
18 special district purposes, on their behalf.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Right.

20 MR. DARIENZO: That they're responsible  
21 for. We issue debts -- we issue debt in the form  
22 of bonds, bands, RANS and TANS.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just like ever  
24 other municipality in the state.

25 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

1                   At the start of 2017, our outstanding  
2                   debt, for Town purposes, was \$763,597,155.00.

3                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: On January 1st of  
4                   2017?

5                   MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

6                   As of today, our outstanding debt is  
7                   \$686,022,960.00 so that's roughly \$77 million of a  
8                   decrease so far this year.

9                   And at the end of the year, it will be  
10                  \$679,118,960.00, a reduction of \$84,478,195.00.  
11                  That is it to the penny.

12                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
13                  much.

14                  MR. McCAFFREY: How is that split  
15                  between the special districts in the Town, if I may  
16                  ask?

17                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's -- we  
18                  don't like to take questions out of order.

19                  MR. McCAFFREY: I understand.

20                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But I think that  
21                  others may also have that question.

22                  That doesn't include special districts.  
23                  They are -- they have their own authority. They  
24                  have their own elected officials, Commissioners of  
25                  a Water District or a Fire District, they have

1       their own ability to pass that, but due to State  
2       Law, they have to borrow through the Town.

3               So we're not responsible for paying  
4       down their debt, so that's a separate -- that's not  
5       included. This is -- we're talking about apples to  
6       apples.

7               MR. McCAFFREY: That's Town money only?

8               SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is the Town  
9       debt only, and that includes the money that was  
10      borrowed over the years to buy open space, which we  
11      own and continue to preserve that the public asked  
12      for it to be purchased through referendums.

13              That includes all the money to upgrade  
14      our parks that people's children utilize, some of  
15      the best facilities that have our parks listed on  
16      the top ten parks in the -- in America.

17              Is that all accurate?

18              MR. DARIENZO: Yes, sir.

19              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
20      much.

21              Okay. Our next speaker, who do we have  
22      next? Anyone else?

23              MS. NICKMAN: Can I come up?

24              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Come on up,  
25      Lynne.

1 MS. NICKMAN: My tax has gone up \$600  
2 because when they pierced the tax cap, my tax bill  
3 has gone up \$600 a year, and so, will my tax bill  
4 in December be including the mandated and  
5 nonmandated things go up in December?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If nothing  
7 changes on your assessment, the Town of Oyster Bay  
8 portion of that tax bill will decrease, if nothing  
9 else changes.

10 Obviously, people's assessments  
11 fluctuate and other factors and this does not  
12 include your school taxes.

13 MS. NICKMAN: I understand that.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That have  
15 continued to go up.

16 MS. NICKMAN: My school taxes are  
17 separate.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, your County  
19 tax or special district, but the portion of your  
20 property taxes that is paid directly -- that is  
21 levied against you by the Town of Oyster Bay,  
22 that's not going up. We have a tax reduction  
23 budget, as proposed, so it should go down.

24 MS. NICKMAN: Okay.

25 Now, I don't mean to be a wiseguy about



1       this but -- I mean, all the things that you're  
2       getting rid of which are true, most of the towns  
3       are not going to buy our excess vehicles,  
4       et cetera, because they are going to go the same  
5       route we're going by --

6               SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, that's not  
7       the case.

8               We have municipalities --

9               MS. NICKMAN: Well, we have 44 trucks  
10       at \$45,000 or \$44,000, and you have spreaders, this  
11       that, they're all going to do the same thing we're  
12       doing. They're going to be getting rid of --

13              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Lynne, we've  
14       already sold this equipment.

15              The items that Commissioner Lenz  
16       mentioned have already been sold. The deal hasn't  
17       gone through yet on the Sort trucks, that's  
18       correct. It's not --

19              MS. NICKMAN: How many Sort trucks are  
20       there?

21              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Except for the  
22       Sort trucks, 22. We have sold --

23              MS. NICKMAN: They have -- are they --  
24       I mean, I know how hard it is to sell these things.

25              SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we have

1 already sold -- God bless you -- we have already  
2 sold a number of pieces of equipment and the  
3 numbers reflected by Commissioner Lenz reflect the  
4 amount that has already been sold by other  
5 entities.

6 We put them out to bid for everyone,  
7 whether it's a private person, a company, or  
8 municipality, they all have the right to bid and  
9 much of this equipment has already been sold  
10 knowing that we're switching over to single stream,  
11 another one of the benefits of going to this single  
12 stream deal that you will probably hear, to hear  
13 people come up to this very podium and say, this  
14 can't be for real, this is such an amazing deal, it  
15 sounds too good to be true, is the words they used,  
16 but it is true and we are getting paid over \$25 a  
17 ton, \$25.08 a ton and we're able to use our garbage  
18 trucks so a municipality in Canada has already  
19 expressed interest in buying our Sort trucks and  
20 that's our intention to sell them.

21 MS. NICKMAN: I'm trying to say, we're  
22 going to have to go out because a lot of the  
23 municipalities here are doing the same thing. I  
24 think -- was it Hempstead that did it?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We should be

1 providing this to anyone and everyone, whether  
2 they're from Upstate New York, whether they're from  
3 Canada, whether they're from another municipality  
4 down the block here on Long Island, we open it up  
5 to everyone and then sell it to the highest bidder.

6 MS. NICKMAN: I just don't think  
7 that -- well, you know, what I think and how I feel  
8 about things, I just don't think that that's the  
9 answer, that we are selling off these things. I  
10 don't disagree with you. I think that we should  
11 get rid --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What would you do  
13 with excess?

14 MS. NICKMAN: -- of anything -- excess  
15 that we don't need.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. That's what  
17 we're doing.

18 MS. NICKMAN: I don't think it's going  
19 to be as easy as everybody's saying.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And that's what  
21 they said about our single-stream recycling and we  
22 had great news there, and I'm looking forward to  
23 providing you great news here in this room at a  
24 future Board meeting.

25 MS. NICKMAN: And I'm waiting for you

1 to get come some special good news.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

3 Is there anyone else who would like to  
4 be heard on our budget, on our proposed budget?

5 (No verbal response given.)

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

7 Is there any correspondence.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: On a lighter note, the  
9 Town Clerk did destroy one fly.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Town  
11 Clerk Altadonna for --

12 MR. ALTADONNA: -- looking after the  
13 Board members.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Continuing to  
15 protect the public.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: And the public and the  
17 Board members, yes. There's still one left.

18 We have affidavits of posting and  
19 publications.

20 There are no other correspondence.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a  
22 motion, please?

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,  
24 I'll make a motion that this public hearing  
25 continue to 7:00 p.m. tonight.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

4 ALL: "Aye."

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

7 (No verbal response given.)

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

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Are we going to give a  
11 break --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We're going  
13 to give a break. We are going to take a five --  
14 maybe ten minute recess.

15 Thank you.

16 (TIME NOTED: 1:51 P.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
ACTION CALENDAR  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
2:16 P.M.

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE  
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA  
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON  
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND

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

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

Minutes of the meeting  
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KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
2 gentlemen, we are ready to begin our third hearing.

3 I ask that the Board members please  
4 come on back.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: No, this is the regular  
6 Action Calendar.

7 MR. MUSCARELLA: We're on the Action  
8 Calendar.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The Action  
10 Calendar. I'm sorry. The Action Calendar.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to  
12 table Resolution No. 687?

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
16 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
17 Macagnone.

18 On the vote:

19 Supervisor Saladino?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Hang on one  
25 second, please.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: This is a cleanup, sir.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

4 Councilwoman Alesia?

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

7 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

9 MR. FREIER: He's in the parking lot.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

11 Are we going wait or we just going to  
12 say, not here?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: He's coming.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: We have a motion on the  
15 table to table Resolution 687. That is a Housing  
16 cleanup.

17 We have five "Ayes" so far.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Now, you have six.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Are you voting  
20 "Aye," Councilman?

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

22 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to table  
24 Resolution No. 687 passes with seven "Ayes."

25 Now, we have some suspends that were



1 listed on the back.

2 May I have a motion to suspend the  
3 rules and add Resolutions No. 686 through 695?

4 On the motion:

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Are we excluding  
6 687, of course?

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes, but that will  
8 be --

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. Thank  
10 you.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: You're welcome.

12 -- that will be at the end when we do  
13 the regular Action Calendar.

14 I should say the entire Action  
15 Calendar.

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

21 On the vote:

22 Supervisor Saladino?

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

25 MR. MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

4 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

6 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

10 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to suspend the  
12 rules and add Resolution Nos. 686 through 695  
13 passes with seven "Ayes."

14 Now, when I call the regular Action  
15 Calendar, I will note that 687 has been tabled.

16 Okay.

17 Now, may I have motion to adopt  
18 Resolutions No. TF-15-17 through 695, noting that  
19 687 has been tabled.

20 Transfer of Funds Resolution No.  
21 TF-15-17; Resolution pertaining to Transfer of  
22 Funds within various departments  
23 Accounts for the Year 2017.

24 Resolution No. 651-2017; Resolution  
25 authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a

1 plaque from Dawn Craft Walton to be placed on an  
2 existing bench at Harry Tappen Beach and Marina in  
3 memory of Dave. L. Craft. (M.D. 9/26/17 #4).

4 Resolution No. 652-2017; Resolution  
5 authorizing the rescission of Contract No.  
6 SE002-16, Recycling of Commingled Glass, Ferrous  
7 and Non Ferrous Metal and Rigid Plastic Containers.  
8 (M.D. 9/26/17 #6).

9 Resolution No. 653-2017; Resolution  
10 authorizing the appointment of a member to the  
11 board of the Town of Oyster Bay Housing Authority  
12 to fill a vacancy with a term expiring August 31,  
13 2018. (M.D. 9/26/17 #9).

14 Resolution No. 654-2017; Resolution  
15 authorizing the re-appointment of a member to the  
16 Board of the Town of Oyster Bay Housing Authority  
17 to fill a vacancy with a term expiring  
18 August 31, 2018. (M.D. 9/26/17 #10).

19 Resolution No. 655-2017; Resolution  
20 pertaining to settlement of negligence claim of  
21 Lori Amico, Theresa Amico and Lynn Amico. (M.D.  
22 9/26/17 #11).

23 Resolution No. 656-2017; Resolution  
24 authorizing memberships in the American Public  
25 Works Association for a one-year period. Account

1 No. DPW A 1640 47900 000 0000. (M.D. 9/26/17  
2 #18).

3 Resolution No. 657-2017; Resolution  
4 granting request from the Rotary Club of Locust  
5 Valley for Town assistance in conducting their  
6 annual Octoberfest on October 21, 2017 at Thomas  
7 Park and to use various Town equipment for the  
8 event. (M.D. 9/26/17 #19).

9 Resolution No. 658-2017; Resolution  
10 granting request from honorable Paul Rupp, Mayor of  
11 the Incorporated Village of Bayville to name the  
12 athletic field at Centre Island Beach in honor of  
13 Mr. Al Staab and to permit the appropriate signage  
14 at the facility. (M.D. 9/26/17 #21).

15 Resolution No. 659-2017; Resolution  
16 authorizing property at 50 Engel Street,  
17 Hicksville, NY be declared surplus property and to  
18 authorize preparation and publication of a  
19 Request for Proposals for the sale of said  
20 property. (M.D. 10/3/17 #39).

21 Resolution No. 660-2017; Resolution  
22 authorizing an agreement between the Town of Oyster  
23 Bay and the Long Island Developmental Disabilities  
24 Regional Office for a Program for Children with  
25 Autism, to be administered by the Group Activities

1 Program (GAP) from January 1, 2018 through  
2 December 31, 2018. (M.D. 10/3/17 #6).

3 Resolution No. 661-2017; Resolution  
4 authorizing an agreement between the Town of Oyster  
5 Bay and the Long Island Developmental Disabilities  
6 Regional Office for Family Support Services  
7 rendered to the developmentally disabled persons  
8 through the Group Activities Program (GAP) from  
9 January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. (M.D.  
10 10/3/17 #7).

11 Resolution No. 662-2017; Resolution  
12 authorizing a Licensing Agreement for the use of  
13 the Tilles Center for the Town's Annual Holiday  
14 Concert Series scheduled to be held December 4,  
15 5 & 6, 2017 and to provide a fee to the Tilles  
16 Center for the use of the Old Brookville Police  
17 Department for traffic control. Account No.  
18 CYS A 7020 47660 000 0000. (M.D. 10/3/17 #8).

19 Resolution No. 663-2017; Resolution  
20 granting conditional conceptual approval for the  
21 Overlook Project at Gerard Beekman Memorial Park,  
22 which will allow the Oyster Bay Lions Club to  
23 proceed in its fundraising and planning for  
24 renovation. (M.D. 10/3/17 #9).

25 Resolution No. 664-2017; Resolution

1 authorizing the implementation of the 2017-2018  
2 Winter Storage Operation and Fee Schedule at  
3 Theodore Roosevelt Memorial and Harry Tappen  
4 Marinas. (M.D. 10/3/17 #10).

5 Resolution No. 665-2017; Resolution  
6 authorizing the issuance of a refund a resident  
7 daily auto fee at TOBAY Beach to M. Maldonado.  
8 Account No. PKS A 0001 02025 523 0000. (M.D.  
9 10/3/17 #11).

10 Resolution No. 666-2017; Resolution  
11 authorizing the issuance of a refund for two  
12 children in the Town's Swim Lesson Program at  
13 Bethpage Community Park Pool to F. Choudhury.  
14 Account No. PKS A 0001 02001 510 0000. (M.D.  
15 10/3/17 #12).

16 Resolution No. 667-2017; Resolution  
17 authorizing the issuance of a refund for one child  
18 in the Town's Summer Recreation Program at  
19 Ellsworth W. Allen Town Park to M. Donnelly.  
20 Account No. PKS A 0001 02001 510 0000. (M.D.  
21 10/3/17 #13).

22 Resolution No. 668-2017; Resolution  
23 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a Special  
24 Events Permit at Marjorie R. Post Community Park to  
25 C. Merz. Account No. PKS SP 0001 02410

1 000 0000. (M.D. 10/3/17 #14).

2 Resolution No. 669-2017; Resolution  
3 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a Special  
4 Events Permit to M. Carrozza. Account No. PKS SP  
5 0001 02410 000 0000. (M.D. 10/3/17 #15).

6 Resolution No. 670-2017; Resolution  
7 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a Resident  
8 Senior Individual Pool Membership at Harry Tappen  
9 Pool to R. Kessler. Account No. PKS A 0001 02025  
10 523 0000. (M.D. 10/3/17 #16).

11 Resolution No. 671-2017; Resolution  
12 authorizing the issuance of a refund of the fee for  
13 the rental of the Showmobile to D. Dimiceil.  
14 Account No. PKS A 0001 02414 000 0000. (M.D.  
15 10/3/17 #17).

16 Resolution No. 672-2017; Resolution  
17 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a rink  
18 rental permit at the Bethpage Ice Skating Center to  
19 J. Verdi. Account No. PKS A 0001 02025 523 0000.  
20 (M.D. 10/3/17 #18).

21 Resolution No. 673-2017; Resolution  
22 authorizing a Clean Vessel Assistance Operation and  
23 Maintenance Agreement with New York State  
24 Environmental Facilities and to authorize the  
25 Supervisor or his designee to execute said

1 agreement. (M.D. 10/3/17 #26).

2 Resolution No. 674-2017; Resolution  
3 authorizing the Supervisor to execute a Memorandum  
4 of Understanding under the Workforce Innovation and  
5 Opportunity for Local Workforce Delivery Area  
6 Service Delivery in connection with  
7 MultiJurisdictional Agreement with the Town of  
8 North Hempstead and the City of Glen Cove. (M.D.  
9 10/3/17 #28).

10 Resolution No. 675-2017; Resolution  
11 authorizing the Supervisor to sign a contract for  
12 the delivery of youth employment and training  
13 services for Out of School youth aged 16-24 for  
14 The period October 1, 2017 through September 30,  
15 2019 in connection with the Workforce Innovation  
16 and Opportunity Act. Account No. IGA CD 6293 48050  
17 000 CW17. (M.D. 10/3/17 #29).

18 Resolution No. 676-2017; Resolution  
19 authorizing a Payment Processing/Document Scanner  
20 to process property tax payments to replace  
21 equipment that has become obsolete. (M.D.  
22 10/3/17 #30).

23 Resolution No. 677-2017; Resolution  
24 granting request for an extension of time for the  
25 application of Ray's Auto Repair, 180R Lauman Lane,



1 Hicksville, NY. (M.D. 10/3/17 #31).

2 Resolution No. 678-2017; Resolution  
3 pertaining to the Delinquent Water Rentals for 2017  
4 for the various Water Districts in the Town of  
5 Oyster Bay. (M.D. 10/3/17 #32).

6 Resolution No. 679-2017; Resolution  
7 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
8 Incorporated Village of Mill Neck to provide sand  
9 and salt for use during snowfalls at the same  
10 purchase rate as that purchased by the Town. (M.D.  
11 10/3/17 #33).

12 Resolution No. 680-2017; Resolution  
13 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the  
14 Hicksville Fire District to provide sand and salt  
15 for use during snowfalls at the same purchase rate  
16 as that purchased by the Town. (M.D. 10/3/17 #34).

17 Resolution No. 681-2017; Resolution  
18 pertaining to the Highway Department and the Glen  
19 Head Business Association's joint effort to repair  
20 Parking Field G-2 in Glen Head and to accept  
21 donated materials from the business association in  
22 connection with the project. (M.D. 10/3/17 #35).

23 Resolution No. 682-2017; Resolution  
24 authorizing the issuance of a Request for Proposals  
25 for dental insurance for Town employees and

1       retirees the period January 1, 2018 through  
2       December 31, 2020. (M.D. 10/3/17 #40 & 10/10/17  
3       #17).

4               Resolution No. 683-2017; Resolution  
5       pertaining to the decision on amendments to the  
6       Code of the Town of Oyster Bay, New York, amending  
7       Chapter 233 of the said code pertaining to parking,  
8       stopping, crossing, loading zones, thru traffic,  
9       trucking operations and other traffic regulations.  
10      Hearing held: October 17, 2017. (M.D. 8/15/17 #14).

11              Resolution No. 684-2017; Resolution  
12      authorizing the award of Contract No. SE 007R-17,  
13      Surplus Streetlight Luminaires and Surplus  
14      Showmobile Stage Flats (rebid). Bids received:  
15      September 13, 2017. (M.D. 10/3/17 #20).

16              Resolution No. 685-2017; Resolution  
17      pertaining to the decision on the Local Law  
18      entitled: "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 182 of the  
19      Code of the Town of Oyster Bay to add New Article  
20      III entitled Regulation of Bamboo Growth in  
21      Commercial Districts throughout the Town of Oyster  
22      Bay, and to Amend Chapter 135 of the Code of  
23      The Town of Oyster Bay to Add a New Article VIII  
24      entitled, Regulation of Bamboo Growth in  
25      Non-Commercial Districts throughout the Town of

Oyster Bay". Hearing held: October 3, 2017. (M.D. 10/3/17 #5).

Resolution No. 686-2017; Resolution granting request from the Bethpage Fire Department Engine Company Seven for Town assistance in hosting its annual Street Fair on October 22, 2017, to use Municipal Parking Fields B-1 and B-4, posting of temporary "No Parking" signs and for the closure of local roads as well as the use of various Town equipment for the event. (M.D. 10/10/17 #18).

Resolution No. 688-2017; Resolution authorizing the property cleanup assessment of 107 Lawrence Street, Farmingdale, NY, be referred to the County of Nassau for placement on The Nassau County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #11).

Resolution No. 689-2017; Resolution authorizing the property cleanup assessment of 20 Quail Run, Massapequa, NY, be referred to the County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #12).

Resolution No. 690-2017; Resolution authorizing the property cleanup assessment of 192 N. Queens Avenue, Massapequa, NY be referred to the County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau

1 County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #19).

2 Resolution No. 691-2017; Resolution  
3 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of 8  
4 Floral Drive East, Plainview, NY be referred to the  
5 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
6 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #20).

7 Resolution No. 692-2017; Resolution  
8 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
9 37 Ford Drive West, Massapequa, NY be referred to  
10 the County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau  
11 County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #21).

12 Resolution No. 693-2017; Resolution  
13 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
14 4 Vivian Place, Plainview, NY be referred to the  
15 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau  
16 County Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #22).

17 Resolution No. 694-2017; Resolution  
18 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of  
19 75 Bell Place a/k/a 214 Toronto Avenue, Massapequa,  
20 NY be referred to the County of Nassau for  
21 Placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment  
22 Rolls. (M.D. 10/10/17 #23).

23 Resolution No. 695-2017; Resolution  
24 authorizing the issuance of a gift certificate to  
25 the Town of Oyster Bay Honorable Joseph Colby Golf

1 Course as a donation for the CancerCare Lung Cancer  
2 Walk for Hope "Strike-Out Cancer" bowling event  
3 fund raiser event to be held October 21, 2017.  
4 (M.D. 10/10/17 #24).

5 On the motion:

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
9 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
10 Macagnone.

11 You have multiple speakers, Supervisor.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 Our first speaker will be Arthur  
14 Adelman.

15 MR. ADELMAN: Arthur Adelman,  
16 110 Dubois Avenue, Sea Cliff.

17 First of all, thank you all for you  
18 allowing me to speak and the decorum today is  
19 beyond wow, you know.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

21 MR. ADELMAN: I got to say, I noticed  
22 it, too. I'm here to question something I never  
23 heard of. It pertains to Resolution 678,  
24 Delinquent Water Rentals. I'm not sure what this  
25 is all about.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will get you  
2 an explanation on that.

3 And I believe is that handled out of  
4 Public Works?

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: T.A.

6 Sorry, Commissioner?

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: We believe it is  
8 the Town Attorney.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Town Attorney  
10 Office. All right. So he's looking that over  
11 right now and --

12 MR. ROZEA: I think, Supervisor, and  
13 Mr. Adelman, it's pretty clear that what's happened  
14 here is that some of the Water Districts were a bit  
15 late getting payments to the Town and so this here  
16 is to clean that up. All right.

17 And we will be sending certified copies  
18 of the water rental to the Water District so that  
19 we can collect there upon.

20 MR. ADELMAN: It was my -- someone  
21 mentioned to me, or I read it somewhere, that the  
22 Town remits 100 percent to the District and then we  
23 send the collection notices for the County to add  
24 to the homeowners or business owners assessment in  
25 order to collect the money and then the money comes

1 back to us.

2 MR. ROZEA: That's possible, but what's  
3 happening here is that we'll be sending the  
4 delinquent notice to the Department of Assessment  
5 so that it can be assessed onto the tax roll so  
6 that the money is correct to the appropriate  
7 parties.

8 MR. ADLEMAN: My question is: Do we --  
9 it's a -- it's a \$1,200,000 in this delinquency  
10 that's on the list, and I'm just concerned that the  
11 money goes out of the Town coffers to this specific  
12 Water Districts while we wait to get we repaid by  
13 the County, if they do, in fact, collect the money  
14 from these property owners.

15 MR. ROZEA: I'm not certain,  
16 Mr. Adelman, how the mechanics work, but I can tell  
17 you that that's what we're attempting to do here  
18 with this Resolution, is to add it to the  
19 assessment roll so that anything that was owed will  
20 be paid to the appropriate parties.

21 MR. ADLEMAN: Okay.

22 But we don't -- no one knows if we're  
23 fronting the money to the Water Districts?

24 MR. ROZEA: Perhaps someone in Finance  
25 can speak to that.

1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Darienzo,  
2                   would you please come forward?

3                   MR. DARIENZO: I came in on the middle  
4                   of this one, so I missed the question.

5                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So what we have  
6                   is a situation where there were delinquent water  
7                   payments to be made and Mr. Adelman's question,  
8                   again --

9                   MR. ADELMAN: Do we front the money to  
10                  the Water Districts while they're waiting to get  
11                  the money from the County?

12                  MR. DARIENZO: No.

13                  We pass Resolution, it goes on to their  
14                  tax rolls and next year when they pay their taxes,  
15                  it then goes to the Water Districts as a separate  
16                  line called "water rental arrears."

17                  So we'll give them -- we give the Water  
18                  Districts a payment in the first half and the  
19                  second half and we give them a breakdown of what  
20                  part of is taxes, what part is water rental  
21                  arrears, what part might be interest income,  
22                  et cetera, et cetera, and then we exclude the debt  
23                  payments that we make on their behalf so,  
24                  therefore, we give them the exact amount of money  
25                  that we owe them, taking back what we pay for the



1 debt on their behalf, to tie in the whole debt  
2 conversation about Special District debt versus  
3 Town debt.

4 So that's the long way of saying, no,  
5 we don't front them the money.

6 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Excuse me, Rob.

7 Does this happen every single year the  
8 same way?

9 MR. DARIENZO: Every single year, there  
10 are residents who don't pay their water bill and --

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: But these aren't  
12 residents? These are Water Districts, right?

13 MR. ADELMAN: No, these are -- that's  
14 what I was getting at.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: These are Water  
16 Districts.

17 MR. ADLEMAN: No. These are people who  
18 didn't pay the Water District.

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: These are people  
20 who didn't pay the Water District.

21 MR. ADLEMAN: Yeah.

22 Can you believe it? And water in Water  
23 Districts is cheap. That's why I don't understand  
24 these numbers. It's \$1,200,000. It's a lot of  
25 money, and I'm afraid that we're sending the money

1 over to the Water Districts first and getting paid  
2 second.

3 MR. DARIENZO: That's not the case.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's not the  
5 case.

6 MR. ADELMAN: Now, can we make an  
7 arrangement that if I don't pay my water bill,  
8 New York American Water does that and we can then  
9 pay it as taxes?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I know that's a  
11 rhetorical question.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's thinking  
13 outside the box.

14 MR. ADELMAN: Exactly. I'm just trying  
15 to get our water bills -- you know, the taxable  
16 portion be deductible, taxable expenses for all of  
17 us.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Arthur, this is a  
19 great opportunity to reiterate to you, and to the  
20 public, that we continue to be in lockstep with you  
21 and our residents.

22 The ratepayers, the water users, to  
23 continue to keep the pressure on. We understand  
24 the situation. We are very sympathetic and we will  
25 continue to be your voice with Albany, with our

1 State Representatives and to the Controllers Office  
2 to continue -- and the Governor's Office to keep  
3 the pressure on.

4 MR. ADLEMAN: Right.

5 And it's greatly appreciated because I  
6 know Town Council is working on the friend of the  
7 court brief for the Village of Sea Cliff, it's  
8 filed in Article 78. That's appreciated.

9 And, again, Mr. Rozea told me that he's  
10 looking into the aspect of if the Town could pay at  
11 least the portion that New York American Water is  
12 saying is attributable to taxes on the fire hydrant  
13 rentals, which is going up to \$540 next year, per  
14 hydrant.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you for  
17 sharing that with us.

18 MR. ADLEMAN: Your attitude is great.  
19 I love it.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
21 much, sir.

22 Joel Burst?

23 MR. BURST: Good afternoon.

24 Joel Burst, immediate Past President of  
25 the Northwest Civic Association.

1                   You can take off my public comment  
2                   ticket for later. I'll make the one comment I was  
3                   going to do at first.

4                   I'd like to -- on behalf of all the  
5                   Hicksville Civics, thank those on and off the dais  
6                   that are in the room for participating in our  
7                   forums the last two weeks.

8                   I think they went really well and it  
9                   was very informative for everyone. Okay.

10                  Getting on point, I am up here right  
11                  now on Resolution 659 around the Engel Street  
12                  property. Only three of you were on the Board when  
13                  this was a first issue.

14                  It was a part of the doing away with  
15                  the two asphalt plants that plagued the community  
16                  for forty years.

17                  I was President until this year, with  
18                  Northwest Civic Association for ten years. I'm  
19                  still serving on the Board 18 years and it was a  
20                  big problem for people before I was there, so I was  
21                  helping, and I changed the mood of our Civic from  
22                  adversarial to the Town to trying to work with the  
23                  Town, and it was successful ultimately that despite  
24                  the sins of the predecessors who had power, that  
25                  the asphalt plants were gone, but it's still an

1 issue because of what happened subsequently about  
2 the property and about the money.

3 When the deal was made and negotiated,  
4 we got it down to 390 units from some ridiculous  
5 number they proposed and they drew a line in the  
6 sand and said this is it, you've got to take that  
7 or leave it or they're going to leave the asphalt  
8 plants.

9 And then they, also as a part of the  
10 deal, were giving the Town, the Engel Street  
11 property, and that was the original deal that when  
12 it was time for the final vote and approval when we  
13 came up to the Town Board, we were shocked to find  
14 out that Engel Street was sold to the Town, not  
15 given to the Town, and we were told that the  
16 figure, at that time, was \$4 million.

17 Now, when I saw the Newsday report a  
18 short while ago about it, it only claimed that we  
19 paid two and a half million, which that's a big  
20 discrepancy to hear what actually happened and what  
21 we were told, and we were told, from the former  
22 Supervisor, right where you're sitting, so it was  
23 here on the record.

24 I'm hoping you can let me have a little  
25 more time with this because I think it's something

1       that you need to know about. We need to really  
2       truly appraise that property and I don't think it  
3       should be sold. What was said at that time was if  
4       the Town owns it and the community has an idea,  
5       that they would accept an idea and try to use the  
6       property in a good function.

7               And Becky, I think you remember, I had  
8       proposed moving the animal shelter and making the  
9       rest of the dog park so we would have a dog park in  
10      the North and a dog park in the South, and a lot of  
11      people thought that was a great idea because making  
12      a dog park was not very expensive and the Highway  
13      Department did it themselves, no outside  
14      contractors, no big costs, and now you've got an  
15      issue coming up in September of '18 to pay rent for  
16      where the animal shelter is.

17             If you move the animal shelter on  
18      property that we own, we would have to pay less  
19      rent because we wouldn't be using their square  
20      footage. Plus, you're giving people, if they want  
21      to go to a dog park, they don't have to go all the  
22      way down to Massapequa if they live up on the North  
23      Shore or even in the center of the Town.

24             So I think that should be reexplored  
25      before we talk about selling it because we own it

1 already, we can save the money of that rental, and  
2 also make a good use for the -- for the people of  
3 the Town.

4 So, I know you were never a part of  
5 this before, but she's nodding her head  
6 remembering. I'm sure Tony remembers and Joe  
7 remembers that we were, at that point, talking  
8 about this usage for the community.

9 And I guess that's all I have to say  
10 about it, and you can comment and I don't think it  
11 should be sold as the ultimate thing. We should  
12 make it a use, like I just said.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Joel.  
14 We're keeping options opened and this  
15 is just part of the process of gaining more  
16 information.

17 Thank you.

18 I don't have any other slips on our  
19 Resolutions.

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I have a couple  
21 of questions.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure.

23 Mr. Freier, I don't know why I don't  
24 have your slip. You spoke on our hearing. That's  
25 why it wasn't recycled back. Okay. Perfect.

1 MR. FREIER: I put public comment down.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. We have you  
3 on the public comment list as well.

4 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

5 Bob Freier, Woodbury, New York,  
6 33 Chestnut Lane.

7 Resolution 652, that is -- just want to  
8 confirm, that's canceling the contract with -- I  
9 think it's pronounced Giove. I'm sorry if I'm  
10 mispronouncing that.

11 Is that right?

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We'll get -- ask  
13 your questions, please, if you don't mind, and  
14 we'll answer when you're done.

15 MR. FREIER: I notice that's from Eric  
16 Tuman, who was prominently featured in the news  
17 recently.

18 Resolution 653 and 654 together, I  
19 believe -- I see that those are appointments being  
20 recommended to you for -- to the housing -- Oyster  
21 Bay Housing Authority.

22 My question is, I notice that Richard  
23 Andruzzi is the person making the recommendation to  
24 you in the -- in the backup.

25 Isn't he the former leader -- certainly



1 a political -- I guess you could call him a  
2 political operative, but isn't he the former leader  
3 of the -- I think it was a Plainview Republican  
4 Club and doesn't his son-in-law and grandson  
5 Raymond and Raymond, Jr. Swierkowski, I think it's  
6 pronounced, are they current Town employees here as  
7 well?

8 And then on Engel Street property, did  
9 the -- I know when you had your special meeting  
10 when you appointed Mr. Carman's next door neighbor,  
11 Mr. Ballas, as Controller, you also authorized an  
12 assessment of that property, and I would assume  
13 that assessment's back.

14 I'm curious what the value of the  
15 property came back as and I'm assuming if you do  
16 choose to sell this property, I understand that  
17 that property was originally bought with C Fund  
18 money so what will you be spending that money on  
19 when you come back when -- you know, if you should  
20 sell that.

21 That's really it. Thank you.

22 I'll go back and listen to your  
23 answers.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. On the  
25 sale of that property, as per law, the C Fund, the

1 money would have to be returned to that account at  
2 the amount that was borrowed. Any amount over that  
3 could be utilized for a different project.

4 On -- there was a question about  
5 ferrous metal.

6 Is that our DPW Commissioner?

7 Okay. Commissioner, let's talk about  
8 the contract and the purpose for this specific  
9 Resolution on that contract.

10 COMMISSIONER LENZ: This is to tell  
11 Omni -- this is Omni, by the way.

12 Omni, that we're not going to be using  
13 their services in the future.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: This is the  
15 30-day notice we have to give?

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, we do. Yes.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As per law.

18 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, as per law.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. We're  
20 following the law.

21 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Commissioner,  
24 while you're up here -- or, I don't know if  
25 Legislative Affairs, but on the Resolution itself,

1 I think it says as of October 2nd; it should  
2 actually say October 23rd.

3 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Agreed.

4 It should be October 23rd, yes.

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It's a typo. At  
6 least you know I'm reading them.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's important.

8 Can make sure that we note that?

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you. Yes.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you very  
12 much.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

14 MR. FREIER: The question regarding the  
15 Housing Authority.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Housing, do we  
17 have someone here from Housing.

18 Anyone? No. Okay.

19 We'll have to get that answer to you  
20 when we can reach out to someone from Housing on  
21 that.

22 All right.

23 Who is our next speaker? I believe  
24 it's Mr. McKenna.

25 Hi, Kevin.

1                   How are you?

2                   MR. McKENNA:   Good, Mr. Supervisor.

3                   Kevin McKenna, Syosset, New York.

4                   I've noticed that -- and this pertains  
5   to the Resolutions -- I've noticed that we do a lot  
6   of things here in the Town of Oyster Bay because  
7   it's always been done that way in the past, and in  
8   light of the budget hearing today, I think that  
9   it's an opportunity to take a harder look at some  
10  of these Resolutions that just seems that we always  
11  just vote "Aye."

12                  And I'm just curious, I didn't get a  
13  chance to look at the backup, but can anybody tell  
14  me, on Resolution 656, which is the renewal of a  
15  membership for American Public Works, I'm wondering  
16  if anyone can tell me how much that costs?

17                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Okay.   Why don't  
18  you give us all your questions and then we'll get  
19  them answered, of course.

20                  MR. McKENNA:   You're going to vote on  
21  it, so I would think that it's something you --

22                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   574.03.

23                  MR. McKENNA:   570.

24                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   Yes, sir.

25                  MR. McKENNA:   Okay.   You know, it's --

1        what I'm pointing out is that you're probably just  
2        going to approve it.

3                Does anybody in Public Works -- I mean,  
4        they have a website. I just checked it. It's got  
5        information on it.

6                Does anybody access that web -- why are  
7        we going to give them the money? That's really the  
8        question.

9                SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We'll get that --  
10       we have our Commissioner here. We'll get you an  
11       answer.

12               MR. McKENNA: It is insignificant but  
13       these things all add up, you know.

14               On Resolution 659, which was just  
15       brought up, what is the appraisal value of that?

16               And as the gentleman just talked about,  
17       the suggestion about keeping the property and so on  
18       and so forth, which hearing it for the first time,  
19       makes a lot of sense to me.

20               My question is: This Resolution went  
21       on the calendar today. Who decided -- did the  
22       Board get to have a conversation? Did you guys  
23       talk and decide that it would be a good idea to  
24       sell this property? Who made the decision to put  
25       this on?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. McKenna,  
2 when this came up, I arose the question, are we  
3 doing this -- they were just looking for an  
4 appraisal. Okay. That's when it first came up.  
5 That's the extent I got and then we got this backup  
6 on Friday where they're looking to put it out for  
7 an RFP.

8 MR. McKENNA: You say they.  
9 Who is "they"?

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: The -- excuse  
11 me, Supervisor's Administration.

12 MR. McKENNA: Supervisor's  
13 Administration.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, sir.

15 MR. McKENNA: So they, the  
16 Administration, doesn't really consult and ask the  
17 Council or even the public?

18 Like, why are we thinking about selling  
19 this and not selling the Littauer Estate? Why  
20 hasn't the Administration suggested that you sell  
21 the Littauer Estate when nobody even knows it  
22 exists? I'm just curious. Like, what involvement  
23 does the Town Board have in these decisions that  
24 you're being asked to make? It appears to me,  
25 none.

1 Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
3 Mr. McKenna.

4 Who is our next speaker?

5 MR. FREIER: Mr. Supervisor, I didn't  
6 use my time. One question I forgot to ask if  
7 that's okay.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What's your  
9 question?

10 MR. FREIER: The question was on  
11 Resolution 678 on the delinquent Water Districts  
12 that Mr. Adelman asked about.

13 Last -- wasn't -- I don't know if they  
14 still are, but I was curious, is Mr. Carman's law  
15 firm still the attorney of record for the Water  
16 Districts?

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Carman has  
18 not been the attorney of record on any Water  
19 District.

20 MR. FREIER: His firm?

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Carman has  
22 not been the attorney.

23 The information that I received is  
24 there are other people at that -- who utilize that  
25 building and they have the right to practice law,

1 but Mr. Carman is not the attorney for any Water  
2 District.

3 MR. FREIER: It's a different firm.

4 MR. McKENNA: So it's his firm.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, I asked -- I  
6 answered your question.

7 There may be people there who rent  
8 space and have the right to have -- just like the  
9 people that your company puts in place, they have  
10 the right to do business. You take a -- you take  
11 money from them to put them someplace in employment  
12 and then they have a right to conduct that  
13 employment, so we've answered your question.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If I can add to  
15 it, please.

16 Mr. Carman, you know, let's face it, I  
17 don't agree to everything he does, but I will say  
18 that he knows how to walk that line and he would  
19 not put his influence in on anything that has to do  
20 with the Town.

21 That's one thing I will say about  
22 Mr. Carman.

23 MR. FREIER: Thank you.

24 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Can I ask --  
25 sorry.



1 I didn't know how loud my microphone  
2 was going to be.

3 He's also appearing on the letterhead,  
4 Supervisor, for the Housing Authority.

5 Is that in his capacity or maybe -- I  
6 don't know if Greg is in here, but is that in his  
7 capacity.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I don't see him  
9 here right now, but we can get you that  
10 information.

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. I know  
13 he -- we'll get that for you so we get that  
14 accurate for you. Okay. All right.

15 Our next speaker.

16 Mr. McKenna?

17 MR. McKENNA: Mr. Supervisor, did you  
18 get a value on the answer to the appraisal?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's find that  
20 out.

21 Do we have someone here representing  
22 who can give us information on the Engel Street  
23 property?

24 MR. ROZEA: Supervisor, the appraisal  
25 came back --

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Come on up to the  
2 front.

3 MR. ROZEA: Sure.

4 The appraisal came back at \$2,720,000.

5 MR. McKENNA: Half of what we paid.

6 MR. ROZEA: I wasn't involved early on,  
7 so I couldn't answer your question.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: As far as I  
9 know, it was \$2.5 million we paid for it, best of  
10 my recollection.

11 MR. ROZEA: By the way, if the RFP  
12 requires a minimum price of \$2,730,000, of course,  
13 the bids may exceed that minimum.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thank you.

15 MR. McKENNA: Isn't there a dispute in  
16 the price.

17 Didn't the gentleman say you paid  
18 4 million?

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: He might have.  
20 I just remember from what we voted on and reading  
21 the minutes.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yeah, this is the  
23 information that we have but, again, this doesn't  
24 mandate that we take anything particular action.  
25 It's about collecting information. We heard a

1 suggestion from a Hicksville resident today as one  
2 potential use of the property and we would like to  
3 hear from other Hicksville residents, including  
4 those who live immediately adjacent to the  
5 property.

6 Is there anyone else who would like to  
7 be heard on any of the Resolutions?

8 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I have questions.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

10 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Sorry.

11 Question on Resolution 650- -- sorry,  
12 Supervisor, just bear with me one minute.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please, take your  
14 time.

15 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: 677.

16 Is this -- it's a request for an  
17 extension of time for a building permit, but it  
18 looked to me like it was a building permit from  
19 1996.

20 Can that be possible?

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Come on up,  
22 please.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm glad you ask  
24 that. I had the same question on that.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: It just seems

1     like -- particularly, what we're going through in  
2     Plainview with Trader Joe's. I'm a little  
3     sensitive to older permits being extended.

4                 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Good afternoon,  
5     Supervisor, Members of the Town Board.

6                 Tim Zeich, Deputy Commissioner of  
7     Planning and Development.

8                 Councilwoman, to answer your question,  
9     what had happened was back in the 1990s, this  
10    particular property owner came in and was granted a  
11    special use permit to do an auto body repair  
12    service.

13                As a condition of those restrictive  
14    covenants, they had to come back before the Board  
15    for a final site plan approval.

16                Since then, and we did renew it once  
17    last year, they have not obtained final site plan  
18    approval. They are in the process of getting their  
19    paperwork together. They did ask for one more  
20    extension. The Commissioner of the Department said  
21    that we put it before the Board and advised them  
22    that this would probably be the last time they get  
23    an extension and, obviously, it would be up to the  
24    Board if they're willing to grant it.

25                COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And they're

1 currently working as an auto body repair?

2 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Correct. They are  
3 open and operating.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have they  
5 received any complaints from the residents of the  
6 area?

7 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: None that I'm  
8 aware of.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have we received  
10 any complaints?

11 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Our department,  
12 I'm not aware of any complaints. It is situated in  
13 an LI, or Light Industrial District. There's  
14 really not many residents around there.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: If I remember  
16 the backup correctly, it was April 2nd so why don't  
17 we just give them six months, given them to  
18 April -- give them to April 30th to get it done?

19 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Well, that --

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Because this is  
21 a -- come on. This is enough time.

22 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Councilman, I  
23 agree with you. It did expire on April 2nd of  
24 2017.

25 This request is only granting the

1 extension of time from this previous extension --  
2 excuse me, this previous expiration date to the  
3 current expiration date now of April 2018.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.

5 Excellent. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: So note, that's  
7 not going to be a year. It's just going to take it  
8 to April of 2018. That's if the Board looks  
9 favorably upon it.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

12 Any other questions for Tim?

13 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I do. Not for  
14 Tim.

15 COMMISSIONER ZEICH: Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thanks, Tim.

17 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thanks, Tim.

18 On Resolution 659, which is the Engel  
19 Street Resolution, I know that the previous  
20 Administration, that we had had some conversations  
21 and plans with respect to relocating buildings like  
22 the animal shelter onto this site and I was just  
23 wondering if we sell this land, doesn't that, kind  
24 of, close off those possibilities? What are --  
25 what are our plans with respect to -- I realize

1 that's a very broad question, it may not be germane  
2 to this Resolution but we're -- by selling this, by  
3 declaring it surplus, we're precluding being able  
4 to use it for relocation of any of the facilities  
5 on Miller Place and I just was wondering if you  
6 could speak to that for me?

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we are  
8 currently continuing in our negotiations with the  
9 owners and we're looking at all options of that  
10 property so we do own other properties. While I  
11 have not discussed it with anyone, but obviously, a  
12 redesign at the current location is something that  
13 we're looking at as well.

14 There are many locations, but rather  
15 than go down that road on it, today is -- has been  
16 about the budget. I'm happy to meet with you and  
17 have you meet with staff so we can further discuss  
18 that, but I don't think it's appropriate to go down  
19 the road of this very long and complicated issue  
20 except to say, we're continuing to look at what our  
21 legal options are, what our strategic options are,  
22 and there is some time given to planning and we  
23 would love your input.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, sir.

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I, myself,  
2 Councilman Muscarella have been going through this  
3 a long time with the residents of Hicksville,  
4 Councilwoman Alesia, a little bit less, about the  
5 asphalt plant and the paint and the smell and the  
6 noise that they had to endure. We promised them a  
7 park. We promised them land that they could use.

8 I, for one, I'm not ready to vote in  
9 the affirmative on this. I'd like to table this to  
10 get some more time -- it's only -- what are we  
11 talking about, \$22,000 is appraised higher than we  
12 paid for it, why -- let's take some time to make  
13 sure we do -- once we sell it, we can't have it as  
14 a park, we can't have it as anything else, but  
15 whatever the people will want to use it for.

16 So instead of having another asphalt  
17 plant or a car repair shop -- car repair shops are  
18 important, but this is Park land. I'd like to see  
19 it stay as Park land for as long as possible so I'd  
20 like to ask that we table this -- at least table  
21 this for quite a while until we see what other uses  
22 we get out of it.

23 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: That really is my  
24 concern as well, Supervisor, is that -- and again,  
25 I don't want to get into an extended discussion



1 about the relocation but by selling it, by agreeing  
2 to sell it now, we're precluding the use of it for  
3 something. That's -- that's my concern.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have no issue  
5 with tabling this at this time unless Counsel tells  
6 us that we are up against any kind of a deadline  
7 for any specific reason for us to reconsider  
8 tabling it.

9 MR. ROZEA: The RFP does set forth some  
10 timelines, Supervisor.

11 I would imagine that if the Resolution  
12 were tabled to authorize this, we'd need to  
13 readjust the schedule but other --

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That'd be great.

15 MR. ROZEA: But other than that, I see  
16 no reason.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mark Twain said  
18 it best, "Invest in land. They're not making it  
19 any more."

20 MR. ROZEA: That's true.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Would you like to me  
22 to --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yeah, I have no  
24 problem with tabling that.

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,

1 Supervisor.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Thank you,  
3 Supervisor.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to  
5 table Resolution 659?

6 MR. MUSCARELLA: So moved.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
9 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
10 Macagnone.

11 On the vote:

12 Supervisor Saladino?

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

15 MR. MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

19 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

25 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to table

2 Resolution 659 passes with seven "Ayes."

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
4 other questions on this or any others?

5 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I promise.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's okay.  
7 That's what we are achieving. We are achieving  
8 what we set out to do in this Town, to have a  
9 municipality that operates with the input of the  
10 public, where every Board member has the right to  
11 add to the discussion, to bring their ideas, and  
12 our role is to listen to one another, to operate  
13 professionally, and in a way that we can create the  
14 best outcomes, and that's exactly what we're  
15 demonstrating today with the first budget with this  
16 new Board.

17 Three new Board members, and I'm very  
18 proud of the way everyone has been listening to the  
19 public, listening to one another, so that we may  
20 achieve the very best budget that this Town has had  
21 in many, many years.

22 Are there any other speakers on the  
23 Resolutions?

24 (No verbal response given.)

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

1 Is there correspondence?

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Not on this. We just  
3 call for the vote.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: To recap, so everybody  
6 knows, we are calling on the vote for TF-15-17  
7 through 695, noting that 659 and 687 are tabled.

8 On the vote:

9 Supervisor Saladino?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

12 MR. MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

14 Go slow.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye," but  
16 honestly, 662, I'm going to vote "Aye" on for the  
17 concerts but, guys, obviously we're in a financial  
18 crisis, make this the last year for them.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: So you're "Aye" on all?

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye" on all.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

22 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Abstain on 653  
23 and 654.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Hold on.

25 653 and 654. Okay.

1 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: And "Aye" as to  
2 the rest.

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.  
4 Councilwoman Johnson?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye,"  
6 but I want to comment on 681.

7 I just think, good job, Mr. Bishop, in  
8 finalizing Glen Head. I know that the business  
9 owners up there are going to be very happy to see  
10 this work finally getting done.

11 Also, on 658, renaming the field in  
12 honor of Mr. Al Staab, I just wanted to comment  
13 that Al Staab has devoted an entire life and  
14 continues to devote his life and time to the kids  
15 in Bayville and the kids in Oyster Bay, in general,  
16 that might utilize that field and I'm very happy to  
17 see this done.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Kids from all  
19 over Oyster Bay Al's been helping.

20 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Everybody.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: He's a wonderful  
22 man.

23 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.  
25 Councilman Imbroto?

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye."

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

3 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Now bear with  
5 me.

6 Resolution TF-15-17 through 652 passes  
7 with seven "Ayes."

8 653 and 654 passes with six "Ayes," and  
9 one abstention.

10 656 through 658 passes with seven  
11 "Ayes," noting that 659 is tabled.

12 660 through 686 passes with seven  
13 "Ayes," noting that 687 is tabled.

14 688 through 695 passes with seven  
15 "Ayes."

16 That completes our calendar.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Clerk  
18 Altadonna.

19 So, we will close our meeting and then  
20 move to public comment.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
22 make a motion to adjourn the meeting to 7:00 p.m.  
23 tonight.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,

1 signify by saying "Aye."

2 ALL: "Aye."

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Opposed, "Nay."

4 (No verbal response given.)

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have

6 it.

7 Thank you.

8 (TIME NOTED: 2:53 P.M.)

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TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 17, 2017  
7:09 P.M.  
(HEARING - BUDGET  
CONTINUED FROM A.M. SESSION)

**HEARING - BUDGET**

To consider the Preliminary Budget for the Town of  
Oyster Bay for the Year  
2018. (M.D. 9/19/17 #23).

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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COUNCILMAN ANTHONY D. MACAGNONE  
COUNCILMAN LOUIS B. IMBROTO  
COUNCILWOMAN REBECCA M. ALESIA  
COUNCILWOMAN MICHELE M. JOHNSON  
COUNCILMAN THOMAS HAND

A L S O        P R E S E N T:

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

Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary



1                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening,  
2 ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to our evening  
3 session of the Town Board meeting for Tuesday,  
4 October 17, 2017.

5                   This evening's prayer will be led by  
6 Reverend José Tenas of Saint Kilian Roman Catholic  
7 Church in Farmingdale.

8                   Saint Kilian Roman Catholic Church has  
9 a long rich history in Farmingdale dating back to  
10 1896. Saint Kilian Church serves as a focal point  
11 for many parishioners in Farmingdale and the  
12 surrounding communities and it is known for its  
13 active and devoted congregation that serves the  
14 Lord and the Farmingdale community.

15                  Now, I'd like to welcome Father José up  
16 to the podium to lead us in prayer.

17                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: On top of that,  
18 I was baptized there.

19                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There you go.

20                  (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by  
21 Reverend José Tenas.)

22                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And, ladies and  
23 gentlemen, to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance,  
24 I would like to ask up and introduce Lou Savinetti  
25 and Anchor Johansen from Locust Valley.

1 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance  
2 was recited and led by Lou Savinetti and Anchor  
3 Johansen.)

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
5 gentlemen, to your service to the community and to  
6 your service to America. It is greatly  
7 appreciated.

8 BOTH GENTLEMEN: Thank you for having  
9 us.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, will the  
11 Town Clerk James Altadonna, please poll the Board?

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Sure.

13 Supervisor Saladino?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

16 MR. MUSCARELLA: Here.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I am here.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.

21 Good evening, Jim.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Good evening.

23 Councilwoman Johnson?

24 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: And Councilman Hand?

3 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Would you like me to  
5 reread the Hearing?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, please.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Hearing, Budget, to  
8 consider the preliminary budget for the Town of  
9 Oyster Bay for the year of 2018.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

11 We have some speakers on this and we  
12 are in a continuation. We are going to continue  
13 on. We've been at it since -- approximately from  
14 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

15 We can go over the highlights if  
16 someone needs that information. Some of the folks  
17 were here this morning. We'd be happy to do that.  
18 But let's call up our speakers and we'll see if we  
19 can just go from there.

20 We have some speakers -- it looks as  
21 though -- the slips that I have are unrelated to  
22 the budget. So let me ask any speaker would like  
23 to come up in response to our budget.

24 Is there someone who would like to do  
25 that?

1 MR. RING: Yes.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please come up,  
3 sir.

4 Good evening, sir.

5 How are you?

6 MR. RING: Good evening.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you kindly  
8 start off by giving us your name and address for  
9 the record?

10 MR. RING: Jerry Ring.

11 I live at 70 Crescent Drive, Old  
12 Bethpage, New York 11804.

13 I have two questions. First, I noticed  
14 in the various literature that's been mailed out or  
15 I've seen online or on the website that there's a  
16 promise that -- for cost control and \$3 million in  
17 salary savings.

18 Is that correct?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

20 MR. RING: I'm wondering why then why  
21 the salaries in the Executive section of the budget  
22 was increasing by 6 percent, \$500,000.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

24 And you had a second question?

25 MR. RING: Yes.

1 I also understand that there's a  
2 promise that there is no new capital spending in  
3 2017.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: 2017, no capital  
5 spending. Some capital spending in 2018.

6 MR. RING: Does that include bond  
7 anticipation notes?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's bring up  
9 our Director of Finance.

10 Any other questions before I have him  
11 come up.

12 MR. RING: That's sufficient for now.

13 I noticed on EMMA that the Town is  
14 entering -- borrowing \$125 million in bond  
15 anticipation notes payable in 2018 and you're  
16 borrowing in 2017. I was wondering how does that  
17 square with the pledge for no capital spending.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If you'd kindly  
19 take seat, we'll get those questions answered for  
20 you right now.

21 Thank you, sir.

22 MR. DARIENZO: Good evening, Supervisor  
23 and Town Board.

24 I can address both of the questions  
25 that were posed.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Can you just  
2 identify yourself for the people that weren't here  
3 this morning?

4 MR. DARIENZO: Yes. Sorry, Councilman.

5 My name is Rob Darienzo. I am the  
6 Director of Finance for the Town of Oyster Bay.

7 With regards to our salaries, our  
8 statement has been that full-time salaries are  
9 reduced by \$3 million when you compare the 2018  
10 budget to the 2017 amended budget. Overall  
11 salaries are down by 1.7 million. There is  
12 multiple components to our overall salary, not just  
13 full-time salary. So full-time salary is down  
14 roughly \$3 million; overtime is down rough  
15 \$1 million; and seasonals are up roughly \$2 million  
16 with a net of a reduction of roughly \$2 million.  
17 So that explains the salaries and the Executive  
18 summary on Page 1 of the budget.

19 MR. RING: That doesn't explain why the  
20 salaries in the Executive section went up.

21 MR. DARIENZO: The 2017 amended budget  
22 shows salaries of \$83,615,876. The preliminary  
23 budget for 2018 shows salaries of \$81,980,180.  
24 That's a reduction of 1.7 million, not an increase.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

1           And the next question the gentleman has  
2           was about capital spending. Let's talk about our  
3           capital spending in 2017, where it came from.

4           MR. DARIENZO: Right.

5           So our statement has been that the Town  
6           has issued no new money for capital purposes in  
7           2017.

8           The borrowing that the resident was  
9           referring to from February 2nd of this year, was a  
10          complete renewal or conversion of existing debt.  
11          There was no new money issued.

12          In June of this year, we did issue  
13          \$20 million in new bonds, but they were exclusively  
14          for our special districts, not for Town purposes.  
15          So the statement that you have been making is, in  
16          fact, true. We have issued not one dime in new  
17          money for capital purposes in 2017.

18          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is all part  
19          and parcel to our plan of reduction of our total  
20          debt. To date, we have reduced over \$71 million of  
21          our total debt by year's end, which is December 31,  
22          2017. We will have reduced our total debt by over  
23          \$84 million, about \$84.4 million. And in our 2018  
24          budget, we have slated a reduction of debt by  
25          approximately 15 -- 50 -- 50 million. The

1 combination of the two years equals just under  
2 22 percent of the total debt the Town is  
3 responsible for.

4 The plan is to continue to chip away at  
5 the debt more rapidly than was scheduled. We are  
6 reducing our debt. We are closing up the ongoing  
7 deficit in the Town. There is no structural  
8 deficit. This is a 100 percent balanced budget.  
9 And we will continue to bring those savings about  
10 while cutting taxes, doing all of the above.

11 We are very proud of this budget. This  
12 is a budget with no gimmicks, no one shots, no  
13 games, no diversions. This is a budget that our  
14 Town is extremely proud of and, quite frankly, it  
15 is the best budget this Town has had in many, many  
16 years.

17 It is very important to continue to  
18 reduce the total debt in the Town. It will assist  
19 in raising our bond rating. We have a one, three,  
20 five, six-year plan to remove the debt from the  
21 Town and get that back under control, to close up  
22 and end an ongoing deficit.

23 In 2017, we reduced that deficit -- the  
24 ongoing deficit in the budget by \$10 million, from  
25 \$27 million, down to \$17 million. And in 2018,



1       there will be another \$3 million of reduction in  
2       the ongoing deficit, as well as the tremendous  
3       reduction in total debt, as well as a tax cut that  
4       the residents will feel and appreciate as we stay  
5       true to all our obligations including our  
6       contractual obligations with the workforce and  
7       continue to bring great efficiencies to save money  
8       in so many different ways. We talked about that  
9       earlier today.

10               Half a million dollars a year in  
11       savings in our electric bill by converting to LED  
12       lighting. Tremendous amount of savings, we are now  
13       instead of paying to have our recyclables removed  
14       we are being paid. We have taken away a line item  
15       of \$350,000 in our budget that was for recyclable  
16       removal. We now will be paid a significant amount  
17       of money. We are looking at -- was that \$350,000 a  
18       year?

19               MR. DARIENZO: \$350,000 elimination of  
20       an expense and we estimate roughly \$100,000 in  
21       revenue, which was not budgeted for in our  
22       conservative fashion of seeing what comes in and  
23       that money will go to our surplus in the solid  
24       waste fund.

25               SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are

1 approaching this budget with very conservative  
2 estimates. One only has to open our daily paper to  
3 see many articles where municipalities are accused  
4 of overestimating revenue. We are doing just the  
5 opposite.

6 We are taking a very conservative  
7 approach, at my direction, to our revenue  
8 projections and we are also doing the same on  
9 expenditures in a very proper fashion. So that we  
10 are getting the Town back on track financially. We  
11 are exceptionally proud of this budget.

12 MR. RING: I have two things because I  
13 don't think he answered the question.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sure. Come on  
15 back up.

16 MR. RING: Thank you very much.

17 I just wanted to clarify because, as I  
18 said, on the website, it says salaries are going  
19 down, but if you look at the budget, they are  
20 increasing by \$5 million or 6 percent, so I am not  
21 sure where the comparison is.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The net, the net  
23 of the full-time salaries is going down, as well as  
24 the net of all salaries.

25 When everything is combined you see --

1 Mr. Darienzo, just repeat that.

2 MR. RING: I'm looking at 81 -- \$82  
3 million was the preliminary in the 2018 and \$77 was  
4 the adopted, so 81 is greater than 77, I see an  
5 increase.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's clarify  
7 this so you get it right.

8 MR. RING: Part two, is that in  
9 particular, the specific question is in the  
10 Executive session -- section, so that means your  
11 office, salaries are proposed \$1.2 million, a  
12 \$500,000 increase over the adopted budget of 767,  
13 so I'm wondering in your area what's the actual  
14 driving force of that increase.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're a  
16 taxpayer, right?

17 MR. RING: Yes.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

19 You want to see the quality services  
20 and you want to see taxes go down, correct? That's  
21 exactly what we are achieving with this budget.

22 MR. RING: Which additional  
23 resources --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Darienzo,  
25 let's talk about the specifics, please.

1 Thank you.

2 MR. DARIENZO: On Page 1 of our budget  
3 we show the 2017 adopted figures and we show the  
4 2017 amended figures.

5 I'm -- the numbers that I'm speaking  
6 about compare the 2018 budget versus the 2017  
7 amended budget. For those of you who were here  
8 last year, the budget we adopted was put in place  
9 at a time when there was no union contract in  
10 place, so our adopted budget contemplated for  
11 layoffs in the amount of 10 percent of our overall  
12 budget.

13 When the union contract was put in  
14 place in January of 2017, a very large budget  
15 transfer was required to get the salaries back up  
16 where they belong.

17 In fact, the 2017 amended column is the  
18 number that we are comparing things to do because  
19 that's more realistic. The 10 percent layoffs  
20 never came to pass. So, in this case, the 2017  
21 adopted figures are not accurate. That is why we  
22 are comparing them to the 2017 amended figures.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So now we are  
24 using the accurate numbers as they occurred in 2017  
25 and what we will accurately be doing in 2018?

1 MR. DARIENZO: That's correct.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
3 much. I appreciate it.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Could you address  
5 the question about the Executive?

6 MR. DARIENZO: Sure.

7 During 2017 and 2016, there was no  
8 Deputy Supervisor in place. The former Town  
9 attorney held both roles, so the Deputy  
10 Supervisor's position was unfunded.

11 When you became Supervisor, it is only  
12 natural for you to need to add a couple of people  
13 to your staff.

14 Also, the former Supervisor reduced his  
15 salary by the amount of the pension he was  
16 receiving, so the salary for the Supervisor was  
17 vastly understated.

18 The third part of this is, as part of  
19 this budget, the Department of Economic Development  
20 is being folded into the Supervisor's office, so  
21 there is an additional salary that has been added  
22 to your budget for that purpose for an employee who  
23 has not yet joined the staff but should in 2018.

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The department was  
25 eliminated -- it was just transferred from one to

1 the other?

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: A consolidation  
3 of the two departments.

4 MR. DARIENZO: That's correct. And you  
5 can see that figure. If anyone who has a book  
6 looks at the departmental estimate versus the  
7 tentative preliminary, you'll see an increase of  
8 \$111,000.

9 So those three factors are the three  
10 main reasons it went from what you see in the  
11 adopted figure to what you see in the preliminary  
12 figure.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 We are continuing to find  
15 consolidations, continuing to find greater  
16 efficiencies, and continuing to run the Town of  
17 Oyster Bay in the most appropriate and efficient  
18 manner.

19 And it should be pointed out that a  
20 Deputy Supervisor is part and parcel to the history  
21 of the Town. Supervisor Yevoli had a deputy  
22 supervisor, Chuck Johnson was his name -- a very  
23 nice guy. He is remembered and loved by so many.  
24 Supervisor Delgatti had a Deputy Supervisor.  
25 Supervisor -- I mentioned Yevoli, Supervisor Burke

1 had a Deputy Supervisor. Supervisor Colby had a  
2 Deputy Supervisor. And that's been an important  
3 part of the process and part of efficiently and  
4 properly running the Town of Oyster Bay for many,  
5 many decades.

6 Thank you, Mr. Darienzo.

7 MR. DARIENZO: No problem.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The next speaker  
9 is Deborah Bonifacio.

10 It looks as though you're not speaking  
11 on the budget. Is that the case?

12 MS. BONIFACIO: I'm not. I'm not.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

14 Glen and Alfred Pollack, are you  
15 speaking on the budget? It says bamboo here.

16 BOTH:

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No? Okay.

18 Thomas Hessel?

19 MR. HESSEL: Yes. It is about art --

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Not on the  
21 budget, okay.

22 Rob Ruchia (phonetic).

23 MR. RUCHIA: Not budget.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Not budget  
25 related.

1                   So only one hand went up as related to  
2                   the budget. Ah, a second hand. Come on up, sir.

3                   How are you doing today?

4                   MR. CHACKO: Good, Supervisor.

5                   How are you?

6                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It is good to see  
7                   you.

8                   MR. CHACKO: You again.

9                   My name is Shinu. I'm from Birch  
10                  Drive, Plainview, New York 11803.

11                  How much are we budgeting for political  
12                  ad flyers in 2018? I just want to know --

13                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Zero.

14                  MR. CHACKO: Zero?

15                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

16                  MR. CHACKO: Oh, okay. I just want to  
17                  make sure.

18                  Now, I don't understand the part about  
19                  how we paid off the debt. Exactly, how do we --  
20                  where did you find this \$70 million from or this  
21                  \$50 million?

22                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As we went  
23                  through it this morning, we went through a very  
24                  long process of creating great efficiencies. We  
25                  dedicated extra monies to paying the debt down more



1 quickly. We created consolidations.

2 MR. CHACKO: From where, though?

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we cut out  
4 a lot of the outside consultants that used to be  
5 paid in the Town, and we turned that money over to  
6 paying down the debt. We created efficiencies. We  
7 sold off obsolete equipment and trucks.

8 We made consolidations. We  
9 consolidated six departments into one. Some were  
10 departments and divisions, but we created a  
11 consolidation. We cut out spending department,  
12 after department.

13 One example is in the department of  
14 Youth and Community Services where the Town  
15 provides many services including our very, very  
16 popular Music Under the Stars. I believe I saw you  
17 at one of the shows.

18 MR. CHACKO: Probably.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Did you like it?  
20 Did you have fun?

21 MR. CHACKO: I don't remember. I go to  
22 a lot of things.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: At any rate, a  
24 lot of people -- thousands of people go. So we  
25 provided the same number of nights and the

1 fireworks and spent 45 percent less than in  
2 previous years.

3 So we had many, many examples of  
4 consolidations or savings. We replaced lighting in  
5 the town with LED lighting and greatly reduced our  
6 lighting costs.

7 We have, as I mentioned, sold off many  
8 vehicles including the previous Supervisor's two  
9 LTDs. And we consistently found savings and spoke  
10 -- and worked with each and every department to  
11 spend less, cut waste -- the overtime alone,  
12 Mr. Darienzo, was that a half a million less in  
13 overtime this year? The overtime in 2017 that we  
14 cut out, what was the total savings on the  
15 reduction of overtime?

16 MR. DARIENZO: Between a half a million  
17 and a million.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So all of these  
19 -- of this proper process in running government  
20 created many, many savings, which allowed us to  
21 speed up and increase our payments to paying down  
22 the debt.

23 MR. CHACKO: Okay.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Very successful  
25 by the way.

1 MR. CHACKO: Also, in the budget what  
2 is the Interfund Revenues account 02801? And why  
3 is it increasing from \$9 -- from \$10 million to \$30  
4 million?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'll tell you  
6 what, why don't you give us all our questions, and  
7 has been the process with everyone else tell us all  
8 the things you'd like answered and then I'll bring  
9 Mr. Darienzo up and we'll answer your questions.

10 MR. CHACKO: That's it. That's about  
11 it.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

13 MR. DARIENZO: Supervisor, if I can  
14 elaborate on the answer you just provided with  
15 regards to the debt.

16 Many of the things you described help  
17 us to run our operating budget more efficiently and  
18 in a more streamline fashion in 2017. The reason  
19 we were able to reduce our debt by \$85 million this  
20 year is strictly because we issued no new debt in  
21 2017. We paid down what was scheduled. We paid  
22 more than we had to on our bonds, and that was due  
23 to our increased cash position.

24 It really is that simple. By not  
25 issuing debt, it helps you reduce your debt faster.

1 In a typical year, we would pay down debt and also  
2 issue debt, so the net effect would either be an  
3 increase to our overall debt or a slight decrease  
4 to our overall debt.

5 In the past ten years, it's been  
6 increases. We've issued more debt than we've paid  
7 down. This year, under your direction, we took a  
8 drastic approach to pay down our debt and not issue  
9 \$1 in new debt. It is really that simple.

10 With regards to account 02801,  
11 Interfund Revenues, the answer to that question is  
12 this, it is twofold, there are various departments  
13 in the Town that perform functions and services for  
14 the entire Town.

15 One example is Central Vehicle  
16 Maintenance. Those are the workers who handle the  
17 fleet for the entire Town, so their budget is  
18 allocated to every other department in the Town  
19 based on that department's usage of CVM's time and  
20 resources.

21 A department like Sanitation will have  
22 a larger equipment maintenance charge than, say,  
23 the Department of planning and Development because  
24 they have many more trucks on the road, many more  
25 trucks that require repairs.

1           So every fund in the budget, other than  
2           the general fund, will have a line, I think it is  
3           49100, which is the equipment maintenance charge,  
4           and if you add up all the equipment maintenance  
5           charges in the budget, those funds pay the general  
6           fund a revenue.

7           Those departments are paying their  
8           share to the general fund to offset the expenses of  
9           Central Vehicle Maintenance.

10          The other portion of Interfund Revenues  
11          is what we call administrative costs. It is very  
12          similar. Every department and every fund in the  
13          Town, other than the general fund, pays 11 percent  
14          of their total budget back to the general fund in  
15          the form of an interfund revenue.

16          The reason that happens is because many  
17          departments in the general fund, for example, the  
18          Controllers' Office who takes in the cash for every  
19          department, pays the bills for every department,  
20          the Town Attorney's office provides legal services  
21          for every department in the Town, General Services  
22          provides all of the general services type of items,  
23          whether it be supplies, you know, custodial  
24          services to every department in the Town.

25          So, every department in the Town pays

1 11 percent admin fee to the general fund. So those  
2 two -- if you add up every administrative cost,  
3 which I think -- I think its account 49200 in every  
4 budget, every amount for account 49200, plus every  
5 amount for account 49100 administrative costs and  
6 equipment maintenance charge, goes back to the  
7 general fund in the form of Interfund Revenue.

8 Now, to ask why it went from \$9 million  
9 and change to \$30 million and change is a valid  
10 question and here's my explanation.

11 In 2017, we had a tax increase of  
12 11 and a half percent. The design of the budget  
13 was to generate a surplus -- a large surplus to  
14 help us lower the cumulative deficit.

15 The only way to lower a cumulative  
16 deficit is to either understate revenues or  
17 overstate expenses. So, knowingly, we put forth a  
18 budget that said that the budgeted amount for  
19 Interfund Revenues would be \$9 million and change,  
20 even though I knew that account would generate  
21 roughly \$29 million in revenue. I knew that  
22 revenue account would take in much more money than  
23 was budgeted. That's the way we can generate  
24 surplus and help reduce the cumulative deficit.  
25 There's really no other way to do that. If we had

1 a completely balanced budget that neither generated  
2 a surplus nor a deficit, then our cumulative  
3 deficit would be unaffected.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we were able  
5 then to reduce -- greatly reduce our cumulative  
6 deficit to the tune of \$10 million dollars?

7 MR. DARIENZO: At a minimum.

8 Obviously, the year is still going on.  
9 I'm just saying \$10 million in a very conservative  
10 -- to a very conservative amount. I believe it  
11 will be a little bit higher. But the point is we  
12 had to lower a revenue somewhere and that was a  
13 very large revenue account where I could get it  
14 done all in one spot. And now that we have this  
15 year's budget, you'll see that, again, I said it  
16 earlier this morning, the 2018 budget is projected  
17 to have a surplus in the range of \$3 to \$4 million.

18 And I did a similar thing this year.  
19 There are certain revenue accounts that I  
20 understated. They will generate a surplus, which  
21 will help us lower our cumulative deficit, which  
22 will help us increase our bond rating, which will  
23 lead to lowered interest costs when, in fact, we do  
24 choose to issue the smaller amounts of debt in the  
25 near future.

1           This is all -- I designed a plan to get  
2           our bond rating back in shape, to lower the  
3           interest costs, our debt issuances for the good of  
4           our taxpayers.

5           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And, again, there  
6           is no structural deficit in this budget.

7           MR. DARIENZO: Right. It is just the  
8           opposite. There is a structural surplus.

9           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Structural  
10          surplus?

11          MR. DARIENZO: If, in fact, we get --  
12          if every single number in this budget came to  
13          fruition, we'd have a surplus, again, in the range  
14          of \$3 to \$4 million, and that might be -- even be a  
15          little conservative. I'd rather underpromise and  
16          overdeliver.

17          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And in our  
18          conversations, have I instructed you to take a  
19          very, very conservative approach in estimating our  
20          revenues?

21          MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

22          You want to make sure that we don't  
23          have a pie in the sky revenue projections. We want  
24          to make sure we hit our marks and then do better  
25          and exceed them.



1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And as well as on  
2 the expenditure side, we were very, very careful to  
3 account for every expenditure.

4 For instance, we didn't even account  
5 for the fact that our recyclables will be  
6 generating money, so that will be just additional  
7 funding.

8 MR. DARIENZO: That's one revenue that  
9 was not counted for. That's just, you know, for  
10 lack of better term "free money" that will come in  
11 as surplus to the solid waste.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To put the Town  
13 in a much better financial position.

14 MR. DARIENZO: That's just one small  
15 example. There are accounts that are, you know, a  
16 million and hundreds of thousands short. That's  
17 just one example, but throughout the budget, we  
18 were conservative in our estimations.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By short, you  
20 mean --

21 MR. DARIENZO: Short in a good way.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Short in a good  
23 way that this is the money that -- the revenues  
24 that we did not account for to be exceedingly  
25 cautious and conservative.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Right. I did not  
2 account for at all or I accounted for at a lower  
3 amount than I expect to receive.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Darienzo, we  
5 are not going to stop though. We are going to look  
6 to, similar to what the State wants to do, combine  
7 services -- maybe eliminate some departments, do  
8 away with some high-positioned chairs?

9 MR. DARIENZO: There's no reason to  
10 ever stop.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. Good.  
12 I'd like to work with you on this, this next coming  
13 year.

14 MR. DARIENZO: I'd be happy to.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Trim the fat,  
16 combine departments and save us a little more.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Continue to save  
18 money.

19 MR. DARIENZO: I'd be happy to do that  
20 any time.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You got it,  
22 Mr. Darienzo. I'm going to take you up on that.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good. Thank you.

24 MR. DARIENZO: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we have

1 speakers on issues unrelated to the budget, but we  
2 just want to make sure that we have listened to any  
3 member of the public who would still like to be  
4 heard on the budget. All right.

5 So may I have a motion?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
7 make a motion that the public hearing be closed and  
8 the decision be reserved.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

12 ALL: "Aye."

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Against, "Nay."

14 (No verbal response given.)

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

17 Ladies and gentlemen, we fully intend  
18 to work with all the suggestions and input of our  
19 Board members. We had some good suggestions from  
20 the public. We are leaving the roles open for  
21 people to contact us by letter or e-mail. And we  
22 are going to continue to hammer out the most cost  
23 saving and the, quite frankly, the best budget of  
24 any municipality on Long Island this year.

25 We are very proud of this budget, but

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1 we continue to work with you and, quite frankly, to  
2 work with each other. And I'd like to thank my  
3 colleagues on the Town Board for all your very  
4 positive suggestions and the very professional  
5 manner in which we have been deliberating on this  
6 budget. And we can guarantee that we will be  
7 voting on this budget prior to November.

8 All right. Thank you very much.

9 (TIME NOTED: 7:39 P.M.)

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