

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
JUNE 26, 2018
7:17 P.M.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

JAMES ALTADONNA JR.
TOWN CLERK

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Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening
2 ladies and gentlemen, and welcome to Oyster Bay
3 Town Hall for our Town Board meeting of Tuesday,
4 June 26, 2018. Welcome everyone.

5 To lead us in prayer this evening, we
6 welcome our good friend, Deacon Jim Murphy of
7 St. Edward the Confessor Roman Catholic Church in
8 Syosset.

9 Deacon Jim is beloved by his parish
10 family and the community at large and is always
11 there for his congregates in times of celebration
12 and to provide solace in times of sorrow.

13 We thank him for taking time out of his
14 schedule to be with us this evening and we greatly
15 appreciate all he does to make our Town a better
16 place to live, a Town of tolerance and love and
17 understanding for one another.

18 Deacon Jim, the podium is yours.
19 Please step forward.

20 All rise.

21 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by
22 Deacon Jim Murphy.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Deacon
24 Jim.

25 While you're still standing, please, we

1 will now ask for Jericho High School senior Warren
2 Wang to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3 Warren, if you would step forward,
4 please.

5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance
6 was recited by Warren Wang.)

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

8 Actually, just one more moment of
9 silence, please, if I may ask for our United States
10 Armed Forces serving abroad and here in the nation,
11 as well as all of those men and women in law
12 enforcement and our volunteer fire service.

13 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
14 observed.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

16 Tonight, Oyster Bay Town and our Board,
17 and all of residents are proud to recognize an
18 exceptional student athlete and humanitarian
19 Jericho High School senior, Warren Wang.

20 Warren is a true Renaissance man who
21 has accomplished more in his 18 years than many of
22 us do in a lifetime. In addition to being an
23 outstanding student who will attend the University
24 of Pennsylvania, U Penn Wharton, in the Fall,
25 Warren is a national master in chess.

1 He ranked 4th in New York State and 32
2 in the nation among 18 year olds. He won the World
3 Amateur Chess Championship in 2016 and 2017, and
4 has twice appeared on the cover of Chess Life
5 Magazine.

6 To get a true essence of what drives
7 Warren, you'll have to look to a defining incident
8 in his life that occurred seven years ago.

9 Back in 2011, a devastating fire
10 destroyed Warren's home and its contents, including
11 his cherished chess board, pieces and the many
12 awards he has earned over the years. His family
13 was forced to live in a hotel for 18 months, and
14 from that point forward, he learned never to take
15 anything for granted.

16 Quite frankly, a great lesson for all
17 of us. While many would have felt despair, Warren
18 was heartened by the outpouring of support his
19 family received and was inspired to give back to
20 his community and put the needs of others first.

21 In 2014, he and his younger brother,
22 Wesley, founded a nonprofit organization known as
23 Chess Sanity, to teach the game to students from
24 Kindergarten to 12th grade.

25 He and his brother raised funds for

1 Chess Sanity by conducting an informative ten-week
2 chess class. This money allowed them to give away
3 free chess sets and lessons to more than 20 schools
4 throughout the organization's Adopt-a-School
5 Initiative.

6 There's more to Warren than chess,
7 though. He's also a member of the National Honor
8 Society and the Quiz Bowl. He is a co-captain of
9 his varsity tennis team and captain of the varsity
10 badminton team, which won the Nassau County
11 Championship title this year.

12 Warren's exceptional acts of generosity
13 and volunteerism are the foundation of a healthy
14 community, and serve as an important role model for
15 others.

16 At tonight's meeting, the Oyster Bay
17 Town Board provides the ideal backdrop to proudly
18 recognize Warren's efforts, some of Warren's
19 talents, and his commitment to the community and to
20 other students.

21 This underscores the importance of
22 giving back to the community and putting the needs
23 of others first. On behalf of my colleagues on the
24 Oyster Bay Town Board, we salute his actions and
25 the extraordinary community service of Jericho High

1 School senior, Warren Wang. He's joined here by
2 his family, and we ask Warren to step forward, and
3 I would like to ask Councilman Anthony Macagnone to
4 help us by presenting a Citation to Warren Wang.

5 (Applause.)

6 (Whereupon, a Town Citation was
7 presented to Warren Wang by Councilman Macagnone
8 and a photo session ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Warren, would you
10 like to say something?

11 WARREN WANG: I just would thank the
12 Town of Oyster Bay. I started playing chess at
13 about four and a half, and I never knew it would
14 take me this far.

15 And I know when I leave for college
16 next year, my nonprofit will be handled by my
17 brother, and it's just -- it's just great to see
18 the impact it has on other people around me.
19 That's always what I strived for in life, so thank
20 you.

21 (Applause.)

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Keep up the good
23 work and keep making us proud.

24 Before we move forward with the
25 business of the day, I believe it's very important

1 to provide an update to our residents on a very
2 important matter, residents who are here today,
3 residents who are following on the Internet.

4 In regard to the proposed development
5 in Syosset, the Town will require independent
6 environmental and health testing of the former
7 Syosset landfill site and the Department of Public
8 Works site in Syosset, and we will accept the
9 developer's offer to fund this testing and
10 analysis, while it must and will be done
11 independently.

12 As a matter of fact, we will settle for
13 nothing less than independent testing that adheres
14 to establish quality control standards and the
15 methodologies and protocols set forth by the
16 Environmental Protection Agency of the United
17 States of America, the Department of Environmental
18 Conservation from the State of New York, and both
19 State and County Health Departments.

20 Our residents deserve to be part of
21 this process. They deserve to receive precise and
22 verifiable test results, and any independent
23 testing performed will demonstrate a strict
24 compliance with all applicable regulations and
25 industry standards.

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Irrespective of the extensive historic testing at the sites, the Town's unwavering commitment to facilitating additional testing will be completed and done so with unprecedented transparency.

We announced this to the media this past week and we will continue to push forward to ensure that this gets done fully independently.

We will continue to keep you apprised of this independent testing as the process moves forward.

(TIME NOTED: 7:27 P.M.)

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
REGULAR MEETING
JUNE 26, 2018
7:28 P.M.

HEARING - HYDRANT RENTAL

To consider Hydrant Rental Agreements for the Glenwood-Glen Head Fire Protection District for the period July 1, 2018 - December 31, 2018. (M.D. 5/29/18 #18).

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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And now I'd like
2 to call on our Town Clerk, James Altadonna Jr., to
3 poll the Board.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Saladino?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Here.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

11 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: Here.

12 Good evening, Jim.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Good evening.

14 Councilwoman Johnson?

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

19 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: You have a hearing.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before we start
22 the hearing, we have to call for an Executive
23 Session, and I'm going to ask Councilman Muscarella
24 to lead that charge.

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor,

1 I'll make a motion to go into Executive Session for
2 the purpose of the discussion on the SEC and
3 concessionaire litigation.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

7 All: "Aye."

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
9 "Nay."

10 (No verbal response given.)

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

13 Ladies and gentlemen, we thank you for
14 your patience. We will make this as quick as
15 possible.

16 (Whereupon, the Executive Session began
17 at 7:28 p.m. and ended at 7:48 p.m. and the
18 proceedings resumed as follows:)

19 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
20 make a motion to close the Executive Session.

21 No action has been taken.

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

25 ALL: "Aye."

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
2 "Nay."

3 (No verbal response given.)

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

6 Will Town Clerk, James Altadonna Jr.,
7 please call the first hearing?

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Hydrant rental, to
9 consider hydrant rental agreements for the Glenwood -
10 Glen Head Fire Protection District for the periods
11 July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good evening.

13 MS. FAUGHNAN: Good evening,
14 Supervisor, members of the Town Board.

15 Elizabeth Faughnan, Deputy Town
16 Attorney, Town Attorney's Office.

17 This evening, we are here for this
18 hearing to discuss hydrant rent for the period
19 July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018, and --
20 question?

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: No.

22 MS. FAUGHNAN: No, okay.

23 As you may recall, the Town is here to
24 consider the rental of the fire hydrants because
25 the Town -- this is an area where there is no

1 elected fire district with fire commissioners.
2 This is an instance where there is a private fire
3 company, a private not-for-profit company that
4 provides fire protection services.

5 My understanding is something like
6 80 years ago, there's a State Controller opinion
7 that says that water districts must rent the
8 hydrants to either a fire district or a fire
9 department. The reason being, a water district
10 maintains the water infrastructure, it maintains
11 the water mains, but the fire hydrants are
12 necessary for the fire departments or the fire
13 companies to fight fires and provide those
14 services.

15 And that -- the State Controller
16 opinion stated -- and, again, I don't have it, this
17 is my understanding -- stated that is not the
18 responsibility of all of the residents of the water
19 district or the customers of the water company to
20 provide the fire hydrants at no cost to the fire
21 departments or fire districts.

22 As a result, the water districts, or in
23 this case, the water company charges for the usage
24 of the fire hydrants so that the fire department is
25 actually allowed to go in and open the hydrants and

1 use them to fight fires.

2 That was a very long intro and I
3 apologize. The Board considers several of these
4 contracts every year. There are contracts with
5 Oyster Bay -- for the Oyster Bay Fire Protection
6 Area, for Plainview, and this is, as stated before,
7 for Sea Cliff, Glen Head.

8 In other contracts, the fees are
9 different than in this one. The fire hydrant
10 rental fee for the Plainview contract is \$90 per
11 hydrant. I will tell you, I did do some research,
12 and North Massapequa, they charge about \$90 per
13 hydrant as well. My own home district, which is an
14 elected district, Locust Valley, charges \$73.17 per
15 hydrant.

16 Having said that, in this area, the
17 water services are provided by New York American
18 Water, which is a private company. It has to get
19 approval from the New York State Public Service
20 Commission for its fire hydrant rental fees.

21 My understanding is the fee has been
22 the same since at least 2013, and the fee is a
23 rental fee of \$748.62 per hydrant per year.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me?

25 MS. FAUGHNAN: \$748.62 per hydrant per

1 year. That fee has been consistent for at least
2 the last five years. So that is a total
3 \$167,690.88 per year.

4 In January, the Board passed Resolution
5 No. 36 of 2018, approving payment of the fee to
6 New York American Water for the six months,
7 January 1st through June 30th, at that rate of
8 \$748.62 per year, halved for the six-month period
9 for a total amount not to exceed \$83,845.44.

10 I'm going to hand up Resolution 36 as
11 an exhibit for this hearing (handing). It is
12 actually not the Resolution. It is a copy of the
13 Resolution.

14 At this time, I would ask the Town
15 Board, we have not -- I have not prepared a
16 Resolution for tonight for you to review and pass
17 or not pass, but I would ask that the Town Board
18 consider approving payment to New York American
19 Water for the fire hydrant rental fee.

20 For the balance of the year, it would
21 end up being retroactive from July 1st through
22 December 31, 2018 for the \$748.62 per hydrant for
23 the last six months of the year for a total amount
24 not to exceed \$83,845.44.

25 For that money, the fire -- the company

1 has to make sure the hydrants are maintained. They
2 have to make sure there is a proper water flow,
3 which is anywhere from 500 to 1,000 gallons per
4 minute to come out of the hydrant and make sure
5 there's enough water back in the tank to be able to
6 fight a fire.

7 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Can I ask a
8 question?

9 MS. FAUGHNAN: Sure.

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Is there a
11 disruption during that time period when the water
12 flow or the pressure in the tank, does that then
13 come off our balance, so to speak?

14 MS. FAUGHNAN: It does not.

15 And I will say, we have not signed a
16 contract with New York -- generally, we -- there is
17 a hearing and the Town Board approves the signing
18 of a contract as well as payment of the fee. The
19 last -- there has not been a contract in a few
20 years because we could not agree on a contract.

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Is there any way
22 of knowing how often disruptions in the water
23 pressure and tank pressure and water supply might
24 happen during any given time period?

25 MS. FAUGHNAN: We have gotten several

1 phone calls from residents. I can tell you, over
2 the past three weeks, I've gotten at least three
3 phone calls of different situations. One resident
4 called to say, on their home water service, that
5 they had not had any water pressure for ten hours.

6 My understanding is the equipment
7 failed in one their tanks and their tank leaked and
8 was empty. I believe it was the -- you know, I
9 don't want to say which tank it was because I don't
10 recall. The Glen Head tank, that's what I thought.

11 When I called the water company
12 afterwards, I called the next day, I was told there
13 was a minor disruption and some low water pressure.

14 Obviously depending on where you are on
15 the main -- and I'm not a water expert, I'm not
16 a -- I'm a lawyer talking about -- learning about
17 water and water flow and whatnot. Depending on
18 where you are on the main also might affect how
19 much pressure you might get at your home. Also
20 might -- what might affect it is how many other
21 people are pulling water at the same time.

22 Obviously, if you're pulling -- if
23 there are 100 homeowners on that block pulling
24 water for a sprinkler, there might be a problem
25 with water pressure as opposed to another block

1 where there's only one person pulling it. But then
2 again, that's why they run the water mains and I
3 don't.

4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Beth, are you
5 asking us to vote on this hearing tonight?

6 MS. FAUGHNAN: No, I am not. I have
7 not prepared a Resolution. No, we do not.

8 What I would do is, we are working, or
9 I have been working with some of the residents in
10 the area who have concerns with the quality of the
11 water service and the cost to the residential
12 customers, and we are trying get more answers for
13 them and find out why the costs are so high.

14 Obviously, there are complaints to the
15 Public Service Commission regarding the cost,
16 regarding the fact that there were overcharges in
17 real property taxes, and therefore, surcharges
18 that, perhaps, and I say that with a smile, perhaps
19 were overcharged to the residents and need to be
20 refunded.

21 There are a lot of issues going back
22 and forth. And, again, all their rates have to be
23 approved by the Public Service Commission.

24 The Town of Oyster Bay did make
25 comments to the last case matter that was opened

1 with the Public Service Commission regarding the
2 fees and the quality of the services that have been
3 provided to the homeowners and the business owners
4 in that area.

5 And we will continue, after the hearing
6 closes tonight, going forward, and even if the
7 Board did approve payment of the water -- the
8 hydrant rental fee for the last six months of the
9 year, we will -- I will continue and I know other
10 members of the Town will continue to work with the
11 residents to try and get them the answers that they
12 deserve and try to work with them to provide better
13 service at a lower price.

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Councilwoman,
15 I'm concerned that the high price for the hydrant
16 rental is something that's necessary for the safety
17 of our residents, and it's --

18 MS. FAUGHNAN: Correct.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I think we all
20 are.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: It's very high.

22 MS. FAUGHNAN: It is. And it's --

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Ms. Faughnan, the
24 last time this came up, the reason we did it for
25 only six months was because there had come to light

1 some information that there had been some
2 misrepresentations regarding taxes and things of
3 that nature, and that was why we only approved it
4 for half the year. We were hoping to have that
5 resolved by now.

6 I'm assuming it hasn't been resolved?

7 MS. FAUGHNAN: Nothing has been
8 resolved because the rate is set by the New York
9 State Public Service Commission.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Back in 2013, you
11 said?

12 MS. FAUGHNAN: Well, it's remained
13 consistent. Every year, they have to go in and
14 apply for rate changes -- or any time they want a
15 rate increase, they have to go in and apply for a
16 rate increase.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Was this rate
18 affected by the misrepresentations the same way
19 that the residential rates were?

20 MS. FAUGHNAN: There you go. Therein
21 lies the rope, Councilman.

22 If you look at the bills from the water
23 company, they include on the bill, a -- they have a
24 fire hydrant fee, and then they include a tax
25 surcharge, and then they include also -- they also

1 include a gross receipts tax. When the Town of
2 Oyster Bay had -- each time the Town of Oyster Bay
3 has approved it, the Town has only approved the
4 fire hydrant rental fee.

5 So no matter what they have billed the
6 Town of Oyster Bay for, the Town has only paid the
7 fire hydrant rental fee.

8 So, whatever surcharge they're adding,
9 whatever gross --

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So they actually
11 want more money than this?

12 MS. FAUGHNAN: Yes.

13 So the Town has only approved -- and I
14 have in front of me, a copy of the 2016 bill which
15 a came in at one point for a prior balance, and
16 then the first quarter of the following year, and
17 it came in for \$184,000, and the Town of Oyster Bay
18 only had Town Board approval and a Resolution for
19 \$167,690.88 for year 2016, and that is all that the
20 Controller's Office paid because it is all the Town
21 Board authorized payment for. So, no matter what
22 they are billing, the Town has only paid the rental
23 fee approved. The Town Board has not approved
24 anything above the fire hydrant rental fee of
25 \$748.62.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: All right.

2 Thank you.

3 MS. FAUGHNAN: Sure.

4 But it does involve further study and
5 investigation, obviously.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any
7 other questions?

8 (No response.)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

10 MS. FAUGHNAN: Thank you, Supervisor.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there anyone
12 in the public who would like to be heard on this?

13 Mr. Adelman?

14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I have one more
15 question.

16 When does this come before the Public
17 Service Commission next for?

18 MS. FAUGHNAN: Well, there is currently
19 a case open with the Public Service Commission and
20 the Town Attorney's Office -- it's case number --
21 there's actually two cases that are open -- Case
22 No. 16-W-02589, which is a proceeding on the motion
23 of the Commission as to rates, charges, rules and
24 regulation of the New York American Water Company,
25 Inc. for water service.

1 And then there's also Case No.
2 17-W-0300, petition of New York American Water
3 Company, Inc. for approval to offset the RAC/PTR
4 surcharge, PSC No. 5.

5 So there are two cases in there
6 already. I think it comes up, quite frankly, any
7 time there is a problem with the rates and they're
8 going to adjust the rates.

9 I will say -- I also have here -- I
10 apologize -- there was an interim staff report that
11 was issued on April 30th. The staff of the Public
12 Service Commission filed the interim report on its
13 investigation into New York American Water's
14 property tax overcharges, and that report was
15 issued on April 30, 2018, in which the staff of the
16 Public Service Commission gave recommendations as
17 how to deal with tax overcharges, how to deal with
18 whether to refund them now or whether to just hold
19 them and use them to offset, perhaps, future
20 increases where the staff had made their own
21 internal recommendations.

22 The remainder of the staff's report is
23 due to be filed the end of this week, by June 30,
24 2018. I did not see it on the Public Service
25 Commission website this evening, so it would come

1 in some time between now and June 30th. I will say
2 the Public Service Commission is open to comments
3 up until July 23, 2018.

4 So, again, the Town Attorney's Office
5 did file their comments electronically on
6 June 21st, but the comment period will remain open
7 until July 23rd.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

9 MS. FAUGHNAN: Thank you, Supervisor.

10 MR. ADELMAN: Arthur Adelman,
11 110 Dubois Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York.

12 In regard to the hearing on the hydrant
13 rentals, a very important aspect of hydrant rentals
14 is the maintenance of the hardware, hydrants
15 themselves.

16 Councilman Hand will know that because
17 he was a Water Commissioner and I -- was it your
18 responsibility when you were Water Commissioner to
19 flush the hydrants or did the fire department do
20 that?

21 COUNCILMAN HAND: It was us.

22 MR. ADELMAN: It was us.

23 New York American Water has not done
24 their annual flushing of the hydrants this year,
25 and it's purely an economical reason. They're

1 having problems with water supply out of the
2 Glen Head tank, and in order to flush the hydrants,
3 they would have to open up and purchase water from
4 the surrounding water companies via the
5 interconnects that are available in three or four
6 spots.

7 I'm very upset that they're charging
8 \$750 per hydrant and not doing a thing. I spoke to
9 American Water. They wanted to know how I knew
10 this. I said I put tells on about half a dozen
11 hydrants in the neighborhood. Just piece of tape,
12 you know, put it on just to see if they were
13 opened, and the tape was still there.

14 And I got it confirmed by an employee
15 that they didn't do it because they don't want to
16 spend the water -- to spend the money on the water
17 from Roslyn, Jericho or Glenwood. I think this --
18 if you write a letter during this period to the
19 Public Service Commission, I think it's important
20 to include this aspect that they're negligent on
21 their maintaining of the hydrants.

22 And the price is crazy. I mean, I have
23 a bill here from the Sea Cliff district area. This
24 is Glenwood. Sea Cliff gets their own bill and
25 it's the same amount for the basic on the hydrants

1 and the hydrant charge on this bill, was a
2 quarterly bill, was just under \$60,000 and it had
3 over 20 percent of that -- about 20 percent
4 additional for -- what they call incremental
5 property tax surcharges, which I find crazy because
6 I didn't think they could tax a governmental --
7 aren't governments --

8 MS. FAUGHNAN: Exempt from tax.

9 MR. ADELMAN: Exempt from taxes, so
10 this whole is -- you know, not good.

11 Anyway, thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 MR. ADELMAN: I know we've go to pass
14 the -- something because they got to get paid and
15 we need our hydrants functioning.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

17 MR. ADELMAN: But I think there needs
18 to be some official inquiries in what's going on.

19 Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,

21 Mr. Adelman.

22 I'm going read a very brief letter
23 because I think it makes very clear where the Town
24 of Oyster Bay and where this Board stands, and not
25 only this Board, but all of the elected officials

1 in the Town of Oyster Bay.

2 We have been dealing with this issue
3 for months and months, and it's not new information
4 when speakers come before us. And we have sided
5 with our residents unequivocally. This is a letter
6 from all of the elected officials in the Town of
7 Oyster Bay addressed to the New York State Public
8 Service Commission.

9 "Dear Commissioners, As elected
10 officials representing America's third largest
11 township, we write to express the Town of Oyster
12 Bay's continued outrage and that of our residents
13 over a rate hike approved by the PSC in May of 2017
14 for New York American Water.

15 "We are deeply concerned with the
16 astronomically high water rates being charged by
17 New York American Water to residents that reside in
18 the areas they service. We call on the PSC to
19 reverse its decision and unanimously join us in
20 requesting that the New York State Controller
21 perform a thorough and comprehensive forensic audit
22 of New York American Water.

23 "In support of affected rate payers,
24 the Town of Oyster Bay recently submitted legal
25 arguments which stated that the PSC order and the

1 rates, that they are both unconstitutional and
2 unlawful because, one, resident's right to equal
3 protection was violated, and, two, this order to
4 permit a rate increase can be construed as an
5 example of taxation without representation.

6 "As has been established by legal
7 precedent, it is unconstitutional for an unelected
8 board to impose taxes upon State residents.

9 "In addition to the legal comments
10 submitted to you in respect of your investigation
11 of the New York American Water rates, a legal brief
12 was submitted to Supreme Court Albany County in the
13 incorporated Village of Sea Cliff versus Public
14 Service Commission, et al.

15 "By now, you are well aware that
16 side-by-side comparisons with surrounding public
17 Water Districts clearly demonstrate a great
18 disparity and, quite frankly, an apparent injustice
19 upon residents served by New York American Water.
20 They often pay as much as four times the amount as
21 compared to adjacent water rate payers.

22 "Certainly, the service provided by
23 New York American Water is no different than that
24 provided by the local Water Districts. For these
25 reasons, we support a State takeover of American

1 Water and call upon the State Legislature to
2 accomplish such an initiative.

3 "Safe, clean and affordable drinking
4 water should not be a luxury. It should be a
5 dependable resource within the reach of all when
6 you live in the most modern and advanced nation in
7 the world.

8 "Thank you in advance for your
9 consideration of our request to ask that you take
10 immediate action to correct the inequities that are
11 taking place in communities served by New York
12 American Water."

13 And this letter is signed by all of us.
14 Councilman Joseph Muscarella, Councilman Anthony
15 Macagnone, Councilwoman Rebecca Alesia,
16 Councilwoman Michelle Johnson, Councilman Louis
17 Imbroto, Councilman Tom Hand, our Town Clerk, James
18 Altadonna Jr. It will be shortly signed by our
19 Receiver of Taxes, James Stefanich, and by myself,
20 Supervisor Joseph Saladino.

21 This letter is available to any member
22 of the media who would like a copy. And once
23 again, we stand with our residents and we will
24 continue to fight this outrage tooth and nail to
25 the end.

1 Thank you.

2 Are there any other speakers who would
3 like to be heard on this hearing?

4 (No verbal response given.)

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If there are no
6 other speakers, is there any correspondence?

7 MR. ALTADONNA: We have affidavits of
8 postings and publications.

9 There is no other correspondence.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a
11 motion?

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I
13 make a motion that this public hearing be closed
14 and the decision be reserved.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

18 ALL: "Aye."

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

21 (No verbal response given.)

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

24 (TIME NOTED: 8:10 P.M.)

25

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
ACTION CALENDAR
JUNE 26, 2018
8:11 P.M.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

JAMES ALTADONNA JR.
TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

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

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

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

Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will the Town
2 Clerk please call the regular Action Calendar?

3 MR. NOCELLA: I think we first need a
4 motion to suspend the rules.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, yes, of
6 course. I'm sorry. I'd like to ask for a motion.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Well, I'm going to read
8 all of the suspends.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: And read all the
11 information. This is just to get it on the table,
12 so the Board is aware.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is not a
14 vote on any of these bills at this point.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: That's correct.

16 And I also have something to read into
17 the minutes.

18 May I have a motion to suspend the
19 rules and add Resolutions No. 440, 441, 442,
20 443-2018?

21 On the motion?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by
25 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman

1 Macagnone.

2 Now, I have to read all of these.

3 Resolution No. 440-2018 is a Resolution
4 directing the Town Clerk to publish a Notice of
5 Hearing on the application of Beechwood PV Retail,
6 LLC, fee owner, and SLT Plainview, LLC propose
7 lessee for a special use permit to allow the
8 operation of a Pilates studio/fitness center in
9 excess of 1,500 square feet in Building C on the
10 subject premise located in a General Business (GB)
11 District at the southwest corner of Old Country
12 Road and Round Swamp Road, Plainview, New York,
13 hearing date July 10, 2018. (M.D. 6/19/18 #8).

14 Resolution No. 441, which is a
15 Resolution authorizing the Comptroller to make
16 payments for legal services in the connection with
17 the Securities and Exchange Commission civil action
18 against the Town of Oyster Bay, Account No. OTA A
19 1420 44110 000 0000.

20 Now, on to Resolution No. 442-2018,

21 WHEREAS, Northrop Grumman Systems
22 Corporation, NGSC, has entered into an order on
23 consent, Index No. W111831405 with the New York
24 State Department of Environmental Conservation for
25 construction of a groundwater treatment facility to

1 treat a defined area of contamination of the
2 Grumman Navy plume designated as the RW-21 area;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Richard W. Lenz, PE,
5 Commissioner, Department of Public Works, by
6 Memorandum dated June 25, 2018, informed the Town
7 Board that the NGSC has requested access to the
8 Bethpage Community Park ball field area in order to
9 perform VOC remediation; and

10 WHEREAS, a Site Access Agreement was
11 negotiated between the Town and the NGSC, which
12 agreement provides, in pertinent part, the
13 guidelines pursuant to which NGSC will conduct its
14 remediation activities; and

15 WHEREAS, Commissioner Lenz, by the
16 aforementioned memorandum, recommended and
17 requested that the Town Board authorize the
18 Supervisor to execute said agreement, which is
19 entitled Site Access Agreement, Park VOC
20 Remediation.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that
22 the recommendation as herefore and above set forth
23 is accepted and the Supervisor, or his designee, is
24 authorized to execute the Site Access Agreement,
25 Park VOC Remediation as previously negotiated by

1 and between the Town and the NGSC.

2 That's 442.

3 443.

4 WHEREAS, Joseph Nocella, Town Attorney,
5 and Matthew M. Rozea, Deputy Town Attorney, by
6 Memorandum dated June 25, 2018 has advised that the
7 Office of the Town Attorney has prepared and is
8 finalizing litigation documents to assert claims
9 against Leonard Genova; and

10 WHEREAS, so that the town -- Office of
11 the Town Attorney may expeditiously file such
12 litigation documents, Joseph Nocella, Town
13 Attorney, and Matthew M. Rozea, Deputy Town
14 Attorney, may recommend that the Board authorize
15 litigation against Mr. Genova so that the Town may
16 recover any and all losses sustained by the Town as
17 a result of Mr. Genova's improper conduct, and in
18 connection with, among other things, prior
19 concessionaires operations and involved at the Town
20 of Oyster Bay Golf Course, the Town of Oyster Bay
21 Beach, Tobay Beach and Tappen Beach.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that
23 the recommendation as herefore and above set forth
24 is accepted and that the Office of the Town
25 Attorney is hereby authorized to commence

1 litigation against Leonard Genova.

2 Okay. Now, I'm just going to ask for a
3 vote to bring it to the table, and then I have to
4 read into the minutes, a correspondence, so we had
5 a motion made by Councilman Muscarella, seconded by
6 Councilman Macagnone.

7 On the vote:

8 Supervisor Saladino?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: On this motion to
10 bring them to table, I vote "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

16 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: "Aye."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

18 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

22 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to suspend the
24 rules and add Resolutions No. 440, 441, 442,
25 443-2018 passes with seven "Ayes."

1 Now, just -- this is in regards to
2 Resolution No. 441.

3 "Mr. Altadonna, please accept this
4 correspondence intended for the next Town Hall
5 meeting to be held June 26, 2018.

6 "I ask that it be read into the record
7 if this discussion Resolution or a vote concerning
8 the subject of the indemnification of John
9 Venditto.

10 "In the event, there is no action
11 during the regular meeting concerning this
12 indemnification of Mr. Venditto, I request my
13 concerns be read during public comment.

14 "Here is my statement correspondence.

15 "Mr. Supervisor and Town Board, I
16 remind you, I have submitted ethics complaints
17 against Mr. Venditto, which remain unanswered.

18 "Based on these dates of the
19 complaints, Mr. Venditto would be responsible for
20 adhering to both prior Ethics Code and the revamped
21 IMO weakened Ethics Code the Town has now in place.

22 "If the Ethics Board were to determine
23 that Mr. Venditto has violated the Town's Ethics
24 Code, as alleged in my Complaint, there would be no
25 reason to indemnify him. Town attorneys were

1 present during Mr. Venditto's trial, as were
2 members of the press CC'd on this e-mail, to
3 witness sworn testimony during the trial which
4 described additional unethical behavior perpetrated
5 by Mr. Venditto to that alleged within my
6 complaint.

7 "It appears the Town Attorney's
8 purchase of court transcripts on a daily basis, the
9 testimony which substantiates the unethical
10 behavior displayed by Mr. Venditto, not included or
11 specifically mentioned within my ethics complaints
12 is available for you to review if you so choose to
13 do so.

14 "It is possible that after reviewing
15 the testimony and evidence presented during
16 Mr. Venditto's trial, the Town Board may move to
17 file ethics charges against Mr. Venditto. I
18 strongly suggest you review my ethics complaint
19 against Mr. Venditto and take no action on the vote
20 to indemnify Mr. Venditto until after Town of
21 Oyster Bay Ethics Board makes its final -- I'm
22 sorry -- makes their final determination on my
23 complaint.

24 "Thank you, Robert Ripp, 77 Sunset
25 Road, Massapequa, New York 11758."

1 Okay. You have multiple speakers on
2 441 and 442.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our first speaker
4 will be Arthur Adelman.

5 MR. ADELMAN: Arthur Adelman,
6 110 Dubois Avenue, Sea Cliff, New York.

7 Are we just -- we're talking about the
8 whole calendar, all the Resolutions?

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: That was my
10 question.

11 MR. ADELMAN: Or just these four; 440,
12 441, 442, 443? I'm just speaking --

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just hold on,
14 please.

15 We are going to hear from our Town
16 Attorney.

17 Would you come up front, please?

18 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. Exactly.

19 I think everybody agrees, but just to
20 make it clear what the confusion was, after the
21 suspension and the addition of the suspended items,
22 I think now they're adjoined to the entire calendar
23 and not it's open for commentary on all items.

24 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: We have to call
25 the calendar.

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Call the
2 calendar.

3 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to
4 adopt Resolutions No. P-11-18 through 439-2018?

5 Personnel Resolution No. P11-18;
6 Resolution pertaining to personnel of various
7 departments within the Town of Oyster Bay.

8 Transfer of Funds Resolution No.
9 TF-11-18; Resolution pertaining to Transfer of
10 Funds within various departments accounts for the
11 Year 2018.

12 Resolution No. 416-2018; Resolution
13 authorizing the issuance of refund to residents for
14 various fees collected by the Parks Department.
15 Account Nos. PKS A 0001 02025 523 0000; PKS SP11
16 0001 02025 529 0000; PKS A 0001 02025 526 0000; PKS
17 A 0001 02001 510 0000. (M.D. 6/5/18 #5).

18 Resolution No. 417-2018; Resolution
19 authorizing the acceptance of a donation of a
20 memorial tree and plaque to be placed in Theodore
21 Roosevelt Memorial Park and Beach from A. Zee in
22 memory of a family member. (M.D. 6/12/18 #5).

23 Resolution No. 418-2018; Resolution
24 authorizing the Supervisor or his designee to
25 execute all forms relative to a grant application

1 in connection with the New York Department of Labor
2 funding for Unemployed Worker Training Program.
3 (M.D. 6/12/18 #8).

4 Resolution No. 419-2018; Resolution
5 authorizing the Comptroller to make payment for
6 trial transcripts in connection with *United States*
7 *v. Mangano, et al.* Account No. OTA A 1420 44110 000
8 0000. (M.D. 6/12/18 #38).

9 Resolution No. 420-2018; Resolution
10 amending Resolution 734-2017 in connection with
11 additional On-Call Accounting Services under
12 Contract No. PWC 035-16. Account No. CMP A 1315
13 44800 000 0000. (M.D. 6/12/18 #15).

14 Resolution No. 421-2018; Resolution
15 pertaining to 2018 Bond Sale Expenses. (M.D.
16 6/12/18 #16).

17 Resolution No. 422-2018; Resolution
18 pertaining to the decision on the dock application
19 of Edwin A. Goodman to erect, maintain, improve,
20 alter or repair a dock, float, bulkhead or other
21 moorings at 91 Cove Road, Oyster Bay Cove,
22 New York. (M.D. 6/12/18 #17).

23 Resolution No. 423-2018; Resolution
24 authorizing the retention of counsel relative to an
25 insurance coverage matter. Account No. OTA A 1420

1 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 6/12/18 #18).

2 Resolution No. 424-2018; Resolution
3 authorizing the property board-up assessment of
4 2 Rover Lane, Hicksville, New York, performed on
5 September 7, 2017, be referred to the County of
6 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
7 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 6/12/18 #21).

8 Resolution No. 425-2018; Resolution
9 authorizing the property securement assessment of
10 166 East Zoranne Drive, Farmingdale, New York,
11 performed on December 5, 2017, be referred to the
12 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County
13 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 6/12/18 #22).

14 Resolution No. 426-2018; Resolution
15 authorizing the property board-up of 99 South
16 Merrick Road, Massapequa, New York, performed on
17 January 17, 2018, be referred to the County of
18 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
19 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 6/12/18 #23).

20 Resolution No. 427-2018; Resolution
21 authorizing the property cleanup of 153 North Maple
22 Street, Massapequa, New York, performed on
23 February 1, 2018, be referred to the County of
24 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
25 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 6/12/18 #24).

1 Resolution No. 428-2018; Resolution
2 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a parking
3 permit fee to M. Daresta. Account No. HWY ST 0001
4 01721 000 0000. (M.D 6/12/18 #25).

5 Resolution no. 429-2018; Resolution
6 pertaining to the petition of Woodbury Realty
7 Holdings Corp., Woodbury Villas, 884 Jericho
8 Turnpike, Woodbury, New York for an extension of
9 time to obtain a certificate of occupancy. (M.D.
10 6/12/18 #34 & 6/19/18 #6).

11 Resolution No. 430-2018; Resolution
12 authorizing the Supervisor or his designee to
13 execute a renewal agreement for professional
14 services in connection with the Workforce
15 Innovation and Opportunity Act One Stop Operator
16 for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.
17 Account No. IGA CD 6293 48080 000 CW18. (M.D.
18 6/12/18 #35).

19 Resolution No. 431-2018; Resolution
20 authorizing a contract between Friends of Raynham
21 Hall, Inc. and Albanese Contracting Corp. for the
22 renovations of a Town-owned building located at
23 30 West Main Street, Oyster Bay, New York, where
24 Friends of Raynham Hall, Inc. is licensed by the
25 Town to use for museum-related activities. (M.D.

1 6/12/18 #37).

2 Resolution No. 432-2018; Resolution
3 granting request from the Syosset Woodbury Chamber
4 of Commerce, for Town assistance in conducting
5 their Annual Street Fair on September 23, 2018 and
6 to use various Town equipment for the event. (M.D.
7 6/12/18 #30).

8 Resolution No. 433-2018; Resolution
9 granting request from the Locust Valley Chamber of
10 Commerce, for Town assistance in conducting their
11 Annual Summer Sidewalk Sale on August 4, 2018, to
12 utilize Municipal Parking Lot LV-1 and to use
13 various Town equipment from September 28 through
14 October 1, 2018 for said event. (M.D. 6/12/18 #31).

15 Resolution No. 434-2018; Resolution
16 granting request from the Plainview-Old Bethpage
17 Chamber of Commerce, for Town assistance in
18 conducting their 7th Annual Fall Festival on
19 September 30, 2018, to close and utilize Carol
20 Place in Plainview, and to use various Town
21 equipment for the event. (M.D. 6/12/18 #32).

22 Resolution No. 435-2018; Resolution
23 granting request from the Italian American Citizens
24 Club of Oyster Bay, Inc., for Town assistance in
25 conducting the St. Rocco's Festival in Municipal

1 Parking Field O-6 from July 9 through July 16,
2 2018, to use various Town equipment, 12 temporary
3 "No Parking" signs, and a waiver of Town Ordinance
4 Chapter 82-3 from July 11 through July 15, 2018.
5 (M.D. 6/12/18 #33).

6 Resolution No. 436-2018; Resolution
7 pertaining to the decision on a Local Law entitled:
8 "A Local Law to Amend the Code of the Town of
9 Oyster Bay, Nassau County, New York, to
10 Comprehensively revise Provisions of Chapter 4,
11 Chapter 93, Chapter 135, Chapter 156, Chapter 180,
12 Chapter 181, Chapter 182, Chapter 183, Chapter 205,
13 Chapter 241, Chapter 246, and Repeal of Chapter
14 246, Section 246.4-13 for its Inclusion in the Code
15 as Chapter 204 Stormwater Management and Sediment
16 and Erosion Control." Hearing held: June 12, 2018.
17 (M.D. 6/12/18 #4).

18 Resolution No. 437-2018; Resolution
19 authorizing award of Contract No. H18-171-P2, Flood
20 Diversion and Control Projects for Massapequa and
21 Massapequa Park Project 2: Outfall 109 System
22 (Seneca Place, Massapequa) as part of the NY Rising
23 Community Reconstruction Program and for the use of
24 sub-consultants. Account No. IGA H 1997 20000 000
25 1303 001. (M.D. 6/12/18 #27).

1 Resolution No. 438-2018; Resolution
2 authorizing award of Contract No. H18-171-P4, Flood
3 Diversion and Control Projects for Massapequa and
4 Massapequa Park Project 4: Outfall 38 System
5 (Division Avenue, Massapequa) as part of the NY
6 Rising Community Reconstruction Program and for the
7 use of sub-consultants. Account No. IGA H 1997
8 20000 000 1303 001. (M.D. 6/12/18 #28).

9 Resolution No. 439-2018; Resolution
10 rescinding the award of Contract No. H17-161,
11 Retrofit of Existing Streetlights to LED with Solar
12 Power and Battery Backup as Part of the NY Rising
13 Community Reconstruction Program and award to the
14 next highest ranking firm and to authorize use of
15 sub-consultants. Account No. IGA H 1997 20000 000
16 1303 001. (M.D. 6/12/18 #29).

17 On the motion?

18 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

23 It's all open now.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please proceed.

25 MR. ADELMAN: Just want to make sure we

1 are on the same page.

2 I called to -- came up to talk about
3 the Resolution about court tran- -- spending
4 \$12,000 for court transcripts, and the backup
5 paperwork specifically mentions USA versus Mangano.
6 I don't understand why we need those transcripts
7 considering that's not our game.

8 So I would -- I don't know why we would
9 want to spend \$12,000, but I think we already spent
10 it. The way I read the backup documentation, Town
11 Attorney has already obtained the transcripts, I
12 think.

13 My question on 441 regarding the
14 payment for -- counsel for former Supervisor and
15 his civil problems. In a way, I feel that there
16 should be some indemnification, but I think that
17 there should be some agreement about using an
18 attorney that's not \$850 an hour. I think that's
19 way beyond what a common man would pay for an
20 attorney.

21 I know the attorneys we're paying for
22 Resolution 423 for the -- against AIG, local
23 attorneys, they're charging the Town \$300 an hour
24 for partners, which I find is a reasonable sum.
25 \$850 for Mr. Venditto's attorney, I think is

1 outrageous and the Board might consider not
2 approving this Resolution and moving forward with
3 his litigation and seeing if they'll settle to do a
4 50/50 split, maybe. Who knows?

5 The last item I had -- oh, for the new
6 one, the Walk-On 443 about starting -- adding
7 Mr. Genova to the litigation of Mr. May and Singh
8 and SRB and whatever on a civil case, I applaud for
9 doing that and I support that Resolution.

10 Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, sir.

12 Our next speakers will be John Collins
13 and Harriet Clark.

14 MR. COLLINS: Supervisor and Town Board
15 members, I'm President of the Friends of Raynham
16 Hall; Harriet Clark is our Executive Director.

17 A little later in the meeting, there's
18 a Resolution to approve a contract so we can begin
19 to complete the restoration and rehabilitation of
20 30 West Main Street, the museum's new education
21 center.

22 And if you'll indulge me for just a
23 minute to sort of give you a little idea on what
24 Raynham Hall has been doing.

25 History, of course, is central to our

1 identity as a community, both individually and as a
2 community. And as John Steinbeck stated poignantly
3 in his book *The Grapes of Wrath*, "How will we know
4 who we are without our past?"

5 Raynham Hall Museum celebrates and
6 informs the public with that sense of identity in
7 each of the 5,000 school kids that come from all
8 over Long Island to visit the museum on a field
9 trip each year. Tonight we're about to embark on
10 the final phase of our three-year capital fund
11 campaign, which involves the completion of
12 renovations to the building at 30 West Main Street
13 to become the museum's new education center and
14 administrative offices.

15 At tonight's meeting, we're being asked
16 to -- you're being asked to review, and hopefully
17 approve, a contract to allow the Friends of Raynham
18 Hall to proceed with the completion of the
19 renovations to 30 West Main Street.

20 The story of the Townsend family and
21 their ties to American history are compelling. The
22 museum building, 20 West Main Street, started as a
23 four-room farmhouse building about 1740, and was
24 acquired by Samuel Townsend, who was only then 23
25 years old, and expanded to eight rooms.

1 The property originally extended all
2 the way north to the harbor, and present day Audrey
3 Avenue was named for Samuel's daughter when the
4 property was subdivided at the turn of the last
5 century. Samuel's brother, Jacob, lived next door
6 where the Masonic Lodge is now located.

7 The two brothers were engaged in
8 commerce together, owning four ships. They were
9 also active in Town government, and eventually,
10 they sided with American independence over the
11 greater safety of loyalty to the Crown.

12 Raynham Hall was occupied by British
13 forces for a period of six months between 1778 and
14 1779. It was in March of 1779 that Samuel's middle
15 son, Robert, agreed to become the central member of
16 George Washington's legendary intelligence
17 gathering network called the Culper Spy Ring, which
18 was essential to his efforts to outsmart the far
19 better equipped and trained British forces.

20 In Victorian times, Samuel's grandson,
21 Solomon, inhabited the home and expanded it to 22
22 rooms, changing the style to suit the tastes of the
23 time.

24 For 65 years, the Friends of Raynham
25 Hall have partnered with the Town of Oyster Bay to

1 tell this inspiring story and to preserve a
2 tangible part of our Town's rich history.

3 Raynham Hall, as you maybe know, is the
4 only house museum on Long Island that is accredited
5 by the American Alliance of Museums, and it's been
6 so for about thirty years. Unlike most house
7 museums that have staggered exhibits and declining
8 attendance, Raynham Hall is thriving, in part due
9 to AMC TV series, *Turn*, which I hope many of you
10 have seen, and Brian Kilmeade's New York Times
11 bestselling book, *Washington's Secret Six*.

12 The Town of Oyster Bay is -- made
13 Raynham Hall's success possible by its generous
14 annual grant, underwriting a third of the museum's
15 annual operating budget, and by acquiring the
16 property at 30 West Main Street for the new
17 education center.

18 The Town also funded the restoration of
19 the wood shingle roof on the museum several years
20 ago.

21 To all this, the Friends of Raynham
22 Hall wish to say, enthusiastically, thank you to
23 the Town Board for their faithful and strong
24 support of the museum.

25 The museum's capital fund campaign has

1 raised nearly \$1.7 million, which has allowed us to
2 restore the museum building and the front facade of
3 30 West Main Street, and, of course, many of you
4 have probably seen it as you've gone by, we had a
5 use it or lose it grant to allow us to do that.

6 In a recent grant from the Robert David
7 Lion Gardiner Foundation for \$405,000, it made --
8 it has made it possible for us to proceed with
9 plans for the completion of the renovations of
10 30 West Main Street.

11 Your approval of the contract to
12 proceed with this final phase of the renovation
13 work will allow the museum to fulfill its long held
14 dream of obtaining an education center for expanded
15 programs, exhibits, lectures, and other educational
16 activities.

17 Again, we thank you for your faithful
18 and continued support of the museum.

19 Thank you.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you for the
21 history lesson.

22 MR. COLLINS: Little history lesson.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you so
24 much, Mr. Collins.

25 MR. COLLINS: Sorry to be a little

1 long.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you so
3 much, Mr. Collins.

4 And, Ms. Clark, are you going to speak?

5 MS. CLARK: He said it all.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Great.

7 Thank you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Thank you for
9 all you do there as well.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you again.

11 The entire Board thanks you for all of
12 your efforts. It's really a yeoman's work that
13 you're doing, and the yeomanette's work and we
14 really appreciate all you do to protect our history
15 in this incredibly wonderful Town.

16 MS. CLARK: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our next speaker
18 is Kevin McKenna.

19 MR. McKENNA: Good evening, Town Board.

20 Kevin McKenna, 3 Edna Drive, Syosset,
21 New York.

22 I'll make it quick.

23 On the 419, I just want to reiterate,
24 I'd like to have somebody explain why we need to
25 pay \$12,000 for transcripts that relate to former

1 indicted, or I guess he's still indicted, I'm not
2 sure, County Executive Mangano. Why do we need to
3 spend money for that?

4 And on the other resolution that has to
5 do with the legal fees, the vote on the legal fees
6 for Former Supervisor Venditto, I would ask the
7 Board to not vote on this at all, to await the
8 criminal proceedings in Nassau County and the
9 outcome of the SCC charges.

10 You have the ability to delay the whole
11 thing, put it off. A vote against it is going to
12 just trigger a lawsuit, which legal experts say the
13 Town and the public is going to lose, so I urge the
14 Board to table the matter and not vote on it and
15 let Mr. Venditto wait.

16 Thank you very much.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have no other
18 slips for comment on our Resolutions.

19 Is there any correspondence?

20 MR. ALTADONNA: They've been read into
21 the record.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All the
23 correspondence has been read. No other comment.

24 I ask for a vote on our Action
25 Calendar.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: To reiterate, a motion
2 was made by Councilman Muscarella, seconded by
3 Councilman Macagnone.

4 On the vote:
5 Supervisor Saladino?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: On Resolution
7 441, the indemnification, I vote, "No."

8 On the rest, I vote "Aye."

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I vote "Aye" on
11 all the Resolutions.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: "Aye" on all?

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: All.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.
15 Councilman Macagnone?

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I abstain on 441
17 and 443.

18 "Aye" on the rest.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Alesia?

20 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: I abstain on 423,
21 437.

22 Let me know when you're ready.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Hold on, 423.

24 437.

25 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: 438.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Go ahead.

2 COUNCILWOMAN ALESIA: 439. And that's
3 my continuing abstention based upon waiting for the
4 Inspector General.

5 And I'm recusing myself on 441 and 443
6 due to a personal relationship with the parties
7 involved.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

9 Councilwoman Johnson?

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm recusing on
11 437 and 438.

12 MR. ALTADONNA: Hold on. You're -- on
13 437, you're -- say that, it's hard to hear.

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: 437 and 438, I'm
15 recusing.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Recusing. Go ahead.

17 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "No" on 441, and
18 "Aye" on the rest.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: "No" on 441.

20 Councilman Imbroto?

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "No" on 441.

22 "Aye" on all the others.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

24 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye" on all with the
25 exception of 441, "No."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Here we go.

2 Resolutions P-11-18 through 422 passes
3 with seven "Ayes."

4 423 passes with six "Ayes" and one
5 "Abstention."

6 424 through 436 passes with seven
7 "Ayes."

8 437 has five "Ayes," one "Abstention,"
9 and one "Recusal."

10 438, five "Ayes," one "Abstention," one
11 "Recusal."

12 439 passes with six "Ayes" and one
13 "Abstention."

14 440 passes with seven "Ayes."

15 441 does not pass with four "Nays," one
16 "Abstention," one "Recusal," and one "Aye."

17 442 passes with seven "Ayes."

18 443 passes with five "Ayes," one
19 "Abstention," and one "Recusal."

20 The calendar is complete.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

22 We have individuals who are here for --
23 yes, we need a motion to adjourn, please.

24 Thank you.

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I

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make a motion to close the meeting.

COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

ALL: "Aye."

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
"Nay."

(No verbal response given.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have
it.

(TIME NOTED: 8:35 P.M.)