

TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
SPECIAL PRESENTATION
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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,
2 ladies and gentlemen. Good morning.

3 Thank you very much for joining us here
4 in Oyster Bay Town Hall on the morning of Tuesday,
5 October 20, 2020.

6 We welcome you all to Town Hall. To
7 lead us in prayer as we begin every Town Board
8 meeting and also to lead us in the Pledge, we
9 welcome North Massapequa Fire Department Company
10 One Chaplain Bill Gruener, a 60-year member of the
11 volunteer fire service. Bill also serves as the
12 Chaplain of the Nassau County Fire Police
13 Association and is a member of the Chaplains
14 Association of New York State.

15 Bill, we thank you for your decades of
16 service. We thank you for saving lives and
17 property and protecting our way of life here in the
18 Town of Oyster Bay.

19 And now let's all rise.

20 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited; then
21 the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, followed by a
22 moment of silence.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Bill, I want to
24 take a moment to say a special thank you to you.

25 You wear many hats when you're leading

1 us in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. You're
2 a proud Korean War Veteran, my father was as well,
3 and so many residents having served in the United
4 States Army. You served from February of 1953 to
5 February of 1955.

6 We thank you for your dedication, and
7 we certainly recognize the fact that you bring that
8 dedication back to America, and you have continued
9 60 years with the fire service in North Massapequa,
10 but you've been an inspiration to firefighters
11 throughout this county and quite frankly, this
12 country.

13 We really appreciate you. You look
14 great. I know you started the year with a tough
15 situation and you've overcome it and it just speaks
16 to your strength. We know people with tremendous
17 inner strength. Some with us here today; some not.
18 You continue to show us what it means to be a loyal
19 and true American, and on behalf of all of us here
20 in Town Government, we say God bless you.

21 MR. GRUENER: Thank you.

22 God bless you and everyone here. Get
23 home safe. Thank you again.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's hear it for
25 Bill.

1 (Applause.)

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As many of you
3 know, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and
4 we take this opportunity to pause to remember our
5 loved ones, unfortunately, those we lost and those
6 who continue to battle this terrible disease.

7 It's important for everyone to join in
8 working toward protecting our loved ones and
9 protecting one another. October is one of those
10 opportunities where we remind the public to call or
11 speak to a loved one and encourage them to get a
12 mammogram.

13 It is a simple and effective way to
14 make such a difference in the health and,
15 unfortunately, the life of our loved ones. I
16 guess, fortunately, but those we've lost and we
17 feel for. And in an effort to continue to
18 recognize those fighting this disease or who have
19 had a battle with this terrible disease, Town Hall
20 will be illuminated this evening with pink light,
21 pink, what we call in the Glow of Hope.

22 We use this to remind everyone -- I'm
23 wearing some pink myself, some of our members are
24 and some of the public, but this is that
25 opportunity to please reach out to a loved one and

1 encourage them to have a mammogram.

2 I also -- we can single out so many
3 people who we look up to for their bravery. One of
4 those people is someone who has been part of the
5 Town of Oyster Bay family and that's Mary Diglio.

6 I know that the members of the Town
7 Board office are watching this and it is through
8 their hearts that we remember. Mary will be here
9 this evening when the Glow of Hope illuminates Town
10 Hall, and we all ask you to please follow up our
11 lead and talk about mammograms, talk about them
12 with people of all ages.

13 Let's encourage our loved ones to get a
14 mammogram because that one act makes such a
15 difference in survival rates. So, God bless all of
16 those who have fought with this issue and let's
17 hope that science continues to bring the cure.

18 October is also Domestic Violence
19 Awareness Month. Before we begin our regular
20 business, I proudly call upon Keith Scott who is
21 the Director of Education at the Safe Center to
22 speak about this difficult issue in our community
23 and that's the issue of domestic violence
24 awareness.

25 The Safe Center is located in Bethpage.

1 It's mission is protect and assist and empower
2 victims of family violence and sexual assault,
3 while challenging and changing the social systems
4 that tolerate and perpetuate abuse.

5 My colleagues and I on the Oyster Bay
6 Town Board are proud to join with the Safe Center
7 to address the important matters like domestic
8 violence awareness and provide needed information
9 to those who need that help.

10 You're really doing God's work, Keith,
11 you and the other professionals at the Safe Center
12 of Long Island.

13 And this is something that hits home.
14 As a member of the New York State Assembly, I
15 worked diligently to change laws to better protect
16 women and children, especially from sexual violence
17 and from sexual abuse, and I was following the lead
18 set forth by my predecessor, now Councilman Steve
19 Labriola.

20 We all work together to create a number
21 of laws that we feel were very, very important and
22 we hope that they are continued help. But you're
23 where the rubber meets the road. You're there
24 dealing with the victims, dealing with the services
25 they so desperately need. And we're all working

1 together to better protect, especially women and
2 children in the Town of Oyster Bay.

3 So we thank you very much for taking
4 the time to shine a light on this very serious
5 issue, and to let everyone know that the Safe
6 Center is a vital resource in our community. It's
7 based in Bethpage, but you have consumers from all
8 over Nassau County. And we would like to give you
9 the floor as a means of educating people about the
10 Safe Center of Long Island.

11 MR. SCOTT: Thank you, Supervisor and
12 good morning. Thank you for taking the time for us
13 to speak on domestic violence.

14 This is an issue that impacts many,
15 many of us in many different ways. One out of
16 three women will be victims of domestic abuse at
17 some point in their life, whether it's physical,
18 verbal, sexual, financial and one out of seven men
19 will be victims of abuse at some point in their
20 life as well.

21 It's really inspiring to see an entire
22 Town come together and be able to speak about this
23 and raise awareness about this. October is
24 Domestic Violence Awareness Month but every month
25 is Domestic Awareness month. People are suffering

1 day in and day out. The Safe Center is there for
2 all Nassau County residents. All of our services
3 are 100 percent free of charge. We don't take
4 insurance. We don't take copays. Everything is
5 completely free covered by grants that you helped
6 get and passed. Thank you for your support.

7 In addition to that, we provide
8 advocacy services. We provide 24/7 hotline which
9 is 516-542-0404. Again, that's 516-542-0404.

10 People can call that 24/7. We are
11 there. We're there for children that have been
12 abused. Adults that have been abused. Whether the
13 abuse happened 60 years ago or this morning,
14 someone can call the hotline and get services. We
15 are there for everyone.

16 You know, it's really important that --
17 especially during the time of COVID and all of us
18 are isolated more than ever. Isolation is a tactic
19 an abuser uses to gain and maintain power and
20 control over someone else. Maybe we should be
21 checking in on our neighbors. Checking on what's
22 going on in our communities.

23 Somewhere along the way, I think
24 communities, in general, have lost that human touch
25 where if there is something going on in our

1 neighbor's house, we kind of look the other way and
2 say that's their problem, that's their house. I'm
3 not getting involved.

4 But it's all our community because that
5 child, that person living in that house is in our
6 community. They're going to grow up in our
7 community. It's important that we step in, step
8 out, speak up, call the police, call the Safe
9 Center and get help.

10 I don't want to take up too much of
11 your time, but thank you again for your support.
12 We greatly appreciate it.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're not taking
14 up our time. You're assisting and educating people
15 and, Keith Scott, you and the staff at the Safe
16 Center have played, quite frankly, a life changing
17 role and so many people appreciate.

18 I'm a little frustrated that it's so
19 difficult to get bills passed in Albany to
20 strengthen the law to keep sex offenders behind
21 bars longer to make it easier to get convictions,
22 to bring about more issues even after they are
23 released from prison.

24 One of the big national statistics that
25 I recall and I know Steve recalls too from his work

1 in Albany is the issue of recidivism. We learned
2 that sex offenders have the highest level of
3 recidivism of any crime. It's more likely for
4 someone to go back to these crimes than even a
5 heroin user to go back to heroin which is mind
6 blowing, but something we have to keep in mind.

7 I just would love to give Steve
8 Labriola an opportunity to be heard on this issue,
9 because I want to thank you, Steve. The
10 cornerstones of my work in Albany were good
11 government and protecting folks from sex offenders
12 and working to clean up the Grumman Navy Plume, but
13 the sex offender issue came from your work that I
14 followed in the State Legislature.

15 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Thank you very
16 much, Supervisor. Keith, thank you for your
17 presentation. It's true that we did work together.
18 Actually, it was the Supervisor during his term
19 when he saw it adopted into law where we were able
20 to confine the most egregious and worst sex
21 offenders amongst our prison population. We can
22 confine them to these secure mental health
23 facilities for further treatment before they're
24 released back into the general population. So that
25 was a lot of work. It was a tough -- it was a

1 tough road. I know you saw it through, Supervisor,
2 and I congratulate you.

3 Keith, I want to ask you a question.
4 It's an important topic. And you're not taking up
5 our time. It's an important thing to educate our
6 listening public out there tonight -- today.

7 We've been hearing an awful lot about
8 an uptick in domestic violence because of the
9 COVID-19 pandemic and the inability for people to
10 get out, et cetera.

11 Can you attest to the fact -- you know
12 some of the things we've read in the newspaper that
13 there's been an increase, and you at the Safe
14 Center would know firsthand if, in fact, these
15 cases of domestic violence have actually been on
16 the rise?

17 MR. SCOTT: Thank you for your
18 question.

19 We know there has been an increase.
20 However, we are not seeing that on the data side,
21 because people can't call the hotline as much.
22 They can't call the police as much, because they're
23 confined with their abuser 24/7 in a very sometimes
24 small environment. That abuser controls the phone
25 call, controls what they do, controls where they

1 go. We know -- we've heard reports from victims of
2 abuse -- that abuse has escalated in their home,
3 but we are not -- not everyone can call because
4 what can you do when your abuser is breathing down
5 your throat every second.

6 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I don't know if I
7 missed it or not, did you mention your website so
8 people can contact you quietly through the
9 internet?

10 MR. SCOTT: The website is
11 WWW.TSCLI.ORG. Again, that's TSCLI.ORG.

12 Just to touch on the sex offense piece
13 as well, thank you for your support with that. So,
14 the sad reality is that out of every 100 sex
15 offenses, only 4.6 of those offenders wind up in
16 prison. Out of 100 that occurs, only 4.6 wind up
17 in prison through a variety of means I can spend
18 all day talking about, but something else that we
19 need to make sure that we're a place that victims
20 can come forward. We're a site -- many times --
21 blame victims sometimes ask them how come you went
22 out with him or her on a date or how come you wore
23 that or whatever it is. It's really important that
24 we're there for the victim and they know they have
25 a voice with us.

1 Thank you.

2 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, again.

4 And that website one more time please
5 is -- great question, Steve.

6 MR. SCOTT: TSC.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As in the Safe
8 Center.

9 MR. SCOTT: LI.ORG.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: TSCLI.ORG.

11 Thank you, Keith.

12 I'm going to ask you to stand out in
13 front here and if Councilman Labriola and the
14 entire Town Board and our elected officials would
15 like to join us up front. We have a presentation
16 to thank you and the Safe Center for your life
17 saving work. God bless you.

18 Please, let's here it for Keith Scott
19 and Long Island Safe Center.

20 (Applause.)

21 (TIME NOTED: 10:35 A.M.)

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TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
REGULAR MEETING
October 20, 2020
10:36 a.m.

HEARING - BUDGET

To consider the Preliminary Budget for the Town of Oyster Bay for the Year 2021 (M.D. 9/22/20 #24).

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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

2 So, we have a very special double your
3 fun day of two Town of Oyster Bay hearings in one
4 -- on the same day. I know everyone is excited
5 about that. We are here to -- among the other
6 reasons of the business of the day, we are holding
7 a budget hearing, and we'll hold that as part of
8 today's process as well as this evening's meeting.
9 We will reconvene at 7:00 p.m.

10 If folks are watching at home and want
11 to join us this evening at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall
12 North, we will reconvene for a second Town 2021
13 Budget. This way we can get input from the public
14 and explain what the budget does and have an
15 opportunity for everyone to be a part of this
16 process.

17 Once again, we are very, very proud
18 that the Town of Oyster Bay has proposed and
19 planned a budget for 2021 that does not raise
20 taxes. This is the fourth in a row. The first one
21 that we did in 2018 cut taxes. Then we held the
22 line in 2019, 2020 and now for 2021 so we are very
23 proud of that.

24 We are going to start off with roll
25 call and then our budget hearing and then we will

1 be breaking for Executive Session to let you all
2 know what the plan is for this morning, and then
3 when we come back, we will deal with the
4 Resolutions for the day.

5 So, with that, I'd like to ask Rich
6 LaMarca to please take the roll.

7 MR. LaMARCA: Supervisor Saladino?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

9 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Present.

11 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

13 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

14 COUNCILMAN HAND: Present.

15 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

16 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Present.

17 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

18 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Present.

19 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

20 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Present.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please call the
22 first hearing.

23 MR. LaMARCA: Supervisor, today's
24 hearing is to consider the preliminary budget for
25 Town of Oyster Bay for the year 2021.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May we have Rob
2 Darienzo, our Director of Finance please step
3 forward.

4 Good morning, Rob. Thank you for
5 wearing pink as we remind everyone about Breast
6 Cancer Awareness Month and what an important issue
7 this is.

8 MR. DARIENZO: I try to wear pink all
9 year round.

10 Good morning, Supervisor, Town Board
11 Members.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning.

13 MR. DARIENZO: I'm here to discuss the
14 2021 Budget and provide some highlights.

15 On the whole, the budget is not very
16 exciting and the 2021 Budget is no exception to
17 that rule.

18 As you mentioned, we already proposed
19 to freeze taxes for the fourth year now. We cut
20 them in 2018 and maintained that freeze in 2019,
21 '20, '21. \$5.2 million back in the pockets of our
22 residents.

23 With regards to the spending plan, we
24 are proposing total expenses of 311.7 million in
25 2021. That's up 1.7 percent when compared to 2020.

1 I consider that to be a very modest increase.
2 Salaries are up in the 2021 Budget largely due to
3 contractual expenses, due to State mandated
4 increase to minimum wage and also due to an
5 increase -- an increase reliance on part-time
6 employees.

7 We feel that part-time employees give
8 us a better bang for the buck. As we have had
9 employees -- full-time employees retire, we have
10 maintained a lower level of full-time employees
11 while replacing them largely with part-timers that
12 can do the job at a low hourly rates without having
13 to -- we don't have to pay for their benefits and
14 we can employ them on an as-needed basis rather
15 than having them here for 40 hours a week.

16 Recently, the Town Board approved a
17 retirement incentive where 75 employees took a deal
18 where they will leave the Town's payroll by
19 January 31st of 2021. Those 75 employees equate to
20 roughly \$7 million in salary and their attendant
21 benefits equate to roughly \$3 million. So while we
22 have budgeted for everyone's full salary in 2021,
23 their benefits -- their salaries and benefits,
24 those people will come off the payroll in 2021.
25 They'll receive a one-time payout. Then we're

1 pledging to hire an amount lower than that 75 at
2 starting salaries rather than the salaries for
3 someone who has been here for 30, 30-plus years.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And not every
5 position will be filled.

6 MR. DARIENZO: Not every position will
7 be filled. You know, there will be some part-
8 timers that are hired instead of full-timers and
9 those full-timers that are hired, again, will be at
10 starting salaries rather than those employees who
11 have been here for their entire career.

12 So that incentive should save the Town
13 more than \$5 million annually moving forward.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Rob, just another
15 point on that. We will see a lower total number of
16 full-time employees, but you mentioned that they
17 will retire as of December 31, 2021. But many of
18 those employees will be retiring prior to that.

19 MR. DARIENZO: They retire -- retire as
20 of -- up to January 31, 2021. So three months from
21 now. The vast majority, I believe, 70 of 75 are
22 retiring in January of 2021.

23 (Whereupon, a discussion was held off
24 the record.)

25 MR. DARIENZO: Thank you. That's

1 correct, 70 of the 75 employees who took the
2 incentive are leaving in January.

3 So, again, they'll be on our books in
4 2021 and then they will fall off the budget in
5 2022.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we are
7 conservatively budgeting for them even though
8 they'll only be here for the early part of 2021.

9 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. They will be
10 budgeted for their entire year salary in the 2021
11 Budget.

12 Debt service costs in this Budget are
13 down. It's a quite -- it's a simple formula
14 really. We have issued so much less debt in the
15 past three years that the older payments are
16 starting to fall off our books. So, therefore, the
17 costs in 2021 are going to be lower than they were
18 in 2020 and lower than they were in 2019. We will
19 continue down that path for the next several years.

20 A key area where fees are down in 2021
21 is present in the Town Attorney's office. For the
22 past three or four years, we budgeted \$2.5 million
23 in outside legal fees. In 2021, the estimate came
24 to us at \$1.5 million. As we continue to have
25 these lawsuits go away, we have to rely on outside

1 counsel less. So we project to save a million
2 dollars in that area in 2021.

3 Obviously, you see the Plexiglass and
4 we're all far apart. The world has changed in 2020
5 due to this pandemic and that has affected our
6 budget as well.

7 On the expense side, we've seen
8 increases in several departments, most notably
9 General Services, where they are in charge of
10 purchasing PPE. They're in charge of purchasing
11 materials such as the Plexiglass so we can retrofit
12 everybody's work space so they can feel safe in
13 their work areas.

14 Part-time and seasonal costs increased
15 this past summer due to the need for us to have
16 employees enforce social distancing rules at our
17 parks, at our beaches, et cetera. We expect that
18 continue to 2021 conservatively. If we don't need
19 that in 2021, yay for all of us, but we've been
20 very conservative and we put it in the Budget.

21 The largest expense increase that we've
22 seen since the pandemic is the hauling away of
23 garbage generated by residents because people were
24 home for months on end. They took advantage of
25 that and they cleaned out their homes, did home

1 improvements. Generally, just being home means
2 you're going to generate more garbage from home and
3 put it out to your curb. So that extra tonnage at
4 the curbs resulted in an extra fee for it to be
5 carted away. So, in 2021, we're estimating a \$1.5
6 million increase just for our garbage to be hauled
7 away.

8 Now, some of these costs, not the
9 garbage hauling, but some of these costs we expect
10 to get a 75 percent reimbursement from FEMA for
11 things like PPE and for the materials. That's all
12 being tabulated -- that's all -- that has been
13 tabulated on an ongoing basis by various
14 departments and reported to -- hasn't been --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we're not --
16 we're taking a very conservative approach in terms
17 of budgeting on that.

18 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. We've tracked
19 all the expenses and they will be submitted to the
20 Federal Government for a 75 percent reimbursement,
21 but while we have charged all those expenses and we
22 allocated all those expenses again in 2021, we have
23 not allocated a penny towards reimbursement in 2020
24 or 2021.

25 So while we do expect to be reimbursed,

1 we have not accounted for being reimbursed. So any
2 dollar we get above zero will go towards our
3 surplus. Again, just the idea of conservative --
4 the conservative nature of budgeting practices.

5 To be quite honest, other than that, on
6 the expense side, things are relatively status quo.
7 The departments were given a mandate to keep
8 expenses inline with where they've been in past
9 years wherever possible and in some places they're
10 just not possible, but in those where they were,
11 every department heeded our call and made sure they
12 sharpened their pencil and got their numbers where
13 they need to be to ensure that we had a balanced
14 budget.

15 On the revenue side, we've already
16 talked about the idea that we're holding the line
17 on taxes. I mentioned that the Operating Budget
18 was up \$5 million. So to a layperson, they might
19 ask how can you have \$5 million more in expenses
20 and not have any, you know, additional taxes. And
21 that is also due to the conservative nature of our
22 budget on the revenue side.

23 There are certain nontax revenue items
24 that we have purposely conservatively kept lower
25 than necessary in the past years budgets. So we

1 were able to increase those revenue lines in 2021
2 while still maintaining the tax levy at the exact
3 number that it has been for these past couple of
4 years which is \$233 million.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So you're saying
6 that not only have we continued to move forward in
7 terms of improving our services, but we have not
8 budgeted for more revenue. There's no tricks.
9 There's no gimmicks. It's 100 percent balanced.
10 There's no one-shots in this budget?

11 MR. DARIENZO: There hasn't been a
12 trick, a gimmick, or a one-shot in your time here
13 at all in our budgets. Our budgets have all been
14 very sound, very conservative in nature. More than
15 structurally balanced every year. We have
16 generated surpluses north of \$10 million four years
17 in a row now. And while 2020 is not yet complete,
18 we do expect to generate a modest surplus as a
19 result of operations at the end of 2020 which is an
20 other worldly feat in the middle of a pandemic when
21 we can expect to, you know, lose anywhere from 7 to
22 \$10 million in revenues.

23 There were five funds that were in a
24 deficit when you took office of the 13 major funds
25 that the Town has. We made it a priority to fix

1 certain funds in a certain order. Our General Fund
2 got most of our attention. We've talked about a
3 accumulative deficit of \$44 million when you came
4 here. It's now a \$27 million surplus. When you
5 say cumulative, that's the addition of all of our
6 13 funds. There are, in fact, two of them that
7 stand-alone and have a negative right now.

8 So if you look at our tax levies in the
9 budget, you'll see there's some ups, there's some
10 downs. The bottom line, we collected 233 million
11 last year. We're going to collect 233 million this
12 year, and we're going to collect 233 million next
13 year. It's been the same for years now, but within
14 the funds, you might see some fluctuation in an
15 effort for us to get our fund balances where they
16 need to be.

17 I expect that the two funds that are
18 currently in deficit will be in the black by the
19 time we release our audit -- our 2021 Audit in the
20 middle of 2022. It's not something you can just
21 snap your fingers and fix in one day. A lot of
22 work needed to be done. A lot of funds were in
23 very large negative positions.

24 And so, again, the General Fund now has
25 been rectified. It result in us being removed from

1 the office of the State Comptroller's Fiscal Stress
2 Monitoring list for the first time since the
3 program started in 2013. So, you know, we're very
4 proud of that.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just repeat that
6 again for folks who might have missed it. That is
7 so important, please.

8 MR. DARIENZO: Sure.

9 The State Comptroller's Office
10 initiated a program in 2013. They call it their
11 Fiscal Stress Monitoring SYSTEM. They are -- it's
12 a series of metrics and every municipality in the
13 Town -- every municipality in the State generates a
14 certain score based on these metrics, and here at
15 the Town of Oyster Bay, I was here the whole time,
16 I'm not happy to say that from 2013 to 2018, the
17 Town was basically on their highest level of
18 stress. They have significant stress, moderate
19 stress and susceptible to stress or not being on
20 the list at all.

21 We were on their significant stress
22 level, they're highest list for each of the years
23 that we were on a list at all. Some years we
24 weren't on the list because our financial documents
25 were not submitted on time, because we had

1 accounting issues due to financial software that
2 was put in place in 2014. But just because our
3 documents were late does not mean that we wouldn't
4 have been on the list if, in fact, our documents
5 were on time. Once our documents were processed
6 and we generated our score, they were higher than
7 they have ever been.

8 But now as a result of 2019 audit, we
9 left their significant. We're not on moderate.
10 We're not on susceptible. We're not on any list at
11 all and that is largely due to the turnaround --
12 that's entirely due to the turnaround to the
13 General Fund and the lack of cash flow borrowings,
14 you know, under this administration.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You talked about
16 savings because your statement leads everyone to
17 ask the question, well, how did you do that, and
18 how is it that there'll be no tax increase in 2021
19 in the Town of Oyster Bay? We talked about
20 savings.

21 For instance, some costs go up, whether
22 it's garbage hauling or other issues, but there are
23 savings. You described how between 5 and \$10
24 million of ongoing savings will be seen through the
25 early retirement incentive. You spoke about debt,

1 but could you please tell us how much we'll be
2 saving in 2021 by reorganizing our debt at a lower
3 interest rate just like when someone has a mortgage
4 at a higher interest rate and they go out and they
5 get a new mortgage and then end up saving
6 significant money through the lower interest rate.

7 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely, I would be
8 happy to.

9 So, not only are we reducing our
10 outstanding debt just by simply paying down more
11 than we are issuing, but we've also been able to
12 take advantage of refinancing/refunding
13 opportunities out there in the market due to
14 historically low interest rates coupled with our
15 improved bond rating.

16 So our bond rating has gone up, thanks
17 to all the good things that we've done. Interest
18 rates are at an all-time low and debt that we
19 issued 8 to 12 to 15 years ago that have high rates
20 of interest, we've been notified of potential
21 savings opportunities. We actually had one in
22 August of this year. We received over \$5 million
23 simply by refinancing a loan. In February of 2021,
24 we have another opportunity that under current
25 market conditions will save us another \$7 million.

1 And in 2022 there's a call date out there for us
2 that, again, at current market conditions will save
3 us an additional \$10 million.

4 So by doing nothing other than
5 improving our finances and taking advantage of
6 historically low rates, we're able to save the
7 taxpayers -- through those three issuances -- \$22
8 million in principal and interest just by
9 refinancing the debt, the same way a homeowner
10 might refinance their mortgage.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And while you
12 said by doing nothing else, we're doing so many
13 other things in addition to that.

14 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

15 Overall, in your first three years
16 here, we cut debt by \$160 million. By the end of
17 2020, that will rise to \$165 million. While the
18 Capital Program is not part of this operating
19 budget that we're discussing today, the Town Board
20 will be receiving Bond Authorization Resolutions
21 later this year for the 2021 Capital Program. And
22 right now we project the Capital Program to be set
23 at \$55 million in 2021, while we are going to pay
24 down the \$65 million in debt in 2021.

25 So, we have an informal policy, if you

1 will, to issue less debt than we pay down. So we
2 cut debt by \$85 million your first year, could be
3 -- issue a pending [sic] debt and we issued -- we
4 cut debt by \$53 million in your second year and
5 over \$20 million in your third year.

6 So we shocked the system by -- in those
7 years, but now it's more of a maintenance level
8 where we can still do all the things we need to do.
9 We can improve our roads. We can improve our
10 parks. We can update our fleets while still
11 cutting debt, while still getting bond rating
12 upgrades, while still maintaining a tax freeze.

13 So we are going to pay down \$65 million
14 in debt for the Town purposes in 2021. We plan to
15 issue \$55 million in debt, so we'll save \$10
16 million right there. When you couple that with the
17 \$7 million refinancing opportunity that I
18 mentioned, we expect to cut debt by \$17 million in
19 2021, which makes the grand total during your time
20 here over \$180 million.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's important to
22 point out that we have been borrowing to repave our
23 roads. We have been protecting the infrastructure
24 of the Town. It's not just like we stopped the
25 functions of the Town. The taxpayers, the

1 residents made it very clear they wanted their
2 roads repaved. And we've now repaved over 100
3 roads.

4 We've had to continue to buy new
5 garbage trucks and vac trucks to maintain and help
6 with eliminate flooding in communities. The
7 garbage trucks, obviously, are very expensive, but
8 we've continued to do that and managed the finances
9 properly. So it hasn't been like we haven't done
10 anything on the capital side. We have and still
11 we're reducing that capital debt.

12 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. We've -- I
13 would say done more than ever. We're doing it more
14 efficiently now.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, you
16 mentioned bond rating increases and that's
17 certainly a very good indicator on how well the
18 Town is doing financially, and it doesn't even show
19 how great we are doing right now because before
20 Wall Street gives a bond rating, they actually look
21 at our finances, which come out six months after
22 the close of the books. So we wait until June to
23 get our independent audit from the year before and
24 then send that to Wall Street.

25 How many bond rating increase have we

1 seen? I'm sure nobody gets a bond rating increase
2 during COVID because of all the financial pain. I
3 can't imagine -- you'd have to be a superstar to
4 get a bond rating increase during a COVID pandemic.

5 MR. DARIENZO: Supervisor, you're being
6 coy. You know, this answer already very well.

7 In July, we received two bond rating
8 increases. One from Moody's and one from
9 Standard & Poor's. And from Standard & Poor's, we
10 received a two-notch upgrade.

11 So forget about just getting an upgrade
12 during a pandemic. They pretty much warned us on
13 phone calls, nobody gets an upgrade during the
14 pandemic. You know, temper you expectations. So
15 to get a two-notch upgrade from Standard & Poor's
16 -- while I feel like it was well deserved, it was
17 still a bit unexpected because they tend to be
18 temperate with their increases. They are -- they
19 want to see a period of time where you're doing the
20 right thing. We've given them now a cycle of four
21 years in a row of doing the right thing.

22 So, if you took a snapshot of our
23 finances right now, I would -- I would argue that
24 our bond rating should be even higher, but they
25 still want to see more and more years of us doing

1 the right thing. Four years is a lot, but they
2 like to see even more.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And I know we
4 will.

5 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we've reduced
7 debt by record amounts. We've, in total, reduced
8 \$165 million of our debt which adds to the
9 financial strength of the Town while paving roads,
10 while buying the large pieces of equipment, while
11 rehabbing our infrastructure.

12 You've talked about turning the deficit
13 into a surplus. How difficult was that? We've had
14 many strategy sessions on that. Turning around the
15 operating -- the operating budget, but also
16 important the operational procedures of the Town
17 have greatly been turned around with the help of
18 our Town Board members and our officials. Let's
19 talk a little bit about what that means to Wall
20 Street to see us go from a \$44 million deficit to a
21 \$27.4 million surplus in just -- in just a little
22 over three years.

23 MR. DARIENZO: Yet it's almost -- I
24 almost don't know what to say. It's unbelievable
25 what we've done during these past four audits to

1 turn our cumulative deficit into a cumulative
2 surplus to the tune of a \$71 million turnaround
3 between negative 44 to positive 27. And quite
4 frankly, it's due to a restraint on the part of
5 this administration to issue debt and the
6 restraints to hire to the levels that we've seen in
7 the past. We reached a high of 1,250 full-time
8 employees back in 2012 and that number certainly
9 has been reduced during some retirement incentives,
10 but during my time prior to 2017, there would be
11 hires that replaced, you know, all those people.
12 Sometimes we would hire two for one. But now we've
13 gotten our employees -- our master employee list
14 down to roughly 1,000 employees and our employees
15 are doing more and taking on additional
16 responsibilities, but we're getting the job done
17 still. The residents are still getting all the
18 services they received in the past and more.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're all proud
20 of the work of our employees, Rob. They have been
21 phenomenal in stepping up in our pools, our parks,
22 and beaches. Whether it's Highway, Sanitation and
23 on top of all of that, not only have they done a
24 phenomenal Yeoman's effort to improve the Town,
25 then COVID hit, and they've been dedicated,

1 committed to our residents. And in this Town, the
2 services did not end during COVID.

3 We're so proud of the work they've done
4 and the leadership we've seen in the administrative
5 teams throughout the Town in every different
6 department.

7 From the Receiver's office to the Town
8 Clerk's office to Sanitation, Parks. We all
9 enjoyed an incredible Summer at our beaches, at our
10 marinas, at our parks and that played such an
11 important role in the psychological wellbeing of
12 our Township to come out of COVID.

13 I've been using this expression, the
14 Town of Oyster Bay wrote the book on how to come
15 out of a pandemic, and I'm exceptionally proud of
16 our workforce, including you.

17 MR. DARIENZO: Thank you very much.

18 Yes, our workforce takes pride in doing
19 their jobs to the best of their abilities. A
20 pandemic isn't going to stop that. If anything,
21 the pandemic made us stronger and showed us what
22 we're capable of.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're capable of
24 quite a bit, including the strategies, the
25 financial strategies.

1 Can you tell us a little bit about cash
2 flow, borrowing and things of this nature?

3 MR. DARIENZO: Sure.

4 Our -- we were in a very bad state back
5 in 2016, 2017. We needed to borrow money to keep
6 ourselves afloat on the operating side. At its
7 high, there was \$32 million in cash flow borrowings
8 outstanding. That is we needed \$32 million on hand
9 to make sure that we were still afloat.

10 Now, that's not to say that we just
11 needed \$32 million -- how do I say this? It's not
12 as simple as saying we need \$32 million to make
13 payroll or anything like that. The fact of the
14 matter is we've always prided ourselves -- even
15 when we were low on cash, we always pride ourselves
16 in paying our debt on time.

17 If we received a claim from a vendor
18 for work they did, we have it processed within a
19 week. We don't sit on claims for months at a time.
20 While on the opposite side, we do wait for months
21 at a time for us to receive certain revenues due to
22 us from certain other entities that shall remain
23 unnamed.

24 But the fact of matter is we weren't
25 going to keep any of our vendors waiting. We

1 weren't going to keep any of our -- those who, you
2 know, we loaned money from, we weren't going to
3 keep them waiting. So we borrowed up to \$32
4 million at one point for those purposes.

5 Now, for the second year in a row, we
6 have that down to zero, not a penny. We're
7 standing up on our own two feet. We're still
8 paying our bills as soon as we get them. The
9 Comptroller's officer under Steve Ballas, if
10 something comes into the system, they have it paid
11 that week. There's nothing that waits for any
12 reason.

13 With that being said, there are still
14 on the other side, on the revenue side, we are
15 still waiting for very large sums of money that are
16 due to us from, again, certain unnamed entities.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, you
18 spoke about salaries earlier and I just want to get
19 this point across. One of the best illustrations
20 is how much the Town spent on salaries of its
21 employees in 2016 and how much we propose to spend
22 on the salaries of our employees in 2021.

23 Can you give us that information for
24 comparison purposes.

25 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

1 We talked about how due to the
2 contract, due to increases in minimum wage -- which
3 I believe that happened for each of the past three
4 years or so. Increase relies on part-timers. Even
5 with all these things factored in contractual
6 raises, minimum wage increase, part-time wage
7 increase, our projected salaries in 2021 will still
8 be over \$2 million less than they were in 2016.

9 Again, with the same -- by showing the
10 same restraint this Town Board has shown over the
11 past couple of years by not hiring on a one-for-one
12 basis when the 75 employees leave in the next three
13 months, we can expect to see that number go down in
14 2022.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Without hurting
16 services.

17 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely not.

18 So, we talked a little bit about
19 conservative budgeting. I want to talk about a
20 couple of other conservative revenues --
21 conservative budgeting for revenues.

22 Recently, the Town Board approved a
23 contract I think with VIP for them to park cars at
24 our DPW complex. I've been told that we can expect
25 to receive roughly \$840,000 in the first year of a

1 ten-year contract. It should bring in roughly
2 \$9 million over the course of those ten years, but
3 we've been burnt in the past by budgeting items
4 that have not yet been put into place.

5 So in the 2021 Budget we have budgeted
6 zero dollars for that revenue. So assuming that
7 contract goes into place and goes well, that
8 \$840,000 is just extra money that we can put
9 towards our surplus or put it towards some sort of,
10 you know, emergency expense if we have some kind of
11 major storm. It's the idea that while we are
12 relatively confident that we're going to get that
13 money, we are not counting on it.

14 The same goes for interest earnings.
15 We budgeted \$100,000 for interest earnings in 2021
16 and that's quite simply the interest we earn from
17 money that's in our bank accounts.

18 Bank account interest rates are clearly
19 at very low figures right now, but we still have
20 enough money where we can generate a sizable amount
21 of interest.

22 Typically, it's more than a million
23 dollars a year. We've only budgeted 100,000 and
24 that's because, for all we know, interest rates can
25 go down to almost zero. Right now, we're getting

1 half a percent and our cash levels are high, so we
2 are generating large amounts of interest, but,
3 again, to be conservative, we budget almost
4 nothing.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, the State
6 Comptroller, one of the ways in we've gotten off
7 that fiscal stress list is by building up that
8 surplus, that rainy day fund. What happens if
9 there is an emergency. What happens if there is a
10 major snowstorms, hurricanes and so forth.

11 How close are we to building up the
12 full amount or the target that the State
13 Comptroller has recommended?

14 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

15 Just so we're all on the same page and
16 just so the Town Board and the residents
17 understand, the Office of the State Comptroller
18 does not put an exact number or percentage on what
19 they expect you to have in the form of surplus or
20 reserves. They would like you to have a reasonable
21 amount.

22 So in my discussions with them, I said
23 okay, is 10 percent a reasonable amount? And they
24 said yes. So our budget is roughly 300 million,
25 311 this year. So to have 10 percent of that will

1 be 31 million. We've expressed a stated goal of
2 getting our surplus to 30 million when you first
3 got here. So we started at negative 44 and now
4 we're at positive 27 in just four short years. So
5 we've gotten right on the precipice of hitting that
6 \$30 million figure.

7 Now, I don't want to mislead anybody,
8 we had, again, four years where there was a 20
9 million, a 15 million, a 17 million, and a \$19
10 million surplus. We're not going to run surpluses
11 north of \$10 million every year, especially while
12 we're holding the line on taxes for our taxpayers.

13 The pandemic is going to put a large
14 dent in what we expected to have in the form of
15 surplus this year, but we're still going to turn a
16 surplus in my estimation as of right now, today, on
17 October 20th, I expect there will be a moderate
18 surplus in 2020 that could take us close to that
19 \$30 million figure.

20 And then from there, again, the plan
21 that we talked about, it's not going -- we're not
22 going to shock people with a surplus on a yearly
23 basis north of \$10 million. The idea is to
24 maintain and slowly build that 30 million maybe up
25 to say 40 million to make sure that we have enough

1 money in reserve to meet any kind of emergency that
2 arises.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Rob, at first
4 blush, people are watching this at home saying,
5 wait, there's a COVID pandemic, there's additional
6 expenses and there's a loss of sales tax, an there
7 must be so many losses -- you turn on the
8 television, you open the paper, you hear about
9 Nassau County's fiscal problems, New York State's
10 fiscal problems, all accentuated by a COVID
11 pandemic and yet the proposal -- the projection for
12 2021, even if there is no vaccine, if the pandemic
13 continues straight through the entire year, we will
14 still be raising our surplus. Why? How?

15 MR. DARIENZO: That's all true. The
16 reason is, again, I'll operate with the idea of a
17 \$300 million budget. In our \$300 million budget
18 roughly \$233 million comes in the form of taxes.
19 We're going to get that tax money whether there is
20 a pandemic or not. Sales tax, mortgage tax, those
21 items are affected by a pandemic. And we have seen
22 decreases in those areas, or I should say we expect
23 to see decreases in those areas.

24 We get sales tax and mortgage tax on a
25 quarterly basis, but as of today October 20th,

1 we're now 20 days into the fourth quarter of the
2 year. We've only received our first quarter
3 payments for sales tax and mortgage tax. So there
4 are some cash strapped municipalities that I
5 believe are holding onto our money a little bit
6 longer than they have in the past, but the truth of
7 the matter is, I don't have an indication exactly
8 yet what we can expect for the second and third
9 quarters in sales tax and mortgage tax other than
10 what I read online or in the newspapers.

11 So we are estimating that we will lose
12 roughly 20 percent in the form of sales tax and
13 mortgage tax and we think that's a conservative
14 estimate. On the mortgage tax side, anecdotally,
15 homes are having bidding wars. There are a lot of
16 people that lived out in Manhattan that have come
17 out to the suburbs and bought homes. So we're not
18 exactly sure what to expect.

19 Again, we are conservatively estimating
20 a drop in 20 percent, which for us is only a couple
21 of million dollars in mortgage tax, and with the
22 last 20 percent in sales tax, that would be roughly
23 \$3 million.

24 And there's two other major revenue
25 items where we have seen a decrease; number one is

1 in the permit fees for building permits, and the
2 second is in Parks and Recreation fees. We had a
3 lot of refunds we had to give this year due to the
4 pandemic.

5 The Building Department has always done
6 a tremendous job in terms of generating revenue and
7 their surplus is so large, that they can withstand
8 a shortfall this year, and they're going to be just
9 fine, but the 2021 Budget projects a 10 percent
10 decrease in sales tax, a 10 percent decrease in
11 mortgage tax. We feel that's going to be a
12 conservative figure that we can hit in 2021.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By the way, just
14 to add to that, you spoke to the issue with the
15 Building Department has done a fabulous job and
16 continued to work hard and more quickly to generate
17 those moneys, the Parks Department has as well --
18 where even with the downturn, so we do have refunds
19 for hockey programs that couldn't go forward or
20 different sports programs. The turnaround in the
21 Parks Department in the last three years has been
22 so phenomenal. The increases in revenue -- I don't
23 have the percentage number that they are up by, but
24 it's phenomenal, and it really has helped as we go
25 forward in -- during a pandemic.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Yes. I didn't mean to
2 -- by singling out Planning and Development, I
3 didn't mean to denigrate the Parks Department.
4 They've obviously done a great job also and it only
5 took a pandemic and mass refunds to bring them
6 down. Other than that, they would have been on
7 track for a record year.

8 Councilwoman Maier, I know you had a
9 question.

10 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: I'm sorry, Rob, I
11 know you touched upon sales tax and a few weeks ago
12 we had a very fruitful conversation about sales tax
13 recovery. Being a business owner myself that's
14 obviously a piece that I was very curious about.

15 To our residents that are listening,
16 what percentage do we get for sales tax? And I
17 think for most people, I think it's just sales tax
18 people doing into a store, going into a restaurant
19 that we collect that upon but it's greater than
20 that. Also stuff that is done online and what
21 we've seen with this pandemic which is interesting
22 is the generation of online sales that we haven't
23 seen in the past, more of historical portions, do
24 we think that's going to have an impact.

25 I know you said we only got our first

1 quarter recovery which only comes as probably a
2 week of pandemic.

3 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

4 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: It's my
5 understanding that the County does not tell us what
6 funds we're going to be receiving, right, so we
7 have no idea what we're going to be collecting for
8 Q2 and Q3.

9 MR. DARIENZO: We did receive a voucher
10 for Q2. It is down roughly 25 percent from Q2 last
11 year. Q2 obviously being the worst quarter of this
12 pandemic. We expect Quarter 3 to rebound somewhat.

13 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Do we have -- do
14 they provide us with a breakdown of what we
15 received, I guess, from online transaction versus
16 in store transactions?

17 MR. DARIENZO: Not that I've ever seen.
18 They give us -- they say, here's your 4
19 million or here's your 3.5 million. The voucher is
20 not detailed at all from what I've ever seen.

21 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Thank you.

22 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

23 We do expect online sales to greatly
24 replace what has been lost from businesses that
25 have been closed but, again, it's just too early to

1 tell the exact impact.

2 Again, the really good news is that our
3 budget for 2020 specifically was built to withstand
4 -- we didn't know this was going to happen, and if
5 it didn't happen, we wouldn't had a surplus
6 probably close to 8 to \$10 million, but because the
7 pandemic did hit, we're now looking at a surplus
8 much lower than that because of these decreases.
9 And we hold out a very, very small hope that
10 Federal Stimulus Plan could include historical
11 revenue replacement for municipalities of our size.

12 We all have heard that the Town of
13 Hempstead got 133 million and Nassau County got a
14 102 million. Don't misunderstand that was not
15 meant to be put towards revenues but, again, talks
16 are still ongoing for possibility for towns of our
17 size to receive funds. Again, we're not holding
18 out for it. We're not budgeted for it, but the
19 important part is the 2020 Budget was strong enough
20 to withstand the impact of the pandemic to the Town
21 of Oyster Bay.

22 You mentioned municipalities. The
23 County, I don't have that number memorized, I try
24 to focus on the Town of Oyster Bay's budget. But
25 they have a budget, I think, of roughly \$3 million

1 of which one million -- \$3 billion, is that right?
2 They have a \$3 billion budget. Roughly one billion
3 of that they receive in the form of sales --
4 property taxes and roughly one billion of that they
5 get in the form of sales tax. So they rely on
6 sales tax much more than the Town does. Our sales
7 tax is roughly \$15 million or \$16 million on a \$300
8 million budget.

9 So they count on roughly one-third of
10 their overall budget for sale tax and I know,
11 Councilman Labriola, you were at the County, you
12 can attest roughly to those figures, but we do not
13 rely much at all on sales tax, mortgage tax and
14 while we love when the Building Department
15 generates those building fees, we're not -- we're
16 going to be able to withstand without an issue.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's fabulous
18 work.

19 You know, you talked about some of
20 these costs, but people don't realize all of the
21 unfunded mandates that come from the State.

22 How much do we spend on the MTA payroll
23 tax alone in this Town?

24 MR. DARIENZO: Somewhere between 350
25 and \$400,000 a year. It's .034 percent of your

1 payroll I believe for an item that has nothing to
2 do with our employees at all, to be quite honest.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Do our health
4 care -- mandated health care costs and our mandated
5 pension costs, do they continue to rise?

6 MR. DARIENZO: I've been here
7 twenty-plus years. I've never seen health care
8 costs go down, no.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Have you ever
10 seen them flat or do they rise every single year,
11 virtually?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Yes. I would say
13 virtually every year they go up a certain
14 percentage. They go up a higher percentage than
15 this budget's going up.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So I bring these
17 things up because you mentioned conservative
18 budgeting, but that really means strategic
19 planning, to underestimate revenues, to
20 overestimate our expenses, to make sure no matter
21 what happens, we're always acting to protect our
22 taxpayers, and have a rock solid budget that has
23 been part of the plans.

24 You and I sat down my first day on the
25 job; we began the process.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Three hours.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Now we have
3 business people on our Town Board on our -- among
4 our administrative team. They've also been a
5 tremendous help, all the Town Board members in
6 terms of their experience.

7 It's really strategic planning, isn't
8 it.

9 MR. DARIENZO: A 100 percent. And
10 before you got here, we were behind the eight ball
11 and creating the budget was a more strenuous task
12 than it is now. There was a, you know, the budgets
13 were not structurally balanced then, the way they
14 are now. To put a budget together is something
15 that, you know, I'm very proud to do. I've been
16 doing it for many years now and it's almost -- not
17 that it's easy for me to do it, but I know what
18 it's like to put together a bad budget. I know
19 what it's like to put together a good budget. And
20 it's nothing but good budgets but since you've been
21 here.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

23 Let's open up things to questions from
24 our Board.

25 Councilman Labriola.

1 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Thank you,
2 Supervisor.

3 Mr. Darienzo, thank you for your
4 presentation. I know that this one-hour
5 presentation of our budget is an accumulation of --
6 is a cumulative presentation of, I guess, months of
7 work that you've been working with all of our
8 various department heads. I know this process
9 begins in the Summer, and many of us, I know, in
10 the Town Council have inquired as we've gone along
11 and I know we've buttoned up a few things yesterday
12 I wanted to speak to you about. I don't have that
13 many questions, but I do want -- want you to have
14 the opportunity to elaborate on some of the things
15 that I think the taxpayers are most concerned with.

16 And, obviously, having a no-tax
17 increase budget is, I guess, first and foremost on
18 a lot of peoples' minds. It's a very difficult
19 thing to raise taxes in a -- in a period of time
20 where we have an economic downturn due to this
21 pandemic. And I know that other municipalities
22 around us are raising taxes.

23 I know the City of Glen Cove has just
24 announced that they are going to raise taxes close
25 to 9 percent this year. I think the City of

1 Long Beach will probably follow suit. I'm not sure
2 how the other townships are doing around us. We'll
3 know that shortly.

4 I know how difficult it is to try to
5 maintain or hold the line on property taxes when
6 expenses continue to rise, as we've seen in this
7 budget. And although our -- your work is obviously
8 paying off.

9 I wanted to ask you about the credit
10 rating. Now, you had said that we received these
11 increases -- these credit rate increases from
12 Standard & Poor's and Moody's.

13 Just for the benefit of the public, can
14 you tell us what that rating is exactly at this
15 point in time, the credit rating from Standard &
16 Poor's?

17 I don't mean to put you on the spot, if
18 you don't know.

19 MR. DARIENZO: But I am on the spot
20 now.

21 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I figured you had
22 this right off the top of your head.

23 MR. DARIENZO: I should. I apologize.

24 I want to say we went from BB+ to BBB+
25 with Standard & Poor's. That's since 2017. We got

1 one notch -- they have As, they have AAs and AAAs
2 and As. Then they have BBB, BB. They've got
3 pluses and minuses. So the scale eludes to me
4 right now, but we received a two-notch upgrade from
5 Standard & Poor's in July. We received a one-notch
6 upgrade from Moody's in July. And back in
7 February, we received a one-notch upgrade from --
8 we got two upgrades during the year from Moody's.

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: You know, I heard
10 you said that. I didn't mean do that to you.

11 I just wanted the public to understand
12 how does that impact them in their pocketbook, and
13 I think that it shows in this budget, and I wanted
14 you to elaborate on that, that we're actually --
15 our debit service has been reduced this year, and
16 at the same time, we're reducing debt.

17 So could you just clarify that for
18 people, how do we reduce debt and also reduce your
19 debt service.

20 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

21 The easiest way to reduce debt is --
22 it's going to sound like common sense, is to pay
23 down more debt than you issue. So we've been doing
24 that in spades, and then when you couple that with
25 our improved bond rating, and you couple that with

1 all-time low interest rates, you're able to borrow
2 money for less. It's not funny -- it's almost
3 funny. If we were borrowing money at the rates we
4 were in the past, it would be -- it would almost be
5 preferable because the cost of borrowing money
6 right now -- it's so cheap to borrow money, you
7 should almost borrow as much money as you can right
8 now but, obviously, we don't want to borrow more
9 than we have to.

10 So we're borrowing smaller amounts --
11 we were borrowing more at a higher interest. Now,
12 we're borrowing less at a lower interest rate. So
13 that means that correspondingly in the operating
14 budget, principal overall would be going down,
15 interest will be going down and we can expect to
16 continue to see those rates go down as our bond
17 rating improves.

18 As a matter of fact, even though our
19 bond rating is at a certain level, when we issued
20 bonds last year, our underwriter sent me a
21 comparison the same day they issued debt for the
22 University of Connecticut on a similar size as ours
23 and the University of Connecticut had a bond rating
24 that was five notches higher than ours, but our
25 effective interest rate was within one-one

1 hundredth of a percentage point.

2 We have the same rates as an entity
3 with a rating five notches higher than ours,
4 because the investors look beyond what Standard &
5 Poor's and what Moody's says. The investors sees
6 the underlying statistics. They know that our
7 actual rating is lower than what our rating should
8 be, and they rewarded us with lower interest rates
9 because of it.

10 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: In terms of -- I
11 heard the Supervisor use the analogy of a mortgage
12 -- for us this year -- if I read this correctly,
13 our mortgage payment goes down \$2.6 million.

14 Is that accurate?

15 MR. DARIENZO: In 2021, we're going to
16 pay \$2 million in change less than debt service
17 costs, absolutely.

18 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So that I wanted
19 people to understand. That's what debt service is
20 like. That is our mortgage payment that we're
21 responsible for.

22 The other thing I wanted to mention
23 about was -- I don't want you to rest on your
24 laurels because I want to see our Town return to an
25 A-rated -- an A-rated municipality again.

1 I know that we're heading in that
2 direction. I know that's the goal of the
3 Supervisor and most of us on this Town Board really
4 want to see us drive that point and I know it
5 doesn't happen overnight --

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: All of us --

7 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: -- from where we
8 were -- all of us, excuse me. All of us want to
9 see that. I know it's not an easy task to
10 accomplish. I know it doesn't happen overnight,
11 but we are moving in that right direction and,
12 obviously, that's the reason why I'm going to be
13 supporting this document.

14 But I did want to -- also in terms of
15 transparency and informing the public more, I
16 wanted you to consider maybe working with our
17 Comptroller Steve Ballas to look into some of the
18 -- some of the software that's out there today that
19 municipalities are using to open our process so
20 it's more transparent for the public to see. I'm
21 not sure if you've been looking into opengov.org.
22 That's just one example of what some municipalities
23 are using where -- so the homeowners who are
24 actually interested in seeing where our revenues
25 come from, where they get spent and they can drill

1 down into the budget lines.

2 That's something that I'd like to see
3 us to consider, and I hope you're starting to look
4 into this. It's becoming more and more common
5 amongst municipalities. It's really not a great
6 deal of extra work to send that data into this
7 software program that allows the common man and
8 women at home to be able to look at it from the
9 comfort of their home and understand exactly what's
10 happening with their tax dollars. You know, the
11 pie charts, the grafts, et cetera.

12 MR. DARIENZO: No, I understand.

13 I think I've seen that before and we
14 certainly haven't had a lot of internal discussion
15 about that, but we certainly can.

16 As far as our bond rating goes, we had
17 Triple-A rating as recently as 2011, and we were
18 running deficits in 2011, and so the same way that
19 the rate agencies are slow to lower their rating,
20 they're slow to raise the rating.

21 So, while, again, while we deserve a
22 rating higher than it is right now, in my
23 estimation, don't be mad at me if you're listening
24 Standard & Poor's and Moody's, we expect to see
25 further increases as the years pass. It tends to

1 lag a couple of years behind the actual work that
2 you're doing.

3 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I appreciate that
4 and I hope Standard & Poor's and Moody's is, in
5 fact, listening and that they are going to bring us
6 up to that status once again so that we can borrow
7 at even a lower rate.

8 Thank you very much for your
9 presentation, Mr. Darienzo.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Councilman
11 Labriola, we have another hearing tonight on the
12 budget and perhaps you'd be kind enough to ask our
13 Director of Finance the same question this evening
14 about what our exact bond rating is so he has an
15 opportunity to regroup and give you those -- all of
16 those statistics and ratings.

17 MR. DARIENZO: I will certainly have
18 those ratings tonight.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Board Members,
20 other questions as it relates to this budget
21 hearing?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So just to
24 summarize what you presented to us in three, now
25 four short years, if you include 2021, we've turned

1 the deficit into a growing surplus that is closing
2 in on the suggestion of the State Comptroller at 10
3 percent. We are -- even in a COVID pandemic, we
4 are still adding to the surplus of the Town as
5 projected in this budget. We've generated large
6 surpluses every year you said at the height \$53
7 million in one year?

8 What did you tell us, I'm sorry, what
9 was the height of our sur -- of our generation of
10 revenue increasing the operating budget revenues.

11 MR. DARIENZO: The surpluses in the
12 years that you've been here have been 15, 17, and
13 \$19 million yearly.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

15 We've reduced debt by record amounts.
16 We're now down a net of 165 million total in our
17 capital budget.

18 And when I say "net," it really is
19 something to think about because we weren't just
20 writing checks and paying that down, we were still
21 repaving the roads, continuing to fix our
22 infrastructure, continuing to buy these large
23 vehicles. Every year you need to buy a certain
24 amount of garbage trucks to keep that going and
25 thank goodness for Sanitation and Sort. What an

1 amazing job they did throughout the COVID pandemic.

2 We've eliminated cash borrowing across
3 the board. No more borrowing cash flow purposes.
4 We stopped -- and that's a big deal.

5 What's the savings on that alone?

6 MR. DARIENZO: Well, the savings is not
7 -- it's hard to quantify. The fact we have no cash
8 flow borrowing is just as important as fixing our
9 fund balance in the eyes of the rating agencies.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So there's no
11 need to pay interest because we're not borrowing to
12 do that?

13 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

14 We're certainly not paying the interest
15 and then we're not paying the additional interest
16 costs for the fact that anybody who's lending money
17 to an entity that needs money to borrow for
18 operations is going to charge you a very high
19 interest rate.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've stopped
21 amortizing our retirement system costs that are
22 mandated by Albany. The State mandates that we
23 have to pay retirement costs for every employee --
24 every full-time employee and now we are no longer
25 borrowing for that.

1 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

2 For roughly seven years in a row, there
3 was too much budgetary pressure. We amortized the
4 allowable portion of our bill.

5 Our retirement system bill was roughly
6 \$15 million a year and there was a period of time
7 where we were taking advantage of the ability to
8 pay a lower amount while amortizing a certain
9 portion and they were charging us anywhere from 3
10 to 6 percent interest on that extra part. So we're
11 no longer taking loans to pay off our employee
12 retirement system bill.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've been very
14 cautious about hiring and managing the labor costs
15 in this town. We have an credible workforce who
16 stepped up so much over these past four years.
17 Then additionally showed us what they were made of
18 during the pandemic and yet we're spending less on
19 labor than we did in 2017, for instance.

20 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're planning to
22 retire some 75 employees throughout 2021. So
23 there's additional savings that are ongoing, and as
24 the years go by, we'll see that savings more and
25 more.

1 We've kept our budget expenses in line.
2 Just to reiterate, there were 5 of the 13 sectors
3 of the budget that were not balanced. Now, we've
4 got it down to 2. So, we solved the problem and it
5 takes some time. This is operational issue of how
6 to save money on those lines, but you spoke to fact
7 that now there we down to two working on those as
8 well.

9 MR. DARIENZO: Three down, two to go
10 and they're going to go.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Three down and
12 two to go and they're going to go. That's great
13 news.

14 We've reduced our costs on energy by
15 changing out bulbs to LED and Smart technology. We
16 saved money on heating fuels and the list goes on
17 and on the operational side.

18 I just want the public to understand
19 all of the efforts we've put in, in these four
20 years, and now -- three, and now we're see the
21 fruits of those labors and tremendous savings that
22 also help to keep taxes flat, but how much less is
23 in Town coffers? How much more in the checking
24 accounts of our taxpayer are due to our cut of
25 taxes in 2018 and then these three budgets -- these

1 three consecutive budgets with no tax increase?

2 MR. DARIENZO: It will be over \$5
3 million back in the pockets of our taxpayers.

4 Roughly \$5.2 million over the course of
5 those four years back in their pockets, not in our
6 pockets. While at the same time, we receive bond
7 rating upgrades, we've reduced debt by record
8 amounts. We take our cumulative deficit and turn
9 it into a large surplus. So it's -- you hear about
10 a win/win. I don't know how many wins there are
11 here. It's win, win, win, win, win, win, win.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Out taxpayers
13 appreciate that, and I want to say thank you on
14 behalf of our Town Board and our administration and
15 our officials for all of your efforts the great job
16 you've been doing. It's very much appreciated at a
17 time when other municipal budgets are going into --
18 out onto thin ice, the Town of Oyster Bay continues
19 to get stronger and stronger with another year of
20 no tax increase.

21 Thank you, Rob.

22 Are there any other questions.

23 (No verbal response.)

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very,
25 very much.

1 MR. DARIENZO: No problem. See you
2 tonight.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay, and we will
4 be repeating this hearing at 7:00 p.m. this
5 evening.

6 MR. DARIENZO: Did anybody record this,
7 so I can play it again?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Rob.
9 At this time, as I said, we need to
10 break for an Executive Session to meet with our
11 counsel, but yes, Town Clerk?

12 MR. LaMARCA: I just wanted to mention
13 that we have affidavits of posting and publication.
14 There is no other correspondence.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As it relates to
16 our budget hearing?

17 MR. LaMARCA: Correct.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Rich
19 LaMarca.

20 Councilwoman.

21 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I
22 make a motion that this Board move into Executive
23 Session for the purpose of discussion -- discussing
24 current and pending litigation.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I second that

1 motion.

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

4 ALL: "Aye."

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
6 "Nay."

7 (No verbal response.)

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

10 Thank you.

11 We will make this as quick as possible,
12 and then come back to further our work today on our
13 Resolutions. We appreciate your patience.

14 (Whereupon, the Executive Session began
15 at 11:35 a.m. and ended at 12:353 p.m. and the
16 proceedings resumed as follows:)

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you
18 everyone for your patience during our Executive
19 Session.

20 Councilwoman, may we have a motion,
21 please.

22 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I
23 make a motion to close the Executive Session.

24 No action has been taken.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second the motion.

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

3 ALL: "Aye."

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
5 "Nay."

6 (No verbal response.)

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

9 Thank you.

10 Councilwoman, may -- before we close
11 our -- rather adjourn our budget hearing for this
12 evening, we have one speaker on the budget,
13 Mr. McKenna.

14 Is the speaking just on the budget
15 or --

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Only on the
17 budget.

18 MR. McKENNA: What about the
19 Resolutions?

20 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Not yet.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Didn't we already
22 adjourn the budget meeting?

23 MR. McKENNA: I have no comments on the
24 budget.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

1 With no other slips in, may I have a
2 motion to adjourn the budget meeting until this
3 evening?

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

5 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

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

8 ALL: "Aye."

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

11 (No verbal response.)

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

14 (TIME NOTED: 12:31 P.M.)

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TOWN BOARD
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY
ACTION CALENDAR
October 20, 2020
12:32 p.m.

JOSEPH SALADINO
SUPERVISOR

RICHARD LaMARCA
TOWN CLERK

P R E S E N T:

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

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

RICHARD LaMARCA, TOWN CLERK
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO, RECEIVER OF TAXES

Minutes of the meeting
taken by:

HOLLY DALOIA OSTEEEN
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Clerk, would you
2 please call our regular Action Calendar?

3 MR. LaMARCA: Yes, Supervisor.

4 We have one Resolution that we're going
5 to remove from the calendar.

6 May I have a motion please to table
7 Resolution No. 570-2020?

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 570-2020;** Resolution
9 pertaining to Contract No. PWC07-20, On-Call
10 Consultant Service Request for Civil Engineering
11 for the replacement of three synthetic turf fields
12 at Field of Dreams Park, Massapequa. Account No.
13 PKS H 7197 20000 000 2002 001. (M.D. 9/29/20 #11).

14 On the motion?

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

17 MR. LaMARCA: A motion was made by
18 Councilwoman Johnson; seconded by Councilman
19 Imbroto.

20 On the vote:

21 Supervisor Saldino?

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

23 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

24 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

25 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."
2 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?
3 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."
4 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?
5 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."
6 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?
7 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: "Aye."
8 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?
9 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: "Aye."
10 MR. LaMARCA: Motion to table

11 Resolution 570-2020 passes with seven "Ayes."

12 May I have a motion to suspend the
13 rules and add Resolution Nos. 591, 592 and
14 593-2020.

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 591-2020;** Resolution
16 amending Resolution No. 432-2020 to effectuate
17 payment of additional funds to satisfy outstanding
18 invoices and to provide funding for anticipated
19 future costs in connection with *Town of Oyster Bay*
20 *v. 120 Westend, LLC.*, Account No. OTA A 1420 44110
21 000 0000. (M.D. 10/13/20 #16).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 592-2020;** Resolution
23 authorizing agreements with various Auxiliary
24 Police Units to assist the units to recruit, equip
25 and train their members, and for the Supervisor, or

1 his designee to execute said agreements. Account
2 No. TWN A 1989 47900 000 0000. (M.D. 10/13/20 #17).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 593-2020;** Resolution
4 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the
5 Village of Mill Neck for the use of a wood chipper,
6 through December 31, 2020, to clear debris on roads
7 within the Village and for the Supervisor, or his
8 designee, to execute said agreement. (M.D. 10/13/20
9 #18).

10 On the motion.

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

13 MR. LaMARCA: A motion made by
14 Councilwoman Johnson; seconded by Councilman
15 Imbroto.

16 On the vote:

17 Supervisor Saladino?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

19 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

20 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

21 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

23 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

24 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

25 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

1 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Just one second.

2 I vote "Aye" on all three.

3 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

4 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: "Aye."

5 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

6 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: "Aye."

7 MR. LaMARCA: Motion to suspend the
8 rules and add Resolutions 591, 592 and 593-2020
9 passes with seven "Ayes."

10 May I have a motion please to adopt
11 Resolution Nos. P-15-20 through 593-2020 noting
12 that Resolution 570-2020 has been tabled.

13 **PERSONNEL RESOLUTION NO. P-16-20 and**
14 **PA-10-20;** Resolution pertaining to personnel of
15 various departments within the Town of Oyster Bay.

16 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION NO.**
17 **TF-15-20;** Resolution pertaining to Transfer of
18 Funds within various departments accounts for the
19 Year 2019.

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 568-2020;** Resolution
21 authorizing the issuance of a refund for the Spring
22 Ice Hockey Program to J. McCotter, due to the
23 COVID-19 pandemic. Account No. PKS A 0001 02001 510
24 0000. (M.D. 9/29/20 #5).

25 **RESOLUTION NO. 569-2020;** Resolution

1 authorizing an increase to the working bank funds
2 for the Receiver of Taxes Office at Town Hall North
3 and South locations. (M.D. 9/29/20 #10).

4 **RESOLUTION NO. 571-2020;** Resolution
5 authorizing the issuance of a refund for the Summer
6 Recreation Program to D. Peng, due to the COVID-19
7 pandemic. Account No. PKS A 0001 02001 510 0000.
8 (M.D. 10/6/20 #8).

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 572-2020;** Resolution
10 authorizing acceptance of a donation of a plaque
11 and bench from K. Tudor, to be placed in Theodore
12 Roosevelt Memorial Park and Beach in memory of Eric
13 Bryant LiPuma. (M.D. 10/6/20 #9).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 573-2020;** Resolution
15 authorizing a one-year extension of time in
16 connection with Resolution No. 724-2019, Petition
17 of KRE Broadway Owner LLC, Avis, Hicksville,
18 New York for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan
19 Approval. (M.D. 10/6/20 #10).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 574-2020;** Resolution
21 authorizing a one-year extension of time in
22 connection with Resolution No. 725-2019, Petition
23 of KRE Broadway Owner LLC, Round 1, Hicksville,
24 New York for a Special Use Permit and Site Plan
25 Approval. (M.D. 10/6/20 #11).

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 575-2020;** Resolution
2 authorizing a one-year extension of time in
3 connection with Resolution No. 726-2019, Petition
4 of KRE Broadway Owner, LLC, Orange Theory,
5 Hicksville, New York for a Special Use Permit and
6 Site Plan Approval. (M.D. 10/6/20 #12).

7 **RESOLUTION NO. 576-2020;** Resolution
8 pertaining to expenditures for outside counsel for
9 the Zoning Board of Appeals Legal Services for
10 Zoning and Land Use litigation. Account No. PAD B
11 8010 44800 000 0000. (M.D. 10/6/20 #13).

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 577-2020;** Resolution
13 pertaining to the Delinquent Water Rentals for 2020
14 for the various Water Districts in the Town of
15 Oyster Bay. (M.D. 10/6/20 #14).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 578-2020;** Resolution
17 authorizing the property/securement assessment of
18 11 Shannon Drive, Woodbury, New York, performed on
19 June 5, 2020, be referred to the County of Nassau
20 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment
21 Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #15).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 579-2020;** Resolution
23 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
24 18 Melissa Lane, Old Bethpage, New York, performed
25 on June 22, 2020, be referred to the County of

1 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
2 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #16).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 580-2020;** Resolution
4 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
5 28 High Street, Farmingdale, New York, performed on
6 July 21, 2020, be referred to the County of Nassau
7 for placement on the Nassau County Tax Assessment
8 Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #17).

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 581-2020;** Resolution
10 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
11 49 Allen Drive, East Norwich, New York, performed
12 on June 10, 2020, be referred to the County of
13 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
14 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #18).

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 582-2020;** Resolution
16 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
17 90 Cold Spring Road, Syosset, New York, performed
18 on July 1, 2020, be referred to the County of
19 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
20 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #19).

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 583-2020;** Resolution
22 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
23 144 Arlyn Drive West, Massapequa, New York,
24 performed on July 17, 2020, be referred to the
25 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County

1 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #20).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 584-2020;** Resolution
3 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
4 638 Central Avenue, Massapequa, New York, performed
5 on June 12, 2020, be referred to the County of
6 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
7 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #21).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 585-2020;** Resolution
9 authorizing the property cleanup assessment of
10 Newbridge Road, Hicksville, New York, performed on
11 August 27, 2020, be referred to the County of
12 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax
13 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 10/6/20 #22).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 586-2020;** Resolution
15 pertaining to Contract No. PWC07-20, On-Call
16 Engineering Service Request Relative to Civil
17 Engineering for Highway Improvements to the William
18 Street Area in Glen Head; Account No. HWY H 5197
19 20000 000 1903 008. (M.D. 10/6/20 #25).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 587-2020;** Resolution
21 granting request from Raymond J. Lockhart PTA, for
22 Town assistance in conducting their Trunk or Treat
23 event, to be held on October 23, 2020, and for use
24 of Municipal Parking Field M-3 for the event. (M.D.
25 10/6/20 #26).

1 **RESOLUTION NO. 588-2020;** Resolution
2 granting request from Trinity Lutheran Church and
3 School, for Town assistance in conducting their
4 Confirmation and Early Childhood Center Anniversary
5 programs on October 4, 2020 and October 18, 2020
6 and for use of Municipal Parking Field H-15 for the
7 events. (M.D. 10/6/20 #27).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 589-2020;** Resolution
9 pertaining to a settlement of a negligence claim;
10 Claimant: Herzog, Claim No. 2018-6819. Account
11 No. TWN AMS 1910 43010 602 0000 000. (M.D. 10/6/20
12 #28).

13 **RESOLUTION NO. 590-2020;** Resolution
14 pertaining to the decision on a Local Law entitled,
15 "A Local Law to Amend Chapter 184 Public Nuisance,
16 of the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay." Hearing
17 held: October 6, 2020. (M.D. 10/6/20 #4).

18 **RESOLUTION NO. 591-2020;** Resolution
19 amending Resolution No. 432-2020 to effectuate
20 payment of additional funds to satisfy outstanding
21 invoices and to provide funding for anticipated
22 future costs in connection with *Town of Oyster Bay*
23 *v. 120 Westend, LLC.*, Account No. OTA A 1420 44110
24 000 0000. (M.D. 10/13/20 #16).

25 **RESOLUTION NO. 592-2020;** Resolution

1 authorizing agreements with various Auxiliary
2 Police Units to assist the units to recruit, equip
3 and train their members, and for the Supervisor, or
4 his designee to execute said agreements. Account
5 No. TWN A 1989 47900 000 0000. (M.D. 10/13/20 #17).

6 **RESOLUTION NO. 593-2020;** Resolution
7 authorizing an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the
8 Village of Mill Neck for the use of a wood chipper,
9 through December 31, 2020, to clear debris on roads
10 within the Village and for the Supervisor, or his
11 designee, to execute said agreement. (M.D. 10/13/20
12 #18).

13 On the motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

16 MR. LaMARCA: A motion was made by
17 Councilwoman Johnson; seconded by Councilman
18 Imbroto.

19 On the vote -- I think we have some
20 speakers.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our first speaker
22 today will be Joel Berse.

23 MS. FAUGHNAN: Supervisor, how many
24 Resolutions?

25 MR. LaMARCA: For Joel?

1 MS. FAUGHNAN: How many Resolutions?

2 I'm sorry.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, goodness.

4 One, two, three -- looks like four.

5 MS. FAUGHNAN: Thank you, Supervisor.

6 MR. BERSE: I have a card if you want
7 for the court reporter.

8 Let me put on my cheetahs.

9 Good morning, everybody.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good afternoon,
11 Joel.

12 MR. BERSE: Oh, yeah. It is afternoon.

13 How about that?

14 First a quick commercial. It was nice
15 to see the Safe Center of Long Island here today
16 because of the fact that the last two years the
17 Town has worked with me and my train (inaudible)
18 depot to do fundraising train shows with them.
19 Unfortunately, this year for November has been
20 postponed into March, and I'm hoping when we get to
21 March that we're able to have it at the Hicksville
22 Community Center being open and all of you will
23 join us. It's always a lot of fun.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

25 MR. BERSE: Commissioner Gordon is

1 calling me because he knows I'm meeting with
2 Commissioner Ryder tonight.

3 On 574 and 575, the KRE -- I thought I
4 muted this. Okay. Here we go.

5 574 and 575, the KRE extension of the
6 special use permits for Round One and for Orange
7 Fitness, our Civic has had them as very good
8 neighbors.

9 The two entities within the mall has
10 been part of the mall's improvement despite, the
11 economic downturn they are hitting right now. And
12 we feel that the application that they are making
13 for an extension should be approved. It's nice to
14 be in favor of something for a change, right.

15 On -- I have a question on 585 which
16 was talking about cleanups on Newbridge Road.

17 Does anybody know what section of
18 Newbridge Road that was?

19 When I ask a question, doesn't the
20 clock stop.

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Joel, I don't know
22 what section it is, but it's a property cleanup.
23 It's typical, you know, when we go in and do
24 anything on a certain property put on the tax
25 rolls, it's probably a home that was not being

1 maintained.

2 MR. BERSE: Usually the address is
3 identified. That's why I was asking that. All the
4 other ones that you have around -- on the sheet
5 have addresses. So that's why, you know -- do you
6 have anything in the backup?

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Yes.

8 It says Section 45, Block 70, Lot 49.

9 Does that help you?

10 MR. BERSE: Not really. Nice try, Lou.

11 Thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: We can look it up
13 and get you the information.

14 MR. BERSE: Can somebody get that to me
15 just so we know what we're talking about, you know,
16 to know that.

17 On 592, that you just added --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Joel, just to
19 bring some clarity, this isn't voting whether or
20 not to do a cleanup. This is voting --

21 MR. BERSE: I know to put it on the tax
22 roll.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It refers to the
24 tax roll.

25 MR. BERSE: I just wanted to know, you

1 know, where it was.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We will get you
3 that that. No problem.

4 MR. BERSE: No problem putting it back
5 on the rolls. It's a question of where it was.
6 That's all.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But you're in
8 favor of these cleanups?

9 MR. BERSE: Yes.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

11 MR. BERSE: 592 where the Town is
12 talking about helping the Auxiliary Police in
13 publicizing in recruiting and whatever. I was a
14 member of the Jericho Auxiliary Police Unit from
15 1981 to '86, in the beginning of my activities with
16 the Nassau County Police Department and I think a
17 lot of people don't realize how much of
18 contribution Auxiliary Police do actually make,
19 even though their powers have been cut down since
20 the days I was there. They still could serve with
21 excellent function to supplement things that the
22 Police Department have to do, like when there are
23 gatherings or parades or whatever of that nature,
24 to not take a cop off the street and make him to
25 sit and do a job that's easy enough for Auxiliary

1 to do. And this way it's not depleting our
2 protections and all the other functions of the
3 Police Department.

4 A final will commercial, I know you
5 said this month of October is Breast Cancer
6 Awareness month. Back in the late '90s, early
7 2000s, I did many, many functions along with
8 109 and Jerry Barris which I'm sure you're
9 acquainted with Jerry and Steve must be from her
10 work this State Government, and also to the days
11 where I was working also together with Tom DiNapoli
12 when he was an assemblyman.

13 I ran softball game charity things,
14 bowlathons and some other activities that it was
15 really great and I met a lot of women survivors at
16 the time. Some who -- since it's so long ago are
17 no longer with us. But raising the awareness like
18 you did, I want to thank you for also because in
19 these trying times, people are forgetting about
20 other things. We still have that every October and
21 we -- and I came on board with the Safe Center just
22 a couple of years ago to help them.

23 I can't, in my condition, help
24 everybody do everything, but it keeps me going
25 trying to do these different various projects and,

1 again, I thank the Town for when we do the train
2 show at the Community Center that, hopefully, we'll
3 still be able to hook up with the Safe Center or
4 possibly, I was talking to Brian Nevin about the
5 Railroad Museum here in Oyster Bay because they
6 lost all their fundraisers due the pandemic this
7 year.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Joel, we
9 appreciate everything you do.

10 Just for clarity on 585, it's the
11 vacant property on the corner Elm Avenue and
12 Newbridge Road.

13 MR. BERSE: That's south of Old Country
14 and it wouldn't have anything to do with our civic.
15 Terrific. Nothing to be concerned about for us.

16 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Joel, just on
17 Auxiliary, that's an important one I feel for me,
18 the last year or two I got to know you along with
19 Nassau County Police Department and our Public
20 Safety and met a few of you and I think you're an
21 important presence.

22 Our residents are happy seeing -- we
23 have Michael who has been walking up and down
24 Audrey Avenue in the daytime and night checking on
25 things, and I feel like the connection is very

1 important between -- just pairing up you with
2 Public Safety and our Police Department. We're
3 lucky to have you all and thank you.

4 MR. BERSE: The longing to the
5 Commissioner's Community Council has probably been
6 the threshold of different things that I've done
7 all these years supporting the Nassau County Police
8 Department, and when they've been talking about
9 defunding the police or yelling about their
10 training, I noted to quite a few people that
11 unfortunately any incident that happened on Long
12 Island was not within the Nassau County Police
13 Department. It may have been a village, it may
14 have been in the city, it may have been in Suffolk,
15 but Nassau County Police Department has more
16 training that's forward thinking, that's sooner
17 than it's required, and they haven't had any of
18 these unfortunate incidents, and they supported the
19 crowds when they've marched and been places.

20 And I'm very proud of this Police
21 Department we have. Our current Commissioner is
22 extremely proactive, and, forward thinking, and he
23 was one of my instructors when I took the Citizen's
24 Police Academy class. So I got to know him back
25 then. My class was in 2014. So before he was -- I

1 think he might have been only a Lieutenant at that
2 time. I got to know him then because he was in
3 charge of the Intelligence Section and the Asset
4 Forfeitures.

5 He did some great things to bolster the
6 Police Department to bring in positives out of the
7 drug dealers when they prosecuted them and they
8 forfeited their property. There were some great
9 cars and some great houses that the County got and
10 was able to either sell or auction off, whatever it
11 was, that benefitted the community out of people
12 that were hurting the community. That was his
13 doing back then.

14 Now, as the Commissioner, everybody
15 sees a lot more of what he's doing because he's
16 more in the public eye.

17 And this community council has really
18 done some great things bringing police messages to
19 the community or bringing problems in the community
20 all the way to the Commissioner's office, so...

21 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Joel, our
22 Supervisor, we've been talking about this a lot
23 lately along with our Board that public safety is
24 most important here. So we are on board with
25 everything.

1 MR. BERSE: Justin McCaffrey and I have
2 been friends in his term as being Commissioner over
3 there. If you ever need anything from a person
4 like me, don't hesitate to pick up the telephone.
5 All right. Because if you need advice police-wise
6 from citizenry, that's what I'll be happy to do.

7 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We do need
9 something from you and you mentioned it earlier
10 among your participation in our Resolutions, we
11 would appreciate you and everyone else reaching out
12 to a loved one to motivate them to get a mammogram.
13 So thank you for bringing that up. It's so
14 critical all year round, and we use October as one
15 of those times to remind our loved ones and
16 remember people like Mary who worked here at the
17 Town Board office.

18 MR. BERSE: I remember Mary well. She
19 worked for Tony. I dealt with her quite a lot and
20 at one point when somebody was talking about taking
21 a trip to Hawaii, she was the expert on Hawaii, and
22 I put the two of them together. She was a
23 wonderful person.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you for
25 being with us here today.

1 MR. BERSE: Thank you.

2 Everybody stay safe and healthy.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You, too.

4 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Our next speaker
6 is Mr. McKenna.

7 MS. FAUGHNAN: Supervisor, how many
8 Resolutions.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Two, three, four
10 five. It looks like six.

11 MS. FAUGHNAN: Thank you, Supervisor.

12 MR. McKENNA: Good afternoon, Kevin
13 McKenna.

14 I'd also like to hand my business card
15 over to the stenographer (handing).

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you kindly
17 tell us what that business card says?

18 THE STENOGRAPHER: His name and his
19 address.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you,
21 Mr. McKenna.

22 MR. McKENNA: Kevin McKenna, Syosset,
23 New York.

24 I also just want to latch on to what
25 Mr. Joel Berse just said, if any of you ever need

1 anything from me, don't hesitate -- don't hesitate
2 to reach out.

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you for the
4 offer, Mr. McKenna.

5 MR. MCKENNA: First, I'd like to speak
6 on the personnel Resolution P-16-20 as well as
7 PA-10-20.

8 Just for the record, as of -- as of
9 yesterday, the names, the positions, the salary
10 increases, as per New York State Open Meetings Law,
11 you are obligated under the law and I'm sure,
12 Mr. Supervisor, you appreciate New York State Law,
13 being in that you were in the New York State
14 Assembly, as of yesterday, as I just said, all that
15 information was not published on the Town's
16 website.

17 So since you still have not voted on
18 these Resolutions, you can still adhere to the
19 New York State Law right now and provide us with
20 the names, the salaries, the position increases, of
21 any and all individuals that you will be voting on
22 in this meeting.

23 So I ask for your response to that
24 request. I have eight minutes. I will await your
25 response.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Are your comments
2 finished, Mr. McKenna? Do you have any other
3 comments.

4 MR. MCKENNA: Yes, I do.

5 But first I -- I'm awaiting the
6 Supervisor's response to my request. He is the
7 Supervisor and he has an obligation to the
8 residents and taxpayers of the Town of Oyster Bay
9 to tell us all where our taxpayer money is going to
10 -- on Resolutions P-14-20 and PA-10-20.

11 And by the way, I might add, I will
12 take this opportunity, since it does have to do
13 with, this I sent in two FOIL requests on
14 October 7th to the Town Clerk Richard LaMarca, and
15 as per the New York State Open Meetings Law the
16 Town Clerk has the obligation of acknowledging
17 those FOIL requests within five days of being
18 received, and today is -- what is today,
19 October 20th? Today would have been my father's
20 birthday.

21 As of October 20, I still have not
22 received an acknowledgement of the two FOIL
23 requests that were for the information on prior
24 meeting Personnel Resolutions. I have not even
25 gotten an acknowledgement from your office and I

1 sent three different e-mails on the same thing and
2 I still have no acknowledgement.

3 So once again with my six minutes
4 left --

5 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Why don't you go
6 through all of your comments and then --

7 MR. McKENNA: I'd rather first get an
8 answer on my request, which is what the names and
9 salaries --

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: That's not --
11 that's not really the purpose of --

12 MR. McKENNA: To provide --

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The purpose of
14 this --

15 MR. McKENNA: -- as per New York State
16 Law --

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Your comment about
18 the Resolutions and if you don't have any more
19 comments on the Resolutions, we're not going to run
20 out the clock while you wait for an answer on
21 something. That's not part of your time.

22 So if you can just go through all the
23 things that you want to tell us with the remaining
24 time you have, we'd appreciate it.

25 MR. McKENNA: Councilman Imbroto, are

1 you refusing to provide the names, salaries and
2 position increases I requested?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. McKenna,
4 that's not part of this meeting where you demand
5 information from us and we have to provide it.
6 This isn't a question-and-answer session.

7 You give us your comment about the
8 Resolution with the time you have, but standing
9 there and running the clock out, that's not
10 commenting on the Resolutions.

11 So, if you have other comments, we'd
12 appreciate it if you tell them to us now rather
13 than standing in silence.

14 MR. McKENNA: Mr. Councilman, I do have
15 other comments, but I'm not finished with my
16 comments on this Resolution.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.

18 MR. McKENNA: I would appreciate it and
19 so would the public -- the vast public that's
20 watching right now, we would like to know where our
21 taxpayer dollars going, since yesterday in Newsday
22 -- in case you didn't see it, yesterday --

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I don't get
24 Newsday. I didn't see it.

25 MR. McKENNA: You don't read Newsday.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I don't get it,
2 no.

3 MR. McKENNA: Yesterday it was reported
4 that over 151 pay increases were given out over the
5 past few meetings totaling over \$660,000 during
6 COVID-19, a crisis where people are getting laid
7 off, furloughed, people are struggling to pay their
8 bills.

9 So you have an opportunity right now to
10 tell us, as per New York State Law, the names, the
11 positions, the salary increases as per Resolution
12 P-16-20 and PA-10-20, and I would also like a
13 response as to why I still have not gotten an
14 acknowledgement of my FOIL request sent in to Town
15 Clerk Rich LaMarca on October 7, 2020.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Okay.

17 You have an opportunity in the
18 remaining 3 minutes and 45 seconds to address the
19 Resolutions that you want to speak about.

20 So that opportunity is going to be
21 fleeting if you have other things you want to speak
22 about. I suggest you do it.

23 MR. McKENNA: Mr. Councilman, I
24 absolutely do have other things I want to speak
25 about, but I would respect appreciate it and I'm

1 sure since Mr. Supervisor said when he took office
2 that he was going to be open and transparent to the
3 public, he said those words, day in and day out,
4 but yet we have not heard those words as of
5 recently, and I would appreciate a response as to
6 the names, the salary increases and the positions
7 in Resolutions P-16-20 and PA-10-20.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Allow me to bring
9 this to a resolution.

10 You're currently in litigation with the
11 Town of Oyster Bay, So we are going to limit what
12 we say to someone who is suing the Town and trying
13 to raise costs to our taxpayers.

14 MR. McKENNA: Unfortunately --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We just proposed
16 a budget with a zero tax increase. This will be
17 the fourth one in a row that either lowers taxes or
18 freezes taxes.

19 We currently have provided the
20 information that you speak of to the media.

21 You're here as a member of the media or
22 as a private citizen today.

23 MR. McKENNA: This is not a question-
24 and-answer period.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's fine then.

1 We provided this information to the
2 media and we will continue to do that, and we thank
3 you for your participation today.

4 MR. McKENNA: I'm glad you touched on
5 -- so you're refusing to provide us the names and
6 positions --

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. McKenna, I'm
8 going to make this real easy.

9 MR. McKENNA: I'm glad you touched o
10 the budget.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: You got extra --
12 you came -- you got extra time because you said you
13 were going to talk about the other Resolutions.

14 You haven't mentioned any except the
15 one Resolution, so if that's all you have to talk
16 about, you're time is up.

17 MR. McKENNA: No, it's not. I have a
18 minute and 52 seconds left.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Please use that to
20 discuss the other Resolutions.

21 MR. McKENNA: Okay. I'll use my minute
22 and 45 seconds since you're -- you can't wait to
23 hear what I have to say.

24 On Resolutions 576, I would like to
25 know, and the public would like to know, you are

1 designated it appears a new outside counsel for the
2 Zoning Board of Appeals.

3 Could you please tell the public who
4 the current law firm is that has been representing
5 the Zoning Board of Appeals?

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Do you have any
7 other questions, Mr. McKenna?

8 MR. McKENNA: Yes, I do.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Why don't we go
10 through them all?

11 MR. McKENNA: You know, it's very
12 interesting that when you go to the Town of
13 Hempstead Board Meetings, that they answer the
14 questions. You guys should take some lessons from
15 the Town Hempstead.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. McKenna,
17 you're currently suing the Town of Oyster Bay, and
18 we are going to limit conversations with someone
19 who is bringing action --

20 MR. McKENNA: Unfortunately -- you're
21 absolutely right.

22 I am personally and I did in case the
23 Council members are not aware of it, the Town was
24 served yesterday with the brief 19, 20-page brief.

25 If you need a copy of it, I'll be happy

1 to provide it to you, but that was provided on the
2 behalf of Kevin McKenna.

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: There's 15
4 seconds.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Who is before us
6 today?

7 MR. McKENNA: It's not a question and
8 answer period.

9 Thank you very much.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you,
12 Mr. McKenna.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I have no other
14 slips.

15 Are there mailings and postings,
16 correspondence?

17 MR. LaMARCA: There's no other
18 correspondence.

19 No further correspondence, Supervisor.
20 So we can go to vote.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. If there is
22 no one else who would like to speak, let us take a
23 vote.

24 MR. LaMARCA: Supervisor Saladino?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

1 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Johnson?

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Recusing" on
3 586.

4 "Aye" on the rest.

5 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Imbroto?

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I "abstain" on
7 576.

8 I vote "Aye" on the rest.

9 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Hand?

10 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye" on all.

11 MR. LaMARCA: Councilman Labriola?

12 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I vote "Aye" on
13 all.

14 I just want to take a moment to
15 congratulate Councilwoman Walsh for Resolution 592.
16 I know you drove the bus on this one.

17 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I think it is --
19 for all the things Joel Berse mentioned and I also
20 would agree with the fact that in these times in
21 civil unrest, we see it's important that we're
22 supplementing our Police Department in any way we
23 can.

24 I know the Auxiliary Police Department
25 are affiliated with Nassau County but the Town of

1 Oyster Bay is stepping up to do its part in our
2 contribution to help them recruit more members to
3 the Auxiliary Police. I think it's a great effort.
4 I congratulate you.

5 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I happily vote
7 yes.

8 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Maier?

9 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: "Aye" on all.

10 MR. LaMARCA: Councilwoman Walsh?

11 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: "Aye" on all.

12 MR. LaMARCA: Motion to adopt
13 Resolutions P-16-20 through 569-2020 passes with
14 seven "Ayes."

15 Resolutions 570-2020 has been tabled.

16 Resolutions 571 through 575 passes with
17 seven "Ayes."

18 Resolutions 576 passes with six "Ayes"
19 and one "abstention."

20 Resolutions 577 through 585 passes with
21 seven "Ayes."

22 Resolutions 586 passes with six "Ayes"
23 and one "recusal."

24 Resolutions 587 through 593 passes with
25 seven "Ayes."

1 The calendar is complete, Supervisor.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

3 May I have a motion, please.

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I
5 make a motion to adjourn this meeting until
6 7:00 p.m. this evening.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

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

10 ALL: "Aye."

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,
12 "Nay."

13 (No verbal response.)

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

16 Thank you very much.

17 (TIME NOTED: 1:00 P.M.)

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