

TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF OYSTER BAY  
SPECIAL PRESENTATION  
APRIL 16, 2019  
10:17 A.M.

**JOSEPH SALADINO**  
SUPERVISOR

**JAMES ALTADONNA JR.**  
TOWN CLERK

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

Minutes of the meeting  
taken by:

KRISTINA TRNKA  
Reporter/Notary Public

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
2 gentlemen, if you would kindly all take your seats.

3 Good morning and welcome to Oyster Bay  
4 Town Hall. To lead us in prayer, please this  
5 morning, we welcome, Lucille Bordies, a minister at  
6 Bethel Christian Center.

7 Chaplain, the floor is yours.

8 (Whereupon, a prayer was recited by  
9 Lucille Bordies.)

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
11 Chaplain.

12 Leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance  
13 this morning is United States Army veteran,  
14 Sergeant Michael Schlenoff, who served from 1958  
15 through 1961 as a Special Agent in the  
16 Counterintelligence Corps.

17 Sergeant Schlenoff, the honor is ours  
18 and the podium is yours.

19 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance  
20 was recited and led by Sergeant Michael Schlenoff.)

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
22 Sergeant. Thank you for your brave service to the  
23 United States and for all you've done in defense of  
24 our nation's freedom.

25 Now, please join me for a very sad

1 moment of silence for Marine Corporal Robert  
2 Hendriks, a resident of Locust Valley and a 2012  
3 graduate of Locust Valley High School; Marine Staff  
4 Sergeant Christopher Slutman, an FDNY firefighter,  
5 and Marine Sergeant Benjamin Hines of Pennsylvania,  
6 who were all killed last week when their convoy hit  
7 a roadside bomb in Afghanistan.

8 These brave men made the ultimate  
9 sacrifice while serving our nation. May they rest  
10 in peace.

11 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
12 observed.)

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 Ladies and gentlemen, their sacrifice  
15 is a strong reminder of the dangers faced by our  
16 brave military personnel protecting us around the  
17 globe.

18 In the coming days, working with  
19 Corporal Hendriks family, we will identify a  
20 special place in our Town to honor his service and  
21 his sacrifice.

22 Now, let us recognize the men and women  
23 in law enforcement and all of our first responders  
24 for their selfless service. God bless them and  
25 their families.

1 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
2 observed.)

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

4 Please be seated.

5 Our first presentation this morning,  
6 we're very proud to join in welcoming Alexa  
7 Sheryll, a proud resident of Hicksville.

8 Alexa was recently crowned as Miss  
9 Empire State 2019 at the Miss New York/New Jersey  
10 pageant held in Morristown, New Jersey. She was  
11 also awarded Miss Congeniality.

12 Alexa is a very bright and talented  
13 woman. She works for the Town of Hempstead as the  
14 Director of Community Affairs and will next  
15 represent New York at the USA National Miss  
16 Scholarship in Disney World this summer.

17 As part of the competition, Alexa  
18 demonstrated her musical talent and commitment to  
19 community service, including the advancement of  
20 important causes such as antibullying and voter  
21 rights.

22 Today's meeting provides the ideal  
23 backdrop to proudly recognize Alexa's lofty  
24 accomplishments and the positive impact she has had  
25 on and continues to have on our community.

1                   The Oyster Bay Town Board and I are  
2 proud to proclaim today, April 16, 2019 as Alexa  
3 Sheryll Day in the Town of Oyster Bay.

4                   Congratulations, Alexa.

5                   Would you please come forward for this  
6 presentation?

7                   (Applause.)

8                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And I'll ask my  
9 good friend, Councilman Macagnone to please help  
10 with making this presentation if you'd all join us  
11 down in front.

12                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
13 Supervisor.

14                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course,  
15 Councilman.

16                   (Whereupon, a Town Citation was  
17 presented to Alexa Sheryll by Councilman  
18 Macagnone.)

19                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
20 gentlemen, let's hear it for Alexa.

21                   (Applause.)

22                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: How about another  
23 round of applause for Alexa?

24                   (Applause.)

25                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you. Thank

1 you.

2 This morning, we're also pleased to  
3 welcome Keith Scott, Director of Education at the  
4 Safe Center of Long Island.

5 The Safe Center is located in Bethpage  
6 and has been providing services for victims of  
7 abuse for over thirty years. They offer  
8 counseling, housing, advocacy and referrals all  
9 through a highly trained, nurturing and  
10 compassionate staff who, quite frankly, does God's  
11 work.

12 Keith is with us this morning to talk  
13 about a deeply concerning issue in our community,  
14 child sexual abuse. This is an important issue to  
15 me. I fought for years in Albany, as did  
16 Councilman Steven Labriola when he was a New York  
17 State Assemblyman, to pass laws, including the  
18 civil confinement legislation to keep the most  
19 dangerous sex offenders off our street.

20 Unfortunately, that bill took years to  
21 pass into law. The Safe Center is on the front  
22 lines, offering education and support to those  
23 affected, and we're certainly supportive of the  
24 work being done at The Safe Center and we're proud  
25 to partner with them to support their outreach and

1 educational efforts.

2 Keith, the podium is yours.

3 MR. SCOTT: Good morning.

4 Thank you for inviting us down to  
5 speak.

6 Also, thank you for visiting The Safe  
7 Center about a month and a half ago, it's very nice  
8 to meet you, and thank you for your dedication and  
9 support to the work we do.

10 I'll give a brief overview of what The  
11 Safe Center does and the importance of this month.

12 So, as we all know, at The Safe Center,  
13 we're the primary agency in Nassau County serving  
14 victims of domestic violence, child abuse and  
15 sexual assault, as well as human trafficking. So  
16 all of our services are free of charge. We have  
17 clinical services for victims of domestic violence,  
18 whether the abuse happened thirty, forty years ago,  
19 whether the abuse happened yesterday, we're there  
20 and, once again, all of our services are free of  
21 charge.

22 In addition to that, we have counseling  
23 services for victims of sexual assault, and they're  
24 not just for recent victims. Due to recent events  
25 in the news, a couple months ago, we had a phone

1 call from someone that was 72 years old and was  
2 finally willing to talk about the abuse she  
3 suffered as a child when she was 14. Took her  
4 about 60 years to come forward to speak about it.  
5 Once again, for her, the services were free as  
6 well.

7 In addition to the clinical services,  
8 we also provide legal services as well. Sometimes  
9 when someone is in an abusive relationship, they  
10 can't leave their spouse, their husband, their  
11 wife, and we provide free legal services to get  
12 them away from their abuser. Everything is free of  
13 charge. The divorce is free. If the person is  
14 here undocumented and they need to leave and  
15 they're afraid to get deported, we'll provide them  
16 with assistance to get a U-Visa to stay here and so  
17 they can be with their family and leave their  
18 abuser as well.

19 In addition to that, human trafficking  
20 is a pretty bad issue on Long Island lately.  
21 Thankfully, it's finally getting some of the media  
22 spotlight that it should, and it's getting bad.  
23 There's children that are being targeted at 10, 11,  
24 12 years old, and that's the norm. And once again,  
25 this is also Child Abuse Awareness Month.



1           So with that being said, we provide  
2 services to victims of human trafficking, and it's  
3 not like the movie, Taken, where people think  
4 people are getting snatched off the street, it's  
5 people, evil, evil traffickers, pimps, that are  
6 targeting young children as young as fifth, sixth  
7 grade, getting them away from their families,  
8 targeting people that come from disadvantaged  
9 homes, and getting them off the street and getting  
10 them -- convincing them to work for them, and we're  
11 seeing that throughout Nassau and Suffolk County.

12           So with that being said, we provide  
13 free services to child and adult victims of human  
14 trafficking. We oversee the human trafficking  
15 intervention court in Nassau County, which helps  
16 people get away from their trafficker, helps people  
17 get vocational education services, educational  
18 services, and so on.

19           In addition to that, we provide the  
20 Child Advocacy Center for Nassau County, so anytime  
21 there's a child that's severely physically or  
22 sexually abused in Nassau County, they will always  
23 come through our agency. We have a team of  
24 forensic interviewers that sit there and help the  
25 child to elicit a response as to what happened to

1       them. The interview is recorded as to not  
2       re-traumatize the child in court.

3               And we also have the District  
4       Attorney's Office onsite as well. She's the unit  
5       chief of child sex crimes, and she's there at every  
6       interview to make sure that the interview goes  
7       smoothly, every legality is followed properly, and  
8       once again, we can hopefully hold the perpetrator  
9       accountable once the interview is recorded.

10              So we also work with the Nassau County  
11       Police. We house their special victims squad,  
12       similar to SVU, for those of us that have seen SVU.  
13       They're called SVS in Nassau County and they deal  
14       with every felony sexual assault in Nassau County.

15              So while we're helping the child, while  
16       the child is letting us know what happened to them,  
17       SVS could be on the other side going after the  
18       pedophile, going after the perpetrator, to hold the  
19       perpetrators accountable, too.

20              And then last but not least, we have  
21       the Education Department, which I'm the Director  
22       of, and we're out in the community educating on all  
23       these topics, such as domestic violence, child  
24       abuse, sexual assault, human trafficking, trauma,  
25       and everything in between.

1           So, The Safe Center is very thankful be  
2 here, thankful for all the work that we have done  
3 in the Town of Oyster Bay.

4           The schools here are very welcome to  
5 us, the community is very welcome to us, and we're  
6 here educating clinicians, educating law  
7 enforcement, educating doctors, and so on, on how  
8 to recognize child abuse.

9           So as you mentioned, it is Child Abuse  
10 Awareness Month, also it is Sexual Assault and  
11 Dating Violence Awareness Month. So thank you for  
12 recognizing that.

13           Due to the Me Too Movement and  
14 everything else, this issue is also finally getting  
15 the attention that it should, and there's more men,  
16 there's more women standing behind this, not  
17 letting this happen anymore, so we're finally at a  
18 point in society where people can talk about these  
19 things and not feel ashamed, it's because of the  
20 work that everyone here does to not stand for  
21 someone being quiet anymore, to have a place for  
22 survivors to speak.

23           So I thank you for that and thank you  
24 for inviting us.

25           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We thank you,

1 too, Keith, for being here.

2 Just a quick question, how many cases  
3 do you see in a year?

4 MR. SCOTT: So we also -- I forgot to  
5 mention, we operate the 24/7 hotline for Nassau  
6 County for domestic violence and child -- and  
7 sexual assault.

8 We have about 6 to 8,000 phone calls  
9 per year. I believe last year was just over 7,000.  
10 Nassau and Suffolk County sees 14,000 cases of  
11 child abuse and neglect per year as well, so it's  
12 nearly 14,000 across both counties.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you so much  
14 for your work and all the work of your staff who  
15 are so compassionate and highly trained in a very  
16 difficult situation.

17 As a State Assemblyman, we held forums  
18 all over the state on this issue, worked very hard  
19 to get civil confinement passed, many other bills,  
20 including lifting the statute of limitations on  
21 rape.

22 Have you seen a turn, has it become  
23 more easy for law enforcement to get convictions  
24 since the -- this legislation has been passed?

25 MR. SCOTT: So I can tell you what we

1 have seen, is more people coming forward and more  
2 people comfortable speaking about this. It hasn't  
3 been passed long enough for there to be these  
4 convictions, but there is a lot more people calling  
5 our hotline and a lot more people being comfortable  
6 to say, hey, this happened to me, too. I'm not  
7 alone, I'm not embarrassed, I'm not ashamed.

8           Once again, that's because of the  
9 politicians in New York State that pushed to have  
10 this open forum, pushed to have this disgusting but  
11 truthful reality that's going on. So we've seen  
12 more people coming forward and more people seek  
13 counseling services because of this law.

14           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Statistics are  
15 just -- just shake you to the spine, how the  
16 percentage of cases that go unreported, the  
17 percentage of cases where there's no conviction,  
18 the percentage of cases where the victim is abused  
19 by a family member or close neighbor. It's very,  
20 very troubling, but we really appreciate you for  
21 doing God's work, and quite frankly, we appreciate  
22 people like Steve Labriola.

23           Steve, following you in the State  
24 Assembly, I got a chance to look at a lot of your  
25 legislation on this subject and you clearly were

1 very committed to the issue. And then as you know  
2 and many of the public know, I took the mantle from  
3 there, and we continued to push this issue.

4 What bothers me most is how difficult  
5 it was to get laws passed. I see you nodding your  
6 head, you know exactly where I'm going. And you're  
7 nodding in agreement, how difficult it was to get  
8 laws passed to better protect women and children,  
9 and unfortunately, it was -- I was going to say the  
10 appearance, but it's a lot more than that, it was  
11 political with one side of the aisle lining up on  
12 one side and the other, and to hear people stand up  
13 and debate against civil confinement, even in its  
14 watered-down version, in its weaker version, the  
15 only way we could get it to the Assembly floor was  
16 to weaken it, and that was -- that, in itself, was  
17 just terrible, and then to hear members of the  
18 Assembly get up and debate against it, talking  
19 about Russian gulags, are you kidding me?

20 It's -- it just makes me boil just  
21 thinking back to those days, and it was terrible to  
22 see the politics that went on, on that issue.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor, if I  
24 could add just a couple of comments.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please. Please.

1 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: In the battle to  
2 legal -- to the pass the law for civil confinement,  
3 which, of course, as the residents may know, is the  
4 ability for us to confine sexual predators who have  
5 the highest rate of recidivism in our state, in our  
6 nation.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of any crime.

8 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Of any crime, and  
9 the fact that we fail to rehabilitate them in  
10 criminal justice system required us to pass such a  
11 law. And even after the United States Supreme  
12 Court upheld the right of civil confinement, we  
13 still did battle in New York State until such --  
14 for many years, and it was -- unfortunately, wasn't  
15 during my tenure, it was during the tenure of  
16 Assemblyman Saladino that they actually passed the  
17 civil confinement laws, but it took us probably  
18 close to a decade to get it done.

19 And as the -- as Supervisor Saladino  
20 said, it was sort of a watered-down version, but at  
21 least we have some protections for the worst of the  
22 worst offenders where after they have served their  
23 prison term, we can still monitor them in a  
24 confined facility.

25 So you have to pick up the mantle now

1 and I appreciate the fight that you continue  
2 because we still have a long way to go when it  
3 comes to child abuse and sexual -- and trafficking  
4 of children, we do.

5 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

6 We're still at a point where 63 percent  
7 of victims never come forward, we're still at a  
8 point where people believe the pedophile or the bad  
9 guy, bad girl is a person in a white van. That's  
10 not it. 93 percent of the time, it's someone  
11 that's close to the family.

12 People have this view of what a  
13 pedophile is as this strange old man with crazy  
14 hair and everything, that's not it. We're at a  
15 point where no one -- people are finally wanting to  
16 talk about this, but people are still very  
17 hesitant. When I bring up this topic, people turn  
18 the other way, so we're getting there, and thank  
19 you for your work.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, I hope  
21 programs like today, recognizing you and your great  
22 organization, helps in some small way.

23 Again, we lived it in Albany, we saw  
24 what went on. I remember hearing, as I spoke about  
25 this in promoting these pieces of legislation, to



1 better protect women and children.

2 I remember how many people said to me,  
3 that's not constitutional. Meanwhile, it was ruled  
4 constitutional by the highest courts of 17 states  
5 and the United States Supreme Court.

6 What else do they need? I -- very  
7 difficult to have something as important as this  
8 when you're working so hard and your organization  
9 is working so hard, and then to see elected  
10 officials in this state pushing back against that.  
11 It was a very frustrating time, but thank God, we  
12 got many of those done, and I hope the State  
13 continues to pass laws to better protect woman and  
14 children.

15 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I just wanted to  
16 add what a -- I don't want to say wonderful  
17 facility, but a facility that serves such a purpose  
18 in such a disturbing sensitive times for these  
19 people. I was there. I had an opportunity to walk  
20 through. I was at the SVS, but the rooms that you  
21 have, the way it's set up so that children or  
22 anyone can go, feel comfortable, it was really  
23 amazing the way you guys set it up.

24 MR. SCOTT: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

1           As you know, and hopefully some know,  
2           April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month, and  
3           we're going to ask you to come forward here. We  
4           have a Citation for you proclaiming this day here  
5           in the Town of Oyster Bay, and I'm going ask our  
6           Receiver of Taxes, Jim Stefanich, to help with that  
7           along with Steve Labriola who worked so hard as an  
8           Assembly member, and we are one family, especially  
9           on this issue, and we're with you 100 percent.

10           Ladies and gentlemen, let's hear it for  
11           Keith Scott.

12           (Applause.)

13           (Whereupon, a Town Citation was  
14           presented to Keith Scott by Receiver of Taxes Jim  
15           Stefanich and Councilman Labriola.)

16           (Applause.)

17           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you again,  
18           Keith Scott, and his wonderful organization that  
19           does such a fabulous job.

20           (TIME NOTED: 10:40 A.M.)

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1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Will the Town  
2 Clerk now poll the Board?

3 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Saladino?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

8 He's here.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: He's present.

10 He stepped out.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

12 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Here.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Present.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

16 COUNCILMAN HAND: Here.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

18 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Here.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a

20 motion to suspend the rules for some Walk-On

21 Resolutions?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

23 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All in favor,

25 please signify by saying "Aye."

1 ALL: "Aye."

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

4 (No verbal response given.)

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

7 Would the Town Clerk please present the  
8 Walk-On Resolutions?

9 MR. ALTADONNA: Resolution No. 265,  
10 which is:

11 "WHEREAS, a bill was recently  
12 introduced in State Legislature that is Assembly  
13 Bill A-2508, to authorize a State Monitor for the  
14 Town of Oyster Bay; and

15 "WHEREAS, Assembly Bill A-2508  
16 submitted by Assemblyman Charles D. Lavine requires  
17 a home rule request from the Town of Oyster Bay;  
18 and

19 "WHEREAS, the Town Board is supportive  
20 of such measure.

21 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that  
22 the Town Board in the Town of Oyster Bay hereby  
23 supports Assembly Bill A-2508 as it relates to the  
24 authorization of a State Monitor for the Town of  
25 Oyster Bay, and be it further

1           "RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or his  
2           designee, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized  
3           to sign the appropriate number of home rule request  
4           forms in support of Senate Bill S-1713 as discussed  
5           above, and be it further

6           "RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall  
7           forward a copy of the resolution to the New York  
8           State Senate and the New York State Assembly."

9           That's 265.

10           266, "WHEREAS, a bill was recently  
11           introduced in the state legislator that is Senate  
12           Bill S," as in Sam, "1734, to authorize a State  
13           Monitor for the Town of Oyster Bay; and

14           "WHEREAS, Senate Bill S-1713 submitted  
15           by Senator John E. Brooks requires a whole new  
16           request from the Town of Oyster Bay; and

17           "WHEREAS, the Town Board is supportive  
18           of such measures.

19           "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that  
20           the Town Board and Town of Oyster Bay hereby  
21           support Senate Bill S-1713 as it relates to the  
22           authorization of a State Monitor for the Town of  
23           Oyster Bay, and be it further

24           "RESOLVED, that the Supervisor or his  
25           designee, and the Town Clerk are hereby authorized

1 to sign the appropriate number of home rule request  
2 forms in support of Senate Bill S-1713 as discussed  
3 above, and be it further

4 "RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall  
5 forward a copy of the Resolution to the New York  
6 State Senate and the New York State Assembly."

7 Now, we have 267.

8 "WHEREAS, George Baptista, Jr., Deputy  
9 Commissioner of Department of Environmental  
10 Resources, by memorandum dated April 15, 2019  
11 requests that the Town Board authorize the Town to  
12 enter into an agreement with the Center for Marine  
13 Education and Recreation at Oyster Bay d/b/a The  
14 WaterFront Center hereinafter referred to as The  
15 WaterFront Center, located at One West End Avenue,  
16 Oyster Bay, New York 11771, establishing a  
17 framework for the management of the floats, docks,  
18 and other apparatus authorized by The WaterFront  
19 Center in the Town of Oyster Bay waters and  
20 adjacent Town lands, consistent with the  
21 application, regulations in the Town of Oyster Bay  
22 as it relates to such items.

23 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that  
24 the request herein above sets forth and hereby  
25 approves, and the Supervisor and/or his designee is

1 hereby authorized to enter into an annex agreement  
2 with The Center For Marine Education and Recreation  
3 at Oyster Bay d/b/a The WaterFront Center, located  
4 at One West End Avenue, Oyster Bay, New York 11771,  
5 establishing a framework for the management of the  
6 floats, docks, and other apparatus utilized at The  
7 WaterFront Center in the Town of Oyster Bay waters  
8 and adjacent Town lands consistent with the  
9 application and regulations of the Town of Oyster  
10 Bay as it relates to such items."

11 Now, this is a long one, 268.

12 "WHEREAS, Joseph Nocella, Town  
13 Attorney, and Thomas M. Sabellico, Special Counsel,  
14 by memorandum dated April 15, 2019, has advised the  
15 Town Board that as part of the Town's ongoing  
16 effort to relocate Town facilities presently  
17 located at 150 Miller Place, Syosset, New York, the  
18 Town has identified the property located at  
19 915 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, known and  
20 designated as Section 46, Block G, Lot 94 on the  
21 Land and Tax Map of Nassau County, which is  
22 currently being offered for sale by Nassau County;  
23 and

24 "WHEREAS, the property is 2.26 acres  
25 and is improved with 17,600 square feet, one-story



1 garage industrial building with 22-foot ceiling  
2 height; and

3 "WHEREAS, the County and Town have  
4 reached an agreement that the fair and reasonable  
5 purchase price of the said property is \$2,100,000,  
6 the value as established by appraisal; and

7 "WHEREAS, in connection with the  
8 purchase of this property, the Town will incur  
9 incidental costs and expenses in closing, such as  
10 title search, title insurance, and fees for filing  
11 the deed, and other documents; and

12 "WHEREAS, George Baptista, Jr., Deputy  
13 Commissioner, Department of Environmental  
14 Resources, by memorandum dated April 12, 2019,  
15 pursuant to the provisions of the New York State  
16 Environmental Review Act 6NYCRR, Part 617, and the  
17 Town of Oyster Bay Environmental Quality Review  
18 Law, Chapter 110 of the Code of the Town of Oyster  
19 Bay, classify the proposed purchase as a Type 2  
20 pursuant to the SEQR Type 2 action list at 6NYCRR,  
21 Section 617(c), Item Number 26, pertaining to the  
22 routine and continuing agency administration and  
23 management, not including new programs or major  
24 reordering or priorities that may affect the  
25 environment as such found that the said proposed

1 action does not require the completion of an  
2 environmental impact statement, EIS, or any review  
3 or other procedural activities pursuant to SEQR;  
4 and.

5 "WHEREAS, Joseph Nocella, Town  
6 Attorney, and Thomas M. Sabellico, Special Counsel,  
7 by memorandum dated April 15, 2019, as requested,  
8 Town Board authorization for the Supervisor or his  
9 designee to execute a contract for the purchase of  
10 915 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, New York for  
11 the purchase price of \$2,100,000 after such  
12 contract has been negotiated and approved by the  
13 Town Attorney.

14 "NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that  
15 the Supervisor or his designee is hereby authorized  
16 to sign the contract of sale for the purchase of  
17 the property located at 915 South Oyster Bay Road,  
18 Bethpage, New York, for the purchase price of  
19 \$2,100,000 from the County of Nassau after said  
20 contract has been negotiated and approved by the  
21 Town Attorney; and, therefore, be it further

22 "RESOLVED, that the Comptroller be  
23 authorized to pay the earnest money deposit for the  
24 said purchase determined by the Town Attorney and  
25 the County of Nassau."

1                   Okay. So we're just going to add this  
2 to the calendar and then there will be comment  
3 later.

4                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Can you repeat  
5 that, please?

6                   MR. ALTADONNA: Sure.

7                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

8                   MR. ALTADONNA: May I have motion to  
9 suspend the rules and add Resolution 262, 263, and  
10 264?

11                   On the motion?

12                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

13                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

14                   MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
15 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
16 Macagnone.

17                   On the vote:

18                   Supervisor Saladino?

19                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: On the vote,  
20 "Aye."

21                   MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

22                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

23                   MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

24                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

25                   MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

1 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

7 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: This is on 262 --

8 MR. ALTADONNA: This is just to add it  
9 to the calendar, not --

10 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion to suspend the  
12 rules and add Resolutions No. 262 263, and 264  
13 passes with seven "Ayes."

14 Okay. Do you want me to add the rest  
15 and then you can speak?

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No, we are going  
17 to talk about these Resolutions first.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

20 Ladies and gentlemen and Members of the  
21 Board, as you may have read in our daily paper or  
22 perhaps on Facebook, some representatives of  
23 New York State, in the State Senate and State  
24 Assembly, are in favor of legislation to create a  
25 Monitor to overrule the authority of the Oyster Bay

1 Town Board, the people who were duly elected by the  
2 residents of the Town of Oyster Bay.

3 Prior to sponsoring this legislation,  
4 and to date, not one of these officials took an  
5 opportunity to meet with me, to meet with any Board  
6 member, and perhaps most importantly, to meet with  
7 our financial team to understand the status of the  
8 finances in the Town of Oyster Bay.

9 I personally called them to ask to set  
10 up a meeting, but that wasn't in the cards for  
11 them. This smacks of attempting to govern without  
12 any facts and simply playing politics rather than  
13 acting in good faith and demonstrating good  
14 governance.

15 From my read of the legislation, the  
16 bill does nothing to benefit the taxpayers of the  
17 Town of Oyster Bay. It does not provide any  
18 financial relief, which is what the NIFA Board was  
19 all about. Nassau County got \$100 million to  
20 assist their financial situation and, in turn, the  
21 State put NIFA in place 19 years ago.

22 This doesn't provide that. It doesn't  
23 pay or roll back any of the unfunded stamped State  
24 mandates that are plaguing our Town and all the  
25 other towns on Long Island. It does not provide

1 access to cheaper interest rates and it actually  
2 increases taxpayers' costs by adding publicly  
3 funded staff to government.

4 And then as we saw in the case with  
5 NIFA, they went out and hired attorneys, hired  
6 financial consultants, hired auditors, even hired a  
7 public relations firm to the tune of millions of  
8 dollars that the taxpayers had to pay for.

9 Additionally, in the case of this  
10 legislation, it's very selective as a large number  
11 of municipalities are in far worse shape than the  
12 Town of Oyster Bay, including Long Beach and  
13 Suffolk County, both of which are headed into  
14 fiscal distress while the Town of Oyster Bay is  
15 headed out of that fiscal distress. Our finances  
16 are headed in the right direction.

17 Two of the people involved, Senator  
18 Brooks and Senator Gaughran, both represent Suffolk  
19 County, but they haven't introduced legislation of  
20 this type that applies to Suffolk County. As we  
21 read in the paper, the daily paper on April 1st,  
22 these same officials also approved a State budget  
23 that increased spending by \$7 billion for New York  
24 State, including a new commuter tax, which hurts  
25 Town of Oyster Bay residents who work in or just

1 visit New York City.

2 Adversely, this Town Board has closed  
3 deficits, reduced debt by enormous levels, while  
4 cutting taxes and getting our bond rating back to  
5 investment grade.

6 In my opinion, this State Legislation  
7 weaponizes government for political gain. In my  
8 opinion, it weaponizes government for political  
9 gain, and that's government at its worst.

10 Let's look at the facts. In the two  
11 short years that I've been here, we have returned  
12 \$2.6 million to residents through a tax cut and  
13 reduced debt by a net of \$135 million. We produced  
14 surpluses, reduced spending by tens of millions of  
15 dollars, over \$10 million and eliminated a deficit  
16 that had reached \$44 million.

17 That's right. I'm very proud to report  
18 that the deficit in our operating budget is gone.  
19 There is no more deficit in the operating budget of  
20 the Town of Oyster Bay. Our successes were  
21 recognized by Wall Street when they awarded the  
22 Town a credit rating upgrade last year after  
23 thoroughly auditing our finances.

24 Since none of these officials have met  
25 with us to learn the facts, we call upon our

1 financial experts to testify today so that a record  
2 is available, because we want to provide them with  
3 the facts, we want a record for them to look at and  
4 study so that they can go on the facts rather than  
5 political theater.

6 I first would like to call up Town of  
7 Oyster Bay Finance Director Robert Darienzo.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor, before we  
9 do that, we have to clear up the Resolutions.

10 There were two Walk-On Resolutions.  
11 There was a suspend and add, so --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: -- pertaining to this,  
14 we're going to go again.

15 May I have a motion to resuspend the  
16 rules and add Resolutions No. 265, 266, 267, and  
17 268, which is pertaining to what we're talking now.  
18 And this is just to add it to the calendar.

19 On that motion?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Motion made by  
23 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
24 Macagnone.

25 On the vote:



1 Supervisor Saladino?  
2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."  
3 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?  
4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."  
5 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?  
6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."  
7 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?  
8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."  
9 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?  
10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."  
11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?  
12 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."  
13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?  
14 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."  
15 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. So now we're  
16 square.  
17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.  
18 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor,  
19 before you begin testimony of our Director, can I  
20 have a point of personal privilege?  
21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly,  
22 Councilman.  
23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: You know, I  
24 also -- personally, I echo the remarks that you  
25 stated. As a member -- as a former member of the

1 Assembly, I served four terms in Albany, and I can  
2 tell you, from my own experience, that any time  
3 there was a bill such as this where we are -- where  
4 the State is attempting to help a municipality, it  
5 has always come forward through the committee  
6 process and it has always come with a home rule  
7 message.

8 For those of you in the public, that  
9 actually means that the local legislators, or  
10 lawmakers, requested the assistance of the State to  
11 help them in their time of need. And the State  
12 does this dozens of times throughout. During my  
13 tenure, we've helped many municipalities, towns,  
14 cities, counties, et cetera.

15 Supervisor Saladino referenced the  
16 legislation that created NIFA back about 18 years  
17 ago, and I was there at that time, and I can tell  
18 you, from my own experience, that not only the  
19 County Executive, but various legislators and  
20 consultants hired by the County came to Albany to  
21 lobby on behalf to receive that help from New York  
22 State.

23 I preface this remark by saying to you  
24 that I also reached out to both Senator Brooks and  
25 Assemblyman Lavine. I called their offices, spoke

1 to their staff, asked for a return phone call. I  
2 got neither one of them to call me back.

3 To me, this is really just a bold  
4 faced -- just a political game. It's just a shell  
5 game and it's for the purposes of, I guess, trying  
6 to embarrass, for political purposes, instead of  
7 really just reaching out and trying to help.

8 The fact is that they should sit down  
9 with us and let's craft something. If they could  
10 come up with something that would actually help us.  
11 As the Supervisor stated, you've been making all  
12 positive moves, I've read the Comprehensive Annual  
13 Financial Plan, I've read the official statements  
14 that is -- that we've published. I've seen the  
15 credit rating upgraded from Standard and Poor's and  
16 Moody's and, you know that those agencies stake  
17 their reputations on those credit movements, and so  
18 we are moving in a positive direction.

19 Would I like to see the State offer  
20 some help to Oyster Bay? I would. I'd like to do  
21 it in a formal -- in a professional manner and not  
22 just throwing bills against the wall for political  
23 favor.

24 With that being said, thank you for  
25 that point of clarification.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm just going to  
2 add to that, Councilman.

3 You know, we've reached out to these  
4 members of the Assembly and Senate and you know  
5 when you were in the State Assembly and when I was  
6 in the State Assembly, there was something called  
7 member items, discretionary funding that members of  
8 both the Senate and the Assembly have to provide  
9 assistance to groups and municipalities.

10 You brought assistance to the Town of  
11 Oyster Bay when you were in the State Assembly, I  
12 brought assistance to the Town of Oyster Bay, over  
13 \$100,000 of assistance. We've reached out to these  
14 members for assistance for paving roads in the  
15 districts they represent. That alone would be a  
16 great help in the right direction if they're unable  
17 to stop the unfunded mandates that are crushing  
18 every municipality on Long Island.

19 Just asking for assistance, financial  
20 assistance to pave the roads that they know and we  
21 know and you know has got to get done. We've been  
22 doing that in the Town of Oyster Bay, but we would  
23 happily accept financial assistance for road  
24 pavement, but where is that money? Where is the  
25 simple process?

1 I would like to say their  
2 responsibility, in my opinion, to provide CHIPS  
3 money, to provide road money for paving projects,  
4 but we don't even get that.

5 Now, I want to point this out again  
6 before we get going because it's very important  
7 that each and every person soak this in. In the  
8 two years, it's a little over two years since I  
9 joined the Town Board, we've returned \$2.6 million  
10 to residents through a tax cut. We have reduced  
11 the Town's debt by \$135 million in a little over  
12 two years.

13 We produced surpluses, reduced  
14 spending, and eliminated the deficit that had  
15 reached, at one point, \$44 million in operating  
16 budget deficit. That deficit is now gone, and we  
17 did it all while receiving an upgrade from Wall  
18 Street.

19 So let me take a moment to thank you  
20 for coming up here and I'd like to speak to you  
21 about some of the facts and ask you to talk to us  
22 about some of the facts in the Town of Oyster Bay.

23 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

25 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: One more thing.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, please.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I believe their  
3 intentions were laid bare in the flyer sent out by  
4 Senator Brooks wherein he states -- or, I'm sorry,  
5 his Facebook post that Charles Lavine, Senator  
6 Gaughran, Senator Kevin would be sponsoring this  
7 bill. The actual flyer has, in the background, a  
8 picture of a snake and a picture of Democratic  
9 candidates, and they're only Democratic legislators  
10 and senators that would be at this event. It's  
11 very clear their intentions are political and  
12 motivated only for political being.

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: It's a complete  
14 joke. It's completely dishonest. It's an  
15 extension of their campaign. They're misusing  
16 government for political purposes. It is a joke.  
17 The Town's finances are better than they've been in  
18 years, as Mr. Darienzo is going to explain. It's  
19 offensive. It's a joke.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You can see on  
21 the flyer, there's photos of Democratic political  
22 candidates, there's a photo of a snake, a snake on  
23 the flyer to the residents, paid for with State  
24 dollars. They're outing themselves.

25 But at any rate, let's get back to

1 this.

2 Mr. Darienzo, are you the Director of  
3 Finance for the Town of Oyster Bay?

4 MR. DARIENZO: That's correct.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you answer  
6 the question, do we have a balanced budget for  
7 2019?

8 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

9 Before we I do that, just a little bit  
10 more.

11 My name is Rob Darienzo, I'm the  
12 Director of Finance for the Town of Oyster Bay.  
13 I've been the Director for the past eight years.  
14 I've worked in the Finance Department for over  
15 twenty years. There is no employee in this Town  
16 that will give you better answers about our  
17 finances than me. That's why I'm up here right  
18 now.

19 So to answer your question, our 2019  
20 budget is not just balanced, it's better than that.  
21 Through careful management and conservative  
22 budgeting practices, we expect a \$5 million surplus  
23 in 2019.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does this budget  
25 include any one-shot revenues or fiscal gimmicks?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely not. No  
2 gimmicks, no one-shots. Nothing phony in there;  
3 just conservative revenues and conservative  
4 expenses.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: When I came here  
6 in 2017, we prepared a budget for 2018, and then in  
7 2018, we prepared a budget for 2019.

8 In 2018, we had a property tax cut. In  
9 2019, we froze taxes.

10 How much money has been placed back in  
11 the pockets and accounts of our taxpayers?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Taxes were cut by \$1.3  
13 million in 2018. As you mentioned, we held the  
14 line in 2019, so that's an additional \$1.3 million.  
15 So 1.3 and 1.3 is \$2.6 million back in the  
16 taxpayers pockets.

17 At the same time, neighboring  
18 municipalities took advantage to raise their taxes  
19 to the tax cap in many cases. The tax cap being --  
20 the 2 percent tax cap that I'm sure the Town Board  
21 is aware of and many residents in the audience and  
22 listening at home are aware of.

23 If we were to raise our taxes up to the  
24 cap in those two years, it would have meant an  
25 additional \$5 million in 2018 and an additional



1 \$10 million in 2019. We could have collected an  
2 additional \$15 million in taxes over those two  
3 years if we raised our taxes to the cap. Instead,  
4 we lowered taxes by \$2.6 million over that  
5 timeframe.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Over the two  
7 years, \$2.6 million, but we were still able to get  
8 an increase in our bond rating. Those forces run  
9 against each other. Lowering taxes and yet getting  
10 the bond rating back up.

11 Can you speak to that issue?

12 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

13 Our taxes and our revenues are only one  
14 part of the equation. On the other side of that  
15 equation is expenses. We've lowered expenses, most  
16 notably in our payroll and in our debt. In 2016,  
17 we had roughly \$1,150 full-time employees making  
18 \$84 million and change.

19 At the start of 2019, that number was  
20 reduced to \$991 full-time employees making just  
21 over \$72 million. We've cut full-time salaries by  
22 \$12 million in the past couple of years.

23 Our debt, you mentioned it went down --  
24 has gone down \$135 million in the past two years.  
25 That's staggering.

1 We reduced debt \$85 million in 2017.

2 We reduced debt by over \$50 million in  
3 2018.

4 The truth of the matter is, the \$150 is  
5 really 153 million, and then 2019 we project to  
6 reduce that by an additional \$22 million.

7 When you add those three figures  
8 together, we're going to reduce debt by over \$160  
9 million between 2017 and 2019. You've heard me  
10 talk about -- at this podium -- 85, 50, and 15 over  
11 2017, 2018 and 2019. We projected to reduce debt  
12 by \$150 million. We're going to do better than  
13 that. We're going to reduce it up by \$160 million  
14 over that same timeframe.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Darienzo, in  
16 2016, what is the percentage we had to raise taxes?

17 MR. DARIENZO: In 2016, I don't think  
18 we raised taxes at all.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think we did.

20 MR. DARIENZO: No, we didn't raise  
21 taxes at all in 2016. I'm sure you're referring to  
22 2017.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 2017.

24 2016 tax, at the budget hearing, what  
25 did we raise taxes?

1 MR. DARIENZO: We raised taxes, not at  
2 in 2016. In 2017, we raised taxes.

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay. But  
4 during the budget hearing, what was the amount in  
5 2016? October 2016, we had budget hearing. What  
6 was the amount we raised taxes?

7 MR. DARIENZO: The percentage was  
8 11.5 percent.

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Okay.  
10 Thank you.

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: But in  
12 four years --

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Darienzo, if  
14 we could just go through, you know, briefly  
15 summarize what you said.

16 We reduced discretionary spending over  
17 the past two budgets, we reduced employee head  
18 count, we reduced payroll, we reduced our Town debt  
19 by a massive amount, and we reduced property taxes.

20 MR. DARIENZO: That's all true over the  
21 past two years to get to the --

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And we got our  
23 bond rating up?

24 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. To get to the  
25 Councilman's comment about our tax increase in

1 2017, that tax increase in 2017 was in response to  
2 massively increased borrowings and massively  
3 increased spending from 2008 until 2017. We  
4 pleaded for increased revenues and decreased  
5 expenses during that timeframe. As you know,  
6 because you were here, in 2017, we made up for all  
7 of that.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, I know.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So --

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The prior  
11 administration dug a giant hole and then tried to  
12 dig themselves out of it. We took over and  
13 re-righted the ship, and we've decreasing  
14 discretionary spending year after year, decreasing  
15 taxes, decreasing payroll, decreasing Town debt  
16 while getting a bond rating upgrade.

17 And now the State is coming in, at this  
18 point, and saying -- while they have a gigantic  
19 multibillion dollar deficit in their State budget,  
20 now they're coming in and saying, hey, Oyster Bay,  
21 things are going great, but we want to take it from  
22 here. Is that basically what's happening?

23 MR. DARIENZO: If they ever -- if  
24 oversight was ever warranted, now is not the time.

25 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Let's go

1 back --

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: In -- excuse me,  
3 Councilman, 2016, during the budget cycle, I did  
4 ask the State to step in to do some oversight on  
5 our finances.

6 MR. DARIENZO: Okay.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What was their  
8 answer at that time?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I got no reply  
10 from neither the Comptroller, nor the Governor.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So when the Town  
12 was in its worst point, you reached out to the  
13 State for help because the Town really needed it,  
14 back then, before I came here, they ignored you and  
15 they ignored the Town, but now that we're back on  
16 our feet with tremendous debt reduction  
17 \$160 million of debt reduction, lowering our  
18 expenses, where we have the right to because we  
19 can't control the unfunded mandates from the State  
20 on us, suddenly, they want to stop -- step in and  
21 they claim it's to help us, but meanwhile, they  
22 ignored you, they ignored this Board, and they  
23 ignored the taxpayers of this Town when the Town  
24 needed it.

25 Now that we don't need it, this is

1 coming up.

2 Wouldn't you agree, it feels just like  
3 political theater?

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: In more ways  
5 than one, Supervisor.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
7 Councilman.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Stuff being  
9 handed out, stuff being done, I see everything well  
10 written.

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: This is an  
12 actual Facebook post.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So --

14 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Can I just --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Of course,  
16 Councilman.

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: 2016, I don't  
18 think we raised taxes.

19 2017, we did.

20 2018, we lowered taxes and we kept that  
21 freeze. That's pretty impressive.

22 On top of that, we cut the expenses, we  
23 enhanced revenue, we lowered all the -- we, I  
24 guess, curbed that spending, correct?

25 MR. DARIENZO: Everything you said is

1 correct.

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: And then we got  
3 a fiscal conservative at the helm, which really did  
4 a phenomenal job, I just want to commend him.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Kept to the  
7 motto that, obviously, Tony Macagnone would know,  
8 when we made the negotiations with the union,  
9 concessions and everything else. So we took the  
10 initiative prior to that, but the Supervisor  
11 definitely streamlined and did everything properly.  
12 I will commend the Supervisor for that.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

14 But we're seeing the results factually.  
15 Let's talk a little bit about Standard and Poor's  
16 global rating.

17 Standard and Poor's global rating is an  
18 organization that gives the Town its bond rating,  
19 that determines what the interest rate will be when  
20 we go out for borrowing. Short-term borrowing,  
21 whatever it is, just like every other municipality,  
22 no differently.

23 So before I got here, the bond -- there  
24 was no bond rating, correct?

25 MR. DARIENZO: There was no bond rating

1 with Moody's.

2 Moody's and Standard and Poor's both  
3 give us bond ratings.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

5 MR. DARIENZO: The time you got here,  
6 Moody's didn't give us a bond rating. Standard and  
7 Poor's had us at noninvestment grade.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: At noninvestment  
9 grade.

10 What changed?

11 MR. DARIENZO: Everything changed, as  
12 we've detailed so far, we'll go over it again.

13 Our deficits have been reduced through  
14 large surpluses that were documented in 2016 and  
15 2017. Our debt has been reduced by astronomical  
16 figures, \$135 million over two years. They've seen  
17 new management come in with conservative budgeting  
18 practices.

19 We're hitting all of the metrics that  
20 had been laid out for us by Standard and Poor's and  
21 by Moody's, but with that being said, they believe  
22 in trends. In 2011, we had the highest bond rating  
23 attainable, AAA.

24 With that being said, we had operating  
25 deficit from 2008, 2009 and 2010. The rating



1 agencies are slow to react to what is going on at a  
2 municipality. So even though we had three deficits  
3 in 2008, 2009 and 2010, it wasn't until 2011 that  
4 they reduced our bond rating.

5 Similarly, we are now showing surpluses  
6 in '16, '17, we're going to have one in our 2018  
7 audit, released in June, and we're going to have  
8 one in our 2019 audit, released next year. We'll  
9 have four years in a row at that point. We're  
10 doing everything that Standard and Poor's and  
11 Moody's asked of us, but they want to see trends,  
12 and we are giving those trends now.

13 So we can -- I would never guarantee  
14 anything, but as -- I'll say it again, we're doing  
15 everything we're being told to do to get an  
16 upgrade, and so I feel very good about getting an  
17 upgrade during this calendar year.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we're lowering  
19 debt.

20 \$116 million of debt reduction, is that  
21 the largest --

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: The largest amount  
23 in history. The largest amount in Town history.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you confirm  
25 that?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Confirmed.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

3 So while we're lowering debt by the  
4 largest amount in Town history, \$160 million, while  
5 cutting taxes, putting \$2.6 million back in the  
6 pockets of our taxpayers, getting the bond rating  
7 up for -- back to investment grade, and in my  
8 opinion, the route we're heading, we can expect  
9 more increases as we create a trend. We've cut  
10 expenses.

11 There is an expense we didn't cut, and  
12 that's the cost of pension costs and health care  
13 costs to our taxpayers.

14 Why were we not able to cut that?

15 MR. DARIENZO: Our pension costs are  
16 not determined by us, and we also --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Who determines  
18 them?

19 MR. DARIENZO: New York State  
20 determines our pension costs.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Who in New York  
22 State determines that?

23 MR. DARIENZO: The State Comptroller's  
24 Office.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But is it through

1 an act of the New York State Legislature?

2 Well, that's how State law comes to be.  
3 The point of trying to make here is the same people  
4 that want to foist a financial oversight board on  
5 this Town, claiming to try to be helping the Town  
6 through this political charade, are the same ones  
7 who could be rolling back the unfunded mandates.  
8 They're the ones.

9 Albany hits the Town with the unfunded  
10 mandates of the pension costs that continue to  
11 rise, the health care costs that continue to rise.  
12 Of course, we want to provide health care to our  
13 employees, but the cost keeps going up and up and  
14 up.

15 Have they done anything to get those  
16 costs under control? Have they provided us any  
17 grants to help pay for those costs that continue to  
18 rise that our taxpayers have to pay for?

19 MR. DARIENZO: No, but with the  
20 Employee Retirement System Bill, they allow you to  
21 amortize a certain portion if you're willing to pay  
22 them back with interest that's higher than what you  
23 could get by borrowing --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And do we do  
25 that?

1 MR. DARIENZO: We did for six or seven  
2 years when times were really tough, but in February  
3 of 2018, we eliminated that practice, and in  
4 February of 2019, when we paid this most recent  
5 bill, we paid the entire thing again. So we're no  
6 longer amortizing the allowable portion.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we have  
8 stopped doing that at whose request?

9 MR. DARIENZO: That was your request,  
10 Supervisor.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And why did I  
12 make that request in our conversation?

13 MR. DARIENZO: In the interest of  
14 reducing our debt and the interest payments and the  
15 future need to pay back those increased costs, we  
16 were able to tighten our belts in other places,  
17 which allowed us to pay the bill in full.

18 Most specifically, the reduction in  
19 debt called for a lowering in debt payments in the  
20 2019 budget, which allowed us to fund \$4 million in  
21 additional medical bills, \$2 million additional to  
22 the Employee Retirement System Bill.

23 So we were able to --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Without any  
25 increase to our taxpayers?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Correct. While holding  
2 the line on a reduced tax base in 2019.

3 COUNCILMAN HAND: Mr. Darienzo, we talk  
4 about unfunded mandates.

5 How much will the Town pay with these  
6 Albany mandated MTA payroll taxes in 2019?

7 MR. DARIENZO: The MTA payroll tax is a  
8 function of our total payroll, so luckily for us,  
9 our total payroll has come down due to the -- doing  
10 more with less bodies.

11 With that being said, it's still going  
12 to be roughly \$300, \$325K in 2019 for MTA payroll  
13 tax.

14 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Didn't Mr. Lavine  
15 sponsor the MTA payroll tax? Are you familiar with  
16 that?

17 MR. DARIENZO: I will take your word  
18 for that one.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: What's the State's  
20 deficit right now; do you know?

21 MR. DARIENZO: Their deficit?

22 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Their budget  
23 deficit.

24 MR. DARIENZO: I've looked at their  
25 budget plan. They project no deficit for this

1 current fiscal year.

2 Their next year's deficit is projected  
3 to be just over \$2 billion.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: \$2 billion?

5 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And what's ours?

7 MR. DARIENZO: Our deficit is no  
8 longer.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: None, right, we  
10 have none?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Zero. We have  
12 Zero deficit in the operating budget in the Town of  
13 Oyster Bay?

14 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah, and we're, kind  
15 of, glossing over that.

16 You talked about our negative \$44  
17 million cumulative deficit. That's what I'm most  
18 proud of, that we went from negative 44 to negative  
19 24 in one year. We went from negative 24 to  
20 negative 9 and a half, the next year, and now when  
21 our audit is released in June, in a month and a  
22 half's time, it will go from negative 9 and a half  
23 to some small positive number.

24 We're going to have a surplus in 2018  
25 north of \$10 million. Now, the auditors are still

1 pouring over our data, we don't know the exact  
2 number yet.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm going to stop  
4 you for a moment.

5 Repeat that sentence. We are going to  
6 have a surplus where there was a \$44 million  
7 deficit and we're going to have a surplus. No more  
8 deficit and actually a surplus in this Town.

9 MR. DARIENZO: We're going to have an  
10 accumulative surplus for the first time in ten,  
11 twelve years, and while it's still not the end of  
12 the road yet, we still have work to do, the minus  
13 is gone, now it's a plus, and now in 2019 -- I  
14 started out by saying we're going to have roughly a  
15 \$5 million surplus in 2019. That will be added to  
16 this surplus figure that we find out next month,  
17 and we continue to build in an effort to get our  
18 surplus to an area where we won't need to worry  
19 about anything.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By the way, when  
21 you use the term, "we find out," we know what it  
22 is, it gets verified by independent auditors; is  
23 that correct?

24 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

25 And as part of that verification

1 process, there are entries that are made that move  
2 figures around, so what we know it to be today can  
3 change. Not -- it won't change to the tune of  
4 taking \$10 million away, but it won't be -- if I  
5 told you it was \$15 million today, it could be \$14  
6 million next month.

7 So I'm telling you, it's going to be  
8 north of \$10 million. That's the safest thing I  
9 can tell you today without having it be -- come  
10 back at me. We're going to have a surplus when the  
11 audit is released in June of this year.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's take a look  
13 at why.

14 What is the anticipated total spending  
15 level in 2019 in the Town of Oyster Bay?

16 MR. DARIENZO: The 2019 budget was just  
17 under \$300 million.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And how does that  
19 compare to spending in 2018?

20 MR. DARIENZO: 2018 amended budget was  
21 between -- just over \$300 million, \$301,  
22 \$301 million, I believe.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And what was it  
24 in 2017?

25 MR. DARIENZO: 2017, I don't have all



1 these numbers committed to memory.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Approximately.

3 MR. DARIENZO: I feel like it was 303,  
4 \$303 million. I can verify that for you.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So what is the  
6 pattern here in spending in the Town of Oyster Bay?

7 MR. DARIENZO: That pattern will show  
8 that we're going down incrementally.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We are continuing  
10 to reduce spending in the Town of Oyster Bay while  
11 meeting the State mandates and meeting our  
12 responsibilities, including repaving our roads,  
13 which is a very expensive capital expense. We're  
14 talking about the operating budget, obviously, but  
15 we're continuing to cut spending in the Town of  
16 Oyster Bay?

17 MR. DARIENZO: We're cutting spending  
18 and we're spending more responsibly at the same  
19 time.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk about  
21 some other issues of how we've gotten here.

22 The Town has reduced its reliance on  
23 outside consultants.

24 Can you talk about what that means  
25 financially?

1 MR. DARIENZO: In 2016, the year before  
2 you got here, we spent roughly \$3.5 million in  
3 operating funds for outside consultants.

4 As part of getting to know you in 2017  
5 and you getting a handle on where we stood  
6 financially, you said, let's cut as much outside  
7 consultants as we can immediately.

8 So in that year, from 2016 to 2017, it  
9 went from -- it got cut in half, from 3.5 million  
10 to 1.7 million. Cut by more than half.

11 And then in 2018, that number was  
12 reduced further to \$1.4 million.

13 So in two years' time, we've knocked  
14 off \$2 million from the reliance on outside  
15 consultants in our operating accounts.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I remember that  
17 conversation with you very early on and with other  
18 staff members, and I remember in that conversation  
19 that I said, it is time we rely on the quality  
20 workforce here in the Town of Oyster Bay, people  
21 that are highly trained and do a phenomenal job  
22 rather than spending money on outside consultants  
23 while we're still spending money on our workforce  
24 and on the operating budget.

25 Can you please expand on that?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Well, we mentioned  
2 earlier that full-time expenses are down  
3 \$12 million, and now we've talked about -- we're  
4 talking about outside consultants being down  
5 \$2 million. So we truly are -- I know it's cliché,  
6 we are truly doing more with less.

7 We're counting on our existing  
8 employees, those who are still here, taking on more  
9 responsibility, giving the same services that the  
10 residents have always expected. We're getting the  
11 job done for less.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk a  
13 little bit more about the facts that out the  
14 motivations on this kind of legislation.

15 Has the Town of Oyster Bay been  
16 receiving any assistance from the legislators in  
17 Albany in terms of member items, in terms of road  
18 assistance, in terms of financial assistance to our  
19 issue -- our financial issues here in the Town of  
20 Oyster Bay?

21 MR. DARIENZO: They may provide small  
22 grants. That would be something more of IGA's  
23 realm, but there's no relief to our operating  
24 budget from the State, that I know of.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No rolling back

1 unfunded mandates?

2 MR. DARIENZO: No rolling back unfunded  
3 mandates.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No paying for the  
5 increases that Albany decides that our taxpayers  
6 have to pay?

7 MR. DARIENZO: No. There's been no  
8 change to revenues or expenses they provide to us.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, this -- all  
10 the facts are bearing out that this is a -- really  
11 seems to be extremely selective to just the Town of  
12 Oyster Bay.

13 Are you aware of any other municipal  
14 that this would -- that has a similar legislation  
15 or a bill that would affect them?

16 MR. DARIENZO: I'm personally aware  
17 of --

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Outside of NIFA,  
19 of course.

20 MR. DARIENZO: Well, yes, now that you  
21 mentioned that, that was eighteen years ago, but  
22 these are --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By the way, NIFA,  
24 the "I" in NIFA, what does it stand for?

25 MR. DARIENZO: Interim.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Interim.

2 MR. DARIENZO: Interim.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Some eighteen  
4 years later, it's interim?

5 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Interesting.

7 MR. DARIENZO: They got to change it to  
8 a "P," permanent.

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor, if I  
10 may.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please.

12 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: On the bill, in  
13 relation to the bill, I'm sure you're familiar with  
14 it at this point, we've read it here, so I'm asking  
15 a question I know the answer to.

16 Does this legislation allow us to  
17 access lower interest rates for the taxpayers'  
18 benefit?

19 MR. DARIENZO: Not to my knowledge, no.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does it --

21 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Will this  
22 legislation cost taxpayers money?

23 MR. DARIENZO: Yes. The legislation  
24 allows for employees of the State Comptroller's  
25 Office to come over to the Town, oversee us, review

1 our documents, make recommendations, flat out make  
2 changes at their will while our Town of Oyster Bay  
3 taxpayers pay for it.

4 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And Mr. Darienzo,  
5 would having that additional layer harm us with the  
6 rating agencies because it would be a barrier to us  
7 being able to, I would imagine, implement budgeting  
8 that -- as we see fit and barrier to borrowing?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Continue the  
10 savings of the good financial management.

11 MR. DARIENZO: I would say that that  
12 effect would be negligible, because they're not --  
13 if someone was to come to provide oversight, they  
14 wouldn't add expenses, but it would not be a --  
15 help our interest.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But they might  
17 prevent us from meeting our obligations if --

18 MR. DARIENZO: Conceivably, depending  
19 on the powers given to them in this bill. I don't  
20 know -- I don't know all the ins and outs about  
21 what they could do to us in terms of our  
22 borrowings.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Mr. Darienzo,  
24 wouldn't it be a wonderful thing if they came in  
25 and they found out everything is wonderful and

1 great and we can go out there and scream that from  
2 the mountaintops if we got approval from the State  
3 and everything else?

4 MR. DARIENZO: Everything is wonderful.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Wouldn't it be  
6 nice to have them come in and say it?

7 MR. DARIENZO: They can come any time  
8 they want and perform an audit.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Don't they already  
10 do that?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Don't they  
12 already -- doesn't the New York State Comptroller,  
13 through a State mandate, already audit the Town of  
14 Oyster Bay every year, just like every other  
15 municipal?

16 MR. DARIENZO: No. They come in and  
17 audit periodically.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Periodically.

19 MR. DARIENZO: They were here for an  
20 audit four or five years ago.

21 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: 2013.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let me rephrase  
23 the question.

24 Doesn't the Town hire an outside  
25 independent auditor each every and every year to

1 present the information of our financial status to  
2 the public?

3 MR. DARIENZO: Correct.

4 We prepare our own financial  
5 statements. We turn that information over to our  
6 auditors. They spend a couple of months pouring  
7 over the data and verifying it to be accurate to  
8 the best of their knowledge, and that becomes our  
9 final audit.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we have a  
11 financial audit that's prepared by outside  
12 independent auditors, licensed CPAs, that already  
13 does what the Councilman referred to as far getting  
14 the good news out on what we're doing?

15 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah, I believe the  
16 legislation called for oversight until 2028, which  
17 I don't know where they came up with that. I guess  
18 it was ten years in length. Again, we've already  
19 started our turnaround a couple of years ago.

20 In a year or two, we won't even be on  
21 the list for the fiscal stress monitoring system  
22 that the State Comptroller puts out.

23 It would seem absurd to have oversight  
24 on someone who's -- on some municipality that has  
25 made strides and gotten themselves off the list on



1 their own.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Has anyone from  
3 the State Senate offices or the State Assembly  
4 offices associated with this bill, or, quite  
5 frankly, anyone else from Albany and the State  
6 Legislature reached out to you to get any  
7 information about the fiscal status of the Town of  
8 Oyster Bay?

9 MR. DARIENZO: Those same people are  
10 not taking your calls or your calls, they're  
11 certainly not reaching out to me. No, I've not  
12 heard from anybody.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So, you or no one  
14 on the financial staff of this Town has received  
15 any requests for information, any phone calls, any  
16 "ask" for the facts before they begin to push this,  
17 and I think the flyer that we saw that was paid for  
18 by governmental dollars doesn't say, is there a  
19 need, it says a public hearing on the need.

20 How would they know there is a need if  
21 they haven't requested any financial documents, if  
22 they haven't reached out to any of us in  
23 government, if they haven't reached out to our  
24 financial experts here in the Town, haven't asked  
25 for documents on this, how would they come up with

1 something -- a position like this?

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Let me ask, has  
3 anyone on this Board received a phone call from  
4 either of these?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: No.

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Not a single  
7 member of this Board either.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I called one of  
9 the State Senators and asked to set a meeting to  
10 provide him with information, and we had a meeting  
11 date. The next day or two, I got a call back from  
12 their office and they cancelled the meeting without  
13 providing a new date, without asking for a new  
14 date. We've offered to provide a new date.

15 It leads me to believe, in my opinion,  
16 they don't want to meet with us because they don't  
17 want the facts to get in the way.

18 MR. DARIENZO: I've had Zero  
19 communications with any of the people mentioned or  
20 any of their staff members or anybody.

21 As Councilman Imbroto said earlier,  
22 very early on, it's a joke.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Mr. Darienzo,  
24 recently, the Town Board and the Town Attorney came  
25 to a settlement with the SEC, and as we know that

1 settlement includes an additional layer of  
2 oversight when we go to the bond market, how does  
3 that settlement -- does this bill take that  
4 settlement into account in any way, does it  
5 conflict with this consultant that the Town is  
6 obligated to pay for?

7 MR. DARIENZO: The settlement with the  
8 SEC -- I have to be careful what I say -- Town  
9 Attorney's Office --

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just so you know,  
11 I will be bringing the Town Attorney up and that's  
12 one of the questions we'll be asking, asking him  
13 for more detail, and I realize that's not within  
14 your specific purview.

15 MR. DARIENZO: Very briefly, I could  
16 say that the help with oversight on our debt  
17 issuances comes with that oversight Board, or that  
18 oversight consultant allowing to present  
19 recommendations. The oversight in this legislation  
20 would allow them to overrule and basically do what  
21 they want.

22 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: So that's my  
23 point, there's a conflict, there's an inherent  
24 conflict there. If we have an consultant that the  
25 SEC approves, it's obviously going to give us more

1 weight when we go to the bond market. They're  
2 going to have more confidence in our offerings  
3 because this is a consultant that they've approved  
4 that's working with us, hand and glove with our  
5 financial experts and people.

6 And at the same time, if this bill were  
7 to ever become reality, which I believe is -- the  
8 chances are slim to none that the Governor would  
9 sign such a bill without a home rule message, but  
10 if it were, for the sake of argument, there's a  
11 potential there that we can have a genuine conflict  
12 between the overseer installed by the State  
13 Comptroller's Office and the consultant that will  
14 be working with us to help us in the bond market.

15 MR. DARIENZO: I'll agree with that.

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I have a  
17 question.

18 The New York Comptroller came in about  
19 four or five years ago, correct?

20 MR. DARIENZO: That's correct.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: And they  
22 audited the Town of Oyster Bay.

23 They came up with some fiscal  
24 recommendations that we should comply with,  
25 correct?

1 MR. DARIENZO: There were certainly  
2 documented recommendations, yes.

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Did we comply  
4 with those pretty well?

5 MR. DARIENZO: To my knowledge, yes.

6 There was --

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: And there was  
8 dialogue back and forth and you gave them that  
9 information that we complied and everything else,  
10 right?

11 MR. DARIENZO: In fairness, that audit  
12 goes to the Comptroller's Office, so I'm not  
13 involved with that in terms of responding to their  
14 recommendations, but that, if I recall correctly,  
15 there was a couple dozen recommendations that were  
16 put into place and I can't sit here and say that  
17 100 percent of them went into place because those  
18 are just recommendations, but we certainly looked  
19 into what they said and implemented those that were  
20 deemed reasonable.

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: And,  
22 Mr. Darienzo, you -- you're constantly having  
23 discussions with the ratings agencies and we are  
24 implementing their recommendations as well,  
25 correct?

1 MR. DARIENZO: Yeah.

2 To be clear, I'm not in constant  
3 contact with the rating agencies. They may clear  
4 what we need to do and then we do it.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
6 other questions for Mr. Darienzo?

7 Mr. Darienzo, would you take a seat in  
8 the front row? We may call you back up.

9 Thank you.

10 Next, we'd like to call up our Town of  
11 Oyster Bay Comptroller, Steve Ballas.

12 Would you kindly state your presence,  
13 please?

14 MR. BALLAS: Good morning, Supervisor,  
15 Members of the Town Board.

16 My name is Steve Ballas and I'm the  
17 Comptroller for the Town of Oyster Bay.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Ballas, are  
19 you a licensed CPA?

20 MR. BALLAS: Yes, I am. I've been a  
21 Certified Public Accountant for over thirty years.

22 An interesting fact, if I might, I am  
23 the only Town Comptroller who is a CPA or has been  
24 a CPA for at least the last thirty years. I didn't  
25 go all the way back to 1653 to verify it, but I may

1 be the first.

2 Yes, I am a CPA.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you tell us a  
4 little bit about your experience in the financial  
5 world?

6 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

7 Actually, when I first came out of  
8 college, I served in a public accounting firm,  
9 Arthur Young, so I'm dating myself, they no longer  
10 exist. They're now Ernst and Young, they merged.  
11 It was a big accounting firm at the time. After  
12 that, I worked at Citibank, in various positions at  
13 Citibank for seventeen years, and then after that,  
14 I actually ran my own business for seventeen years.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You came in under  
16 my administration, and I recall conversations that  
17 we had right from the beginning.

18 One of things I asked you to do was to  
19 greatly increase the financial controls here in the  
20 Town of Oyster Bay and to perform numerous internal  
21 audits so we could get a picture of the finances  
22 and what changes needed to be made.

23 Can you provide us with insight on  
24 these initiatives?

25 MR. BALLAS: Yes.

1 My mandate when I was first brought on  
2 as the Comptroller was to manage the Town finances  
3 like a business. I feel I've brought private  
4 sector mentality to my role as the Town  
5 Comptroller, as well as the whole Comptroller's  
6 office.

7 I'm a very hands-on Comptroller, as my  
8 staff and my fellow commissioners will tell you.

9 One of the things we -- that I've done  
10 is when the Town -- before the Town goes to buy  
11 anything or obtain any services, they have to  
12 generate a purchase order or a service order.

13 I personally electronically sign off on  
14 every single purchase order and service order that  
15 the Town produces. I ask a lot of questions. I  
16 ask what it's for, is it necessary, was it procured  
17 properly in accordance with our policies. After  
18 the products are received and the services are  
19 rendered, a claim form is submitted to be paid.

20 My accounts payable division does a  
21 thorough and complete audit of the claim forms,  
22 make sure all the documentation is there, and the  
23 prices that were paid were the prices we negotiated  
24 in the beginning. After which, I then have to  
25 electronically approve every single expenditure.



1 I will tell you, if there are  
2 documentation that I want to see there or if there  
3 are questions that haven't been answered, I won't  
4 pay that bill until I'm satisfied. And, again, my  
5 fellow commissioners and their staff can verify  
6 that.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So for the  
8 public's understanding, when the budget is  
9 resolved, if you will, the Town Board takes a vote  
10 and passes that budget, but then each expenditure  
11 comes back before the Town Board for another  
12 specific vote again on that specific expenditure  
13 before it goes to you?

14 MR. BALLAS: That is correct.

15 Actually, there are some things on the  
16 calendar today where the Town is asking for the  
17 Board's approval to encumber funds, which reserves  
18 those funds from the budget to pay those bills. We  
19 then -- we can't actually pay bills until we get  
20 those encumbrances, so it's a multi-step process.

21 So when I say I brought private sector  
22 mentality as well as running the Town's finances  
23 like a business, we're questioning every single  
24 expense, knowing what it's for, why we need it, and  
25 that it was procured properly on every single

1 expense, and I personally sign off on those  
2 electronically.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we have the  
4 Town Board voting to approve the budget, then we  
5 have the Town Board voting on each and every  
6 individual expenditure, then there is you, but  
7 there are other steps involved.

8 Can you tell us about the other steps  
9 that are added to protect our taxpayers.

10 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

11 My tremendous accounts payable  
12 division, they tirelessly pour through every single  
13 accounts payable claim so that -- to get a bill  
14 paid, you have to submit documentation, you have to  
15 submit time sheets. If it's a contract, you have  
16 to submit a lot of documentation and it has to all  
17 match and tie to what we agreed to on the purchase  
18 order and service order.

19 And after that, it has to go through my  
20 review, so there are multiple, multiple steps.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The Town Attorney  
22 as well when it comes to contracts?

23 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

24 Yes, everybody is subject to the review  
25 and audit.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, I'll be  
2 asking this question again when we bring our Town  
3 Attorney up here, but we have added another layer  
4 to the process that had not been here ever before  
5 in the Town of Oyster Bay, and quite frankly,  
6 hasn't existed in any other Town.

7 Working in Albany, as Councilman  
8 Labriola knows when he was a State Assemblyman, the  
9 State has put in place Inspector Generals. When I  
10 was there, we went through the process of putting  
11 in place an Inspector General to root out fraud and  
12 abuse in the Medicaid system, some \$5 billion of  
13 fraud and abuse was taking place, and we have  
14 greatly reduced that.

15 And then I brought that here to the  
16 Town of Oyster Bay.

17 Can you tell us a little bit about that  
18 initiative?

19 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

20 The Inspector General and my office  
21 work very closely together since he's been here.  
22 We've met several times --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: For  
24 clarification, you said your office separately from  
25 him, because they work independently of one

1 another?

2 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

3 But we're working together, he's asking  
4 us questions, you know, what are the processes,  
5 he's reviewing all the steps that are needed to  
6 actually enter into a contract as well as pay the  
7 bills.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you see that  
9 Inspector General in this room at this time?

10 MR. BALLAS: Oh, there he is. Yes, I  
11 do.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You see him here  
13 at this time?

14 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

16 MR. BALLAS: You asked about internal  
17 controls.

18 One of the other things my -- the  
19 Comptroller's Office does is we actually monitor  
20 and review internal controls of the Town. We send  
21 out a financial integrity and accountability  
22 questionnaire to every single department in the  
23 Town. It comes back to the Comptroller's Office.  
24 We review it to make sure that there are internal  
25 controls in place throughout the Town.

1                   We also test those internal controls by  
2 performing surprise field audits.

3                   In 2018, my internal audit division  
4 performed over 50 field audits. Field audits  
5 consist of going out to the golf course, going out  
6 to the skating rinks, to the parking lots, and  
7 doing a surprise audit.

8                   So, not only do we make sure we have  
9 internal controls, we test them regularly. One of  
10 other controls we put into place is accounts  
11 receivables.

12                   Again, running this Town like a  
13 business, accounts receivables, you got to look at  
14 your accounts receivables. We review our accounts  
15 receivables monthly in a detailed analysis. We  
16 identify any past due items and then we  
17 aggressively -- not aggressively, we institute  
18 collection efforts as necessary, just like any  
19 other business would.

20                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, when we  
21 reach a certain time of the year, toward the end of  
22 the fiscal year, we have discussed this and we've  
23 put in place even more stringent hurdles to ensure  
24 that every dollar is being spent properly.

25                   Can you speak to us about the

1 initiative that we spoke about that you put in  
2 place and how a bill is paid after a certain date  
3 in a calendar year?

4 MR. BALLAS: Well, the accrual process,  
5 I guess, you're referring to.

6 Yes. Actually, we had a very good  
7 process this year insofar as to close the books.  
8 We closed the books for '18. We actually had to  
9 make sure that we had all of our 2018 bills in  
10 house and on the books.

11 So what we did was I communicated with  
12 all my commissioners and made sure that every  
13 single 2018 invoice was actually on the books and  
14 actually it's being confirmed now by our  
15 internal -- external auditors, who, by the way, are  
16 in our office as we speak.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We heard some  
18 facts about the Town's finances earlier from our  
19 Director of Finances, Mr. Darienzo. I'd like you  
20 to speak to those issues.

21 I'm going to ask you some questions  
22 for -- either for verification or if you don't feel  
23 that those are factual, we want to know.

24 Mr. Darienzo told us by the end of the  
25 year, we will have a \$160 million debt reduction

1 since I began here in the Town.

2 Will we have a 160 million debt  
3 reduction?

4 MR. BALLAS: Yes, we will.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: When -- at one  
6 point, the Town had an operating deficit of  
7 \$44 million.

8 Based on your purview and your  
9 analysis, do we still have a deficit in the  
10 operating budget in the Town of Oyster Bay?

11 MR. BALLAS: We're actually getting to  
12 where we're going to be exactly what Rob said, was  
13 a positive at the end of the year, and we're  
14 waiting for the auditors to confirm that.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The auditors --  
16 you feel the auditors will confirm that based on  
17 the data you've seen?

18 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So we had a  
20 deficit, as much as \$44 million.

21 At this point, I'm here a little over  
22 two years, and the deficit is gone and by the end  
23 of the year, we'll have a surplus?

24 MR. BALLAS: That is correct.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Did we reduce

1 taxes last year?

2 MR. BALLAS: Yes.

3 By \$1.3 million.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Did we hold a --  
5 did we pass a budget that does not increase taxes,  
6 a flat freeze this year?

7 MR. BALLAS: That is correct.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: For 2019?

9 MR. BALLAS: Absolutely.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And has our bond  
11 rating increased?

12 MR. BALLAS: Yes, it has.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you tell us a  
14 little bit about why?

15 MR. BALLAS: Again, as Mr. Darienzo  
16 mentioned, it's trends that the bond rating  
17 agencies look at. They're looking at, are you  
18 satisfying your obligations, are you budgeting  
19 conservatively, do you have controls in place over  
20 your expenses. That's all the things that we're  
21 doing to get recognized with rating increases.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So those answers  
23 to those questions would be yes, we do have  
24 controls, we have more controls than ever before?

25 MR. BALLAS: Yes.



1                   And they're being monitored and  
2                   verified.

3                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In their reports,  
4                   Standard and Poor's wrote about the management  
5                   style of this administration, spoke to debt  
6                   reduction, spoke to -- actually had quotes that  
7                   spoke to the new management of this team.

8                   Can you give us a synopsis of what they  
9                   said?

10                  MR. BALLAS: That we're going --

11                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm not asking  
12                  you to quote it directly.

13                  MR. BALLAS: Yeah, but I'm actually  
14                  trying to remember the report.

15                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The general idea  
16                  of what the point was that they were making.

17                  MR. BALLAS: That improvements being  
18                  made in the finances of the Town, that we have  
19                  controls in place, we're moving in the right  
20                  directions, we're paying down our debt, and we're  
21                  doing everything that they've told us we would need  
22                  to do to be able to get these increases.

23                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To add to that,  
24                  one of the quotes, almost directly out of Standard  
25                  and Poor's, was that this was the best budget they

1 had seen in twelve years, that the Town of Oyster  
2 Bay has offered in twelve years?

3 MR. BALLAS: That is correct.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're very proud  
5 of that.

6 Do the Board members have any questions  
7 for Mr. Ballas?

8 (No verbal response given.)

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
10 Mr. Ballas.

11 If you'd like to take a seat in the  
12 front row, in case we additional questions.

13 I'd like to now ask our Town Attorney,  
14 Mr. Joseph Nocella, to come to the podium, please.

15 Mr. Nocella, could you please state  
16 your presence?

17 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

18 Joseph Nocella, Town Attorney, Town of  
19 Oyster Bay.

20 Good morning.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Nocella,  
22 you've been hearing information about tighten --  
23 how long have you been here in the Town of Oyster  
24 Bay?

25 MR. NOCELLA: Since February of 2017.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Since February,  
2 right after I began?

3 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And can you tell  
5 us a little bit about your experience, how long  
6 have you been practicing law, your understanding  
7 of -- a little bit about your experience.

8 MR. NOCELLA: I've been practicing law  
9 for approximately thirty years. I had a number of  
10 years' experience with federal government as an  
11 Assistant United States Attorney in the Criminal  
12 Division of the Department of Justice. I clerked  
13 for a United States District judge for the Southern  
14 District of New York.

15 My prosecution experience was in the  
16 Eastern District of New York, which encompasses all  
17 of Long Island, Brooklyn, Queens and Richmond  
18 Counties.

19 After that, I spent approximately ten  
20 years in private practice at international law  
21 firms, notably White & Case and Dewey Ballantine,  
22 where I frequently responded to corporate  
23 investigations, either done internally or done by  
24 the Securities Exchange Commission, the Federal  
25 Reserve Bank of New York, the Attorney General's

1 Office of the State of New York and other  
2 regulatory bodies.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: During your role  
4 as a federal prosecutor, did your a mission  
5 include, among other initiatives, rooting out  
6 corruption?

7 MR. NOCELLA: Absolutely.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And have you  
9 continued with that initiative here in the Town of  
10 Oyster Bay?

11 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, sir.

12 In fact, I would say that was one of  
13 the primary tasks I was given.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you speak to  
15 us about our process of hiring the first Inspector  
16 General in the Town's history, what his mission is,  
17 and what he has been doing since taking the  
18 position?

19 MR. NOCELLA: The Inspector General is  
20 tasked with assuring compliance with general  
21 municipal law. That is with the competitive  
22 bidding process, with the RFP process, and assuring  
23 that each department within the Town of Oyster Bay  
24 is in compliance.

25 That requires a review of the

1 competitive bids and the RFPs themselves before  
2 they are issued, as well as a review of the bids  
3 and the proposals after they come back.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you explain  
5 to the public how that helps to ensure a better  
6 process in the Town of Oyster Bay, better fiscal  
7 controls?

8 MR. NOCELLA: Of course. It allows  
9 somebody with -- who has expertise specifically  
10 with compliance and specifically with the issue of  
11 procurement, to review each and every department's  
12 efforts to procure the best product or the best  
13 service at the lowest price.

14 It adds an additional level of service,  
15 an additional level of scrutiny to that which is  
16 already employed by the individual departments, by  
17 the Town Attorney's Office and by the Comptroller's  
18 Office.

19 And in our particular case, the  
20 Inspector General was chosen to be completely  
21 independent so that he has independent authority,  
22 does not fall under the Supervisor's office's  
23 control, under the Town Attorney's control, under  
24 the Comptroller's Office's control, and certainly  
25 not under the control of any individual department.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you identify  
2 the Inspector General in this room?

3 MR. NOCELLA:

4 Yes. His name is Brian Noone, and I  
5 believe he's seated in the back.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you point him  
7 out, please?

8 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. He just raised a  
9 copy of the calendar today, I believe, and is  
10 wearing his Town ID.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

12 Have you taken a look at Assembly Bill  
13 A-2508 or Senate Bill S-1713?

14 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, I have.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you tell us  
16 if these bills, if passed as presented, as drafted,  
17 would provide any financial help or support to the  
18 Town of Oyster Bay?

19 MR. NOCELLA: No, none whatsoever.

20 In fact, it would probably impose  
21 financial costs.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: If, in fact -- if  
23 a financial oversight board was to be put in place,  
24 would they have the ability to use Town of Oyster  
25 Bay taxpayers' dollars to hire a law firm, an

1 accounting firm, even a public relations firm?

2 MR. NOCELLA: As drafted, these bills  
3 would, in fact, allow such expenditures to occur  
4 that would increase costs to the taxpayers of  
5 Oyster Bay, yes.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would any of the  
7 members of this financial oversight board be  
8 elected by the people of the Town of Oyster Bay?

9 MR. NOCELLA: No, Supervisor.

10 And if you'll pardon rhetorical  
11 reference, it virtually goes back to the  
12 Revolutionary War, when an appointed body has the  
13 ability to tax without representation.

14 None of you sitting on the dais, no  
15 elected officials would be able to influence this  
16 oversight Board's use of the tax dollars of the  
17 residents of Oyster Bay.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm mind-boggled  
19 on this, Counselor, so America's based on a  
20 representative government and those who spend tax  
21 dollars and tax the public are elected, and  
22 therefore, answerable to the public, but you're  
23 telling us that if put in place, this financial  
24 board would take away one of the cornerstones of  
25 the United States Constitution, of the

1 representation by election. These people would not  
2 be elected.

3 Who might choose them?

4 MR. NOCELLA: They'd be selected either  
5 by members of the Assembly, members of the State  
6 Senate and the Governor's Office.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Now, all three of  
8 those entities are all from the same political  
9 party, so where does the balance come in?

10 MR. NOCELLA: I don't believe it was  
11 ever intended that it be balanced, sir.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is it your  
13 opinion that this has a political motivation?

14 MR. NOCELLA: I find no basis  
15 whatsoever for any possible justification for the  
16 oversight board, other than sheer politics.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Mr. Town Attorney,  
18 is there any precedent anywhere that you know of,  
19 of legislation being forced upon a specific  
20 municipality without any input or in disregard of  
21 the intentions of that municipality?

22 MR. NOCELLA: None.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I mean, I can't  
24 believe that something that we did not ask for,  
25 that we have made it abundantly clear that we do



1 not want, is still being considered in this State.  
2 I've never heard of something like that with  
3 respect to any other municipality.

4 MR. NOCELLA: And, Councilman, that's  
5 because it is entirely without any legal precedent.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So let's talk  
7 about the advantages of such a board to the  
8 taxpayers or to the running of this Town.

9 The bill does provide a large sum of  
10 money, the way the NIFA bill brought Nassau County  
11 \$100 million?

12 MR. NOCELLA: No, Supervisor.

13 To the contrary --

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does it provide  
15 any financial support to the Town of Oyster Bay?

16 MR. NOCELLA: It provides no financial  
17 resources to the Town of Oyster Bay.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does it cut back,  
19 reduce the cost of borrowing money by providing a  
20 bond assistance from the State or any of its  
21 authorities?

22 MR. NOCELLA: The type of the  
23 assistance you're referring to was another benefit  
24 conferred upon Nassau County when it had the Nassau  
25 interim, or as I've heard it referred to, permanent

1 financial authority.

2 In this instance, the answer is no, we  
3 neither receive any direct aid from the State, nor  
4 do we receive any assistance that would assist us  
5 in borrowing money when we go to market or even  
6 with the helping of our bond rating.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Municipalities  
8 across New York State consistently and loudly  
9 complain of unfunded mandates from New York State.

10 I sat in that Assembly office for  
11 nearly fourteen years, Steve Labriola for many  
12 years. We were lobbied by school districts, the  
13 New York Conference of Mayors, many municipalities  
14 that consistently traveled to Albany to ask for  
15 unfunded mandate relief.

16 Is this a consistent problem of every  
17 municipality in our State?

18 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, it is.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So it would make  
20 perfect sense that the biggest problem that Albany  
21 hears loud and clear every single year, is an  
22 increase in those unfunded mandates that dry up --  
23 drive up property taxes, school taxes, the County  
24 tax, Special District tax, and, of course, the Town  
25 tax. It must do something to roll back those

1 unfunded mandates.

2 MR. NOCELLA: It accomplishes no such  
3 purpose. It does nothing to roll back unfunded  
4 mandates or provide relief for the unfunded  
5 mandates.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, it's  
7 interesting because all I see on the Internet and  
8 government-paid-for mailings is that there's a need  
9 in the Town of Oyster Bay with the presumption that  
10 there's some sort of relief.

11 You're telling us that you've read and  
12 studied the pieces of legislation at hand and they  
13 don't provide any financial relief, any rollback of  
14 unfunded mandates, any support, not even assistance  
15 to help pave the roads that every resident has made  
16 crystal clear across -- to the towns across Long  
17 Island, that that job needs to get done. And yet,  
18 this bill does none of that.

19 MR. NOCELLA: Yes. I'm sad to say,  
20 that is exactly correct.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As drafted, would  
22 it increase costs for our taxpayers?

23 MR. NOCELLA: It is likely that it  
24 would.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Can you tell us

1       how?

2                   MR. NOCELLA:  By absorbing tax dollars  
3       that are intended for our parks, our roads, our  
4       garbage disposal, our general funds, in order to  
5       pay for the efforts of the oversight board.

6                   And if I may add, when you asked about  
7       my experience, I also functioned, for a while, as  
8       counsel in the County of Nassau and have  
9       familiarity with the Nassau Interim Finance  
10      Permanent Authority.  They used the sales tax  
11      revenue that would ordinarily have been utilized by  
12      the general fund of Nassau County to maintain their  
13      own existence, their offices, their regular staff,  
14      their outside consultants, and even the retention  
15      of outside counsel at an exorbitant cost far  
16      exceeding anything for which the Town of Oyster Bay  
17      has, I believe, unfairly, but unfairly or fairly,  
18      criticized for.

19                  And all of that with the diversion of  
20      county monies.  The same probability exists here if  
21      this were to come to fruition.

22                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:  So the public,  
23      our taxpayers, and our Board members can better  
24      understand this, what kind of costs have Nassau  
25      County taxpayers been paying on NIFA year after

1 year?

2 MR. NOCELLA: I can't give an actual  
3 quantitative cost, but, for example --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is it millions of  
5 dollars per year?

6 MR. NOCELLA: Oh, I would say in excess  
7 of millions of dollars per year, yes.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Millions of  
9 dollars per year?

10 MR. NOCELLA: The staff alone costs a  
11 few million dollars a year.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And then there's  
13 the hiring of private accountants when the County  
14 already pays for private accounting firms, it --  
15 there's a cost of -- legal cost for outside law  
16 firms that the County already pays for?

17 MR. NOCELLA: There was an outside  
18 efficiency consultant called Grant Thornton. Their  
19 bill was enormous. There was the use of Skadden  
20 Arps, perhaps one of the foremost law firms,  
21 international law firms formally referred to as a  
22 Wall Street firm. Very similar to White & Case and  
23 Dewey Ballantine where I had worked once upon a  
24 time.

25 There's the use of Skadden Arps to

1 handle litigation. There was the use of  
2 specifically, for example, litigation involving a  
3 union wage freeze, litigation involving the  
4 declaration of a financial crisis by the County and  
5 by the Control Board in the first instance.

6 The former Chief Judge of the Court of  
7 Appeals, Judith Kay, was personally involved in  
8 those litigations and her hourly rate was a  
9 courtesy rate of \$1,200 per hour, \$1,200 per hour  
10 borne by the Nassau County taxpayers.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Wow. That's  
12 outrageously high.

13 MR. NOCELLA: You see what a bargain  
14 you get in me?

15 (Laughter ensues.)

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's talk about  
17 the SEC.

18 There was an issue with contracts  
19 before I got here with a concessionaire and loans  
20 that were taken, and then the SEC began to  
21 investigate, again, before I got here.

22 Can you tell us just a very brief  
23 oversight of what took place with -- in terms of  
24 the SEC analysis and what has come of that and what  
25 would they like to impose upon the Town of

1 Oyster Bay?

2 MR. NOCELLA: The SEC reviewed the  
3 various concession amendments, which the Town had  
4 consistently maintained were never approved by the  
5 Town Board.

6 Approval by the Town Board is the sine  
7 qua non for enforcement of any kind of agreement or  
8 amendment to an existing agreement. That was  
9 lacking.

10 The SEC, without acknowledging that the  
11 Town's position was correct or without the Town  
12 acknowledging that its position was incorrect,  
13 settled with the Town of Oyster Bay over the issue  
14 of termination payments contained in these  
15 amendments, never ratified or approved by the Town  
16 of Oyster Bay; in fact, concealed from the Town  
17 Board.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This was verified  
19 by a federal judge in her decision; was it not?

20 MR. NOCELLA: And -- yes, actually, it  
21 was. Justice -- Judge Sandra Feuerstein of the  
22 Eastern District of New York did give us a ruling  
23 which said that the concession amendments were  
24 unenforceable because the Town Board never approved  
25 them, and, therefore, they could not be enforced.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we've  
2 announced this before publicly. We had to make a  
3 decision now --

4 MR. NOCELLA: I hesitate to interrupt  
5 you, but I do need to add, because of our agreement  
6 with the SEC, that we have settled the matter  
7 without admitting to any responsibility, nor  
8 denying any responsibility for this.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And they haven't  
10 asked us to admit to -- the Town to admit to any  
11 responsibility?

12 MR. NOCELLA: Our agreement is, in  
13 fact, that we accept the settlement proposal which  
14 they put on the table, and we have, in fact,  
15 accepted the settlement proposal.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And what was the  
17 motivation to accept that settlement proposal when  
18 we looked at all the financial implications?

19 MR. NOCELLA: There were a number of  
20 motivations, but the primary purpose, as I  
21 understand it, was, we believed that the settlement  
22 would provide for an outside consultant that would  
23 make recommendations to the Town of Oyster Bay that  
24 would ultimately enhance our bond rating and save  
25 the taxpayers money.



1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So what you're  
2 referring to are financial experts that would  
3 analyze the Town's finances and then make those  
4 recommendations for us to embrace, to continue to  
5 raise our bond rating?

6 MR. NOCELLA: That's true, but again,  
7 to be fair to the SEC's position, I just want to  
8 state that with an emphasis on making certain that  
9 the Town also fully disclosed the matters that the  
10 SEC was concerned had not been disclosed.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Of course.

12 MR. NOCELLA: And with that extra layer  
13 of review, a benefit to us would be that we would  
14 have an enhanced bond rating.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So the Town of  
16 Oyster Bay pays an outside accounting firm, a  
17 private independent accounting firm to audit our  
18 books each and every year, correct?

19 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And then we have  
21 internal audits that we do that were just confirmed  
22 by our Comptroller, correct?

23 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In addition to  
25 both of those, through our settlement with the SEC,

1 we will have more financial experts that we will  
2 allow to come in to audit our books for the  
3 continuing -- for the same purpose, correct?

4 MR. NOCELLA: Similar purpose.

5 Again, I just have to note this because  
6 of SEC requirements, we have agreed to the  
7 settlement.

8 It has not yet been approved by the --

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We understand  
10 that.

11 MR. NOCELLA: I know, but the SEC --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're in the --  
13 we are in the --

14 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You're saying  
15 the SEC has not approved our agreement as of yet?

16 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we've all  
19 voted on this; all the members of the Board voted  
20 on that settlement?

21 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In part to get  
23 this behind us, to turn the chapter, and to move  
24 forward with the Town?

25 MR. NOCELLA: Yes.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And to save money  
2 on the legal costs that the Town would have to  
3 continue to pay otherwise if we decided to still  
4 fight this.

5 MR. NOCELLA: I don't believe that is  
6 an accurate assessment as to why we actually  
7 agreed.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sorry.  
9 That's one of the benefits.

10 MR. NOCELLA: It is a benefit. That's  
11 true.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

13 So, in your opinion, why would we need,  
14 with all of those multiple levels of oversight, why  
15 would we need an additional oversight in the Town  
16 of Oyster Bay when we have all of these multiple  
17 levels?

18 MR. NOCELLA: We have no such need.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You, as an  
20 attorney, you have an understanding of  
21 Constitutional law?

22 MR. NOCELLA: I do.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is it one of the  
24 cornerstones of the United States Constitution to  
25 have representation through an election process?

1 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, that is.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And is it -- is  
3 it the role of our Founding Fathers in producing  
4 the Constitution and then the State Constitution  
5 that governs over the Town of Oyster Bay, to  
6 provide that individuals, men and women elected by  
7 the public, are the sole -- have the sole power of  
8 spending the public's money?

9 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, that is correct.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So why on earth  
11 would it be proper to take that right away from the  
12 public?

13 MR. NOCELLA: The only basis, which is  
14 not found in this legislation, would be if some  
15 substantial benefit were conferred on the taxpayers  
16 of Oyster Bay for which they'd be willing to secede  
17 such power. And as you've established, there is no  
18 benefit to the taxpayer of Oyster Bay.

19 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Either that or  
20 if a council person resigns and one is appointed,  
21 that person, therefore, is not elected by the  
22 people, but has the right to vote on?

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's part of  
24 the State Constitution.

25 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: That's pursuant to

1 the New York State law.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's New York  
3 State law.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'm not saying,  
5 though, I'm saying, you asked what -- if somebody  
6 could come in without being elected, I'm just  
7 clarifying that.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just to -- that's  
9 far afield of this issue.

10 It's a non sequitur, but to answer that  
11 question, as we've discussed many times, the  
12 purpose is, if God forbid, there's a situation  
13 where we would lose multiple members of this Board,  
14 government can continue.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And that person  
16 does stand for election.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And they do stand  
18 for election at the very next general election as  
19 per law.

20 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Unlike the Monitor  
21 that is being proposed by this ridiculous piece of  
22 legislation.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would any of  
24 these Monitors be elected by the people of the Town  
25 of Oyster Bay?

1 MR. NOCELLA: I think that is the  
2 distinction between what Councilman Macagnone is  
3 pointing out and the Monitor that's being proposed.

4 I'd add that I think the best example,  
5 Councilman Macagnone, was President Ford. He was  
6 not elected by the people. He wasn't even elected  
7 Vice President. He was appointed to fill the  
8 vacancy created by Spiro Agnew, and then upon the  
9 resignation of Richard Nixon, he ascended to the  
10 Presidency. He stood for reelection and did not  
11 succeed, but that incident --

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Government was  
13 able to continue?

14 MR. NOCELLA: Yes, so there had to be a  
15 method for filling that particular vacancy. But in  
16 this instance, as you're pointing out, Supervisor,  
17 the distinction between filling a vacancy to an  
18 elected office and the Fiscal Monitor that's being  
19 proposed by the State Legislature, is that the  
20 Fiscal Monitors would not be answerable to the  
21 people, would not stand for election or reelection,  
22 would not be voted for or against at any point.

23 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: If I could also  
24 ask a question.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please.

1 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Mr. Nocella, I  
2 have the bill before me, thanks to the Internet,  
3 and I have -- I see that it has not changed since  
4 it was written, so my read of it is still correct,  
5 but I want the public to hear this and then I'd  
6 like to hear your opinion of this effect on law.

7 One of the section states that, "The  
8 Monitor would have the power to override decisions  
9 by the Board or Supervisor if he or she feels that  
10 such override is necessary in order to carry out  
11 his or her duties required by this Act, and is  
12 necessary for the fiscal stability of the Town.

13 "The State Monitor may override a  
14 decision by the Board or Supervisor by issuing a  
15 directive which must include specific findings as  
16 to the necessity of such override."

17 I think that's pretty clear what that  
18 says. That's an enormous amount of power to be  
19 given to a person appointed by the State  
20 Comptroller, who would override the decision of  
21 seven elected members of this Town Board.

22 Is there anywhere else in State  
23 government or State bill where you see such a bill  
24 being crafted, for instance, in the City of Long  
25 Beach where we have the number one worst rated

1 municipality in New York State, the highest fiscal  
2 stress rating anywhere?

3           Where are -- where is the State Senate  
4 and the State Assembly in offering assistance to  
5 them, except, of course, they gave them a ten-year  
6 deficit finance special bill to allow them to  
7 actually convert their deficit to a bond, a  
8 long-term bond, which, of course, is not something  
9 we've done here. We've actually done it the hard  
10 way, the good old fashioned way.

11           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That wouldn't be  
12 legal for any municipality without Albany stepping  
13 in.

14           COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: No, it wouldn't.

15           But my point is that this is an  
16 overriding sense of power conferred upon a person  
17 that the State Comptroller selects without any  
18 input from the Governor, the State Assembly, the  
19 State Senate, or us, for that matter.

20           I've never seen anything like that in  
21 all of my time in government.

22           MR. NOCELLA: I would break my response  
23 into two parts, Councilman.

24           For one, you mentioned the City of Long  
25 Beach, there's also the County of Suffolk. I



1 believe at different points, although I'm not  
2 certain of its fiscal status at the moment, the  
3 City of Buffalo, each of which have been in far  
4 worse fiscal straits than the Town of Oyster Bay is  
5 currently in or had been, even at the time that  
6 Councilman Macagnone appealed to the State, without  
7 response, for some sort of oversight and/or  
8 assistance.

9           The second part of my response is to  
10 give some specifics, and I believe every member of  
11 this Board could add to the specifics that just  
12 occurred to me now when you read to the public what  
13 the power of that fiscal oversight board would be.

14           That could be very specifically to  
15 close the parks to save money, to reduce the number  
16 of Sanitation routes or the frequency with which  
17 Town services are provided, to require, to compel  
18 the layoff of various essential or nonessential  
19 Town employees.

20           Theoretically, to force a tax increase  
21 across the board. The list goes on and on. All  
22 Town services that this Board might vote to create  
23 and to provide to the residents and to the  
24 taxpayers of the Town of Oyster Bay can, by fiat,  
25 through the result of the power conferred on that

1 oversight board, be reversed.

2 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: In other words,  
3 they have nearly unlimited power to override the  
4 decisions of a govern -- of a duly elected -- a  
5 democratically elected governmental body?

6 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Override every  
8 decision, every one of these resolutions that we  
9 vote on every single time, our budget, everything  
10 that we do?

11 MR. NOCELLA: Snow removal.

12 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Unlimited power?

13 MR. NOCELLA: Public safety, the hours  
14 that a park is open or the fact that a park may be  
15 open at all. It goes on and on.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Completely take  
17 away our ability to respond to the needs of our  
18 residents?

19 MR. NOCELLA: That's correct.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Counselor, as you  
21 know, when bills are submitted in Albany by members  
22 of the Senate or the Assembly, they come -- they  
23 are attached to a bill memo that explains things  
24 like the justification for the bill.

25 Did you read the bill memo that

1 accompanies these bills?

2 MR. NOCELLA: I'm not sure that there  
3 was, in fact, a clear bill memo with respect to  
4 these.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: There was because  
6 I read it, and what I found -- and I'm going to ask  
7 you after this to check on that bill memo -- what I  
8 found is that the bill memo states that the Town  
9 has a junk bond status. The bill memo speaks to  
10 the -- that the Town has no credit rating. The  
11 bill memo speaks to suggesting that we have  
12 enormous debt, operational debt and so forth.

13 Now, we've been listening to our  
14 Director of Finance, we've been listening to our  
15 Comptroller, these justifications are exceptionally  
16 important, and in my opinion, I read this and the  
17 information they're providing the public is not  
18 factual as for the justification to need this.

19 MR. NOCELLA: By the way, I have read  
20 what you were just reciting.

21 It was just so confusing to me because  
22 it was so Alice through the looking glass contrary  
23 to fact that I didn't actually realize that that  
24 was the memo jacket. It appeared to me to be some  
25 draft that bore no relation to reality.

1                   And I think you've highlighted some of  
2                   the major reasons why. We do not have junk bond  
3                   status, for instance.

4                   SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So the member --  
5                   the other members who would decide whether or not  
6                   to be part of this, to sign on as a sponsor, and  
7                   then, of course, decide whether or not they want to  
8                   vote for it or against it in Albany, should it  
9                   reach the floor of the Assembly or the Senate,  
10                  would have to rely on that bill memo as one of  
11                  their few paths for information in making that  
12                  decision?

13                  MR. NOCELLA: Correct.

14                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So if they're  
15                  giving incorrect or old information that's not  
16                  updated as to the status of the Town, how could  
17                  they possibly make an educated decision? How could  
18                  they possibly know whether or not this is  
19                  justified?

20                  MR. NOCELLA: They couldn't possibly.

21                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: That's amazing to  
22                  me, that the justifications aren't updated and the  
23                  part of what we're trying to accomplish today is a  
24                  record of the facts, which we will happily send  
25                  them, and I hope they'll read it. They have

1 refused to come in to listen, they've refused to  
2 meet with our financial staff, they've refused to  
3 meet with me or any of the Board members.

4 I just don't understand how someone can  
5 conduct government in a way that's devoid of facts  
6 and refusing to be educated on the realities of the  
7 Town's financial situation.

8 What's your opinion on that?

9 MR. NOCELLA: Well, I think it flies in  
10 the face of the whole concept, which you've tried  
11 to make hallmarks of our current administration,  
12 that is transparency, openness, the free flow of  
13 communication.

14 On the contrary, it's not merely  
15 selective use of facts, it's the creation of a  
16 whole cloth of falsehoods to justify a political  
17 end.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does anyone on  
19 the Board have any other questions?

20 (No verbal response given.)

21 MR. NOCELLA: Thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Kindly take a  
23 seat, please.

24 MR. DARIENZO: Supervisor, if you don't  
25 mind, I had -- while I was sitting there, you

1 mentioned something that I felt it was important  
2 that I failed to mention earlier.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please go right  
4 ahead.

5 MR. DARIENZO: We talked about the  
6 reduction of debt. It's going to be \$160 million  
7 over '17, '18, and '19. What we didn't talk about  
8 specifically was capital debt versus cash flow  
9 borrowings.

10 Capital debt is the money you borrow  
11 when you pave roads, improve parks, buy equipment.

12 Cash flow borrowing is when you borrow  
13 money to, in essence, to pay your operating bills.

14 When you got here, we had \$32 million  
15 outstanding in cash flow borrowing. That is very  
16 much frowned upon by the rating agencies. They  
17 want to be solvent. They want you to have enough  
18 cash to pay your bills.

19 So it was \$32 million when you got  
20 here. In the middle of 2017, we reduced that  
21 figure from \$32 million to \$15 million, cut it by  
22 more than half.

23 In 2018, we paid off that \$15 million  
24 and then issued \$10 million more in December of  
25 2018, just four months ago.

1                   We paid off that \$10 million in  
2                   February of 2019, and if you look at our borrowing  
3                   prospectus from last month, all along, we  
4                   anticipated borrowing \$5 million later this year in  
5                   terms of another cash flow borrowing, so we're  
6                   going to do 32 to 15 to 10 to 5, but because we've  
7                   crunched out numbers, within the past month, we've  
8                   learned that we're not going to need to borrow any  
9                   money at all later this year for cash flow  
10                  borrowing.

11                  So we're going to go from 32 to Zero in  
12                  two and a half years. We're not going to need to  
13                  borrow any money for operating. Those days of cash  
14                  flow borrowings are over. I'm sorry I didn't  
15                  mention that earlier.

16                  COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: That's good.

17                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

18                  Thank you for that insight. We  
19                  appreciate it.

20                  Does anyone have any other questions  
21                  for any of the three individuals we just brought  
22                  forward?

23                  (No verbal response given.)

24                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: At this time, I  
25                  would like to ask the public, if there are any

1 speakers on this issue, would you like to come  
2 forward? I see we have Jarvis Tim Brown with us  
3 here today.

4 Would you step forward, sir? For the  
5 purposes of the record, would you kindly tell us  
6 your name and your position?

7 MR. BROWN: Good evening, Supervisor  
8 Saladino and the Town Board.

9 My name is Jarvis Tim Brown. I am the  
10 Union President of the Town of Oyster Bay.

11 I come here to just to communicate and  
12 talk about -- and ask you guys just to walk a path  
13 with me for a minute.

14 Before some of you got here, we've  
15 already been through a path of ups and downs with  
16 the previous administration and our workforce  
17 understands when it's time to go into a need of  
18 help, we step in when we need to step in, we do  
19 what we have to do, and we come together to make  
20 sure that everybody has a safe employment here in  
21 the Town of Oyster Bay.

22 Underneath your current administration,  
23 you guys are moving in a positive way financially,  
24 but to talk about a State monitoring group board  
25 person to come in, it would be devastation here in



1 the Town of Oyster Bay to our workforce. And what  
2 I'd like for everyone to understand is that we have  
3 a workforce here that's second to none.

4 We are doing more with less, which  
5 through strong negotiations, back and forth  
6 conversation with your administration, we're  
7 building to get more people hired in certain  
8 departments and do more, and help out with each  
9 other because our employees are getting tired.

10 But if we look at if we were to adopt  
11 this or bring this in, what it would do, it would  
12 definitely hurt the residents of the Town of Oyster  
13 Bay, because if you look at our brothers and  
14 sisters in Nassau County, what has happened to them  
15 with having a NIFA Board or NIFA group or some type  
16 of monitoring group in that actual location.

17 They oversee budgets and then they're  
18 looking at contracts, and they start to do what  
19 with the contracts? They start to cut the  
20 contracts. And what I mean by cutting contracts,  
21 they start to look at employees and they get rid of  
22 them.

23 Here, as the Union President in the  
24 Town of Oyster Bay, that's something I can't stand  
25 for.

1 I don't believe any member should be  
2 forced out of work or be putting pressure by some  
3 entity or individual that says that we need to cut  
4 the workforce or we need to cut the parks or we  
5 need to release public safety or we need to reduce  
6 P & D.

7 What I'm asking this Board to look at  
8 is that we don't need this here in the Town of  
9 Oyster Bay. The residents elected you. That's a  
10 job in itself.

11 And I want to go on the record to say,  
12 I appreciate what you did, Supervisor Saladino,  
13 with giving certain things back to the members that  
14 deserve it, and I appreciate the Town Board for  
15 approving it, but I would really appreciate the  
16 fact that if you look at this, you turn yourself  
17 away from the State Monitoring because we don't  
18 need it here in the Town of Oyster Bay.

19 What we need you guys to do is exactly  
20 what you're doing, still move forward and make sure  
21 that the residents are taken care of and that our  
22 Town of Oyster Bay union employees have a job, they  
23 have security, and that we can entertain the rest  
24 of our contract that we have in place for years.

25 I, as the President, cannot stand nor

1 support anybody that would support this. I thank  
2 you for your time and have a blessed day.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Brown, just  
4 one quick question.

5 In terms of our very important focus of  
6 providing the highest quality of services to our  
7 residents, our residents depend on beaches, parks,  
8 snow removal, garbage pickup, all of the myriad of  
9 services the Town provides, and I think provides at  
10 a very high quality level.

11 If Fiscal Monitors came in with the  
12 ability to slash the Town down to -- do whatever  
13 they want, in essence, virtually, how would this  
14 affect services to our residents?

15 MR. BROWN: It would affect services to  
16 our residents completely.

17 For visualization, we have a Sanitation  
18 department that's out there all the time. They see  
19 that, that would be reduced. We have parks that  
20 are open until 8:00, 9:00, 10:00 at night. That  
21 would be reduced.

22 We have Public Safety does surveillance  
23 and moves our township to make sure the residents  
24 are protected. That would be reduced.

25 So this is not beneficial for anybody

1 in the Town of Oyster Bay or as a resident.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So if this came  
3 into effect, could you envision a situation where  
4 parks might have to be closed, the beaches would be  
5 closed or reduced, where garbage would be piling  
6 up, where many of the services that our Town  
7 employees provide would be greatly slashed?

8 MR. BROWN: It would definitely be  
9 greatly slashed, but even worse than that,  
10 employees here, union members would possibly lose  
11 jobs.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In terms of,  
13 let's say, the Building Department, I came in, it  
14 was very clear we needed to fix the process. We  
15 created same-day permits. If the Building  
16 Department lost half of its employees, would people  
17 be waiting weeks and months for a permit to build  
18 or to improve?

19 MR. BROWN: In the Building Department,  
20 I want to say this very respectfully, it's already  
21 at a low with employment as it is, with all due  
22 respect.

23 I know we're working towards a positive  
24 thing there, but it would be even worse than what  
25 it is now, and it's pretty good because we have

1 people there doing more with less, doing the jobs  
2 of two to three people and that's something that we  
3 will at during our course of negotiations.

4 But, yes, the residents would have to  
5 wait a lot more longer and have a lot more time on  
6 their hand waiting to get their things done.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Does anyone have  
8 any questions for Mr. Brown?

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Well stated.

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: No. I think that  
11 says it all. If there's the possibility that  
12 anyone in this Town could lose their job because  
13 somebody up in Albany made the decision that  
14 they -- without any due process, without any input,  
15 without any knowledge of the way that this Town  
16 functions, that is completely disgraceful.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
18 Mr. Brown.

19 MR. BROWN: I thank you guys.

20 Have a good day.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Paul Molinari.

22 MR. MOLINARI: Good afternoon,  
23 Mr. Supervisor and Board members.

24 Paul Molinari, 332 West Nicholai  
25 Street, Hicksville.

1 I've been coming to these -- attending  
2 the Town Board meetings on a pretty regular basis,  
3 I guess, for almost six years, so I've seen a lot  
4 of things go on here in the Town coming to these  
5 Town Board meetings.

6 In my opinion, the Town, it's made a  
7 turnaround, is going in the right direction  
8 fiscally and to have a Monitor imposed upon the  
9 Town, I think is absolutely wrong.

10 I had cataract surgery and my near  
11 vision is that good yet.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I hope you're  
13 doing better.

14 MR. MOLINARI: Yeah, it takes time to  
15 read stuff so I have to put these reading glasses  
16 on.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, we wish you  
18 a very quick and complete recovery.

19 MR. MOLINARI: And, like I said, I  
20 oppose the establishment of a Monitor.

21 Now, normally, I don't engage in the  
22 political arena, but since I'm going to be a  
23 short-time resident here and won't be -- I'll be  
24 leaving the Town in a couple of months, I'm going  
25 to indulge in on the politics.

1 I think this is just a completely -- a  
2 political stunt by our new -- by the elected  
3 officials of the other party.

4 As I said, I don't -- I'm an  
5 Independent, I have no political affiliation with  
6 any parties, but I just see this as absolutely  
7 outrageous by them.

8 And then to also hear that the bill  
9 memo that you quoted before, it's probably the same  
10 bill memo that they proposed a couple of years ago  
11 when the Town didn't -- wasn't being turned around.  
12 They're using the same memo for the bill that they  
13 proposed a couple of years ago that did not move  
14 forward.

15 So, again, I'd just like to say I  
16 oppose any type of Fiscal Monitor to be imposed on  
17 the Town.

18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. Molinari,  
20 just before you walk away, just to reiterate on  
21 that point you've made, it possibly is the same  
22 bill memo and it hasn't been updated to provide  
23 that information, so I think it's important that  
24 everyone who would vote on this legislation  
25 consider it, and for members of the public to

1 understand what's going on.

2 I'm going to read to you direct quotes  
3 from Standard and Poor's, from their last  
4 assessment of the Town of Oyster Bay. Now, this is  
5 a direct quote. It says, "The first positive  
6 result the Town has produced in the last twelve  
7 years."

8 And this came out in 2018, so they  
9 looked at what we did in 2017 and they responded by  
10 increasing our bond rating.

11 They said, and I quote, "That we have  
12 retired roughly \$84 million of debt in 2017 alone,  
13 confirming that." It will be \$160 million of debt  
14 reduction by the end of this year, and that was  
15 confirmed by our Comptroller, separate from our  
16 Director of Finance.

17 And they said, "a structurally balanced  
18 budget underpinned by improved management  
19 practices." And by improved management practices,  
20 that means us, the Oyster Bay Town Board, so I'm  
21 very proud to read to you, these quotes directly  
22 leave from Standard and Poor's assessment as they  
23 gave us our first bond rating increase.

24 So Standard and Poor's says we're  
25 greatly improving. Our independent auditors say



1 were greatly improving.

2 Why do you think these members of the  
3 State Legislature, who have a big financial problem  
4 on the State budget that they could be spending  
5 their money on, why would they be focusing their  
6 cross hairs on the Town of Oyster Bay, in your  
7 opinion?

8 MR. MOLINARI: Because it's politically  
9 motivated.

10 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Thank you.

11 MR. MOLINARI: That same -- a couple,  
12 two years ago, whatever it was, three years ago,  
13 they had proposed similar legislation.

14 At that time, the State Senate was  
15 controlled by the Republican Party. The State  
16 Senate is now controlled by the Democratic Party,  
17 so they believe they have the necessary votes to  
18 impose a Fiscal Monitor on the Town.

19 So, to me, it's -- as I say, I hate to  
20 indulge in politics, that's one thing my father  
21 always taught, it's a very controversial area, but  
22 since I'll be, you know, leaving the Town in a  
23 couple of months, I feel I have to state that this  
24 is just political minutia.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So do I determine

1 what your comments to mean is that people who are  
2 registered Democrats or members of the Democrat  
3 Party want to affect the outcome of the race to get  
4 Democrats elected to make sure that Republicans  
5 lose? Is that what you're suggesting?

6 MR. MOLINARI: Possibly, yeah.

7 Probably, yes.

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I think there's  
9 some -- some of us might agree with you.

10 MR. MOLINARI: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Thanks, Paul.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

13 Our next speaker will be Harry Single.

14 Oh, I'm sorry, that -- that's not in  
15 relation to this. I apologize. So we have that.

16 Is there another speaker on this issue,  
17 Fiscal Monitor?

18 Yes. Yes. Would you please step up?

19 MR. ADELMAN: Arthur Adelman,  
20 110 Dubois Avenue, Sea Cliff.

21 I'd like to agree with Mr. Molinari  
22 that I think that the additional level of scrutiny  
23 to have a Fiscal Monitor at our expense is just  
24 another level of government we don't need.

25 However, there is a point I'd like to

1 get cleared up, something I've been hearing about  
2 for two years regarding our finances that really  
3 concerns me.

4 And maybe now that we have a  
5 Comptroller and Rob here, I'd like to know, back a  
6 few years ago, the Town entered a contract to sell  
7 the land at 150 Miller Place, Syosset Park, I think  
8 it's called, and we received good faith money as a  
9 deposit and I think the money was approximately  
10 \$30 million.

11 I'd like to know where that money is  
12 today. Does it appear on a separate line item on  
13 our budget, is it in a special account, or has the  
14 money been utilized in operating or other type of  
15 expenses? I think we have a right to know where  
16 that -- in other words, if the deal was cancelled  
17 tomorrow because there's so much community hoopla  
18 about it, would we have the funds to just write a  
19 check for the \$30 million and be gone?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have a  
21 Resolution. That's one those that we'll be dealing  
22 with today. It's very interesting that you bring  
23 this up. So we have a Resolution that we'll be  
24 bringing up today that's dealing with that very  
25 subject as we work toward the solutions to this

1 issue.

2 MR. ADELMAN: But my point is, is the  
3 money in an escrow account somewhere or is it a  
4 line item somewhere? I'm just curious. I've heard  
5 this time and time again, that we got \$30 million.  
6 I want to make sure it hasn't been utilized to  
7 offset the capital or operating budgets of the Town  
8 to make things look better than they really are,  
9 because I've seen that happen in regular businesses  
10 where people show money here and it really belongs  
11 here. Everything looks rosy and the next thing you  
12 know, everyone's in Ecuador spending my money.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, that's why  
14 we have put in place new stringent controls that  
15 you heard about that were described earlier by our  
16 new Town Comptroller. That's why we have hired a  
17 Town Attorney who has fought corruption and  
18 understands the audits and understands the process.  
19 That's why we put in place the very first Inspector  
20 General in this.

21 But to answer your question  
22 specifically, and, quite frankly, there is a  
23 portion of this that the -- that the Director of  
24 Finance can address, but there's also the issue of  
25 that this is a process that's still fluid and that

1 we're taking a step today that I hope will be a  
2 very large step in the right direction through --  
3 for this -- for this whole process.

4 So I'm going to ask Mr. Darienzo to  
5 come up and to speak to this, but I think you'll  
6 see, as this meeting progresses, and I'll know  
7 you'll be here with us, that you'll continue to see  
8 progress on this issue.

9 If you'd let everyone know, I'll be  
10 right back, but please continue.

11 MR. DARIENZO: Sure.

12 On September 4, 2013, the Town received  
13 a total of five wire transfers in the amount of  
14 \$30,025,000 as part of a down payment towards a  
15 \$32.5 million sale of 150 Miller Place.

16 With that \$30 million -- with that  
17 approximate \$30 million down payment, it allowed us  
18 to stay at 150 Miller Place for free for five  
19 years, and then we have the option to exercise a  
20 clause where we could stay at that location for up  
21 to an additional three years while paying market  
22 rent or paying rent, I think, it was \$8 per square  
23 foot.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: It was.

25 MR. DARIENZO: Okay. So to answer the

1 question, the \$30 million, the \$30,025,000 was not  
2 placed in escrow. It was not required to be placed  
3 in escrow. It was a down payment received by the  
4 Town, and so that money was put into our banks and  
5 used as needed, and that's reflected in all of our  
6 audits. It's a -- something that has not been  
7 hidden in any type of way. And there is no  
8 recourse. The seller or the buyer, I should say,  
9 can't demand their money back tomorrow. So there's  
10 no threat of the Town having to cut a check for  
11 \$30 million tomorrow or any time in the immediate  
12 future.

13 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And, Mr. Darienzo,  
14 that was not conditioned on any project being  
15 approved or anything like that, it was just for the  
16 sale of the land?

17 MR. DARIENZO: There are no conditions  
18 at all, as far as I know.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: So if there's  
20 nothing built there, they don't get their money  
21 back?

22 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You're correct.

23 MR. DARIENZO: To my knowledge, yes.

24 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Receiving rent  
25 from us presently.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Because there's a  
2 lot of misinformation out there, people saying that  
3 if a certain project doesn't go through, then that  
4 would jeopardize this deal.

5 One has nothing to do with the other,  
6 correct?

7 MR. DARIENZO: I can tell you that I'm  
8 not party to the negotiations that ongoing right  
9 now, but with that being said, we took in the  
10 30 million, there were no restrictions placed on  
11 it. They knew we were going to use it immediately.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: There were  
13 covenants at the time, yes.

14 MR. DARIENZO: So I hope everyone  
15 understands that there's -- we're not going to be  
16 writing a check for \$30 million tomorrow,  
17 negotiations are ongoing, and we'll see where this  
18 progresses, but there's no immediate threat to the  
19 Town's finances.

20 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: When we made the  
21 deal originally, there was no condition that we  
22 approve a project or disprove a project for us to  
23 get the money?

24 MR. DARIENZO: That would be under the  
25 Town Board's purview. It's my understanding that

1       there wasn't.

2                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   I'm --

3                   COUNCILMAN IMBROTO:   There wasn't.

4                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   I'm just  
5       reassuring.

6                   COUNCILMAN IMBROTO:   There was not.

7                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   Arthur, did  
8       that answer your question?

9                   MR. ADELMAN:   The question is:   Was the  
10       \$30 million utilized?

11                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   The question  
12       was --

13                   MR. ADELMAN:   How is it on the books?

14                   MR. DARIENZO:   I feel like I did answer  
15       the question.

16                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   Yeah.

17                   MR. DARIENZO:   We took our \$30 million,  
18       we used it as needed.

19                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   It was in the  
20       operating --

21                   MR. ADELMAN:   Because we keep talking  
22       about the deficit was reduced.

23                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   Obviously, it  
24       was.

25                   MR. ADELMAN:   So part of what was the



1 \$30 million helped the Town reduce its outstanding  
2 debt, whatever you want to call it.

3 MR. DARIENZO: The \$30 million was,  
4 again, taken in, in 2013. In 2013, we budgeted  
5 roughly, I want to say, I don't have it committed  
6 to memory, I want to we budgeted \$17 million for  
7 the sale of land in 2013 as a way to balance the  
8 2013 budget.

9 When we took in \$30 million, and  
10 actually, the sales were \$32.5 million, so we're  
11 able to record that entire amount, that created, in  
12 that one account alone, a \$15 million surplus in  
13 that account. That, coupled with everything else  
14 that happened in 2013, led to a certain end result  
15 of 2013.

16 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: In other words,  
17 Arthur, it was already budgeted for years and years  
18 ago and it's not being taken into account anymore.

19 MR. ADELMAN: Okay.

20 MR. DARIENZO: We have -- it's -- a  
21 part of it -- a part of it appeared in the 2013  
22 budget, there's no budget for -- there's no  
23 budgeted figure for the sale of land in '14, '15,  
24 '16, '17, '18 or '19.

25 MR. ADELMAN: But does the 30 million

1 appear anywhere on the books as a liability,  
2 contingent liability?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: No.

4 MR. DARIENZO: It doesn't, and there's  
5 no reason for it to.

6 MR. ADELMAN: Wow. That's great. Good  
7 deal.

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Okay. I think  
9 Kevin McKenna, do you want to speak on this matter?

10 MR. McKENNA: Kevin McKenna, Edna  
11 Drive, Syosset, New York.

12 Good afternoon.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Kevin.

14 MR. McKENNA: Councilman Imbroto, have  
15 you read the contract of sale between Syosset Park  
16 and the Town? Obviously, not.

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: What does that  
18 have to do with anything that we're talking about?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just a moment, if  
20 I may.

21 Rather than turn this into a debate,  
22 this is the opportunity for you to provide opinions  
23 for the Town to assist in our making this decision,  
24 just like any other member of the public.

25 I ask you to please conduct yourself in

1 a mature and civil manner and we'll be happy to  
2 listen to you.

3 MR. McKENNA: Thank you,  
4 Mr. Supervisor.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're welcome,  
6 Kevin.

7 MR. McKENNA: The contract, which I  
8 have read, if I'd like a copy of, I'd be happy to  
9 e-mail it to you.

10 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Again, we're  
11 talking about a specific Resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: We talking  
13 about specific a Resolution, Kevin. We have to  
14 stay to what --

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: So that would be  
16 more appropriate --

17 MR. McKENNA: No. We're talking about  
18 the conversation that we just had.

19 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: We're talking  
20 about the calendar right now.

21 Are you speaking with --

22 MR. McKENNA: First of all -- first of  
23 all, on the calendar item, and I've posted this on  
24 Facebook.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Wonderful.

1 MR. McKENNA: I -- this is actually an  
2 area that I have mixed feelings about this Monitor  
3 at this late point in the game, and I've said that  
4 on Facebook.

5 Actually, coming to the Town's defense,  
6 which might surprise you a little bit, because  
7 two years ago, they did bring this forth, but  
8 obviously, the reason that they didn't do it, is  
9 because they realized it couldn't go anywhere in  
10 the Senate, so now they realize, obviously, that it  
11 can go so somewhere in the Senate, but it's a day  
12 late and a dollar short.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What changed,  
14 just so I understand, the public understands, what  
15 changed in the Senate that suggests that it could  
16 go somewhere now?

17 MR. McKENNA: You didn't bring this up  
18 earlier, which I was surprised that you didn't  
19 bring this up, that the Senate had Carl Marcellino  
20 and had a Republican majority.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And now it has?

22 MR. McKENNA: Well, now it has a  
23 Democratic majority.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Democratic --

25 MR. McKENNA: I'm not telling you

1 anything that you don't and everybody doesn't know,  
2 I mean -- but I'm surprised you guys didn't bring  
3 this up.

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I think it was  
5 brought up.

6 MR. McKENNA: But the fact of the  
7 matter is it's a day late and a dollar short.

8 We're in April. We're almost in May.  
9 By the time this would even be implemented and they  
10 picked a Fiscal Monitor or they voted or whatever  
11 it is, you're just waste -- this is one of the best  
12 hearings I've ever heard. I wish that you have  
13 these hearings, like --

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

15 MR. McKENNA: -- on other more  
16 important matters.

17 The fact of the matter is that come  
18 November, there's a very, very simple to this --  
19 answer to this, we don't need a Fiscal Monitor.

20 We just need a new Supervisor, somebody  
21 -- somebody who will --

22 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor, can I  
23 have a point of order here?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's let him  
25 finish here, if you don't mind.

1 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'd like a point  
2 of order as well.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Let's let  
4 him finish and why don't we speak after he's done?

5 MR. McKENNA: We just need a new  
6 Supervisor who will answer the question which has  
7 been brought up numerous times, which is a very  
8 simple question, is the \$30 million --

9 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Supervisor, point  
10 of order. He needs to address his remarks toward  
11 us.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's just let  
13 him finish this, if you don't mind.

14 MR. McKENNA: The money was wired out  
15 the next day, the day after it was received by the  
16 Town, the money was wired. Part of the money was  
17 wired to Sinnreich, which is your law firm, so I'd  
18 like to know --

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Was this 2013?

20 MR. McKENNA: -- where the money went?  
21 Why was the money wired to Sinnreich the day after  
22 and the contract does say that the money was  
23 supposed to be in escrow, so Mr. Imbroto, you were  
24 in error earlier.

25 Thank you very much.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Kevin.

2 Thank you.

3 Yeah, rather than getting into a  
4 debate, the point is that Mr. McKenna has made it  
5 very clear that he's entirely against a Fiscal  
6 Monitor in the Town of Oyster Bay.

7 I thank you for your opinion.

8 MR. MCKENNA: At this point, yes, I am.

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

11 Did you raise your hand, Bruce? Please  
12 come forward.

13 MR. ORENTHAL: My name is Bruce  
14 Orenthal. I've owned businesses and lived in this  
15 town for over forty years, and I'm going to say,  
16 believe it or not, this is the first time I've ever  
17 come to a Town Council meeting, and I was very  
18 impressed today.

19 I have to tell you something. It's  
20 about local representation. We have a State  
21 Senator that lives in the Town of Hempstead who put  
22 this bill forward.

23 Does he represent -- does he pay taxes  
24 in this town? I pay taxes in this town. I've paid  
25 taxes in this town for decades.

1 I've run a business. It's not easy to  
2 run a business, let alone run a government with our  
3 costs here. We have State mandates put upon us,  
4 and it's amazing we can even run our local  
5 government. And now we want to -- they want to  
6 increase costs. I want to -- it's got me very  
7 upset. I want to keep this on a high level.

8 You can interrupt me if I go off, but I  
9 have to tell you something, this is like the pot  
10 calling the kettle black.

11 The New York State is a mess, so  
12 they're going to send one of their own people down  
13 here that's not elected to control the Town.

14 Now, some of you that know me, I ran  
15 sports organizations for almost forty years. You  
16 know what happened in Nassau County with NIFA?  
17 They shut parks down for a while. Okay.

18 I also work part time for Nassau  
19 County. I was in a pistol range. I'm a sports  
20 guy. I have lead poisoning in me today because the  
21 County couldn't spend money on fixing up a pistol  
22 range under what -- the constraints that they were  
23 under. It's been in Newsday, by the way. We will  
24 be in trouble if this comes in.

25 I don't know the law, what input do we



1 have to stop something like this from happening?  
2 We have -- this is so political, and politics have  
3 gotten out of hand. It doesn't matter what side of  
4 the aisle. We have -- in our Town here, we have  
5 Tom Suozzi, Democrat, that actually crossed the  
6 line and worked with Peter King, a Republican, to  
7 do something on a national level that made sense.  
8 Now, they're giving Suozzi a hard time.

9 We have had a tremendous turnaround in  
10 this Town. I'd be the first one to tell you, and  
11 that -- somebody just said before, and it was kind  
12 of rude the way they said it, to be honest with  
13 you, we can get a new Town -- we can -- we have a  
14 choice. One thing he was right, we'll have an  
15 election for whoever the Town Supervisor or  
16 whatever this Board is, and that's what our right  
17 is. We don't need a State Representative telling  
18 us how we're going to run things by a party.

19 If they don't do the right type of job,  
20 I'd be the first one to vote against the whole  
21 Board here. Okay. But they have done a good job  
22 and they're being held back, and they've cleaned  
23 up -- I will tell you, in the first place, after  
24 they cleaned up a mess here in the Town, and it's  
25 going in the right direction, and we don't need a

1 town -- we don't need these people to come in here  
2 and do this.

3 It was very difficult to turn this  
4 around. I know a little bit about politics, and  
5 trust me, it was not easy for these people to do  
6 what they do. Thank you very much, and I  
7 appreciate the work that you've all done.

8 Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Bruce.

10 Our next speaker and what is very  
11 unusual for the history of the Town, but certainly  
12 not for this very politically charged year, Jim,  
13 you had put in a slip. You'd like to speak.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: My questions were  
15 answered.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: They were.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: But I'll go on the  
18 record and say that I am also against the control  
19 board.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're opposed?

21 MR. ALTADONNA: I am opposed.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just so we're  
23 clear on the facts, Jim has just said that he's  
24 opposed to both of these Resolutions to put a  
25 control board in place, even though this is being

1 brought by people from the Democratic party, who so  
2 many of us and some of the speakers feel is  
3 entirely political. Okay.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: I don't believe it's  
5 political. I believe the timing --

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, it's a  
7 political discussion, but thank you.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: I believe the timing is  
9 not right. I believe the Town is going in the  
10 right direction.

11 I believe it does need new leadership,  
12 and that's where you and I can differ, okay,  
13 because there's other things here that were said  
14 with Mr. Darienzo with the debt, and it's not  
15 clear.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Let's be clear.

18 Mr. Darienzo, can I ask you a few  
19 questions?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, actually,  
21 Jim, that's --

22 MR. ALTADONNA: All right. Then let  
23 me go up there and just --

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- not going --  
25 that's -- you just --

1 MR. ALTADONNA: I know.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're turning  
3 this even more political now. You asked to speak.  
4 Now, you're changing your mind.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: I'm not changing my  
6 mind.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Come on  
8 up.

9 It is your right as a resident, but of  
10 course, we have --

11 MR. ALTADONNA: James Altadonna,  
12 54 Abby Street --

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me, Jim,  
14 just one moment, please --

15 MR. ALTADONNA: James Altadonna,  
16 54 Abby --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- before you get  
18 started, just one moment, please.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Go ahead.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: In an effort for  
21 transparency on a very, very politically charged  
22 issue, it's important to point out that Jim is the  
23 Democrat candidate for Supervisor, and I, for one,  
24 consider all of your remarks to be political at  
25 this time.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: And for the record, you  
2 are, and I am still Republican, and you are the  
3 Republican candidate for Supervisor, so I consider  
4 all of your remarks to be political in nature as  
5 well.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

7 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Can I ask for a  
8 point of order, Supervisor?

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Certainly.

10 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Before Jim --  
11 before you speak, I just would like -- I know the  
12 parliamentarian is here in this room, and my  
13 question to the parliamentarian, is it in  
14 accordance with our rules of procedure or Robert's  
15 Rules of Order for the Town Clerk to debate a --  
16 question resolutions during the call of the Action  
17 Calendar?

18 MR. NOCELLA: The Action Calendar  
19 hasn't been called.

20 It is, actually, in order for the Clerk  
21 to address this body.

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

23 I did check it before I spoke, but  
24 thank you Mr. Labriola for clarifying it. Okay.

25 Now, we talk about \$160 million worth

1 of debt that this Board has retired.

2 My question to the Board is: If  
3 anybody else was sitting there, that \$160 million  
4 in debt would still be retired.

5 As a matter of fact, \$65 million of  
6 that debt was retired before you sat there. It's a  
7 mortgage payment, Mr. Supervisor.

8 What it is is, as the payments come due  
9 for the bond, you pay them off. It's a scheduled  
10 payment.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But we have  
12 increased payments and we have proven tremendous  
13 debt savings, and that's why we believe in the  
14 purpose of this hearing --

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: And, Jim, we've  
16 discussed this so many times.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just a moment,  
18 please.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: You're not answering  
20 the question.

21 Was \$65 million, and I'll ask  
22 Mr. Darienzo --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This hearing --

24 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I'm sorry, I  
25 have to just say something because --

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Go ahead.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: -- I don't want  
3 to sit and watch this go back and forth on  
4 something that, I think we can all find an answer  
5 on at a different time, but we are specifically  
6 having comment on the proposed Resolution.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes.

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: You're, kind of,  
9 going off. You already --

10 MR. ALTADONNA: No. This is directly  
11 related --

12 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: -- stated your  
13 opinion, that you were against it.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: This is directly  
15 related.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: But you just  
17 said -- you just said -- stated that you don't  
18 believe this is needed.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: How did you allow --  
20 how did you allow Mr. Darienzo to say --

21 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Supervisor, can  
22 I have a point of order, please.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: -- all of these facts?

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Point of order,  
25 parliamentarian.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: But I'm trying to --

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Excuse me,  
3 Mr. Altadonna.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: -- to justify what's  
5 being told her because we keep talking about  
6 politics.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Exactly. This  
8 is not a political forum.

9 This should not be -- I believe the  
10 rules that we established back in 2015 specifically  
11 state it shouldn't be talk about either political  
12 party. It should be talk about actual stuff that  
13 affects the Town.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: I just want to clarify  
15 what was said.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Not you running  
17 against him and him running against you or what  
18 party represents who.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: The Resolution,  
20 that's all we're --

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: About the  
22 transparency.

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: 265 and 266,  
24 that's what to discuss here.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Here's -- here's what's



1       happening here -- okay.

2                   MR. NOCELLA:   The ruling is that the  
3       point is well taken, except to the extent, which I  
4       believe is extraneous to your actual point.   Your  
5       point is well taken as to the politics of the Town  
6       Clerk running for the Supervisor's position or  
7       anybody on the dais who may be running for any  
8       elected office.

9                   To the extent that the question which  
10      is currently being debated involves politics itself  
11      is a larger picture of the motivation for the  
12      Fiscal Monitor being purely a political stunt, then  
13      it's fair game.

14                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   Okay.

15                   Thank you.

16                   COUNCILMAN IMBROTO:   Jim, can I just  
17      please address what you're saying, because we've  
18      had this conversation a million times?

19                   You reduce debt, you have a net  
20      reduction in debt, not just by paying off the debt,  
21      but by not incurring large amounts of new debt.  
22      That's how --

23                   MR. ALTADONNA:   I understand that.   I  
24      just signed for \$101 million in new debt, okay,  
25      so I get that.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To pave the  
2 roads, which the residents --

3 MR. ALTADONNA: I'm not --

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- have made it  
5 very clear they want --

6 MR. ALTADONNA: You're not letting me  
7 speak.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- the roads  
9 paved.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: You're not letting me  
11 speak.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, there's a  
13 reason for it. It's about transparency.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: There's a reason for  
15 it? Well, I'm being transparent.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: To pave the  
17 roads.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Let's be total  
19 transparent, then.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Tell me, \$65 million  
22 worth of debt was retired before you sat in the  
23 seat, okay, but you take credit for that  
24 \$160 million, and it's not anything that any one  
25 of -- each of these Board members have already

1 done.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Jim, this hearing  
3 is about whether --

4 MR. ALTADONNA: I know what it's about.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- we're going to  
6 vote for or against --

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- local approval  
9 for --

10 MR. ALTADONNA: Correct.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- for two bills  
12 in Albany.

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Correct.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You have stated  
15 that you're against these --

16 MR. ALTADONNA: I'm against the --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- two bills,  
18 against the --

19 MR. ALTADONNA: I'm against those two  
20 bills.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- Fiscal  
22 Monitor.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: That is correct.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we're  
25 providing data, facts to the public about --

1 MR. ALTADONNA: I'm trying to clarify  
2 facts.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're getting  
4 involved -- I perceive you're getting involved in  
5 who takes responsibility for that. That's not the  
6 discussion.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: Oh, it is the  
8 discussion.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The discussion --  
10 it may be for you.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: No. It's not for me.  
12 It's for transparency --

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Jim.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: -- as you say.

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Jim, the reality  
16 is, you've agreed, the Town doesn't need this.  
17 You've agreed --

18 MR. ALTADONNA: That's correct, but I'd  
19 like to clarify the record.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: With the public  
21 and so many people in the public are saying this is  
22 a political stunt.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: You're not letting me  
24 speak, so I'll let you finish and then I'll speak.

25 Okay? It wasn't until the very end

1 that Mr. Darienzo said that we borrowed \$10 million  
2 worth of TANs.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: TANs, let's be  
4 fair, every municipality borrows TANs. For the  
5 public's information --

6 MR. ALTADONNA: I never did ask the  
7 Mayor of Massapequa Park.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- we collect  
9 taxes twice a year, so the time between when we  
10 collect taxes and the next date that people pay  
11 their taxes, we have bills to pay, so we take  
12 short-term borrowing to pay our bills between those  
13 two events, and that's what Jim is referring to,  
14 which is something that the Town has always done in  
15 good fiscal administration and in less than -- less  
16 than ideal fiscal administration.

17 And no matter who is Supervisor going  
18 forward, you know that that's something the Town  
19 will continue to do and -- getting our bond rating  
20 up --

21 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Not  
22 necessarily.

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Not necessarily,  
24 okay.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Hopefully not,

1 hopefully, we won't be borrowing TANs.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The point is, as  
3 we build a surplus, we end the need for that, and  
4 by reducing the spending in this Town, we build a  
5 surplus.

6 And the idea is, as you know, I don't  
7 know if you're willing to admit that, but we're  
8 building a surplus now to do just that, to reduce  
9 the need for that type of borrowing, not to be  
10 confused with the capital borrowing that's required  
11 to continue to pave the roads and protect the  
12 infrastructure, the investments the taxpayers have  
13 made.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Capital borrowing has  
15 an expense, and I'll wait for the audit to come in  
16 to see where we are.

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sure you  
18 will, sir.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
21 other speakers on this?

22 Yes.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: She's trying so  
24 hard.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You've been so

1 patient.

2 MS. CAIAZZO: Patricia Caiazzo, 4 Keel  
3 Court, Oyster Bay.

4 I have been a long-time resident of  
5 Oyster Bay. I would tell you how long, but then  
6 you would know how old I am, so that's not going to  
7 happen.

8 I heard about this issue in Newsday and  
9 I'd like to -- I wrote a few notes. I feel the  
10 State Representatives are playing politics.

11 Rather than be partisan, they should be  
12 working on helping the Town of Oyster Bay officials  
13 fighting a harder battle to bring home our fair  
14 share of state funding from Albany, which they are  
15 not.

16 Albany, the State budget, and the State  
17 Legislature can't even fix their own problems.  
18 They have a \$3 billion deficit on their hands,  
19 which should be their first priority.

20 Oyster Bay certainly does not need  
21 oversight. They should stay the -- stay in their  
22 own lane and let the leaders we elected fix the  
23 problems from the last administration.

24 In fact, we are well on the road to  
25 recovery, but I'd like to point out that the bond

1 rating is tremendous, but the timeline that you  
2 have remedied the bond rating is even more  
3 tremendous, and that needs to be noted.

4 In fact, it sounds like Oyster Bay is  
5 going in a great successful path.

6 I'd like you to keep up the good work.  
7 Thank you for all that you do and know that there  
8 are many in the Town of Oyster Bay that are behind  
9 you and support this. We do not need oversight.  
10 We need to support you and the great things that  
11 you've been doing, and I look forward to seeing  
12 your future success.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
14 much.

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'd like to bring  
17 Mr. Darienzo back up.

18 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We have another  
19 hand up in the audience.

20 MR. WATSON: I'll wait.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

22 Mr. Darienzo, one quick question.

23 Not the last speaker, but the speaker  
24 before that said that we didn't pay off \$65 million  
25 under my administration, can you please give us



1 your insight on that for the record?

2 MR. DARIENZO: Yes.

3 Town Clerk Altadonna mentioned that  
4 \$65 million in debt was paid down before you took  
5 that seat.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: That's correct.

7 MR. DARIENZO: That is not correct.

8 Yes, our bond payments -- when we issue  
9 bonds, a schedule is given to us, that could be  
10 ten, fifteen, twenty years in length. Those  
11 payments are scheduled. Whether you increase or  
12 decrease debt in a given year depends on what you  
13 pay down and what you issue.

14 So, in 2017, your first year here, you  
15 weren't going to be able to change what the  
16 scheduled payments were, and we made those  
17 scheduled payments. That is what I believe he's  
18 referring to.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: That's what I'm  
20 referring to.

21 MR. DARIENZO: But you did what was  
22 never done before and issued Zero dollars, Zero  
23 dollars in new debt that year.

24 When you issue Zero dollars in new debt  
25 and pay down \$84.5 million in existing debt, you

1 reduce your debt that year by \$85 million. If  
2 we -- if we paid down \$85 million in debt and  
3 issued a \$100 million in debt, we would have  
4 increased our net debt by \$15 million.

5 So whether or not payments are  
6 scheduled before you get here is irrelevant.

7 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Exactly.

8 MR. DARIENZO: What's relevant is the  
9 borrowing you do while you're here. We borrowed  
10 nothing in 2017.

11 We borrowed \$30 million for Town  
12 purposes in 2018 for capital.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Capital meaning  
14 paving roads and protecting our infrastructure?

15 MR. DARIENZO: Absolutely.

16 And when the Town Clerk says he signed  
17 for \$101 million in new debt last month, also  
18 incorrect.

19 It was \$38 million that was renewed and  
20 \$62 million worth of new debt, of which 52 was for  
21 Town purposes and 10 was for Water Districts.

22 So if you're going to be up here  
23 spouting out numbers, feel free to talk to me any  
24 time and I'll set you straight on them.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: What was the total

1 amount?

2 MR. DARIENZO: You said the total  
3 amount was \$101 million.

4 You said \$101 million in new money.  
5 That's not accurate.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: \$101 million, that's  
7 all I said.

8 MR. DARIENZO: You said new money.

9 MR. ALTADONNA: So if he is going to  
10 criticize something I say --

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Please don't  
12 interrupt the speaker.

13 (Inaudible crosstalk.)

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me, you're  
15 going to have to get this under control.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Go bang the gavel --

17 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're going to  
18 have to control yourself, sir.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: \$101 million in debt, I  
20 stand by that.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We don't put up  
22 with outbursts from the public.

23 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Does any of it  
24 have to do --

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We certainly

1 can't put up with an outburst from an elected  
2 official. That's just --

3 MR. ALTADONNA: I know it is.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- terrible.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: It's terrible how an  
6 elected official gets attacked --

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me, sir.  
8 You're going --

9 MR. ALTADONNA: -- by administration.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- to have to  
11 calm yourself down during --

12 MR. ALTADONNA: So do you.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- the meeting.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Right.

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Is there anyone  
16 else?

17 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: But that was  
18 exactly my point, Mr. Darienzo.

19 The point is, the tough decisions that  
20 have to be made to decide not to issue new debt  
21 every time you pay down a dollar and not borrow  
22 another dollar, to not spend like a drunken sailor,  
23 that's why, I think, we rightfully take credit for  
24 the strides that we've made in this Town, and I  
25 think you're wrong when you say that we shouldn't.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Well, let's put  
3 an end to the back and forth because we want to  
4 hear from the public and we want to vote on this,  
5 and so far, just about everyone we've heard from,  
6 and correct me if I'm wrong, I don't think we've  
7 heard from one person who wants to see the Town  
8 controlled by people who are unelected and don't  
9 answer to the public.

10 So I would like to ask, is there anyone  
11 else who would like to be heard?

12 Yes, sir. Please step forward.

13 MR. WATSON: Good afternoon. I only  
14 need a half hour.

15 (Laughter ensues.)

16 MR. WATSON: I'm Doug Watson from  
17 Bayville.

18 You know me, most of you, and I was the  
19 Mayor from 2010 to 2014, and I hate interference  
20 for elected officials. I hate interference of  
21 government by outsiders, and that's exactly what  
22 this is right now.

23 The only bright light you have is that  
24 you know the perpetrators.

25 During my reign as Governor -- as

1 Governor, I wish, as Mayor.

2 (Laughter ensues.)

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I don't.

4 MR. WATSON: I'd be a good Governor.

5 As Mayor, I had people sneaking around  
6 behind the scenes and I had a couple of things with  
7 the Comptroller's Office who -- one man sets the  
8 pension rates every year. That blows my mind. So  
9 we had to raise taxes to accommodate that and to,  
10 you know, to accommodate it.

11 Then we had an audit from the  
12 Controller's Office. Now, you know Bayville  
13 because you've been there. We had four people for  
14 over a month to audit. Every single -- like a work  
15 day, they came in the morning and they went home at  
16 night, and they did this, and you know what they  
17 found at the end of the audit? It was like a  
18 forensic audit. They found that we did not audit  
19 the claims and we should.

20 So we got three people from the Board  
21 and we audited the claims, that's -- they didn't  
22 find anything wrong. Then we got a letter --

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What did that  
24 cost?

25 MR. WATSON: Cost the State, oh, I

1 don't know.

2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: What did it cost  
3 the taxpayers in the Village of Bayville to deal  
4 with that unfunded mandate?

5 MR. WATSON: Actually, the office  
6 handled it.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Meaning the  
8 searching for that issue?

9 MR. WATSON: Actually, what it was, is  
10 for the office, it was just distracting, it was --  
11 didn't really cost anything.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It cost time.

13 MR. WATSON: It cost time and when they  
14 were trying to do their regular work, they had to  
15 accommodate these auditors, who were -- they were  
16 nice people. There was nothing wrong with them,  
17 but it just took --

18 MR. McKENNA: You're off topic.

19 MR. WATSON: No, I'm not.

20 MR. McKENNA: You're off topic.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Sir, it's okay.  
22 It's okay. That disturbance comes often.

23 MR. WATSON: I say that I'm against the  
24 interference, and this is a thinly veiled political  
25 thing, as was said, and I read it on Facebook a

1 long time ago when it first surfaced a few months  
2 ago.

3 I really -- I support -- you know, I'm  
4 not -- I don't think the Town is right all the  
5 time, but I don't think people should come in and  
6 try to interfere with it.

7 I have slip for another thing, but I'll  
8 be back.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you, Mayor.

10 MR. WATSON: Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any other  
12 speakers?

13 Yes, sir.

14 MR. O'CONNOR: Good afternoon.

15 Dan O'Connor, Glen Head, and I  
16 apologize for taking more time because every time I  
17 come, I say I'm not going to speak and every time I  
18 speak.

19 I can tell you right now, as a  
20 taxpayer, a State resident, I am sick and tired of  
21 the taxes. I want to know who else in this room  
22 like me paid \$100,000 last week in taxes? I'm sick  
23 and tired of it. I don't want to pay any more. I  
24 don't want any Fiscal Monitor. I don't want added  
25 lawyers. I don't want added dollars. It's all



1 bullshit, excuse my language. Okay?

2 Talk about plastic forks, plastic  
3 spoons, straws, divert the public's attention.  
4 Let's run this stuff like a business. Okay?

5 I have a small business. I added up my  
6 taxes on that small business that I run as I'm  
7 semiretired. I'm 44 years old and I can't tell you  
8 how fast I want to get out of this state. Okay.

9 I added up those taxes on Sunday, SUI  
10 tax, this tax, payroll tax, sales tax, everything  
11 else, 40 percent, 40 percent in taxes. Okay?

12 I want to see Lavine and I want to see  
13 Brooks and I want to see Gaughran handle American  
14 Water or handle something else, okay, because I'm  
15 tired of it, and if I'm tired of it, I'm going to  
16 make sure everyone else is tired of it, and then  
17 they're going to have a problem on their hands  
18 because this is total BS.

19 From the waste of time today to the  
20 waste time in the courts to the wasted time with  
21 the lawyers and hearing Skadden Arps and reading  
22 about Skadden Arps lawyers who are corrupt. Okay?  
23 When you get rid of corruption, corrupt people get  
24 pissed. That's what happens.

25 That's all I have to say.

1 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: How do you really  
2 feel, Dan?

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Let's -- anyone  
4 else?

5 MR. O'CONNOR: I'm not for the Monitor,  
6 obviously.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You're against  
8 the Monitor?

9 You're asking us to vote no?

10 Is there anyone else who would like to  
11 be heard on this -- on the issue of a Fiscal  
12 Monitor in the Town of Oyster Bay?

13 (No verbal response given.)

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right.

15 Is there anyone on the Town Board who  
16 would like to be heard on this before we take a  
17 vote?

18 (No verbal response given.)

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: No. All right.

20 I believe we're ready to take a vote on  
21 this very important issue.

22 The Town Clerk will now call for a  
23 vote.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: We just have to do some  
25 more of the housekeeping.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: May I have a motion to  
3 table Resolutions No. 241, 252 and 257?

4 On the motion?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's 241?

7 MR. ALTADONNA: This is to table 241,  
8 252 and 257.

9 Let me just confirm. Correct, 257 --  
10 oh, and Personnel? Okay.

11 And P-7-19.

12 On the motion?

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Hang on.

14 Are we --

15 MR. ALTADONNA: We're tabling them.

16 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We're tabling  
17 259 and 232, somebody told me.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: 241, 257, 252.

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: 232, we would like  
20 to table.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: We're tabling 232 as  
22 well?

23 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
24 Commissioner.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Just 232?

1 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: All right.

3 For the record, P-7-19, 232, 241, 252,  
4 and 257.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I have tabling,  
6 just for clarification.

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: They're still working  
9 on it. They're still working on it.

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: P-7-19 is being  
11 tabled; 232 is being tabled; 241 is being tabled;  
12 252 is being tabled; and 257 is being tabled.

13 That's what I have right now.

14 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You're welcome.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: Are we clear? They're  
17 looking in the back, so are we clear?

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, we are.

19 MR. ALTADONNA: Are we clear?

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there any  
21 other item that needs to be tabled beyond those? I  
22 do not believe at this juncture.

23 (Inaudible.)

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

25 So now, may I have a motion to table

1 P-7-19, 232, 241, 252 and 257?

2 On the motion?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So moved.

4 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

5 MR. ALTADONNA: Motion made by  
6 Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
7 Macagnone.

8 On the vote:

9 Supervisor Saladino?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

14 It's just to table.

15 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Just to table,  
16 "Aye."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

18 Councilwoman Johnson?

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

22 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

23 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

25 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Now, I'll call the  
2 regular Action Calendar.

3 May I have a motion to adopt  
4 Resolutions P-7-19 through Resolutions No. 268,  
5 noting that P-7-19 has just been tabled, 232 has  
6 been tabled, 241 has been tabled, 252 and 257 have  
7 also been tabled.

8 **TRANSFER OF FUNDS RESOLUTION NO.**  
9 **TF-7-19;** Resolution pertaining to Transfer of Funds  
10 within various departments accounts for the Year  
11 2019.

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 218-2019;** Resolution  
13 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a building  
14 permit fee to G. Van Dyke. Account No. PAD B 0001  
15 02555 000 0000. (M.D. 3/19/19 #7).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 219-2019;** Resolution  
17 authorizing the property cleanup assessment for  
18 558 Forest Avenue, Massapequa, New York performed  
19 on January 17, 2019 be referred to the County of  
20 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
21 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #11).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 220-2019;** Resolution  
23 authorizing the property cleanup assessment for  
24 21 Hemlock Street, Massapequa, New York performed  
25 on January 9, 2019 be referred to the County of

1 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
2 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #12).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 221-2019;** Resolution  
4 authorizing the property cleanup assessment for  
5 151 Cold Spring Road, Syosset, New York performed  
6 on November 13, 2018 be referred to the County of  
7 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
8 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #13).

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 222-2019;** Resolution  
10 authorizing the property securement assessment for  
11 118 West Cherry Street, Hicksville, New York  
12 performed on January 10, 2019 be referred to the  
13 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County  
14 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #14).

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 223-2019;** Resolution  
16 authorizing the property cleanup assessment for  
17 965 Hicksville Road, Massapequa, New York performed  
18 on January 3, 2019 be referred to the County of  
19 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
20 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #15).

21 **RESOLUTION NO. 224-2019;** Resolution  
22 authorizing the property securement assessment for  
23 47 Thirteenth Street, Locust Valley, New York  
24 performed on November 28, 2017 be referred to the  
25 County of Nassau for placement on the Nassau County

1 Tax Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #16).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 225-2019;** Resolution  
3 authorizing the property cleanup assessment for  
4 40 Glenwood Road, Glen Head, New York performed on  
5 December 20, 2018 be referred to the County of  
6 Nassau for placement on the Nassau County Tax  
7 Assessment Rolls. (M.D. 3/19/19 #17).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 226-2019;** Resolution  
9 authorizing employment of the services of a  
10 performer to provide entertainment for the Group  
11 Activities Program on May 11, 2019 at Marjorie R.  
12 Post Community Park and to be paid by Friends of  
13 the Community Services Dept. Inc. And for the  
14 Supervisor or his designee to execute said  
15 agreement. (M.D. 3/26/19 #5).

16 **RESOLUTION NO. 227-2019;** Resolution  
17 authorizing the issuance of a refund of a  
18 registration fee to C. Black for Spring Hockey at  
19 the Town of Oyster Bay Ice Skating Center at  
20 Bethpage. Account No. PKS A 0001 02001 510 0000.  
21 (M.D. 3/26/19 #6).

22 **RESOLUTION NO. 228 -2019;** Resolution  
23 authorizing an Agreement thereby allowing the Town  
24 to utilize personnel services offered through the  
25 Urban League of Westchester and for the Supervisor



1 or his designee to execute said agreement. (M.D.  
2 3/26/19 #17).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 229-2019;** Resolution  
4 directing the Town Clerk to publish a notice  
5 relative to a transfer of funds in connection with  
6 the Town's Community Development Program. Account  
7 No. IGA CD 8686 44100 000 CD19. (M.D.3/26/19 #18).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 230-2019;** Resolution  
9 authorizing the Supervisor or his designee, to  
10 execute documents in connection with funding of  
11 reimbursable expenses from the Nassau County  
12 Community Revitalization Program for the Hicksville  
13 Gregory Museum. (M.D. 3/26/19 #19).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 231-2019;** Resolution  
15 amending Resolution No. 884-2017 to satisfy  
16 outstanding invoices for the year 2018. Account No.  
17 OTA A 1420 44110 000 0000. (M.D. 3/26/19 #20).

18 **RESOLUTION NO. 233-2019;** Resolution  
19 authorizing rejection of Bids for Requirements  
20 Contract No. HRZ18-178-R, Demolition of Zombie  
21 Homes and Other Dangerous Structures. (M.D. 3/26/19  
22 #31).

23 **RESOLUTION NO. 234-2019;** Resolution  
24 granting request for Town assistance from the  
25 Brooke Jackman Foundation, in conducting their

1 14th Annual Brooke Jackman Race for Literacy event  
2 scheduled to be held May 18, 2019, at the Theodore  
3 Roosevelt Elementary School in Oyster Bay and for  
4 the use of various Town equipment for the event.

5 (M.D. 3/26/19 #32).

6 **RESOLUTION NO. 235-2019;** Resolution  
7 authorizing co-sponsorship of the Annual Spring  
8 Oyster Bay Harbor and Beach Cleanup in conjunction  
9 with the North Oyster Bay Baymen's Association, the  
10 Friends of the Bay and the public, held April 13,  
11 2019, at Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, West End  
12 WaterFront, Beekman Beach, Centre Island Beach and  
13 Stehli Beach. (M.D. 3/26/19 #36).

14 **RESOLUTION NO. 236-2019;** Resolution  
15 authorizing Comptroller to make payment of the  
16 Town's annual contribution for the 2019 membership  
17 dues in the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee.  
18 Account No. DER A 8090 44900 000 0000. (M.D.  
19 3/26/19 #37).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 237-2019;** Resolution  
21 amending Resolution 735-2017 relative to the cost  
22 of financial reporting by the Town for other  
23 post-employment benefits as required by law.  
24 Account No. CMP A 1315 44800 000 0000. (M.D.  
25 3/26/19 #39).

1                   **RESOLUTION NO. 238-2019;** Resolution  
2           authorizing an agreement to employ the services of  
3           a judge to adjudicate on June 7, 2019 for the  
4           "Suburban Art League Annual Open Show" for the Town  
5           Of Oyster Bay Awards at the William P. Bennett  
6           Community Center in Hicksville, and for the  
7           Supervisor or his designee to execute said  
8           agreement. Account No. CYS A 7020 47660 000 0000.  
9           (M.D. 4/2/19 #4).

10                   **RESOLUTION NO. 239-2019;** Resolution  
11           authorizing an explosives permit be obtained from  
12           Nassau County for the fireworks display at the  
13           *Salute to America* program scheduled to be held on  
14           July 9, 2019 at John J. Burns Park and  
15           authorization for the Town Clerk to waive fees for  
16           the explosives permit required by the Town.  
17           Account No. CYS A 7020 47660 000 0000. (M.D. 4/2/19  
18           #5).

19                   **RESOLUTION NO. 240-2019;** Resolution  
20           authorizing acceptance of a donation of a memorial  
21           plaque and bench from Tom Falcone, to be placed at  
22           Ellsworth W. Allen Park in memory of Isabella  
23           Marine Inzerillo. (M.D. 4/2/19 #6).

24                   **RESOLUTION NO. 242-2019;** Resolution  
25           authorizing award of Contract No. SE002A-19, Glass

1 Recycling Pilot Program for the Town of Oyster Bay.  
2 Bids received 03/18/2019. (M.D. 4/2/19 #8).

3 **RESOLUTION NO. 243-2019;** Resolution  
4 authorizing the implementation and installation of  
5 modifications to the customized tax bill. Account  
6 No. ROT H 1997 26000 000 1308 001. (M.D. 4/2/19  
7 #10).

8 **RESOLUTION NO. 244-2019;** Resolution  
9 authorizing publication of a notice calling a  
10 Public Hearing for serial bonds for Plainview Water  
11 District Improvements. Hearing Date: May 7, 2019.  
12 (M.D. 4/2/19 #11).

13 **RESOLUTION NO. 245-2019;** Resolution  
14 pertaining to Contract No. PWC 07-18, On-Call  
15 Engineering Services relative to Civil Engineering  
16 for developing quantities, estimates and field  
17 inspection of Town of Oyster Bay Requirements  
18 Contract for Road Restoration. Account No. HWY H  
19 5197 20000 000 1903 008. (DB) (M.D. 4/2/19 #12).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 246-2019;** Resolution  
21 authorizing engineering services for the  
22 Preliminary Design Phase of Contract No. H19-197,  
23 Highway Improvements to the Intervale Avenue Area,  
24 Farmingdale, in connection with award of said  
25 contract. Account No. HWY H 5197 20000 000 1903

1 008. (M.D. 4/2/19 #13).

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 247-2019;** Resolution  
3 authorizing engineering services for the  
4 Preliminary Design Phase of Contract No. H19-196,  
5 Highway Improvements to the Hicks Avenue Area,  
6 Syosset, and for the use of a sub-consultant for  
7 Geotechnical investigation of the subbase and  
8 surrounding soil in connection with award of said  
9 contract. Account No. HWY H 5197 20000 000 1903  
10 008. (M.D. 4/2/19 #14).

11 **RESOLUTION NO. 248-2019;** Resolution  
12 authorizing engineering services for the  
13 Preliminary Design Phase of Contract No. H19-198,  
14 Highway Improvements to the Southwood Circle Area,  
15 Syosset, and for the use of a sub-consultant for  
16 surveying services in connection with award of said  
17 contract. Account No. HWY H 5197 20000 000 1903  
18 008. (M.D. 4/2/19 #15).

19 **RESOLUTION NO. 249-2019;** Resolution  
20 pertaining to Contract No. PWC07-18, On-Call  
21 Engineering Services relative to Civil Engineering  
22 for developing quantities, estimates and field  
23 inspection of Town of Oyster Bay Requirements  
24 Contract for Road Restoration. Account No. HWY H  
25 5197 20000 000 1903 008. (LKB) (M.D. 4/2/19 #17).

1                   **RESOLUTION NO. 250-2019;** Resolution  
2                   granting request from the First Presbyterian Church  
3                   in Oyster Bay for the use of one roll-off container  
4                   from May 7, 2019 through May 14, 2019, for their  
5                   Spring Cleanup. (M.D. 4/2/19 #19).

6                   **RESOLUTION NO. 251-2019;** Resolution  
7                   pertaining to Contract No. PWC19-18, On-Call  
8                   Technical Assistance relative to Structural  
9                   Engineering at the Hicksville Parking Facility.  
10                  Account No. HWY H 5997 20000 000 1804 016. (M.D.  
11                  4/2/19 #20).

12                  **RESOLUTION NO. 253-2019;** Resolution  
13                  authorizing a one-year extension of Contract No.  
14                  HFR18-172, Fence Replacement Requirements, from  
15                  April 10, 2019 through April 9, 2020. (M.D. 4/2/19  
16                  #22).

17                  **RESOLUTION NO. 254-2019;** Resolution  
18                  authorizing a one-year extension of Contract No.  
19                  HGR17-162, General Reconstruction Requirements,  
20                  from April 24, 2019 through April 23, 2020. (M.D.  
21                  4/2/19 #23).

22                  **RESOLUTION NO. 255-2019;** Resolution  
23                  authorizing a one-year extension of Contract No.  
24                  HTR17-163, Tree Removal Requirements, from  
25                  March 13, 2019 through March 12, 2020. (M.D. 4/2/19

1 #24) .

2 **RESOLUTION NO. 256-2019;** Resolution  
3 authorizing an agreement for a Sunscreen Dispenser,  
4 Sunscreen, Skin Cancer Awareness, Outreach Program,  
5 which will provide health information and 16  
6 dispensers with lotion at various Town beach and  
7 pool locations at no cost to the Town. (M.D. 4/2/19  
8 #25) .

9 **RESOLUTION NO. 258-2019;** Resolution  
10 pertaining to procurement of the Town's Excess  
11 General and Automobile Liability Insurance for the  
12 policy year May 1, 2019 through May 1, 2020.  
13 Account No. TWN AMS 1910 43010 602 0000 000. (M.D.  
14 3/26/19 #38 & 4/9/19 #29) .

15 **RESOLUTION NO. 259-2019;** Resolution  
16 amending Resolution No. 188-2019 relative to the  
17 term dates for three Housing Authority  
18 appointments. (M.D. 4/2/19 #27) .

19 **RESOLUTION NO. 260-2019;** Resolution  
20 authorizing an Inter-municipal agreement with the  
21 Town of North Hempstead and the City of Glen Cove  
22 relative to a cleanup of Hempstead Harbor scheduled  
23 to take place on April 17, 2019. (M.D. 4/2/19 #29) .

24 **RESOLUTION NO. 261-2019;** Resolution  
25 pertaining to Contract No. DP17-167-PH1 & 2 for the

1 modification of recovery wells in the development  
2 area of the expansion of Ellsworth W. Allen Town  
3 Park. Account No. PKS H 7197 20000 000 1402 001.  
4 (M.D. 4/2/19 #18 & 4/9/19 #34).

5 **RESOLUTION NO. 262-2019;** Resolution  
6 authorizing two companies to utilize a portion of  
7 the parking lots of various Town facilities on  
8 certain dates through December 31, 2020 to set up  
9 mobile medical vehicles in order to provide Town  
10 employees with on-site wellness services with no  
11 cost to the Town or employee. (M.D. 4/9/19 #26).

12 **RESOLUTION NO. 263-2019;** Resolution  
13 approving an Indemnification Agreement among The  
14 Town of Oyster Bay, Oyster Bay Water District and  
15 49 Audrey Avenue LLC in connection with creation of  
16 an alcove to comply with ADA requirements at  
17 49 Audrey Avenue, Oyster Bay, NY and to authorize  
18 the Supervisor or his designee to countersign said  
19 Agreement. (M.D. 4/9/19 #35).

20 **RESOLUTION NO. 264-2019;** Resolution  
21 directing the Town Clerk to publish a notice of  
22 hearing to consider a Local Law entitled a *Local*  
23 *Law to Add Section 246-5.5.34 to Chapter 246 of the*  
24 *Code of the Town of Oyster Bay to Restrict the Sale*  
25 *of Vaping Products, and Locations of Vape Shops and*



1     *Hookah Lounges*.   Hearing date:   May 7, 2019. (M.D.  
2     4/9/19 #36).

3                   On the motion?

4                   COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   So moved.

5                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   Second.

6                   MR. ALTADONNA:   Motion made by  
7     Councilman Muscarella, seconded by Councilman  
8     Macagnone.

9                   On the vote:

10                  Let's go slow.

11                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   This includes the  
12     Walk-Ons, correct?

13                  MR. ALTADONNA:   Includes everything.

14                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE:   Everything.

15                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Okay.   So for  
16     clarity --

17                  COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON:   Wait a minute.

18                  COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA:   We can't vote.

19                  COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON:   Public comment.

20                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO:   Yeah, we still  
21     require public comment on the others.

22                  I had wanted to take 265 and 266 out  
23     separately and vote on those at this time.

24                  MR. ALTADONNA:   You want to vote them  
25     now?

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Let's get  
2 that done because we have heard --

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: You want to make  
4 a motion on that?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: To take it out  
7 of order.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'd like to ask  
9 for a motion to take out of order and vote  
10 currently on 265 and 266.

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Make a motion  
12 to vote out of order, Resolution 265 and 266.

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I'll second  
14 that.

15 MR. ALTADONNA: You want to me to call  
16 the roll on that just to take it out of order?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Absolutely.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Supervisor Saladino?

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: "Aye."

20 On the motion.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye."

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: "Aye."

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

1 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: "Aye."

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: "Aye."

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

7 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye."

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

9 On the vote now:

10 Supervisor?

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have made  
12 clear through this hearing that we have made  
13 tremendous strides in the finances of this Town  
14 getting the bond rating back up.

15 Standard and Poor's spoke to the proper  
16 management, the current management of this Town,  
17 spoke to the greatest debt reduction in the history  
18 of the Town.

19 In essence, while giving the Town an  
20 increase in its bond rating, Standard and Poor's  
21 has evaluated us and has said that this  
22 administration and this Town Board is moving the  
23 Town in the right direction.

24 We spoke of the amount of debt that has  
25 been reduced, \$160 million while cutting taxes, and

1 perhaps one of the most important issues of all is  
2 that we spoke to the fact that the ongoing deficit  
3 in the Town of Oyster Bay is gone, and by the end  
4 of the year, will turn into a surplus.

5 We've heard from the public, virtually  
6 every -- virtually or actually every single member  
7 of the public who came to speak to us today asked  
8 us to vote against a Fiscal Monitor. It defies  
9 logic, it defies the purpose of the cornerstone of  
10 the United States Constitution to have  
11 representation, elected representation, people who  
12 answer to the public, and that's what we do.

13 But worst of all, as member after  
14 member of the public came forward, they all, in  
15 their opinion, said that this is political theater  
16 and a charade to affect a political election and  
17 not needed for actual fiscal purposes.

18 I am proud to vote against both 265 and  
19 266 because by voting against them, we are  
20 supporting the public and the taxpayers in the Town  
21 of Oyster Bay.

22 MR. ADELMAN: Are there any public  
23 comments on those Resolutions?

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're going to,  
25 after we take a vote.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: After. We are taking  
2 this out of order.

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're going to  
4 take public comment on the rest of the Resolutions.

5 MR. ADELMAN: What about this issue?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have already  
7 taken public comment on this and you spoke, and we  
8 listened to you.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: It's written in  
10 the negative.

11 MR. ADELMAN: Okay. Because now it's a  
12 Resolution. I wanted to comment on the Resolution  
13 itself.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We heard you loud  
15 and clear, sir.

16 Town Clerk will continue to take the  
17 vote.

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Yes.

19 Councilman Muscarella?

20 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I vote "Nay."

21 MR. ALTADONNA: You're against it?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes.

23 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Two years ago  
25 when I asked for a Fiscal Monitor, I did send a

1 copy of it to Assemblyman Lavine. He had over 28  
2 months to do something and nothing was done.

3 I vote "No" on his Resolutions.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

5 You're against it?

6 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Yes, sir.

7 That's what "No" means.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilwoman Johnson?

9 I'm sorry?

10 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: That's what "No"  
11 means.

12 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: So does "Nay."

13 MR. ALTADONNA: Well, "No" in a "Yes"  
14 is a "No."

15 Councilwoman Johnson?

16 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "No."

17 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. I just want to  
18 clarify everybody.

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Against it.

20 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Imbroto?

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: After getting  
22 Tony's lesson on English grammar, I will also vote  
23 "No."

24 The idea that an unelected Monitor with  
25 no transparency and no accountability can override

1 decisions of a duly elected governmental body flies  
2 in the face of every notion of representative  
3 government that Americans have held since our  
4 founding. It also flies in the face of reality.

5 The Town's finances are in better shape  
6 than they've been in decades. We've reduced  
7 spending, we've reduced payroll, and we've reduced  
8 our debt by record amounts, historic amounts of  
9 debt. We've also eliminated our deficit and we've  
10 got a bond rating.

11 So perhaps our officials in Albany  
12 should spend some time looking at their own budget,  
13 which is in shambles, instead of looking for ways  
14 to embarrass us and tarnish the reputation of our  
15 great Town. The move is boldly political. It's a  
16 joke. It's a travesty. It's a disgrace.

17 I vote "No."

18 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Labriola?

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Wait a minute.

20 COUNCILMAN HAND: Excuse me, Jim.

21 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

22 I'm sorry.

23 COUNCILMAN HAND: Thank you, sir.

24 These proposals usurp the public's  
25 right to elected representation, and it certainly

1 has no benefit to the Town of Oyster Bay.

2 I stand with every speaker today and  
3 vote "No" on both.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Just so you know,  
5 Councilman Hand, you were still going to be called.  
6 I haven't had -- the new sheets been -- it's been  
7 moving around.

8 COUNCILMAN HAND: I knew you wouldn't  
9 forget me, Jim.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: I wouldn't forget you.  
12 Councilman Labriola?

13 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Yeah, to explain  
14 my vote also, I would echo the remarks of my  
15 colleagues here.

16 I think we've all made it very clear to  
17 those who are listening. I think we need to make  
18 it extremely clear, Supervisor. I would urge you  
19 to present these two Resolutions to the Governor,  
20 to the Speaker, and to the majority leader of the  
21 Senate with a letter from all of us basically  
22 explaining what took place here today and that we  
23 are strongly opposed to this action, this political  
24 action by these two representatives.

25 I vote "No."



1 MR. ALTADONNA: The vote to defeat  
2 Resolutions No. 265 and 266 passes with seven  
3 "Ayes."

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you to our  
5 Board members, and for clarification to the public,  
6 when a bill that affects a municipality anywhere in  
7 the state comes -- before it can come before the  
8 State Assembly or Senate for a vote, they have to  
9 show local control, that the local municipality  
10 wants it. We voted against doing that.

11 We listened to you, from people who are  
12 here just for this, for people who come for every  
13 Board meeting all made it very clear that they do  
14 not want a Fiscal Monitor in this Town and they --  
15 and they presented many, many reasons.

16 We also, at this time, showed the  
17 public, and on the record, of the fiscal health of  
18 this Town and how it is improving day and after  
19 day, week after week, and month after month.

20 It also came out today for the first  
21 time, for those from the media who are reporting on  
22 today's actions in this hearing, you came forward  
23 today, that there no longer is a deficit in the  
24 ongoing budget of the Town of Oyster Bay, the  
25 operating budget.

1                   We're extremely proud of that. We want  
2 Wall Street to know about that. We want every  
3 resident to know about that. So we're continuing  
4 to make successes and we have pushed back against  
5 Albany and we have not given them permission. We  
6 have denied them permission to bring these bills  
7 forward in either the State Assembly and the State  
8 Senate for all the reasons mentioned today.

9                   Thank you.

10                  Would the Town Clerk --

11                   (Applause.)

12                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- continue with  
13 our calendar. We're going to go to speakers.

14                  MR. ALTADONNA: You have to call --

15                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We have a number  
16 of speakers on the Resolutions.

17                   (Whereupon, a discussion was held off  
18 the record.)

19                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Just one  
20 speaker on the Resolutions, Kevin McKenna.

21                  COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Wait. Hold on a  
22 second.

23                   Clarify what --

24                  COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Just one  
25 second, Kevin.

1 We have to clear up something.

2 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor?

3 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes.

4 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Clarification.

5 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Clarification.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Go ahead, please.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: The Resolution was  
8 defeated.

9 I originally said with seven "Ayes."  
10 However, because it's a negative, it's seven "Nos."  
11 Resolution was defeated with seven "Ayes."

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Seven "Nos."  
13 Thank you for that clarification.

14 Please let the record reflect unanimous  
15 decision against the Resolutions 265 and 266.

16 Okay. On the remainder of the  
17 Resolutions, Kevin McKenna, would you please step  
18 to the podium?

19 MR. McKENNA: Kevin McKenna, Edna  
20 Drive, Syosset, New York.

21 Resolution No. 251, which is the  
22 Resolution pertaining to the on-call technical  
23 assistance relative to structural engineering at  
24 Hicksville parking facility.

25 This relates to the Hicksville parking

1 facility, what I'm going to ask. During this  
2 reconstruction or repair of the Hicksville garage,  
3 there was an agreement that was made with Seritage  
4 to utilize the parking facility at Seritage to take  
5 parking while the garage was being renovated.

6 Has a resolution ever been brought  
7 forth so that the Town legally -- so the Town  
8 legally entered into any agreement with Seritage to  
9 utilize the Seritage property?

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Any  
11 other questions? Why don't you ask all your  
12 questions, as usual, and then take your seat and  
13 we'll get the information.

14 MR. McKENNA: I hope. I asked that  
15 because I just hope that the Town is not putting  
16 itself in a quid pro quo because it's to my  
17 knowledge that the Town still has not entered into  
18 any Resolution, nor has the Board voted on us  
19 having used that -- that parking facility over  
20 there for a few months, which was nice of them to  
21 allow us to use.

22 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I think you mean  
23 nunc pro tunc.

24 MR. McKENNA: What's that?

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I think you mean

1 nunc pro tunc, not quid pro quo.

2 MR. McKENNA: I'm not sure, I'm not a  
3 lawyer. I'm not a -- and I'm not that smart.

4 Resolution 242 --

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm not here to  
6 debate that.

7 MR. McKENNA: What's that?

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm not here to  
9 debate with you.

10 Please continue.

11 MR. McKENNA: Resolution 242, glass  
12 recycling piloting program. It says here in the  
13 backup that the bids were received on March the  
14 18th, and to my knowledge, there was a Town Board  
15 meeting on March the 26th.

16 My question is, why wasn't -- why  
17 didn't the Board vote on this recycling program  
18 before you put these igloos out into the Town of  
19 Oyster Bay neighborhoods?

20 So, that's really the question.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Let's get  
22 you --

23 MR. McKENNA: Why didn't it make the  
24 March 26th meeting, because apparently, if you  
25 didn't approve the glass recycling program, all the

1 glass that's going in the igloos, to this day  
2 because you still haven't voted on it yet, the  
3 glass really has no place to go, still.

4 Resolution 233 --

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just a quick  
6 question, are you against glass recycling in the  
7 Town of Oyster Bay?

8 MR. McKENNA: No. I'm for glass  
9 recycling, but we're still --

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Wasn't sure of  
11 you're motivation.

12 MR. McKENNA: But we're still -- but  
13 we're still not doing glass recycling. We're  
14 making it appear that we're doing glass recycling,  
15 but according to a lot of people who work with the  
16 Town and Sanitation, the glass is still going and  
17 being mixed in with regular garbage.

18 Resolution 233, the zombie homes, has  
19 the Town considered -- because it's apparent that  
20 we're starting to do a lot of these demolitions,  
21 has the Town considered utilizing Town labor to  
22 do -- to do demolitions if, in fact, maybe it might  
23 even justify adding and providing jobs to the Town?

24 Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Thanks so

1 much.

2 I'm going to ask Commissioner Lenz to  
3 please step forward.

4 Would you kindly state your appearance?

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Hello.

6 My name is Richard Lenz, Commissioner,  
7 Department of Public Works and Highway.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner, the  
9 issue of glass recycling is a big deal, and you  
10 know this administration has pushed for a  
11 continuance of recycling while we're going through  
12 the issue that every municipality in America is  
13 dealing with since China closed its doors to  
14 recycling.

15 Can you please speak to this issue and  
16 give the public an update? Some claims were made  
17 and I want to get the truth out.

18 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Sure.

19 One of the reasons why it wasn't  
20 brought to the Town Board when it first was opened  
21 was, we wanted to meet with the contractor, we  
22 wanted to meet at their site, we wanted to review  
23 their recycling, the way they recycle.

24 Also, I wanted to also bring up that in  
25 2017, we started the single stream, and now since

1 single stream has now stopped because of the China  
2 problems and things like that, we've had to then  
3 look into other avenues to recycle our materials.

4 So also, what we did during the single  
5 stream is we brought in more cardboard than we've  
6 ever been brought in before. That then needed an  
7 addition -- a different type of truck that we've  
8 been using before because of all the cardboard.

9 What happens is the cardboard puffs up  
10 also, so that we couldn't fit them into the regular  
11 recycling trucks. So then we also had to add more  
12 Sanitation trucks to the routes. Therefore, that's  
13 why we didn't go with recycling trucks.

14 Right now in the Town of Oyster Bay, we  
15 have -- in a residential area, we do two a MSW  
16 routes, picking up twice in the same street. We  
17 pick up recyclables once and we pick up yard waste,  
18 so that's a lot of pickup.

19 Also, when we're picking up MSW, please  
20 keep in mind, they're also picking up bulk pickups,  
21 meaning you don't have to call like other Towns,  
22 other Villages. If you have a couch or a chair or  
23 a desk, we pick that up on the day that it's put  
24 out. Also --

25 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: On the person's



1 normal garbage day?

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

3 On the normal -- thank you for the --  
4 thank you for correcting me, but that's true, I've  
5 heard of other Towns and Villages, you have to  
6 call. You're lucky if you get it picked up in two  
7 weeks.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Without a doubt.

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: We pick it up right  
10 away. White metal goods.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Our service is  
12 second to none.

13 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you. White  
14 metal goods, meaning the refrigerators, washer,  
15 dryers, that is also picked up the same day that --  
16 when you put it out on your route. So what I'm  
17 trying to say is we do an awful lot with the  
18 Sanitation crews. Was there -- okay.

19 So the reason why we started putting  
20 out the igloos, we wanted to see if the residents  
21 were interested in -- so what we've been doing is  
22 we've been collecting the glass and putting it in  
23 the Town of Oyster Bay landfill, which -- former  
24 landfill, I should say, in Old Bethpage, and we  
25 have containers there where we're dumping the

1 igloos.

2 And that's -- so the contractor, after  
3 you approve today, the contractor -- and if you do,  
4 I should say, we have a candidate -- canister  
5 already for him, that he'll be picking up the glass  
6 for us.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: One quick  
8 question.

9 Are we currently paying -- or will we  
10 be paying for the contractor to pick up the glass  
11 or is that for free?

12 COMMISSIONER LENZ: The contractor will  
13 not be charging us and he will also be picking it  
14 up from our facility, so it's free for the -- it's  
15 free to the Town of Oyster Bay for the pickup and  
16 also the recycling of the glass.

17 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We're saving  
18 money on bulk garbage because glass will not be in  
19 there?

20 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We've reduced the  
22 weight of our total solid waste.

23 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good point,  
25 Councilman.

1 COMMISSIONER LENZ: And also, we  
2 have --

3 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: -- on this  
4 issue.

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: And then also we  
6 have other containers that are also accepting  
7 cardboard, so if you have an inordinate amount of  
8 cardboard, we'll also take that at various  
9 locations also.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And,  
11 Commissioner, I'm glad the speaker brought this  
12 point up because it's more than just where we are  
13 now, we have talked about putting different phases  
14 in place.

15 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Including  
17 expanding on the number of igloos throughout the  
18 Town for convenience --

19 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- to the  
21 residents and to encourage them and that we plan to  
22 continue to alert the public and communicate with  
23 the public so they know where to go to dispose of  
24 glass in a situation -- making the most of a  
25 situation that other municipalities aren't even

1 doing.

2 COMMISSIONER LENZ: That's exactly  
3 right, and I want to remind residents that this is  
4 no different than bringing some of your bottles or  
5 plastic to a supermarket, we'll take it and recycle  
6 it at the Town of Oyster Bay for you.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Although at the  
8 supermarket, you get a nickel for your bottle.

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: I understand, but  
10 I'm saying that you can bring it to our facility  
11 and we'll take care of it for you.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: As we discussed,  
13 I think it's a great pilot program and hopefully  
14 that -- in the future, we'll get some revenue from  
15 it.

16 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

17 There was another question.

18 Seritage, I don't have any information  
19 on that, and then there was one other -- the igloos  
20 and -- oh, the zombie homes.

21 The zombie homes, we put out to bid  
22 twice. We analyzed everything, we tried to do the  
23 best we could. We put it out twice. The contract  
24 came in, we felt, inordinate amount of price -- you  
25 know, in cost, so what we wound up doing is, for

1 the last -- about the last year, we have had  
2 Highway Department doing it.

3 They have gotten so improved and -- to  
4 the point where when -- that's why we're voiding  
5 this out. We're not going to use this contract and  
6 it will be done with Highway staff and with  
7 Planning and Development's oversight.

8 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And we're not  
9 taking away from the Highway on snow removal or  
10 street repair?

11 COMMISSIONER LENZ: No. That's very  
12 true. The removing of the houses will be done --

13 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: During the slow  
14 times, slack times.

15 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly. Exactly.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
17 Commissioner, and thank you for your continued help  
18 as we continue to improve and expand on all of our  
19 recycling programs, including glass recycling.  
20 It's very important.

21 As you and I discussed with other  
22 members of our team, we will be reaching out to the  
23 DEC and also other municipalities to embrace a  
24 regional approach to glass.

25 As we know, it can be ground down if we

1 can get the DEC's permission, we can expand the  
2 uses and solve the problem for multiple towns  
3 through our leadership here in the Town of Oyster  
4 Bay.

5 COMMISSIONER LENZ: That's true.

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
7 Commissioner.

8 Are there -- is there anyone else who  
9 would like to be heard on these Resolutions before  
10 we take a vote?

11 MR. McKENNA: No Seritage answer.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Oh, Seritage.

13 Town Attorney, would you like to come  
14 up if you have information on that?

15 MR. ROZEA: Very, very briefly.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you please  
17 start off by giving us --

18 MR. ROZEA: Oh, yes.

19 Deputy Town Attorney, Matthew Rozea.

20 August of 2018, this Board adopted a  
21 resolution to authorize execution of an agreement.

22 I understand the agreement went to the  
23 Seritage counsel. It's been -- it has not been  
24 returned signed, so the Board has -- the Town  
25 remains prepared to sign the agreement. We're

1 waiting on Seritage.

2 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: We did make an  
3 agreement with them that we're fine with?

4 MR. ROZEA: Ms. Faughnan was working  
5 with Seritage. I know that we reached language  
6 that we were comfortable with, yes, that's right.

7 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: All right.  
9 I believe we're ready for -- hi, Jim.

10 MR. ALTADONNA: I have a paper.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm sorry?

12 MR. ALTADONNA: I have a paper for two  
13 Resolutions.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Two, oh, I  
15 thought you already spoke. Okay.

16 MR. ALTADONNA: I will actually state  
17 my purpose.

18 Jim Altadonna, 54 Abby Street,  
19 Massapequa Park, New York.

20 This pertains to Resolution No. 226. I  
21 don't know if many of you know, but way back in  
22 2001, I was the President of the Friends and  
23 Community and Service Development.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Did not know  
25 that.

1 Thank you for informing us.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Well, I'm just letting  
3 you know, and the reason why this was established,  
4 was to help developmentally disabled and physically  
5 disabled people that would come to the GAP program,  
6 okay, and I just want to clarify, because I see  
7 here for performers, that this money is still used  
8 for that program. So maybe if we can get someone  
9 from that department, I'd like to hear about that.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We're not clear  
11 on what you're asking.

12 You're asking if someone is --

13 MR. ALTADONNA: The monies that we  
14 raised -- the monies that we raised in the Friends  
15 of Community Youth and Development was specifically  
16 for GAP programs, was to be used to enhance, you  
17 know, the programs for those individuals, okay.

18 So I just would like to clarify to see  
19 where that money is being used and if that intended  
20 purpose is still there. Okay. That's number one.

21 Number two is back to the recycling,  
22 and this is something that I think we could  
23 consider. I touched on it last time with  
24 Commissioner Lenz, asking him to look at the  
25 cardboard. In the article here, it says we're



1 giving Sanitation District Number 1, \$1.4 million  
2 out of our funds here to go to Hempstead.

3 It says here, from your quote, "It  
4 would cost the Town an additional \$1 million."

5 Now, is that in addition to the \$1.1 or  
6 is that just an additional \$1 million, that's --  
7 I'd like clarification on that. And if, in fact,  
8 if it's only the \$1 million, I think we should  
9 spend it in -- with our workforce as opposed to  
10 giving it to the Town of Oyster Bay.

11 That's all I'm going to say.

12 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Town of  
13 Hempstead.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Town of Hempstead.  
15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I'm going to ask  
17 Commissioner Fitzgerald to please step forward.

18 Hi, Commissioner. Good afternoon.

19 MS. FITZGERALD: Good afternoon.

20 Commissioner Maureen Fitzgerald,  
21 Community and Youth Services.

22 Yes, the program, the artist is for the  
23 GAP program at Marjorie A. Post Park on May 11th,  
24 and it is being used for the GAP program.

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Was the Friends  
2 of Community and Youth Services, what year was that  
3 established?

4 MS. FITZGERALD: I'm not sure. It was  
5 established before me.

6 MR. ALTADONNA: I think it was '01.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Before you got  
8 there.

9 So it was established before our Town  
10 Clerk was a member?

11 MS. FITZGERALD: Yes, Commissioner  
12 Bruce Foley.

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And the rules and  
14 regulations were established at that time, not --

15 MS. FITZGERALD: Board.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- while the Town  
17 Clerk was a member?

18 MS. FITZGERALD: At the original  
19 forming, the rules and regulations were  
20 established.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
22 much. Appreciate it. Okay.

23 And the second question was in regard  
24 to --

25 MR. ALTADONNA: Recycling.

1 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes, recycling.

2 Commissioner Lenz, would you kindly  
3 step forward, please?

4 Would you like to address this question  
5 to bring clarification for all of our residents?

6 COMMISSIONER LENZ: There is times  
7 where we have to make decisions and not decisions  
8 that are just sheer numbers or sheer -- or facts  
9 that go into articles. We have to make educated  
10 decisions.

11 Do we want to go through, like I just  
12 described earlier, do we want to then go through  
13 the neighborhoods two or three more times picking  
14 up newspaper and having the residents have a  
15 separate pail for that, and then have a separate  
16 pail for bottles and cans, and then have a separate  
17 pail for glass?

18 The decision was made that at this  
19 time, we wanted to go the best -- closest to single  
20 stream as we possibly could, so we separated glass  
21 out because -- and that's why you have the contract  
22 that you have, otherwise, you have to have multiple  
23 contracts, multiple contractors picking up at the  
24 transfer station, and then you also have to have  
25 places to put all this material.

1           It just was not the right time to do  
2 everything as -- in this format.

3           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The question,  
4 Commissioner, for more clarification, so if we sent  
5 our recycling collectors out multiple times --

6           COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right.

7           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: -- would it  
8 increase costs to our taxpayers?

9           COMMISSIONER LENZ: It would be -- if  
10 you're going to do it multiple times under --

11          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: For each  
12 individual item?

13          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

14          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would it also put  
15 far more mileage on our vehicles, more expense?

16          COMMISSIONER LENZ: On our vehicles,  
17 our manpower. You probably have to then negotiate  
18 with the union because the union, you've already  
19 established what the -- what the union is picking  
20 up. You'd probably then have to go back.

21                 And we did a quick estimate. It  
22 probably could be between \$800 to a million dollars  
23 in overtime if you're going to have -- picking up  
24 these different resources. Also, you're putting  
25 more mileage on the equipment.

1           The equipment, when we first got here,  
2           was in terrible shape. They haven't purchased new  
3           equipment in quite a few years. We've already  
4           gotten 20 new Sanitation trucks in the two years  
5           that we've been here. We've ordered nine others,  
6           and it usually takes about -- about a year to --

7           SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Commissioner,  
8           just to add to that, by using our Sanitation trucks  
9           to pick solid waste as well as recycling, there's a  
10          tremendous savings there?

11          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes, it is.

12          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By buying one set  
13          of parts for one type of vehicle rather than  
14          investing in tremendous expenditures on sets of  
15          parts for different types of vehicles, there's a  
16          savings there?

17          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. And as you  
18          can --

19          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The overtime  
20          involved of continuously going out for the  
21          different items, there's an expense there?

22          COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. As you've  
23          seen --

24          SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And all the extra  
25          miles on the trucks, the aging of the trucks, the

1 more needed for repairs, new tires, oil changes,  
2 fuel, on and on and on, so this was -- decision was  
3 made based on convenience for the residents.

4 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Cost savings.

6 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Right.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And efficiency of  
8 government.

9 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

10 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, that  
11 sounds like the theme of this morning's hearing  
12 about why the Town's in a much better financial  
13 position.

14 COMMISSIONER LENZ: We made educated  
15 decisions.

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It just goes to  
17 show, in all fairness to the previous speaker,  
18 sometimes if you base everything on one article, in  
19 an article, they don't have enough space in that  
20 article to delineate all these different reasons  
21 that we base a decision on.

22 Sometimes the reporter doesn't have  
23 enough space to really give all the information,  
24 and perhaps the previous speaker, just reading that  
25 article, didn't have all the facts to go on.

1                   So I thank you for coming forward to  
2                   speak about the convenience to our residents and  
3                   the tremendous savings and this decision.

4                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Commissioner, I  
5                   realize that you also thought about one week glass,  
6                   one week paper, one --

7                   COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

8                   COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And we wanted to  
9                   do the KISS system for our residents, keep it  
10                  simple?

11                  COMMISSIONER LENZ: Exactly.

12                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: And that --

13                  COMMISSIONER LENZ: We did discuss it.  
14                  Thank you.

15                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I think you're  
16                  doing the best that you possibly can --

17                  COMMISSIONER LENZ: Thank you,  
18                  Councilman.

19                  COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: -- with what you  
20                  have to deal with.

21                  COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes.

22                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: And we've talked  
23                  about to continue. This is a fluid situation, why  
24                  we only made it for a short term, is because we  
25                  continue to search for and I've asked you to be

1 missioned with the goal of continuing to find  
2 better ways to make us the leader in the state on  
3 recycling.

4 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Absolutely.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
6 Commissioner Lenz.

7 COMMISSIONER LENZ: Yes. Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Are there any  
9 other speakers on these Resolutions?

10 (No verbal response given.)

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Being no one has  
12 indicated they'd like to speak, we're going to ask  
13 for a vote.

14 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay. Here we go.

15 We have a motion on the table to adopt  
16 Resolutions P-7-19 through 268, noting that 265 and  
17 266 have already been voted on. Let me just cross  
18 those out.

19 And we have tabled P-7-19, 232, 241,  
20 252 and 257. I just want to confirm that with Town  
21 Attorney.

22 Are you good with that?

23 MR. ROZEA: So it was 231, 232, 250.

24 MR. ALTADONNA: Not 231, 232, 241, 252,  
25 and 257 and Personnel.



1 MR. ROZEA: Right.

2 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

3 Now, on the vote:

4 Supervisor Saladino?

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I vote "Aye."

6 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Muscarella?

7 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: "Aye" on all.

8 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Macagnone?

9 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: I find this hard  
10 to believe, but I vote "Aye" on all.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: I do, too, actually.

12 Councilwoman Johnson?

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: I vote "Aye" on  
14 all, but I just wanted to talk about Resolution  
15 234.

16 It's for Town assistance for the Brooke  
17 Jackman Foundation. For those of you who don't  
18 know, Brooke Jackman was one of the thousands of  
19 souls, beautiful -- I'm sorry, I get a little  
20 emotional -- young girl in her mid twenties from  
21 Oyster Bay that died on September 11th, so her  
22 family set up this foundation and it's a wonderful  
23 cause. I'm glad to support it.

24 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Thank you,  
25 Councilwoman.

1 MR. ALTADONNA: Thank you.

2 Councilman Imbroto?

3 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I vote "Aye," Jim.

4 MR. ALTADONNA: Councilman Hand?

5 COUNCILMAN HAND: "Aye."

6 Thank you, sir.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: You're welcome,

8 Councilman Hand.

9 Councilman Labriola?

10 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: "Aye" on all.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: Okay.

12 Motion to adopt Resolutions P-7-19

13 through 268, noting that P-7-19 was tabled, 232 was  
14 tabled, 241 was tabled, 252 was tabled, 257 was  
15 tabled, and 265 and 266 were already voted on,  
16 passes with seven "Ayes."

17 The calendar is complete.

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

19 I would like to thank all of those who  
20 testified today on two very important Resolutions  
21 that we voted down, and that was Resolutions  
22 regarding a Fiscal Monitor in the Town of Oyster  
23 Bay.

24 It's so apparent and so clear that  
25 every member of the public who came here to speak,

1 those who have contacted us, and those we've spoken  
2 to in the public, have -- are vehemently against a  
3 Fiscal Monitor in this Town.

4 As a matter of fact, our Town Clerk has  
5 made it very clear, at this round, that he's  
6 against a Fiscal Monitor in this Town.

7 MR. ALTADONNA: That is correct,  
8 Supervisor.

9 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I trust -- excuse  
10 me, sir.

11 MR. ALTADONNA: That is correct.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Excuse me, sir.

13 I hope that everyone who attends the  
14 meeting of those who would like to force this down  
15 the throats of our Town residents will make it very  
16 clear what happened today. I hope anyone there or  
17 anyone associated with this will make it  
18 exceptionally clear of the public sentiment that  
19 this is a political charade.

20 I hope that it will be made clear to  
21 those who would like to foist this upon our  
22 residents, that no resident came forth asking for  
23 this, no resident was in favor of that, and  
24 everyone we heard from today was very clearly  
25 against it for all the reasons, and that the facts

1 presented about the Town's fiscal condition show  
2 and prove that the Town is clearly on its way back,  
3 including the fact that it was reported and it will  
4 be verified by independent auditors that there is  
5 no more operational budget deficit in the Town of  
6 Oyster Bay.

7 I'd like to ask for a motion to end  
8 this meeting.

9 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, I  
10 make a motion to close the meeting.

11 COUNCILMAN MACAGNONE: Second.

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

14 ALL: "Aye."

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,  
16 "Nay."

17 (No verbal response given.)

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The "Ayes" have  
19 it.

20 Thank you very much, ladies and  
21 gentlemen.

22 We're going to take a five-minute break  
23 and then listen to public comment.

24 (TIME NOTED: 1:38 P.M.)

25