

**TOWN BOARD**

**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY**

REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2024

10:21 a.m.

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SPECIAL PRESENTATION

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**JOSEPH SALADINO**

SUPERVISOR

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**RICHARD LaMARCA**

TOWN CLERK

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, STENOGRAPHER

A P P E A R A N C E S

P R E S E N T:

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

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

RICHARD LaMARCA	TOWN CLERK
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO	RECEIVER OF TAXES
FRANK SCALERA, ESQ.	TOWN ATTORNEY

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PRAYER:

Miguel Vasquez

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Army Specialist Sharran Chambers-Murphy

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

Frank Lewis, Public Safety

Arthur Strachman, Big Hy Heroes

Joel Berse, Tranville Hobby Depot

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Good morning,  
3 ladies and gentlemen, happy New Year.  
4 Welcome to our Town of Oyster Bay Town  
5 Board Meeting for Tuesday, January 9th,  
6 2024. This is our first town board  
7 meeting of the new year, so happy and  
8 most of all healthy '24 to all of you.  
9 Thanks for joining us.

10 You have the opportunity to be heard  
11 on matters brought before the Town Board,  
12 as well as at the end, we have comment  
13 period at the end of the meeting.

14 As always, the meeting is being live  
15 streamed on social media and on the  
16 Town's website, which is  
17 OysterBayTown.com.

18 These proceedings are recorded and  
19 later transcribed very professionally.

20 Your voice is important to us.  
21 Statement, comments and input from the  
22 public relative to our meetings is always  
23 welcome, but we ask you keep it to the  
24 time limit and make sure your comments  
25 are specific to the issues during the

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2 meeting that are specifically on our Town  
3 Board Calendar.

4 To submit comments online, e-mail  
5 publiccomment@oysterbay-ny.gov or mail us  
6 to the Office of the Town Attorney, 54  
7 Audrey Avenue.

8 Leading us in prayer today -- for  
9 those of you that are first timers coming  
10 here, since this new administration came  
11 to the Town of Oyster Bay, we start our  
12 meetings with prayer ecumenically as we  
13 embrace all the religions, congregations  
14 and the different segments of our  
15 population that we're so proud to have.

16 Today, we're proud to have leading  
17 us in prayer, Miguel Vasquez, director of  
18 prayer and outreach at Living Faith  
19 Christian Church in Farmingdale. Miguel,  
20 Thank you. Welcome to Town Hall. The  
21 floor is yours. Let's all rise.

22 (Whereupon, all rise.)

23 PASTOR VASQUEZ: Good morning, and  
24 thank you for the honor and privilege to  
25 come before you all for this meeting.

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2 I'm going to ask everyone to just  
3 bow their heads as we pray.

4 Dear God, we thank you for giving us  
5 the opportunity to gather here today.  
6 Thank you for protecting us as we travel  
7 and providing us with the opportunity to  
8 meet.

9 As we begin this morning, we  
10 dedicate this time to you. Your word says  
11 in Romans 13:1 that everyone be subject  
12 to the governing authorities, for there  
13 is no authority except that which God has  
14 established. The authorities that exist  
15 have been established by God.

16 So, Lord, we thank you for  
17 establishing Supervisor Joseph Saladino,  
18 and we thank you for establishing this  
19 board. And we ask that you give them  
20 wisdom and discernment to do the work  
21 that you have set before them.

22 And for the people of Oyster Bay, I  
23 pray the following words you shared with  
24 Moses to pray over the people in numbers  
25 624 through 26, the Lord bless you and

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2 keep you. The Lord make his face shine on  
3 you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn  
4 his face towards you and give you peace.

5 And as the Apostle Paul encouraged  
6 us in Philippians 2:2, then make my joy  
7 complete by being like minded in spirit  
8 and of one mind.

9 So as we gather here this morning,  
10 help us to be unified according to your  
11 word, Father. Help us all to work  
12 together to fulfill your purpose. Help us  
13 to commit to walking in grace, humility,  
14 and truth.

15 And I pray all this in the name of  
16 Jesus. Amen.

17 (Whereupon, All, Amen.)

18 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
19 much for being here today. And thank you  
20 for all you do for the Farmingdale  
21 community and beyond, and especially for  
22 your congregation.

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Leading us in  
3 the Pledge of Allegiance this morning is  
4 leading us in the Pledge of Allegiance  
5 this morning as United States Army  
6 Specialist Sharran Chambers-Murphy,  
7 specialist, the honor is ours and the  
8 podium is yours. Kindly face the flag.

9 (Whereupon, the Pledge of  
10 Allegiance is said.)

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
12 much. We greatly appreciate your  
13 leadership. And now I ask that you join  
14 us in a moment of silence for our men and  
15 women in the United States armed forces  
16 serving here and abroad. And in  
17 recognition of the men and women of law  
18 enforcement, all of our first responders,  
19 our healthcare heroes, and people who do  
20 an extraordinary job to keep us safe in  
21 the Town of Oyster Bay. That being the  
22 members of the Department of Public  
23 Safety.

24 (Whereupon, a brief moment  
25 of silence.)



SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you very  
much. Please be seated.

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: By the way,  
3 when I mentioned the members of Public  
4 Safety, they do an incredible job. And I  
5 see we have many of our members of public  
6 safety and members of the Nassau County  
7 Police Department who all are committed  
8 to putting their lives and safety on the  
9 line to protect our lives and our safety.  
10 And I think they are doing a tremendous  
11 job.

12 (Whereupon, applause.)

13 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: As a nation,  
14 we celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,  
15 and we will soon commemorate Black  
16 History Month in the Town of Oyster Bay.  
17 Today provides us the ideal opportunity  
18 to not only reflect upon the incredible  
19 leadership and courage of Martin Luther  
20 King, Jr., but also on the contributions  
21 that are being made every day in our  
22 nation by extraordinary people.

23 The message of Martin Luther King  
24 was very, very clear respect, unity and  
25 opportunity for everyone, no matter the

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2 color of their skin, their creed, their  
3 religion, whatever it might be, we are  
4 all equals and have an equal opportunity  
5 to show the town, to show the nation, to  
6 show the world what we're all about.

7 Really, as Dr. King spoke of, it's  
8 really about what's inside and what we  
9 bring to the table and how we push  
10 ourselves to act on behalf of others. And  
11 it took a lot of courage and leadership  
12 for him to say that, but that continues  
13 on and on.

14 So in the Town of Oyster Bay, we  
15 recognize that level of leadership. And  
16 each and every year we have created and  
17 we present the Town of Oyster Bay Dr.  
18 Martin Luther King, Jr., Distinguished  
19 Service Award. Today, we honor United  
20 States Army Specialist Sharran Chambers-  
21 Murphy, who is this year's recipient of  
22 the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.  
23 Distinguished Service Award. Let's give  
24 her a hand.

25 (Whereupon, applause.)

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: We talk a  
3 little bit about you right now. Well  
4 deserved.

5 Sharran is dedicated to the service  
6 of fellow Americans and truly represents  
7 the gold standard of community service.  
8 The Town of Oyster Bay's Dr. Martin  
9 Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Service  
10 Award is presented to noteworthy  
11 recipients in recognition of their  
12 outstanding leadership, achievement,  
13 adherence to the principles of a just  
14 society, and the continued involvement in  
15 support of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s  
16 dream.

17 This prestigious recognition  
18 reflects upon the incredible leadership  
19 and courage of Martin Luther King, Jr.,  
20 and also the local contributions being  
21 made every day in our community by  
22 incredible people, real true leaders. And  
23 Sharran is an exemplary veterans'  
24 advocate who provides community  
25 leadership, mentorship, and who is an

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2 extraordinary role model not only for  
3 veterans, not only for kids, but quite  
4 frankly, for all of us. We all need that  
5 at one time or another. Quite frankly,  
6 all the time it reminds us that we're all  
7 of one family. And that's the reality in  
8 the Town of Oyster Bay. It's about  
9 respect for one another, working  
10 together, focusing on our common goals  
11 and uplifting one another.

12 Sharran Chambers-Murphy served in  
13 the United States Army Reserves from 1986  
14 through 1997. Her unit was deployed to  
15 Germany during Operation Desert  
16 Shield/Desert Storm in 1990. She has  
17 performed humanitarian missions in Panama  
18 and in Ecuador.

19 In 2015, Sharran received her  
20 master's degree from LIU Post and is  
21 currently working as a Veterans Outreach  
22 Program Specialist, conducting outreach  
23 to community members and organizing  
24 veteran events across Long Island.

25 Sharran has been a veteran peer

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2 mentor with the Joseph Dwyer Veterans  
3 Peer Support Project co-facilitating our  
4 Liberty Village Group as well as  
5 providing one on one support.

6 She's established many support  
7 groups for others and has received  
8 numerous awards for outstanding service.  
9 Received? I'm going to say earned.  
10 Earned numerous awards for the  
11 outstanding service to our nation, to our  
12 community.

13 So things happen on a big scale,  
14 right? The kind of things you get awards,  
15 special programs. But don't forget when  
16 that one person came along and needed  
17 help, was going through something very  
18 difficult, was fighting demons within or  
19 externally, sometimes both, you'll never  
20 hear about that one person whose life she  
21 turned around, perhaps saved. You'll  
22 never hear about that extraordinary work  
23 that saved that person, that person's  
24 child, spouse, the family unit, but  
25 that's her. That's her. The big scale

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2 macro with that importance of that micro  
3 of that individual. And you continue to  
4 serve both ends of the spectrum with  
5 tremendous ability and the nuances of  
6 protecting people. You really care. And  
7 you're really continuing in the exact  
8 message that Dr. Martin Luther King told  
9 us all, that he preached and he lived.

10 And by living that message, it's  
11 what you do each and every day. It's what  
12 you clearly do for your congregation.  
13 It's what people do, whether they're  
14 putting their lives on the line and  
15 protecting someone in an emergency that  
16 could have affected their own life.  
17 Whether they're working on the pleasure  
18 of happiness, of holidays with children,  
19 enjoying trains, raising money to help  
20 others, or whether you're putting your  
21 lives on the line for people you don't  
22 even know in a town you love, we are all  
23 continuing and helping others and not  
24 worrying about the color of their skin  
25 when focusing on the character within.

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2                   So we thank Sharran and we have a  
3                   very special award. I'm going to ask you  
4                   to please come forward so that we can  
5                   make this presentation to you. It is the  
6                   Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished  
7                   Service Award presented to Specialist  
8                   Sharran Chambers-Murphy, United States  
9                   Army, on this day, January 9th, 2024.  
10                  While the award takes place just on one  
11                  day, your service is eternal. God bless  
12                  you.

13                  Let's hear it for her.

14                  (Whereupon, applause.)

15                  (Whereupon, citation  
16                  presented, photos taken.)

17                  SUPERVISOR SALADINO: This is on  
18                  behalf of not only the elected officials  
19                  of the Town of Oyster Bay, not only the  
20                  Oyster Bay family, but a very  
21                  appreciative town. Our residents all  
22                  thank you very much for all you have done  
23                  to earn this, and also the lessons you've  
24                  taught us all to continue this great  
25                  work. Thank you for all you do.



Is there anything you'd like to say?

MS. CHAMBERS-MURPHY: Thank you all  
for all The work that you do. I  
appreciate it.

I tell you, I'm overwhelmed with  
people doing what they do to help others.  
As Supervisor Saladino here said, yes, we  
are one unit. We are supposed to be  
helping everyone, not based on any color,  
creed or anything like that, but just  
helping.

I'm so excited that someone actually  
recognized that there is still work to be  
done. We can't stop. So thank you all.

(Whereupon, applause.)

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: It's a very  
3 good day. I'm feeling it in my bones.  
4 It's going to be a great year.

5 Next, we're proud to honor  
6 Massapequa resident Arthur Strachman,  
7 whose tireless efforts with Big Hy for  
8 Heroes. Big Hy for Heroes are being  
9 recognized for his organization's five  
10 year partnership with the Town of Oyster  
11 Bay's annual DVD collection drive for  
12 America's Troops and Children's Medical  
13 Centers.

14 Founded in 2002 by Arthur's late  
15 father World War II veteran Hyman  
16 Strachman, Big Hy for Heroes has shipped  
17 hundreds of thousands of DVDs -- wow, I  
18 didn't realize there were that many good  
19 movies; there are, I guess -- to service  
20 personnel all around the world and to  
21 children's medical centers. And this town  
22 board understands that there are  
23 children's suffering. And to bring a  
24 smile to their face, a laugh to their  
25 voice makes such a difference for

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2 themselves, but in the healing process.  
3 Isn't that right, Laura?

4 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Absolutely.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Arthur and his  
6 organization have also supplied large  
7 screen televisions, DVD players and DVDs  
8 to pediatric cancer centers, including  
9 Cohen's Children's Medical Center, Saint  
10 Mary's Hospital for Children, MSK Kids at  
11 Memorial Sloan-Kettering, and the  
12 Children's Hospital at Montefiore.

13 Let's give him a hand for that.

14 (Whereupon, applause.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Arthur has  
16 also supplied televisions, DVD players --  
17 where do you find a DVD player, by the  
18 way, you need an award just for being  
19 able to find those (laughter) -- and DVDs  
20 to residences for abused mothers and  
21 their young children. Another very  
22 important cause that we embrace along  
23 with you in the Town of Oyster Bay.

24 Without Arthur's dedication, his  
25 drive and his selfless service, the Town

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2 of Oyster Bay's annual DVD collection,  
3 drive, and many other charitable  
4 endeavors would not be possible.

5 I ask my colleagues to join with me  
6 in honoring Arthur Strachman for making  
7 an incredible difference and greatly  
8 advancing the general welfare for so many  
9 worthy people, for our veterans who are  
10 so far from their loved ones and just  
11 want some of the comforts of home,  
12 including a night of a good old movie to  
13 bring back -- kind of brings you back  
14 home, right? When you watch some of the  
15 movies? And for the children who are  
16 suffering.

17 We, through our dear friend and  
18 colleague on this board, is one of the  
19 many ways that we've grown greatly to  
20 understand what children go through and  
21 what their families go through. It is far  
22 from easy and it takes incredible  
23 strength. But it also was very helpful to  
24 put smiles on their faces. And that's  
25 what you're doing. Along with the

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2 generosity of our residents, our  
3 employees, all who have been a part of  
4 your program.

5 I'm going to ask Councilwoman  
6 Michele Johnson to assist us as we make  
7 this presentation of Town Citation to you  
8 and your organization. Arthur, you have  
9 all made us very, very proud. So come on  
10 up and let's make this presentation  
11 happen.

12 Let's hear it for Arthur Strachman.

13 (Whereupon, applause.)

14 (Whereupon, citation  
15 presented, photos taken.)

16 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You know, it's  
17 very interesting that I'm holding this  
18 DVD of The Incredibles. You, sir, are  
19 incredible. And we do appreciate all you  
20 do and the legacy you have created.

21 Let's all give him a big hand.

22 (Whereupon, applause.)

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you  
24 again, Arthur. Do you have a website for  
25 people who would like more information?

MR. STRACHMAN: No.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Okay. Well,  
just contact the Town of Oyster Bay  
Department of Public Information to get  
more information on how to help out with  
Big Hy for Heroes. Thank you again,  
Arthur.

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: For our next  
3 presentation, we're proud to honor  
4 someone who has done very much for our  
5 hometown, our community, the community of  
6 Hicksville, where he lives and loves, and  
7 those in need throughout our entire town.

8 Joel Berse, who is with us in the  
9 front row with his wonderful wife and  
10 loved ones, operates Trainville Hobby  
11 Depot and coordinates several model train  
12 shows every year which support worthwhile  
13 causes. There are a lot of fun. We've all  
14 been to the train shows. It's really  
15 cool.

16 This year's beneficiary is the  
17 Oyster Bay Railroad Museum. If you  
18 haven't been there yet, it's really  
19 exciting. You can have a conversation  
20 with President Theodore Roosevelt. You  
21 think I'm kidding? Go there. Make sure  
22 you have your cell phone with you. It's  
23 an incredible technology.

24 Now, the mission is to heighten  
25 awareness, understanding and appreciation

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2 of the railroad's impact on Long Island  
3 life of the history, what it was like  
4 back then and to bring this to the next  
5 generation.

6 Due to the support and generosity of  
7 Trainville Hobby Depot, which raised in  
8 excess of \$3,000, the museum is able to  
9 collect, preserve and interpret the  
10 railroad heritage of Long Island for  
11 present and future generations.

12 Joel is a retired employee of the  
13 Town of Oyster Bay. Thank you for your  
14 years of service. Thank you for the  
15 service your wife brings to the Town of  
16 Oyster Bay. You've all dedicated much  
17 life to public service, including holding  
18 a prominent leadership role in the  
19 Northwest Civic Association, where you  
20 were the immediate past president. You  
21 also served the organization along with  
22 your wife, Barbara, who is an executive  
23 board member.

24 Joel, please come forward or we can  
25 come to you to receive this award. And



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2 I'm going to ask Laura Maier, who  
3 understands the benefit of what you've  
4 done in the past to organizations that  
5 she has brought to the table to support.

6 Joel, we thank you kindly. Enjoy  
7 this next sentence because you're going  
8 to get what you've always wanted. Let's  
9 all the Town of Oyster Bay give a big  
10 applause to Joel Berse.

11 (Whereupon, applause.)

12 (Whereupon, citation  
13 presented, photos taken.)

14 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: I just want to  
15 say, if I may, for a brief second.

16 I've worked in Joel and Barbara for  
17 the last few years, and your dedication  
18 and passion is really, truly remarkable,  
19 you know, giving back to community. I  
20 benefited from it years ago when I was  
21 raising money for the Lymphoma Society.  
22 He reached out to me, put a show  
23 together, we raised a ton of money in a  
24 two day period. And the smile that you  
25 see on the kid's faces as they walk into

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2 the room to see the trains was awesome.  
3 One of my kids was one of them that loved  
4 it. So thank you. Thank you for all that  
5 you do. I mean, both of you. I mean, you  
6 obviously, Barbara, you too.

7 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Joel's got  
8 something to say. We have to twist his  
9 arm and then get him to speak. Ladies and  
10 gentlemen, Joel Berse.

11 MR. BERSE: First of all, happy New  
12 Year to everyone.

13 I would like to congratulate our  
14 town board on their continued mandate by  
15 Oyster Bay residents for making our town  
16 a great place to live.

17 Our Trainville Hobby Depot is  
18 celebrating 25 years of bringing the joys  
19 and education of model railroading while  
20 assisting many worthy causes like the  
21 Oyster Bay Railroad Museum.

22 Four of our six shows this season  
23 are in venues in the Town of oyster Bay.  
24 This Saturday, we will be at Saint  
25 Demetrius Church in Merrick, raising

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2 funds for Saint Jude's Hospital.

3 On President's weekend, we will be  
4 coordinating the 11th Nassau County Model  
5 Train Show at the Bethpage Senior  
6 Community Center. Raising funds for the  
7 games for the physically challenged.

8 In March, will be back at the  
9 Hicksville Community Center, helping the  
10 Hicksville Boys and Girls Club.

11 Our local season finishes in April  
12 with a show at Levittown Hall in  
13 Hicksville, supporting the Nassau County  
14 Police Department Law Enforcement  
15 Explorers program.

16 Be sure to visit the Oyster Bay  
17 Railroad Museum, including the Summer  
18 White House Train Station of about 100  
19 years ago.

20 I want to thank Supervisor Joe  
21 Saladino and all the town board members  
22 for the support that each one of them in  
23 some way have aided our efforts. This is  
24 not only here in Oyster Bay, but it  
25 publicizes our events across New York,

New Jersey, Pennsylvania and  
Massachusetts.

Thank you also both to Brian Nevin  
and Andy Rothstein for their continuing  
assistance.

A calendar of our shows can be found  
on our website at Trainville.com.

Thank you again for the recognition  
you have shown myself and my wife,  
Barbara, here today.

(Whereupon, applause.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you,  
Joel, and thank you to your entire team.  
And thank you, Barbara, and all of your  
efforts. And we want to give a special  
shout out to the Oyster Bay Railroad  
Museum. It is amazing, folks. Bring your  
cell phone. Theodore Roosevelt will come  
to life and speak to you. It is really  
something to be seen.

Let's hear it again for Joel Berse.

(Whereupon, applause.)

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2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Ladies and  
3 gentlemen, you're really going to enjoy  
4 this.

5 Our final presentation is an  
6 opportunity to honor someone who is a  
7 true hero. You talk to him, he won't say  
8 he's a hero; quite the opposite. He's a  
9 humble guy. But boy, oh, boy, we lucky to  
10 have him as an employee of the Town of  
11 Oyster Bay. And we are fortunate to have  
12 him as a member of the community because  
13 he exemplifies what a hero is all about.

14 The heroic actions displayed were  
15 amazing and continue to be amazing during  
16 times of crisis. I started off by  
17 thanking our public safety officers and  
18 our Nassau County Police officers. They  
19 are all incredible and we have to  
20 constantly remember that they're out  
21 there putting their safety on the line to  
22 protect us, and we have an exceptional  
23 member of the team with us today. And  
24 that individual is Plainview resident  
25 Frank Lewis, a public safety officer with

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2 the Town of Oyster Bay.

3 (Whereupon, applause.)

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: He's a humble  
5 guy. He really is. But he's so, so  
6 special. And this is one example of why.

7 On Saturday, November 4th, 2023, at  
8 approximately 7:55 p.m., Officer Lewis  
9 observed smoke and flames coming from the  
10 rear of a house at 25 West Cherry Street  
11 in Hicksville. After notifying the Town's  
12 Operations Center and requesting backup  
13 and response from the Hicksville Fire  
14 Department, Officer Lewis entered the  
15 burning building and assisted all six  
16 occupants safely out of the house. The  
17 occupants were not aware that a fire was  
18 underway in their home. And that's one  
19 of the most dangerous situations because  
20 as those of you who are in firemanics  
21 understand how quickly a problem can turn  
22 into a deadly situation when they're not  
23 even aware.

24 Soon afterwards, members of the  
25 Hicksville Fire Department, who are also

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2 all heroes, arrived on the scene  
3 extinguished the fire, which caused  
4 significant damage to the house.

5 Those on hand noted that Officer  
6 Frank's decisive actions were life  
7 saving. Had he not responded so quickly,  
8 so skillfully, had he not cared the way  
9 he cares, the outcome would have been  
10 tragically different.

11 Our Town Board colleagues and I are  
12 exceedingly proud and publicly  
13 acknowledge and commend Town Public  
14 Safety Officer Frank Lewis for  
15 demonstrating an ability to act quickly,  
16 courageously, to follow the protocols,  
17 knowing exactly what to do, and doing it  
18 when fellow citizens are in dire need.  
19 These selfless and alert actions are  
20 exemplary and exceptionally worthy of the  
21 Town's highest commendation.

22 So, Frank, we have this Town  
23 Citation for you. Michele Johnson, our  
24 senior councilwoman, I'm going to ask  
25 you, along with all of us to make this

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2 presentation. In front of all of your  
3 peers in the Department of Public Safety,  
4 heroes, all, you, sir, stand head and  
5 shoulders above everyone for your  
6 actions. You, sir, listened and and  
7 learned all that needs to be done. We're  
8 proud of you. But look at all of your  
9 colleagues. All here for you. The room is  
10 packed because of how proud the heroes  
11 are of the hero.

12 So thank you, Frank. Let's give them  
13 a big round of applause.

14 (Whereupon, applause.)

15 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Justin  
16 McCaffrey, Commissioner of Public  
17 Department of Public Safety. Would you  
18 come up and join us, please?

19 (Whereupon, citation  
20 presented, photos taken.)

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.  
22 Frank, would you like to identify  
23 everyone who's here by name?

24 OFFICER LEWIS: Yes. This is Frank,  
25 my father; Ryan, my brother; and my mom.



(Whereupon, applause.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: You have proven what it means to be a hero. We appreciate everybody in public safety. We appreciate everything you all do. You'll tell us, oh, I was just doing my job. And you were. But you also proved to us what it means to be a hero and life saving in this moment of crisis. Thank you very much.

Congratulations to all our honorees. Thank you for being here.

(Whereupon, above matter concludes, 10:47 a.m.)

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**TOWN BOARD**

**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY**

**REGULAR MEETING**

January 9, 2024

10:47 a.m.

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**Hearing 1**

**Local Law**

To consider a Local Law to Amend Chapter 4 of  
the Code of the Town of Oyster Bay -  
Administration of Government; Section 4-3  
Department of Town Clerk; Section 4-15  
Department of Receiver of Taxes; Section 4-39  
Executive Department; and Section 4-81 Office  
of Town Board. (MD 12/12/23 #31)

**JOSEPH SALADINO**

SUPERVISOR

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**RICHARD LaMARCA**

TOWN CLERK

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, STENOGRAPHER

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ROBERT DARIENZO,	TOWN DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

1  
2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Mr. LaMarca,  
3 would you please poll the Board?

4 TOWN CLERK: Absolutely.

5 Supervisor Saladino?

6 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Present.

7 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Present.

9 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

10 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: I am here.

11 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

12 COUNCILMAN HAND: Present.

13 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

14 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: I am present.

15 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

16 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Present.

17 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

18 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Present.

19 TOWN CLERK: We have a quorum,  
20 Supervisor.

21 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I just need  
22 one moment, and then we'll get started  
23 with our hearings and our Resolution  
24 Calendar. Please bear with me for one  
25 quick moment.



(Whereupon, brief recess,  
10:48 a.m.-10:52 a.m.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you  
kindly call the hearing?

TOWN CLERK: Today's hearing is to  
consider a Local Law to amend Chapter 4  
of the code of the Town of Oyster Bay  
Administration of government, Section 4-3  
Department of Town Clerk; Section 4-15  
Department of the Receiver of Taxes;  
Section 4-39 Executive Department; and  
Section 4-81 Office of the Town Board.

MR. DARIENZO: Good morning,  
Supervisor and town board members. I am  
Rob Darienzo, I am the Town's Director of  
Finance. I'm here to talk to you today  
about a Local Law to amend the Town Code  
in four sections. We're making  
adjustments to certain salary lines that  
have not been changed since 2010.

One thing I want to make clear is  
that while these specific adjustments  
were not contemplated when we prepared  
the 2024 budget, whenever we prepare a

1  
2 budget, we allow for funds to be set  
3 aside for contingency or for items like  
4 these adjustments that are made. So any  
5 changes you might make today in these  
6 areas, there is, in fact, money available  
7 in the 2024 budget to cover them.

8 With that being said, I'm here to  
9 answer any questions the Town Board might  
10 have or the public might have on this  
11 matter.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: I received no  
13 slips as it relates to this hearing. I  
14 have no questions.

15 Is there any other information that  
16 is pertinent that will be important for  
17 our board to consider?

18 MR. DARIENZO: I don't believe so.

19 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: May I have a  
20 motion?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY: One moment, please.

22 (Whereupon, off the record  
23 discussion.)

24 MR. DARIENZO: Our counsel has  
25 informed us that we need to mention the

1  
2 amounts that are going to be adjusted in  
3 these sections.

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Yes. Please  
5 proceed.

6 MR. DARIENZO: In the Town Board  
7 section of town code, the adjustments are  
8 going to be changing council people's  
9 salaries from \$57,500 to \$63,500; in the  
10 section related to the Receiver of Taxes,  
11 the figure rises from \$110,000 to  
12 \$125,000; in the section relating to the  
13 Town Clerk's Office, the salary raises  
14 from a total of \$114,000 to a total of  
15 \$129,000; and in the Executive  
16 Department, the salary of the Supervisor  
17 is increased from \$140,000 to \$155,000.

18 Again, those figures have not been  
19 adjusted in 14 years. And if you  
20 extrapolate the percentages between the  
21 increases that you just described, you're  
22 talking about less than 1% per year on  
23 average between 2010 and 2024.

24 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.  
25 Frank, is there anything else?

1  
2 TOWN ATTORNEY: Frank Scalera, Town  
3 Attorney.

4 May I add, with respect to the  
5 Office of the Town Clerk, the increase  
6 would be equivalent to the Receiver and  
7 to the Supervisor. I know you mentioned  
8 a number, but the Receiver, Supervisor  
9 and the Town Clerk will be receiving the  
10 same adjustment for purposes of the  
11 record.

12 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Is there  
13 anything else that needs to be added for  
14 informational purposes?

15 (Whereupon, a brief off the  
16 record discussion.)

17 TOWN ATTORNEY: My understanding,  
18 because there are some modifications in  
19 this hearing as compared to the local law  
20 that was published, I understand that the  
21 salary adjustments were already discussed  
22 and put on the record, and I understand  
23 that there would be additional on a  
24 yearly basis adjustments to the town  
25 board members of \$1500 per annum and the

1  
2 other three officers, Receiver, Town  
3 Clerk and Supervisor, an adjustment of  
4 \$2500 to start in 2025.

5 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

6 I have no slips as it relates to  
7 this hearing. May I have a motion?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I  
9 make the motion that this hearing be  
10 closed and decision be voted on today.

11 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

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

14 (Whereupon, all members of  
15 the Town of Oyster Bay Town  
16 Board respond in favor with,  
17 "Aye.")

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

20 (Whereupon, no verbal  
21 response.)

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

24 (Whereupon, above matter  
25 concludes, 10:57 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
                                              :  SS.:  
COUNTY OF NASSAU                    )

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public for and  
within the State of New York, do hereby  
certify:

That the above is a correct transcription  
of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
my hand this 9th day of January, 2024.

Karen Lorenzo  
KAREN LORENZO

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**TOWN BOARD**

**TOWN OF OYSTER BAY**

REGULAR MEETING

January 9, 2024

10:57 a.m.

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**ACTION CALENDAR**

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**JOSEPH SALADINO**

SUPERVISOR

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**RICHARD LaMARCA**

TOWN CLERK

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, STENOGRAPHER

A P P E A R A N C E S

P R E S E N T:

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

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

RICHARD LaMARCA	TOWN CLERK
JEFFREY P. PRAVATO	RECEIVER OF TAXES
FRANK SCALERA, ESQ.,	TOWN ATTORNEY

1  
2 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Would you  
3 please call the regular Action Calendar?

4 TOWN CLERK: May I have a motion to  
5 suspend the Rules and add Resolution 49  
6 through 56-20234?

7 On the motion?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

10 TOWN CLERK: Motion made by  
11 Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by  
12 Councilman Imbroto.

13 On the vote, Supervisor Saladino?

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Just looking  
15 to see if we have any slips on this; no,  
16 we do not.

17 My vote is Aye.

18 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

19 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

20 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

21 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Aye.

22 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

23 COUNCILMAN HAND: Aye.

24 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

25 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Motion to suspend the  
Rules and add Resolution 49 through  
53-2024 passes with seven ayes.

May have a motion to resuspend the  
Rules and add the following walk on  
Resolution number PA-5-2024?

PA-5-2024 is a resolution to appoint  
the Comptroller of the Town of Oyster Bay  
for the period January 1, 2024 through  
December 31, 2025.

PA-6-2024, which is a resolution to  
appoint the Commissioner of Public Works  
of the Town of Oyster Bay for the period  
January 1, 2024 through December 31,  
2025.

54-2024, which is a resolution to  
extend and modify the Collective  
Bargaining Agreement Town of Oyster Bay  
with Civil Service Employee Association,  
Inc., Local 1000 AFSCME; ALF-CIO Town of

Oyster Bay Unit, Nassau County Local 81  
CSEA.

Resolution 55-2024, which is a  
resolution directing the Town Clerk to  
advertise a notice of hearing to consider  
eminent domain over property at Herzog  
Place, Hicksville, Vacant Lot, 14 Herzog  
Place, Hicksville; 10-12 Herzog Place,  
Hicksville; 30 Herzog Place, Hicksville;  
and 3 Jerusalem Avenue, Hicksville.  
Hearing date January 23rd, 2024.

On the motion, please?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

TOWN CLERK: Motion made by  
Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by  
Councilman Imbroto.

On the vote, Supervisor Saladino?

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

COUNCILMAN HAND: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Motion to resuspend the  
Rules of Procedure and add walk on  
Resolution PA-5-2024, PA-6-2024, 54-2024  
and 55-2024 passes with seven ayes.

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2 TOWN CLERK: May I have a motion to  
3 table Resolution 53-2024?

4 On the motion?

5 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

6 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

7 TOWN CLERK: Motion made by  
8 Councilwoman Johnson and seconded by  
9 Councilman Imbroto.

10 On the vote, Supervisor Saladino.

11 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Aye.

12 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

13 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

14 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

15 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Yes.

16 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

17 COUNCILMAN HAND: Aye.

18 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

19 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Aye.

20 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

21 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Aye.

22 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

23 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Aye.

24 TOWN CLERK: Motion to table  
25 Resolution 53-2024 passes with seven ayes



and zero nays.

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3 TOWN CLERK: May I have a motion to  
4 adopt Resolution P-2-2024 through 55-2024  
5 and PA-5-2024, PA-6-2024, noting that  
6 Resolution 53-2024 has been tabled.

7 On the motion?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

10 (Whereupon, off the record  
11 discussion.)

12 TOWN CLERK: Before we proceed with  
13 the motion to adopt the resolutions, we  
14 are going to table one more resolution.

15 May I have a motion, please, to  
16 table Resolution 30-24?

17 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

18 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

19 TOWN CLERK: Motion made by  
20 Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by  
21 Councilman Imbroto.

22 On the vote, Supervisor Saladino?

23 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Aye.

24 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

25 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

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TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

COUNCILMAN HAND: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Aye.

TOWN CLERK: Motion to table  
Resolution 30-2024 passes with seven  
ayes.

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2 TOWN CLERK: May I have a motion to  
3 adopt Resolution P2-2024 through 55-2024,  
4 as well as PA-5-2024 and PA-6-2024,  
5 noting that Resolution 30-2024 and  
6 53-2024 have been tabled?

7 On the motion?

8 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: So moved.

9 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

10 TOWN CLERK: Motion made by  
11 Councilwoman Johnson, seconded by  
12 Councilman Imbroto.

13 I believe we have a speaker.

14 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: One is on  
15 public comment and the other is  
16 Christina. Are you speaking on a  
17 resolution on the Calendar?

18 (Whereupon, member of public  
19 responds, "no".)

20 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: These are both  
21 public comment and they are the only two  
22 slips that I have. I do not have anyone  
23 that wants to speak on Resolution  
24 Calendar.

25 Please proceed.

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2 TOWN CLERK: On the vote, Supervisor  
3 Saladino?

4 SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Aye.

5 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Johnson?

6 COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Aye.

7 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Imbroto?

8 COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Abstain on 50  
9 and aye on all the others.

10 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Hand?

11 COUNCILMAN HAND: Aye on all.

12 TOWN CLERK: Councilman Labriola?

13 COUNCILMAN LABRIOLA: Aye.

14 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Maier?

15 COUNCILWOMAN MAIER: Aye.

16 TOWN CLERK: Councilwoman Walsh?

17 COUNCILWOMAN WALSH: Aye.

18 TOWN CLERK: Motion to adopt  
19 P-2-2024 through 29-2024, passes with  
20 seven ayes.

21 Resolution 30-2024 has been tabled.

22 Resolution 31-2024 through 49-2024  
23 passes with seven ayes.

24 Resolution 50-2024 passes with six  
25 ayes and one abstention.

Resolution 51 and 52-2024 passes  
with seven ayes.

Resolution 53-2024 has been tabled.

Resolution 54 and 55-2024 passes  
with seven ayes.

Resolution PA-5-2024 and PA-6-2026  
passes with seven ayes.

Calendar is complete.

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Thank you.

May I have a motion?

COUNCILWOMAN JOHNSON: Supervisor, I  
make a motion that this meeting be  
closed.

COUNCILMAN IMBROTO: Second.

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

(Whereupon, all members of  
the Town Board respond in favor  
with, "Aye.")

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: Those opposed,  
"Nay".

(Whereupon, no verbal  
response.)

SUPERVISOR SALADINO: The ayes have

it.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, above matter  
concludes, 11:05 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T E

STATE OF NEW YORK                    )  
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 COUNTY OF NASSAU                    )

I, KAREN LORENZO, a Notary Public for and  
 within the State of New York, do hereby  
 certify:

That the above is a correct transcription  
 of my stenographic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set  
 my hand this 9th day of January, 2024.

*Karen Lorenzo*  
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