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TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
TOWN BOARD BUDGET HEARING TOWN HALL

October 20, 2022 7:05 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

JENNIFER DESENA - Supervisor
ROBERT J. TROIANO - District 1 Councilman
PETER J. ZUCKERMAN - District 2 Councilman
DENNIS J. WALSH - District 3 Councilman
VERONICA A. LURVEY - District 4 Councilwoman
DAVID A. ADHAMI - District 5 Councilman
MARIANN DALIMONTE - District 6 Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

RAGINI SRIVASTAVA - Town Clerk
MARGARET MALITO - Deputy Town Clerk
JOHN CHIARA, ESQ., Town Attorney

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Good evening, everybody. Before we get started, I'd like to ask if maybe Mr. McDonough would like to lead us in the Pledge tonight?

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And if we can remain standing, I'd just ask for a moment of silence for our first responders, our veterans and our military.

(Moment of silence.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you. Madam Clerk, will you call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Good evening, everyone. Town of North Hempstead Special Town Board Meeting, Budget Hearing, Thursday October 20, 2022. Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Present.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Welcome to our tentative budget public hearing. This public hearing is an opportunity to review the town's 2023 tentative budget. At our September 28, 2022, town board meeting, I submitted the tentative budget for review by the town board and it was subsequently posted online for our residents to review as well. Tonight we're are hosting a public hearing that will give everyone the chance to both review the document and provide suggestions. So for anyone unfamiliar with the budget process, the way this goes is, the tentative budget along with any amendments tonight will become the preliminary budget. At that point, the town board will then host another public hearing on November 3rd, to take comments and questions on the preliminary budget. After that hearing, a final version of the budget will be presented for a vote later that same night to continue the town's longstanding tradition of voting on the budget prior to election day. I want to thank all of our department heads and the budget team, including our active Comptroller, Paul Wood, Director of Governmental Research, Steve Pollock, and Deputy Comptroller, Sharon Glassman for their diligent work to help my administration craft this year's budget, especially given the unusual circumstances we've been dealing with, as the town has been without an appointed comptroller since my first day in office.

The tentative budget I submitted and we discussed at our recent seven-hour work session, is a conservative and responsible spending plan that kept the town below the tax cap and continued to prioritize our town services and focused on smart investments in the beautification and maintenance of our parks and infrastructure. Subsequent to submitting my original tentative budget, new information came to light that has presented my administration the fiscally sound means to deliver an 11% tax cut for our residents, which I believe would be the single biggest tax cut in town history. After submitting my original tentative budget, my team discovered documents that demonstrated that the Town of North Hempstead has been overtaxing residents for years and keeping these funds in the town's reserves, overfunding them by nearly quadruple what is mandated by town policy. In 2011, the town board enacted a policy that required the town to maintain a reserve equal to no less than ten percent the current general fund budget and a reserve equal to five percent for any other funds in the budget. Upon review, when the town closed its books at the end of to 2021, the general fund reserves should have been around \$7 million at the time, but it had actually grown to more than \$26 million, far more than what was required by the town's policy. So on October 11th, my staff filed with the town clerk distributed to the other town board members and posted on our town website a revised tentative budget that included a proposed 11 percent tax cut for our residents. The tax cut is achieved by using a portion of the bloated reserves, to give our taxpayers some much needed relief as inflation continues to skyrocket, the economy remains volatile, gas prices begin to climb again, and as Nassau County residents continue to experience some of the highest property taxes in the nation. I'm sure my colleagues would agree that when times are tough, it's the obligation of government to provide as much relief as possible for our residents. So once this information came to light, we sharpened our pencils and found a way to deliver this massive tax cut while keeping the reserves at a very healthy level, assuring Wall Street credit rating agencies that North Hempstead is fiscally sound and well managed. Maintaining sound and sensible financial reserves will provide for further taxpayer relief in my multiyear plan to return North Hempstead government to the residents of our township. So before I call up Acting Comptroller, Paul Wood for a quick overview, I think it'd be best to make a motion to modify and amend the tentative budget with the changes presented in the revised tentative budget, noting that the only changes regarding increase in the appropriated fund balance in the general fund and town outside village fund.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Second.

MR. CHIARA: I'm sorry, Supervisor, we have to call the first item.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm pretty sure I just described what was in the -- what was written in the public hearing.

MR. CHIARA: No, I'm saying, we -- Clerk has to formally call the hearing, the hearing is -- first item is the hearing and the second item is the tentative budget, so the person who called the hearing.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, John, just so we're all clear, we call the hearing and conduct the hearing?

MR. CHIARA: Yes. You have the hearing and then you have the tentative budget. Does that make sense? They're delineating two separate items, the tentative budget is not part of the hearing.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I just ask a question of the Supervisor?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, no, no, you can't ask a question.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can we just call it and then --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: She made a statement and I want to respond to the statement.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We can respond to that during the hearing.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I just please ask, members of the audience not to call out, particularly members of the audience that work for the Town of North Hempstead? So, the Supervisor made a statement --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, no, no, no, you don't get to speak now.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No no, councilman, let the Town Clerk call the hearing as the town attorney --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: But, counselor, didn't you just say she had to call the hearing?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I would like to hear the town attorney say that, that's all.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He just did say it.

MR. CHIARA: I think before anything was said we should have called the hearing so it's all part of the hearing.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Exactly, exactly.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the supervisor should have called the hearing before she made that statement?

MR. CHIARA: I think everything should have been done as part of the hearing.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Let me read the item. Item No. 1, a public hearing on the tentative budget of the Town of North Hempstead together with the budgets of all special improvement districts and the assessment roles of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District and Great Neck Water Pollution Control District and the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the year 2023.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I now ask the Supervisor something that she said in her statement, which was that your team discovered documents and during your statement on Facebook, you said that your office discovered that the town has a particular policy. And you also said, and this is what I really want to get to, that I took a bit of umbrage at --I took a bit of umbrage at when you said that this information, meaning the town policy, was withheld from your office, so I'm wondering what you meant by that and who it was that withheld that information.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I did not have the information, if I don't have the information it's hard to say who withheld it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Then to say it withheld would just be erroneous because it might be you just didn't look in the right place.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well there were no documents in my office, everything had been moved. It's hard say I looked in the wrong place when there was nothing in my office, nothing in my computer, nothing.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, well that's interesting because maybe you can bring that poster in. On March 1st of 2022, which is, I believe, after you were sworn in, your team, your financial team and your Deputy Supervisor made a presentation to Moody's where that exact policy --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Sagar.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Sagar, can you - -

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Can you turn it around? Thank you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That exact policy was discussed -- was presented and discussed with Moody's, by your team. And so when you say it was withheld from your office, I suggest that mean -- I suspect that means your Deputy Supervisor, your own financial manager and staff from the Comptroller's office. So when you say it was withheld from you, exactly who withheld it when those people had it?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I did not have the documents, we did not have a comptroller --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, I'm sorry --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you asking me a question?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You ask her a question and you cut her off --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You ask me a question, I'm trying to answer the question, okay? We had no comptroller. Mr. Pollock prepared the presentation for the rating agencies, and --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: If I'm --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'll just --because I know you can't see it, probably no one here can see it, specifically it says the fund balance -- fund policy, exactly what you just read. And then it says, DeSena administration introductions. Joe Scalero, Deputy Supervisor; Paul Wood, Director of Finance, your Director of Finance, now Acting Comptroller; Sharon Glassman, from the Comptroller's office; you just mentioned Steven Pollock, he was apparently there, too; that whole team prepared this. So when you say it was withheld from you, was it them that was withholding it from you?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I'm not saying that my team was withholding it from me.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm asking you, because I don't want anybody to think when you say it was withheld, that I had any part of withholding anything from you, because your staff had it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I would like to ask Deputy Supervisor Scalero to explain what is on the --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Good evening. Supervisor, council people, I can't even see that myself. I'm not sure what you are accusing me of, frankly, sir --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I didn't accuse you of, anything, I'm sorry.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You did.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I did not.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Twice, if fact, just now --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Don't even go there, sir. All I did was ask your Supervisor what she meant, what she said --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You threw my name in twice - -

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- who she was -- when she said it was withheld from her. That's all I said.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You can ask questions or you can answer questions, you can't do them at the same time.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I didn't ask you any questions.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I did.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I was called up by the Chair of this committee.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You made a statement to me, sir.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Because you used my name, sir.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I did -- I read your name off the slide that you presented.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: And you did it at the last hearing and you screamed at him and the guy is an employee of the town, so the last meeting you screamed at him and now we're starting it already.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: If you want an answer to a question, I will give you an answer to a question. If you want to make this --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: He's trying to.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Vaudeville or farce, you can have as much time as you want, it's your meeting. I have an answer, if you want, okay?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You're going to answer for Supervisor DeSena about --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: She just called me up to answer your question as to how this came about because you threw my name as well as a number of other employees up there.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I just read the slide that you prepared, or you presented.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: If we recorded this meeting and played it back, you'd hear you mentioning my name at least twice, sir, at least twice, possibly three times.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: You know why? Because it is on this slide that has the Town of North Hempstead seal, from March 1st of this year where there is a whole paragraph here describing the town's fund balance policy, the policy that the Supervisor has said publicly, criticizing the town, and it has your name on it that you were part of the presentation.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And again, now you're doing it. You can let me answer that question if you're going to throw me into the mix, okay, but the you can't just sit there and make statements like that. The simple fact is, this is part of, I believe, what it sounds like, part of the spring borrowing call that went out to the bonding agencies, okay, there was references made, this is run by -- there were other people involved as well, including our bond counseling and financial consultants. The policy that was referenced to was never provided, they said that it

was in keeping with the policy according to our financial people who verified that. I was part of the meeting, I didn't say it. I don't believe either at the last work session or at any other point did the Supervisor say that you personally, Robert, kept her or prevented her from having this meeting.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I didn't say she did. I thought you were going to give her an answer --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Well I'm trying to get there but you're walking away.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I simply asked her who was it --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You gotta speak into the microphone so that the people at home can hear.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I simply asked her, and how you can give an answer for, I don't know, but she did call you up. She said, not me, not you, this information referring to the policy, which is printed right here was withheld from her office. I'm asking her who withheld it, that's all. You can't even answer that. That's her statement.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I wish I knew, I wish anybody knew. Somebody rifled through and cleared out the Supervisor's office before we got there, so.

MS. DALIMONTE: First of all, I gotta end this. First of all, a Supervisor does not have many files. The Comptroller would have files, the DPW would have files, enough with the files. My office has files because it's relating to a district. But if you ever picked up the phone and called Supervisor Bosworth, where are your files, she would tell you they're with DPW, they're with the Comptroller. If she is the Supervisor --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: With her chief of staff.

MS. DALIMONTE: Excuse me. If she is the Supervisor, that's where her files usually are. She's not a --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: From this point, can I answer this? There is no, as far as I know, published policy like a booklet or pamphlet or a memo, it was done as a resolution in 2011. You would have to pour through the minutes, unless you know to look for it, you would have to be -- stumble upon it while you're going through old minutes from 2011. Not one person, while everybody said we have a policy, and said, this is in keeping with our policy, and our financial people said, yes, this is in keeping with our policy, nobody actually gave us a copy of that. We had to find it and it came out as a result of the budget process this year. It was the first time that anybody actually said, you know, it was done by resolution in 2011, let me print this, let me show you where it is, because there no files there. The Comptroller, I would imagine any good comptroller who was active, we didn't have one at the time, would have said, I keep a copy of this on my desk at all times because it's that important, this town does that much borrowing.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Mr. Scalero, how did the Supervisor's Director of Finance know about this policy on March 1st? Because it is in this slide that the town presented to Moody's, that he was in a meeting on. He has been, according to the Supervisor, integral in creating the budget. How did he not know about this policy, how do you forget from March and budget season?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't know that he ever did, other than he mentioned in preparation for this meeting that we are in keeping with our policy. The only thing --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: The policies are also mentioned in the CAFER, so if anyone were to read the CAFER, anybody in the supervisor's staff or actually read --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The CAFER which is prepared by an outside firm.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: -- were to actually read or to read from maybe last year, they would know that these policies are mentioned and perhaps they would say, hmm, why don't we take a look at these as we create the budget?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You know what? I would also think that members of this board --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I think, Councilwoman --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Hold on, let him respond.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- I would also think that members of this board who have been here for multiple years and knew about it may have suggested at some point, hey, you know, we have a spending policy --excuse me, a reserve policy on it. Frankly, I don't see what any of it has to do with where we are tonight for the tentative budget.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Members of the board have not been involved in the budget and members of the board have been actively excluded from the budget process, so to say we should have come forward and said --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't believe that's an accurate statement.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: -- hold on, to say we should have come forward and put it on us, to put it on us when she is the CFO.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's not putting it on anyone. The fact is there is a policy that's out there, it exists in the form of resolution adopted by the board back in 2011.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Can somebody please bring the actual policy?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah, that's what I've been trying to do. To say that it was in a policy and no one told you about the policy or that it was withheld from your office is just disingenuous. On this presentation that your team made to Moody's, it says, "fund balance policy, minimum unrestricted fund balance equal to ten percent of general fund expenditures." I presume that Mr. Wood, who Ms. DeSena gave credit for preparing this budget, would have recalled that and so that when he submitted the first tax increase, tentative budget, that he would have recognized that there's a policy here.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Can you read that again? Can you read that again, please? Can you read that again; sir?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I would suspect that he could have carried that forward, and now to say that sometime after the first budget was submitted, that somehow her office didn't know about it, you didn't know about it, some discovery was made, like you discovered a new land. It was heard all the time on your presentation.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Can you read that again?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm gonna ask you again, because I took umbrage, whether you said my name or not, to suggest that this information was withheld from your office implicates everybody that's in town government, and I want to be clear that I didn't withhold anything from you, and the only one -- the ones that we know had information were your four staff members, two of whom worked directly in your office, so if anybody is withholding information from you, I suggest you might ask them.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I was just handed a document, Robert, from -- excuse me, Councilman Troiano, from one of your staff members who said that this was in the possession of the town attorneys office, so apparently there are more people that had this, and I'm not faulting the town attorney for not sharing it. I don't know why they would even have it other than as a file copy.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I have a question. We keep on going around and around and around, I wasn't in the meeting on March 1st. You were, Paul was, Steve was. When you go into a Zoom, do you pay attention? Because I sure do, I take notes. I have notebooks like you wouldn't believe. Just don't put this on me, don't put this on anyone at the town board. The Supervisor's office clearly -- reporters --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Madam, I don't know - -

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Excuse me, I'm not done. March 1st, so when you're out there and you're watching this on Zoom, they've known about this policy since March 1st, when she called the press conversation in her office and said that information was withheld, that is a complete lie and not transparent and I'm sick of this administration not being transparent. I'm really done with it!

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're yelling at a town employee.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I don't care, because saying you're transparent is not being transparent!

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's pretty obvious you don't care, this guy is a town employee, you guys are screaming at him.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I get yelled at all the time.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I haven't heard that, I heard you the opposite way, so let's go.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Listen, Councilman Walsh, keep your comments to yourself, you have nothing nice to say to me, don't say anything.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I can make any comment I want, you keep -- you know, don't tell me what to do. Just keep screaming, keep screaming, I'm sorry.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's true because you want to keep on blaming the town board or Supervisor Bosworth for not giving you information.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Are you talking to me, you said Mr. Walsh, I didn't blame anybody for anything.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, and you know what, you've known this information since March 1st.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You've now made accusations against me and the entire

budget team so I think I have the right to make a comment. Nobody ever said that anybody on this board, I don't recall from any of our meetings that said anyone on this board specifically withheld anything from this Supervisor. So you can take umbrage as much as you'd like, I don't recall that ever being said. Maybe you'll get the transcripts and we'll check it and I'll be wrong, but I don't recall it ever being said by anybody.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, if you'd like I can play it for you.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Excuse me, I'm

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's on Facebook. It's withheld from my office.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: By this board, by any member of this board?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So that's what I asked, that was my initial question.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: The Supervisor say it every meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Councilman

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: It's part of --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilman, councilman, please stop.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I'm allowed to speak.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Only one person at a time.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: The Supervisor says every meeting, I lost the files, the files were taken from me, they're not in my office, I mean, every time. It's the same thing here, it says on the slide, your name is on the slide, Mr. Woods' name is on the slide. How could the supervisor make an accusation that she is not aware of it?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't believe -- and you know what, I'm going to throw it out here, the only reason we're having this discussion right now is because those funds are grossly overfunded, above the ten percent that it says on that slide.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Why is it that there was an increase and then a decrease, why is that?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Excuse me, excuse me. I'm going to answer, okay?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let him answer the question.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The fact is that that slide says we're in compliance with the ten percent rule, you're exceeding it by almost four times as much, okay?

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: It I was in a court of law and I introduce this, you know what?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I think you're exaggerating a bit, and you also know that no one was even aware of that until the books were closed during your administration.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You didn't know about it?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Until your administration, I said, that that balance that you're talking about didn't grow and no one knew about it until we got the mortgage tax revenues after you were in office, so that's when it became known. Joe, let's just stop all this, I just asked one

simple question. I'm not even sure why you're here. I'm asking the Supervisor.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm here because I was requested to be here by the Chair of this committee.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm not sure why she called you up. I'm asking the Supervisor who it was that withheld this information from her office, that's all, and she hasn't been able to answer that.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That's all we want to know.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: She's supposed to make her own statement, not you, not Brian Devine, she said it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You keep picking on village and town employees, you really do. You're out of control, you're picking on town employees, give them a rest, you know.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I said he was - -

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, you said Brian Devine, you're smiling, you know you did it, come on. Leave these people alone.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I asked Supervisor DeSena and she's refusing to answer, I guess.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That's the one question we're just asking, who kept this from you? We want to clear the record.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, you're all asking me the same thing. I answered the question right away. If it was withheld from me, I don't know where it is, I don't have it, so --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let me ask you, I said who, you made a declarative statement

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, and my answer is --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- you say, if it was withheld -- you said information was withheld from my office. Yet, your office, maybe you didn't, but your office clearly knew about it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: And I really -- that's an issue.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: And the inference of your remarks is inappropriate.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: It's a pattern.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Stop talking at the same time, one person at a time.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Supervisor, the inference in your remarks are completely inappropriate. You infer something and still haven't answered the question. You brought up the Deputy Supervisor, but it's not -- with all due respect to him, it's not his question to answer.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I answered the question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: What's your answer?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Excuse me, Councilman Zuckerman, it is my question to answer when my name gets dragged into it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I asked who, Supervisor.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: When he stands there and says --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- I asked who. I am asking --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- I have something on an easel, that has your name on it, then --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Stop talking at the same time.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: --it becomes my right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You can't answer a question directed at you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I answered.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Are we having two separate meetings here? I don't understand.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm having a conversation with the Supervisor, not the Deputy Supervisor. I asked her a question, not you --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's fine, but you're doing it in the middle of this board meeting.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- and she's refusing to answer the question, who withheld the information from her, her office.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You're also -- listen, I'm not the Chair, I can't call out of order, you're probably lucky in that regard because having these constant conversations, I'm surprised the Supervisor is as pleasant as she is.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I think the lack of an answer is clear, and that there is no "who" behind that statement.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay, and yet, none of the facts have changed.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Beg your pardon?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And yet, none of the facts have changed. There is in fact a policy that says ten percent, you are in fact overfunded and have been for quite some time.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The fact that has changed is nothing was withheld from her office.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The bottom line is, we have a grossly overfunded reserve account and we don't need them. There is a policy -- there also is something that Moody's looks for and we will be well above that if we return a substantial amount of the general fund to the taxpayers, and that is why I move to modify and amend --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I -- I --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to modify and amend the tentative --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We haven't had the hearing yet.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Second.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We haven't had the hearing yet. Town attorney said we have to have the hearing.

MR. CHIARA: It's Item 2, you have to call Item 2.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I would like to make a statement on Item 1 before we move to Item 2.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: And we have to have a public hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: And there are probably cards here for Item 1.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes, we have a few cards on it.

MR. CHIARA: How many cards do we have?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Three? Three cards we have.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Before we call --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Madam Clerk.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Madam Clerk, Mr. O'Donnell, I'm sorry, if it would be okay if I make a statement?

MR. O'DONNELL: That's fine.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Okay, good. So thank you for giving me the chance to make this statement. So I wanted to take a step back. This is a public hearing on Supervisor DeSena's tentative budget, which she presented on September 28th to the town clerk and the town clerk disseminated to the town board. There is no legal mechanism to revise the tentative budget except through town board amendment process, which is the motions that the Supervisor has been trying to make and will presumably make in Item 2, so I did want to clarify that the item on the town's website, titled "revised tentative budget" is misleading. There is no revised tentative budget at this time. The other budget is a proposed amendment, or proposed revision. Supervisor DeSena, her actual tentative budget, which is this one, is the one where she proposes a 2.12 percent tax increase. My analysis of this budget is ongoing for a variety of reasons. I am hampered by a lack of information, especially information in an electronic format. I understand that it is customary in municipalities to provide a budget in electronic format, including the backup data, and this happens across party lines in all municipalities so that an analysis can be made and amendments can be proposed. So far, the Supervisor or her office has not responded to my request. I only have this in paper form so my analysis is taking much longer. That said, based on analysis to date, I can say a few things. First, it's clear that the Supervisor's proposed tax increase in her tentative budget was inflated and unnecessary. Second, the town is extraordinarily fortunate to have accrued a significant surplus, which should be returned to the taxpayers. This surplus is due to conservative fiscal policies in prior years, plus an unexpected and a much welcomed influx of mortgage and sales tax revenue this year. Statements made by the Supervisor to the contrary are simply untrue. How did we get here? Basically, we have prior administrations to thank and a strong housing market last year. In previous years under supervisor Judy Bosworth, the town budgeted conservatively. The town has in recent years adopted conservative fiscal practices that result in the town's fund balance to be kept at responsible and appropriate levels each year and I am proud of that track record. That's why we can borrow at a lower rate due to our Triple A Bond rating, it's why we get a great stress report from the State Comptroller's office, as opposed to many other municipalities on

Long Island. On top of our conservative budgeting under Supervisor Bosworth, this year we've been blessed with an unexpected and unbudgeted influx of mortgage and sales tax revenues. This is because of the boom in the housing market that we saw last year and the lifting of COVID restrictions. Simply put, people were going out to shop and the sales tax revenue ballooned. This year's unexpected and unbudgeted revenue influx enables the town to provide much needed relief to our residents in 2023. Supervisor DeSena made the outrageous assertion that the town's fund balance policy was withheld from her office. This is simply not true, it is simply another misdirection of falsehood. The town's policy, which the Supervisor's office was well aware of, clearly indicates that the town's unrestricted fund balance, which I call the "rainy day fund," must be kept at a minimum of ten percent of general fund expenditures. That is, the ten percent is a minimum. Our financial experts have always indicated that a two month emergency fund is industry standard, that's about 16 percent. A two month emergency fund is considered responsible. In prior years before the sudden influx, our balance was in the appropriate range. Supervisor DeSena's tentative budget would have increased taxes while establishing a fund balance of 28 percent. This level of fund balance is simply unnecessary. In her proposed amendments, the Supervisor reverses course, but I propose that her proposed amendments do not go far enough. I have a better plan. My budget amendment would enable us to decrease this year's tax bill, allocate funds for additional capital improvements and still maintain a fund balance at the industry standard of a two-month emergency fund. I hope my colleagues on the town board will review my recommendations and vote in favor of them. Details of my plan will be available to all town board members and to the residents in the coming days. Given the timing, I will be moving to table Item 2 to allow for the delivery of these amendments. I will make my recommendations available in simple, easy to read format. My recommendations will be laid out in a transparent way and not secretly hidden in a 200-page budget book, like the Supervisor's are. So to sum it up, I am committed to leading the way by example, by being transparent and focusing on decreasing this year's tax bill, while also allocating funds for additional capital improvements and still maintaining an appropriate fund balance. Our residents deserve no less. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why is this just being brought out tonight, how come you didn't bring this up before tonight? You're not springing this on us now? Of course you are.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I'm not springing anything on you now.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why did you -- why didn't you consult with the Supervisor prior to right now if you have a better idea?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I did ask her for the information in the town budget electronically and I didn't get any response. I believe that there had been several other attempts to reach out for information from the Supervisor's office --to the Supervisor's office or to the Comptroller.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There's a timeline.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: We have timelines of different requests that were made for information, and you know what, it takes time to go through. This is one of the most important things the town board does.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: And you waited till right now to introduce it.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Councilwoman Lurvey, why don't you go through the

timeline? I think it's important that everyone hear it. Please go through the timeline.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please, we don't even have anything to look at. You're not giving us anything to look at.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: The councilwoman is still speaking.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Not tonight, no, but I will be, I will be, but it's just not tonight, I'm just not ready tonight.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We've been asking for questions --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I think --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, one person at a time. We've been asking for questions about the tentative budget since September 28th. They've been very, very, very few, we had many questions asked at the work session last week and we've provided answers. Meanwhile, nothing else has come to us, so you're really springing a tremendous amount of information out here and also referring to some financial developments, some changes from this year that would have had no impact on the reserves that have accumulated that were in the reserve fund before the end of the year. So, in any event --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: That's inaccurate.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please, please, let me speak.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I'm sorry, but that's inaccurate.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're not apologizing, you're interrupting her.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't know exactly what Councilwoman Lurvey is referring to when she said there's been increased revenues, but things that came in this year are not at all in play. The reserves I'm talking about were from prior years. In any event, it's hard to address it with nothing, obviously you have something here that you're looking at that I've never seen, so I'm answering in a vacuum here. The good news is, it seems like Councilwoman Lurvey also agrees that the taxpayers deserve some relief, so I'm very glad that we're moving in the right direction.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I need to be able to clarify something for the Supervisor, who maybe because she's not that experienced in government yet, I'm sure she will get better with time, the items that caused the increase in the reserves were the increases in mortgage tax collections and sales tax collections.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: This year, what about prior?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: From this year?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah, let me finish, please.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Not from this year.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let me finish. So those revenues from the third and fourth quarter are not received until 2022, when you took office, and that's why the Bosworth administration could not have known about those numbers at the time the budget was being addressed a year ago, now. That's what we're talking about.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, the good news is that everyone seems to agree that we need to

reduce this reserve fund in the form of much deserved taxpayer relief. So I'm glad we're moving in the right direction and --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: And it's not just from this year, it's from prior years, it's been sitting there way beyond what should be in there and that comes from the tax.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There's a chart right there.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Councilman Walsh, I would love for you to give us specific example of that.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah, can you give us exactly the years?

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: To make a broad statement like that is wonderful.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I can make whatever statement I want.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I'm asking if you can give us specific examples.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You can't make inaccurate statement, Councilman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Give one specific example, give one example.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: If we take a look at the chart that is here, titled "Mortgage and Sales Tax, 2017 to 2021," it goes through each year and the mortgage or sales tax collected in each year, and you can see that, for example, the mortgage tax collected in 2021, was \$13,224,000, I'm rounding. In 2020, it was \$9,522,000, so that is a \$4 million increase over the prior year. The year before that, it was \$8.1 million. The year before that, 7.8 million. 2021, it was \$13.2 million. That is a huge one year jump, and that is the influx that I am talking about, this windfall, because I want to counter the narrative and explain to everyone that, yes, fiscal conservative policies were enacted under Judy Bosworth, but this claim that there is \$13 million, or there has been a tremendous overtaxing is simply not true. The Supervisor and this administration is sitting right here right now, beneficiaries, the whole town is sitting here right now, the beneficiaries of a strong housing market and large sales tax receipts from last year.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I have something else to say --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I'd like to invite the public to speak, this is a public hearing.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Supervisor Bosworth has always produced a conservative balanced budget, they're in the Triple A Bond rating for the town, it kept our reserves responsible. She worked with her colleagues on the town board and didn't dictate to them. Having been on the board for the past several years, I can say unequivocally that Supervisor Bosworth implemented a supremely transparent budget process, unlike what we have now. Our fund balance is supposed to be at a certain level to protect us from emergencies. Thanks to Supervisor Bosworth, we have that, and based on unique circumstances we are fortunate enough to be in a position where we can return money to our taxpayers while implementing important quality of life projects. We absolutely should did do it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't think anyone would say that I sit up here and dictate to this town board. Anyway, I'd like to call for public comment, please.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: The first card we have is Suzy --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Deputy Supervisor, would you like to clarify something?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Just to correct a statement of fact, if you look at those amounts, they did not just spring up overnight that you referenced. If you look at the actual 2020, we were already, I believe, more than twice what we were required to have in reserve, so this has been building for a number of years, this didn't come from some mortgage tax influx in one year. You give the impression like it just happened from some sort of surplus, that's not the case, it goes back a number of years. This has been a systemic overaccumulation in the reserve funds.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Since you decided to come up here, Joe, are you aware that the fund balance that you're proposing will be higher than under Supervisor Bosworth's?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't know what you mean by that.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry you don't.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The budget process is not a comparison of one Supervisor to the next. I have been -- very often said, in fact, in this very chamber, I'm a huge admirer of Supervisor Bosworth, I would never say anything against her --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I couldn't hear that; what was that?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You heard.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You heard me. You may not agree with that, but --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You said you were a huge admirer of Judy Bosworth?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: She and her husband are very good people but this is not about comparing one administration to another, it's about financial and economic trends, and the fact is these funds have been growing steadily over the years, they've been overfunded for a number of years, this is not to point a finger at Supervisor Bosworth, and to your point about getting a Triple A Bond rating, it's a hundred percent right. Bond rating agencies love high fund, they could never see a fund balance big enough, because it means if you default, you have the money to pay for it. But even they don't require 30 and 40 percent, certainly not for -- just to get the Triple A. You can have that, there are other municipalities out there that have 20 percent and have Triple A ratings, so I don't -- it's a little bit of a misnomer.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I respond and maybe make myself a little bit clear?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The fact that you let me speak and get that out, I would love that, please.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So you just made the assertion that under Supervisor Bosworth, the fund balance percentage kept growing and growing.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: What I said was, it has been growing -- overfunded growth for a number of years. I can't tell you who did it. I think we finally fell into a synch. It doesn't matter when it began, I'm not looking to blame anybody, I don't think the Supervisor was saying this person did something wrong, it's just gotten to a point where over the years it has been systemically overtaxing residents and creating a reserve fund that's far in excess of what's needed. You could reduce that down to 20 percent and still be safe, not put this town in jeopardy, still meet our credit rating agencies request, still meet the State Comptroller's request, which, by the way, were even lower, so if you want to go on a fact-finding mission and find out exactly what year it started, I'm sure we can go through old budgets and find out.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I make a statement? You just can't -- you can't continue to state things inaccurately. Under Supervisor Bosworth's entire term, the fund balance percentage fluctuated every year based on the economy, based on things that happened in the town, and for you to suggest that it's been growing every year is simply wrong. Simply wrong. If you want me to, I'll read the numbers to you --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Let me better phrase that then, but you don't want that, okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let me just finish, and even after your offices, Supervisor DeSena's amendment, even after that, the fund balance percentage is higher than any time under Supervisor Bosworth.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Does supervisor DeSena want to overtax?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yes, thank you.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Is this a tag team thing or can I answer one question at a time? Perhaps let me rephrase it in a way that might be more acceptable to you. It's not that Supervisor Bosworth overtaxed, I never said that that, I said over time, it has grown - -

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Oh, my God.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Excuse me, I said over time, it has steadily grown to where the town as a whole has been overtaxing its residents. Was it equal in every year, probably not. You're right, Councilman Troiano, it fluctuated from year-to-year, I have no doubt on that. But over time, it has, in fact, become overfunded, and yes, would it still be over 20 percent? Would it still be? Yeah, but that's not overtaxing. The Supervisor is proposing to return that money to the taxpayers and that still leaves us with a healthy 23 percent, so that's not overtaxing from this year, that's a result of many years; it took a long time to get to those reserves. They're just too high at this point.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It will be more than double what the fund policy says; right?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's how much now, it would go down to being double and still be double.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It would be mover double, actually.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You want to take it down below that? You're welcome to, but at that point you may be hitting --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: At the end of 2022, it was under 20 percent, and so with your --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: 2022?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah. And now with you and your amendment, it's still over 22 percent. And I don't disagree maintaining the fund balance that high --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Now we're not sharing again.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- I don't disagree with that because there are good reasons for it, and I think the fact that you didn't bring it down lower reflects that you know that there was a good reason for it.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Absolutely. They're financial reasons, they have nothing

to do with anything.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you, that's the point.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, thank you. Let's please go to public comment now.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Susan Shechtman.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Hi, I am back again, I am President of the Harbor Hills Civic Association in Great Neck, and I want to make this as clear as I can and quickly as I can because I only have three minutes, which I think it's going to take longer. We have been requesting clarification of this budget for weeks, and we have not gotten and response from the Finance Department. There's two aspects that prepare this budget, one is parks and one is finance. Parks has been extremely responsive to us, explaining every single detail. There are other aspects of this budget that the questions have been going on for months back and forth through e-mail with no response, and there are certain things that we object to. Now, I can be specific. For example, our budget starts on page 91, and if you look at page 91, you can see that our administration charge goes from \$99,000 to \$115.7. Does everyone see it, it's line 49 --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Just we have different pages, so for the board it's Tab 4, page 15 and page 16, she's talking about on page 15, line 4980, administrative charge.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Yes, thank you very much. The adopted budget, 2022, was \$99,000 This year it's going to \$115,719, that's a 17 percent increase in administration charge. One is the community objects to the overall allocation of \$99,000. We know that a consultant was brought in years ago to determine the allocations by department and we have asked for a review of each of these allocations because we feel that our park is being overcharged. We are only 200 homes and I will point out that when I took a look at the administration charge, up 17 percent, I went and looked at Clinton G. Martin, which is, again, a Special Park District and their administration charge is only up seven percent, and I have been asking for this for months in terms of why, why are we allocated so much more money? That's number one. Number two, our debt service, we have -- that's on second page. We have two primary uses of our debt service, one is we renovated our pool, and the second is that we had to do work because our dock and seawall was destroyed through Hurricane Sandy and FEMA only covered part of the cost that was going to be incurred to finish the job, they only would pay for half the dock, not the whole dock, it doesn't make any sense. And then we had to do our parking lot because they would only do a third of the parking lot and not -- after destroying most of the parking lot, they would only cover. So we were subjected to having to pay for the finishing of the parking lot and the dock and then we had to renovate our pool. My questions that have been going on for months unanswered are, the pool; how much was borrowed? Over what time period is it being paid back and what is the annual interest being paid? And for the seawall and the dock, the same thing, same questions. How much was borrowed, over what time period is it being paid back and what is the annual interest being paid? In years past, what would happen is, we would meet with parks and finance and go over the budget and we would come to an agreement and there would be no issues. This year, there was no meeting, parks reached out to us and we have developed the part that parks is in charge of together and come to an agreement with what their charges are in the budget. But I can tell you that if this is going on, if we have issues, we are a small microcosm of the giant town and we look at every single line and every single charge, and how is this done, how is that done, what's this and what's that? And I can tell you that -- the fact that we have current questions, I'm going to ask, why is the administration charge 17 percent increase versus -- why it is 17 percent

increase?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I believe that Mr. Pollock has given you answers to all your questions --

MS. SHECHTMAN: He has not.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I believe you have submitted several e-mails and he has responded to them.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Not to the 17 percent versus the Clinton G. Martin, seven percent, I have not get gotten any answer about that. I've gotten an answer with that the allocation is based on, you know, the general allocation, what it's based on, but we are -- I think Clinton G. Martin is 1,100 homes. We are 200 homes. Doesn't make any sense that we would be allocated a huge tax increase versus what Clinton G. Martin is. If it's a seven percent increase because of inflation or something like that versus year ago, I never got a justification as to why it's even Clinton G. Martin level, which is seven percent. But then to say it's Harbor Hills is 17, that I never got an answer.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't think you can just compare Clinton G. Martin to Harbor Hills. As you said, they're very different sizes, they're different costs. I know that the Parks Department has provided a lot of answers to you and I know Mr. Pollock has provided several rounds of answers to you, so

MS. SHECHTMAN: Not on this, not on this.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, we can look at it again, but --

MS. SHECHTMAN: I would like to speak to the finance department and I have submitted so many e-mails that say the same thing, and it says just keep submitting the e-mails, and I don't get one question answered causes more questions to come up.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Let's bring up Mr. Wood, maybe he can answer your question right now.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Okay.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Is Mr. Wood here?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: He was two seconds ago.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Deputy Supervisor, would you like to answer the question?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: This is actually the first time we've met in person. Before that was all e-mail. My understanding -- and I'm a little confused by the term "our budget," or "we did this," or whatever. As everyone here knows, like CGM, the Harbor Hills is a park district, it's a town operated district, it's not a commissioner district, there's no elected representatives there. The budgeted money comes out through parks. When they budget for the activities within that district, it gets divided among the homeowners in that district. So comparing CGM to Harbor Hills is kind of an apples and oranges comparison. It also, on a separate note, I don't want to go there right now but as I mentioned at last week's works session, there is a disparity between districts because they are supposed to pay their own way going forward, and because they have different services and different sizes and different numbers, you see a greater disparity between what somebody in one district might be paying compared to

another. As far as being in contact, it's my understanding that there were several meetings or phone conversations, e-mail exchanges between both parks and the district, I know for a fact because I was copied on many of those e-mails. There was questions asked of finance which were either answered directly or through our finance officer. There's not -- I don't believe the 17 percent is the first I'm hearing this, we'd have to look into the specific of that number, but I believe to say that it seemed higher than another district there may very well be a reason because the two districts should --you're not comparing, you're not making an equal comparison in that regard. So, at the end of the day, though, the budget gets submitted by the Parks Department as a town operated district, and goes through like every other department, the vetting process, we make certain decisions based on prior year allocations, needs going forward, et cetera. I don't know that I can get to that -- I don't think that anybody here tonight can get to why that 17 number is exact answer without breaking out the spreadsheets and finding out where it came from.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I think Acting Comptroller Paul Wood should be able to answer, because the administration charge goes to all of the special districts, and that is -- there's a formula.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: There's a formula that's also on outside service that we use assessing those fees?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Correct, that's why I'm saying there has to be somebody in the Comptroller's office that can show her, in 2021 it was this, 2022 it was this, 2023 it was this, because when I worked as the Executive Director of the BID, and after that survey happened, we knew a certain percentage, so she should be able to get this answered, it should be right there in the Comptroller's office with this information explaining what the increase was, and even next year you're going to have an increase and you'll know.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And I believe during the budget session, that was explained, I believe all of this was gone through. I was not at the personal meetings between parks and the district when they went through that. I don't know, ma'am, if you were there as well. I don't know if -- no disrespect, nothing but respect for the civic associations, they play an extremely valuable role, particularly in our incorporated areas, but they don't have an official government capacity in that. It's a group of citizens. Any of us can ask questions about budget, but that doesn't make you part of the process, necessarily.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: No, no, no, I'm, just saying that there should be, because I do remember when I worked at the BID an as executive director, we received a form letting us know the percentages every year that they would be increased, so I'm sure there's something in the --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That was sent out to all of them, I'm sure because it's generated by an outside company, there's also -- I don't know if this particular district is included in that, but there was a number of them that were in a five-year phasing adjusting those, in which case they all received those notices, not only at the beginning of the five-year phase showing what it would be, but what each years increase is.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, that's what I'm saying, maybe Paul knows where that notice is and he can provide it to her, that's what I'm saying.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: In a town operated district -- listen, we'll share anything

it's public information, but it wouldn't have been provided to anybody in a town operated district because it goes to the Parks Department.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Deputy Supervisor, what is your hesitance to having Mr. Wood answer the question?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: He's gonna give you the same answer I gave.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I appreciate that and --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Not everybody is as comfortable as I am of standing here and getting beaten up by you, sir. I apologize for that. Some of us are gluttons for punishment, I'm sure --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: All I'm trying to say, and I'm not trying to beat you up, all I'm trying to say is there should be a sheet for Harbor Hills Park District. (To Councilman Adhami) This is your district, you're going to want it too.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Is Mr. Wood out there? Is he in the hallway?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And there was, and it was provided during the budget session.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Is Mr. Wood out there?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, but I'm saying she wants it.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: She's not part of the budgeting process.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So she can't get it?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, I'm saying that's why it may not have been provided already to her. I can get a copy, I don't have it with me tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Excuse me, can you come to the podium?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I said a moment ago, they'd be happy to share it with us, it's a public --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Have you received the document that shows the administration charge every single year and the increase?

MS. SHECHTMAN: No.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, so that's what you're looking for.

MS. SHECHTMAN: I saw an allocation that was from 2020, 2021, I saw an allocation. One was we object to the level of allocation, that's the first thing. The second thing is, we object to the dramatic increase in the allocation this year, to be 17 percent. We don't understand it. Now, parks has been very open about working with us and providing every detail of everything that they are in charge of. Parks does not -- is not over the finance group. The finance group is not giving parks this information, I have submitted it to parks, so the to the Supervisor's office, to Councilman Adhami. I have submitted it to everybody I can think of because we want the information, and something as simple as the debt service, why can't we get that information? How much was borrowed, over what time period is it being paid back and what's the annual interest being paid? That's not hard. The allocation is hard because it involves a lot of departments and it's a formula and we object to the formula. That's number one. Number two

is, we significantly object to the 17 percent increase this year. I mean, we are looking at a 17 percent increase in our taxes and that's with using our fund balance, which we didn't agree to. Our fund balance is used for capital projects and for equipment that we need that's not part of the budget. Our number came down and it's a 17 percent increase.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, because you're using appropriate fund balance, \$25,000.

MS. SHECHTMAN: In the past we've been consulted, what do you think, how much, what should we do, what are you looking to purchase this year, we have a list of things that we need to purchase for the park that are not part of this budget, that are one time, or once every five year things, we need a lot of furniture. I don't need to go through it, but we need a lot of things for the park district this year that we need our fund balance for.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You're not in my district, I'm just trying to help, and I'm just --

MS. SHECHTMAN: I appreciate it, I'm just talking, I'm sorry, I appreciate the help.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm just trying to help you as much as I can because I see -- you're back here for the second time, you're not getting answers, if I had them I'd give them to you.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm sorry, I just don't have the answers.

MS. SHECHTMAN: I have not gotten the answers. The answers go directly to me because I represent the community.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Mr. Wood is an employee of the Town of North Hempstead. Multiple council people have requested that he step to the podium and answer this question. I'm going to request again, Mr. Wood, as an employee of the Town of North Hempstead, I ask that he come to the podium.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Is Mr. Wood available? Can you try and answer the question?

MR. WOOD: I apologize to the district if information that they're looking for has slipped through the cracks, but I know Mr. Pollock has always been the one to respond to these, these items, and what you're asking for specifically, I do not know the answer and I don't want to give you incorrect information. I will certainly make every attempt to get that information to you as soon as possible, that's all I can say on it right now. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Thank you.

MR. SANI: Hi, good evening, my name is David Sani, I'm also on the board with Suzy. I missed some of her questions so I apologize if I'm repeating something. Harbor Hills is only 195 homes in this very small park district. Clinton G. Martin has maybe quadruple the number of houses, so does Port Washington, and our admin fees are many multiples of what it should be, and we just had a 17 percent increase which comes to roughly about \$600 per house, it's quite significant. So we'd really like some answers on this. I think that's fair.

MS. SHECHTMAN: And I'd like to ask when we can expect the answer, because I've been

doing this for two months now, and I don't understand why I can't get the answers I don't really feel the answers in the e-mail are helpful because there are many more questions than just the specific answer. There's texture and dimension to this, but we need to sit across a table with people and discuss the issues that we're having, and without that, the community cannot support this budget. And our community is very active, and I want to reemphasize, that if we are noticing things in this budget, it's throughout the town. We are looking specifically at our little tiny little piece, but to us, it's huge, because we're looking at a tremendous tax increase because of all of this. And my community is saying, we pay for the pool, how much do we pay? I mean, these are typical questions people would ask, and I can't answer them because I can't get anybody to respond to me, so I don't understand -- I don't know how long it will be before someone finally responds to me with a meeting that I can sit down and discuss this.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We can try again to have parks answer your question --

MS. SHECHTMAN: Not parks, finance.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Obviously it's related, it's the expenses, so it is related.

MR. SANI: Well, the admin fees --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: These questions are actually not parks, these questions are more finance. It's the bond issues and it's the administration charge, that is not parks. Parks can answer the questions on how much water and supplies and heating and things like that, but the questions that you are answering need to come from the Finance Department, not the Parks Department.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Parks has told me they cannot answer these questions, they are waiting for answers from finance. Parks is very open with us and very detailed and we understand what's going on.

MR. SANI: About a year ago when I first asked about the admin fees, I was given a maybe 2,000 page book that Maxson had done for Town of North Hempstead, trying to explain what the admin fees are and how they're allocated, but there is no metrics that would break down why such a high portion of the admin fees are being billed to 195 homes when all the other special park districts are significantly larger. It's just -- I don't know what metrics to use, are we using number of homes, population size, value of --assessed value over all of the homes, any metrics that I could think of, and I'm a comptroller, nothing makes sense.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I think we owe you an answer. Obviously you're very well informed about your district, obviously you've been involved for many years and are not looking for a battle, but information, right, and working together like you have in the past, and I would suggest request the Supervisor to make her staff available to you to have a meeting to go through the issues to try to come up with, you know, the answers that you need.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Scalero, can you --do you want to speak to this about when we might be able to get the information?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: We could, with all due respect, we can have this conversation with every district and every resident in this town could come up and say, I want to sit down and meet with your finance people and go over my taxes, it's just not practical. I can get the answer to them. Councilman Adhami has been I know in contact, as well. I'd be more than happy to get the information as to how those numbers were generated. But this is not -- just

to be clear on something, this is not anything new, as you know, you do it every year, this is not -- we haven't changed any of the formula, this is all the admin fees in particular, it is your cost of the town services you receive in that district. Now, to your point, sir, it's dependent on the number of homes, if you only have 190 homes, it's divided 190 ways. If you have 400 homes, it's divided 400 ways. Obviously I don't have to explain the math to you, but you're spreading it out over a lot more homes. So every time you increase services in that area, you run the risk of having to pay higher admin fees as your proportional share and because you're essentially reimbursing all the other town residents for the services that are being used only in your neighborhood, so that's the nature of a park district. And by contrast, and I do this not to sound flippant, but if you were, for example, a homeowners association like you have particularly down south, I was just down visiting someone not too long ago, that have a homeowners association that pays for all of this and they diwy up all the costs. This is your share as a homeowners association. This is far less than that because you're taxing yourselves for it and because you're getting some services provided by town, let's call it a bulk fee, or a bulk rate. That was the very long answer to I will be happy to get that information to them. I'm sorry, it's the only time I've ever looked at Councilman Troiano and thought he was going to nod off.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm listening so intently.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I would just like to let you know that -- you know I started my term in 2020. In 2021, I did with -- under Supervisor Bosworth's administration for the Manhasset Bay Park District, I met with Finance, the District and the Parks Department and the -- we did that, and under Supervisor Bosworth's administration, that was done --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Wait, excuse me. We have to vote on this budget. If these residents that are here that are representing those 200 homes don't feel comfortable and are expressing their concern to us, I have their concern, as well. We have to be transparent. They want to be -- they want -- they're asking for the information, they're asking for a meeting, this is not my district, but just like I did with Manhasset Bay Park District, this needs to happen for Harbor Hills. It's very important that we are transparent because we have to vote on this.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: First off, I have absolutely no doubt that you would have met, even if it meant bursting down the door to a meeting and charging in, but --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That's right, because I do that for my residents, I was elected.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's fine. I can't speak for what happened in the past, I can't speak for that. I know that what I was told, what I was copied on, what I was privy to, is that there discussions had, there were meetings had, there were back and forth e-mails where this -- I saw some, where this information was explaining the details. To have a personal meeting might feel good. I don't know that they had time to do it, I can't speak for the people who were doing -- she's asking for, and I'll give you an example, she's asking for a meeting with a person would is not here right now. As -- I don't know if any of you heard, I can't go into the specifics, but we found out just yesterday or beginning yesterday, that one of the critical elements of our budget team, Steve Pollock, who has done a phenomenal job with our capital plan, with our budgeting and with our indebtedness management, or bonding management, has taken an extended leave, unbeknownst or unannounced. It's his right to do it and I can't get into the details

of what he cited for privacy purposes, but I will get that information. I'm going to have to sift through the notes, I'm gonna have to find it, I will get it for them, but for that person to have to sit down and meet with every resident in the town who wants to talk about their budget or tax bill or whatever, I can understand the stress level on that, but I do know that he responded by e-mail to every request that came in because I saw them. In the meantime, again, the short answer, I'd be happy to try to get an answer for this particular question and share it with the civic association. No issue with that. Does that answer your question, Madam Supervisor? Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: The next --

MR. SANI: I'd like to point out something, if I may. We're looking at the budget that was on your website. There were initially some errors on it, and the errors for tentative 2023 were addressed. The errors for '21 and 2020 still remain. They took the actual fund balances at the end of the period and they added it to the sum -- to the totals for those years, which makes those numbers look highly skewed and not representative of reality. So for example, the actual budgets for 2021 were \$421,350 --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Hold on one second, David. Mariann, what is the page number -

MR. SANI: Page 17.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Page 16. It's 16 down at the bottom.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You're talking about the --

MR. SANI: Page 17.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Well, you're different than us.

MR. SANI: Okay, 16.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can I suggest that we take a look at these numbers as part of your follow-up conversation?

MS. SHECHTMAN: I think this is an important point to make because I think that if you take a look at errors that were made, they were corrected -- the initial budget that was on the website had it going all the way across. If you can look at the amount to be raised by taxation, you see that in 2021, it's \$713,525, which is an inaccurate number, because it added it's fund balance into the amount raised. You see it? And it's -- I saw these numbers and I went crazy, I said, what's going on?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's Tab 4, page 16, it's under summary, it's after the revenue.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I see it there, yeah.

MS. SHECHTMAN: That was also in the 2023 budget, and I then sent multiple e-mails saying you've added our fund balance incorrectly and it's made our numbers huge. Because if you look at the first budget that was posted, you can see --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm only working off the first page -

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't think that it's something we can --

MR. SANI: No, no, no, we're not asking you to address it, we're just showing you - -

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right, okay, well let's --

MS. SHECHTMAN: Errors that were made that may have been -- that may be in other budgets.

MR. SANI: And they could be used in calculations which is what is worrisome for us. Also I wanted to say something to what the gentleman before us said, he was explaining that the admin fees are based on the actual costs that are incurred for our park districts, and I don't believe those correctly reflect what's expensed by our park districts. Our park district is miniscule compared to some of these other park districts, all of them have pools, all of them have the same staff, they have bigger parks that they maintain. Somehow our numbers are almost as high as theirs in certain categories, and we've asked for breakdowns for two years now, and I'm still waiting to see some of these, and throwing the Maxson 2,000-page book at me and explaining to me, this is based on the study and I ask what metrics is used for the study and I'm still waiting two years later for it. I understand Mr. Pollock is on leave now, but he wasn't on leave before.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you've had these questions last year as well.

MR. SANI: Yes, absolutely.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, So --

MS. SHECHTMAN: That question that he's referring to is the total allocation. That was -- I said that's one question. The question that's relevant to this hearing is the 17 percent increase versus last year. That's relevant.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We're going to have to follow up with more information.

MR. SANI: Thank you so much.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you. Next speaker is Alex Carbinatti.

MR. CARBINATTI: Good evening, how are you?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Good evening.

MR. CARBINATTI: I'm Alex Carbinatti, I'm with Rutgers University, I'm a junior at Rutgers. I'm from Long Island, and I'm here doing a project for my poli-sci classes. I've been here and enjoying the lovely conversations. I'm just curious about the, again, the budget's coming up on November 3rd, you'll be voting on it then. I'm just curious about whether or not every jurisdiction has the same calendar leading up to the vote.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: There are some state requirements. In the Town of North Hempstead, we have been voting on our budget earlier than the state requires so that it would be before election day. That's been a policy that we've had here. Some of -- we've had more hearings and more work sessions than are required, and not all towns do it the same way.

MR. CARBINATTI: All right, fair enough, thank you very much. I appreciate it.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Pete Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: Pete Gaffney, Westbury, Carle Place School District. Let me get this straight, on the website, 2023 amended budget, that's not something we're supposed to be looking at?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right.

MR. GAFFNEY: Where does it tell that to anybody? I spent pretty much about 12 hours reviewing the budget, so I'm looking at ridiculous numbers. Anyway, here it goes. Probably a lot of them are going to have to be answered by e-mail, but, like, a general fund, a tentative budget, page 7, administration; again, I'm looking at the website pages, okay. 2023 for page 7 administration is \$377,572, the adopted version in 2022 was 206 --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Just so you know, your pages are right to our so far.

MR. GAFFNEY: Good.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Tab 2, page 7.

MR. GAFFNEY: The first page, I hope it would be. 2022 actual was \$206,370; 2021 was \$289,841. Explain the difference increase, okay, that's the first question I've got. And this is going to be longer than three minutes. You understand, we're going from 377 to 206 --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I understand what you're saying, I understand that --

MR. GAFFNEY: Why are we having such an increase?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You know, I -- I probably shouldn't be the one answering these, but I'm just saying this if you look -- I understand what you're doing, you're Tab 2, Page 7, Department of Administrative Services. So, Mr. Gaffney, what you're asking for, and the Supervisor can answer, is, tab 1,000 personnel services, that's where your difference is. If you look at all your numbers, that's where your difference is.

MR. GAFFNEY: So we're increasing additional numbers that last year all we heard was that we were short.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Not that much.

MR. GAFFNEY: Not that much? To me it's a lot.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's personnel services, line 1,00 and line 1,300, overtime. So that -- when you write your letter, put that in --

MR. GAFFNEY: I'll reference that, yeah, okay.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- line 1,000 and 1,300, because that's where your increases are.

MR. GAFFNEY: Okay, same thing, we're gonna go -- well, I'll skip the Comptroller's office. Page 16, Department of Information Technology. You're only allocating \$2.5 million. Is that really enough with all the stuff that's going on with malware, cyber attacks and things like that that's going on? I don't think so. Next one is on 23, 24, Harbor Links Golf Courses, the increases have been crazy year after year after year with them. This needs to be really looked at, especially with the last few meetings we've had where golfers can't even get on the golf course. It's kind of ridiculous. I know it's a fund-making machine, but it just seems like too much of the funds is going to other people, not to North Hempstead residents. Office of the town clerk, same thing, there's a 167k increase, that's on page 32, very high. And then now we switch to solid waste management, and this is where I think some of the funding has and come where we have this large income increase in the budget. That now got rolled over, it's been absorbed by the town itself, so that was a profit center for years for us, so now it's now rolled over that. I don't know if anybody has taken the time and the trouble to look at that as part of the increase in our budget.

General fund revenues, special district facility charges, 23, 69 to 64, back in '20 it was 3.1 revenue. Is there any revenues listed in the state budget for the pandemic funding, whether it be federal, state or county funding? I'm just asking, I don't know if we have anything left over or if everything has been used; given to us. I know the county has given us money, the state has given us money over the past year. Solid waste management is the same kind of thing, it tells me to see page 38 so we'll do that. The general transparency purposes, it makes sense for -- to have the -- on page 10, Roslyn Community Services itemized. We don't have any assisted employees, but yet we have moved various community centers to Parks Department. Does it make sense to have those two separate categories, I don't think so. Veteran Services, the amount is ridiculous, it's very shameful. \$18,150 --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Where is that?

MR. GAFFNEY: This is Veteran Services, page 13, line number 6, 7, 8, 9 it is. \$18,150, that's what we're budgeting. We gotta do better for our veterans. And besides, many the veterans are older and they get thrown into the seniors package as well, so, we need to do better, really. The categories, interesting fact is if you actually look at various categories of budgets for the water, the heating and the electricity, they're the same as last year. No way that's actually happening. It's just that the actual versus what they're budgeting this year, it shouldn't be that way. A lot of the special districts, they actually budgeted it quarterly. It's actually -- you're seeing an increase that's on there. The other one that's one of my favorites is we've enacted the business and tourist and development. I think it's a wonderful thing, but we've got to start doing better with this one. Let's get the word out how great North Hempstead is. I write to you pretty much every week and I tell you you're getting better because I started seeing some stuff, but, hell, we've got some great places to visit, to look, to shop, to buy. They gotta start getting out there and getting the word. You gotta get it out onto social media. Town clerk's office, records management, there's a large drop because of personnel services, it looks like. It went from 23 total to 173, is what you're budgeting, to \$252,975, but yet, the total of the town clerk is almost \$96,000 over in 2022. My question is why? This is on page 34. Solid waste management division, general funds, \$16.2 million. Total expenditures were \$17.8 million, but yet, when look at the numbers, it actually looks like they were actually generating quite a bit of money this past history. Funding for the town, with is something that they did, but now it's been absorbed by the town general funds, I think, in Administrative Services. Maybe that's where some of this larger gain came in addition to the taxes and mortgage tax and other things like that. Full-time salary, some of the recommendations. You got an info tech administration, 8.5, you're only increasing it by .5. My opinion, and I kind of know about this stuff, it should be at least 2. We need a webmaster and we also need someone that's going to protect ransomware and malware and emergency administration defender, right now there's zero in the emergency fund. Maybe that can coordinate also with the court call center, something, God forbid, happens in the town, some tragedy, that's one of the places that probably people call the most, so 311 needs to be included into the actual emergency defending system. And also, you can use the North Hempstead TV. You put the actual -- our meetings on TV, on North Hempstead TV, why not expand that? That's a great vehicle --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you, your time is --

MR. GAFFNEY: Not done. And then in it terms of funding code enforcement, page 17, you're at 4, we need a total of two more, at least for public safety. We keep on expanding public safety code enforcement and what they've got to do and tagging everything, I'm telling you, my area,

I've got no parking signs all over, and I challenge anybody to tell me how many tickets have been written. I got people parking on the sidewalks, there are no tickets that are being done. Code enforcement is spread too thin, they need too much. The commissioner is a wonderful guy, he addresses every single thing, anything that I've ever called up on, he actually does his best on that, but he needs more help. It can't just be up here, that's why we need at least two. The other thing, last but not least is -- and also, think about it, leaf blower, how many tickets were written for leaf blowers this past year? Not many. And I'm telling you, I got about seven guys that come on my block and every week, loud as can be. Lastly is the -- and the rest of it I'll write it up. The last thing is the --actually two things, I'm sorry --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You already said the last thing a few times ago.

MR. GAFFNEY: I know, I'm sorry. The traffic engineer, we need another one as a backup. A couple of years ago we went almost a full year, it was about ten months without having one. We need to have that one that can address the needs that the citizens have. And then the last -- the very last thing is, the special district for the fire department, for Carle Place, please have them do their signs that they have around the town that identifies the phone number and maybe even some of the social media. I've been trying to get them to do it for years. They're so -- they're blank, and, you know, all I can do is contact you guys and I guess for a fee I can have them done tomorrow. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Michael O'Donnell.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I have to tell you, the one thing I really like about board meetings is seeing the two of you.

MR. O'DONNELL: The boxy twins. Michael O'Donnell, I remiss, I did not get the booklet, I did not have the time to go on the computer because I'm leaving the country, but my famous little --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Where are you going?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, no, no, you shouldn't be telling people you're leaving.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, right, you're not supposed to do that.

MR. O'DONNELL: I don't care. I don't care, have a good time, you want to come in, come in. England and Ireland is going to get me. I'm remiss, as they said, perhaps when Councilman Adhami could answer my pet peeve.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Hillside Avenue, let me guess. How did I know?

MR. O'DONNELL: I know it's the Highways that is responsible for it. I've listened to the Supervisor, her emphasis on beautification, which, as I repeat myself over and over, Hillside Avenue median is the gateway to this county and this town, it's also the exit when you're leaving, and now, as you all know, during the daytime, Hillside is a service road, both the Northern and LIE. Everybody coming in and out. Please see if there is proper funding, see if those dead bushes between Paul and Lincoln are removed, they're a fire hazard, aside from an eyesore. I will have someone check the books while I'm away, it's hopefully before the next meeting, maybe somebody else can get up here it to cover for me. The Lakeville Estates Civic, which is -- they've grown, thousands and thousands of homes. One little comment I do have to make,

Scolano [sic] is your --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Scalero.

MR. O'DONNELL: Scalero, he was saying it's impractical to have someone from the town to sit down with constituents. Well, let me tell you, I've been in this town for over 50 years, and I go back to Mike Tully, who lives a couple of blocks from my house. If someone came, and they came several times to this board, we make sure that that person or that head of the department sat down with that individual. He did it, they did it, Kaiman did it and Judy did it. It's not either party. I'm a registered Republican, been that way all my life. How I vote is a different ball game. You can get somebody. Please, don't tell --this lady's been here, they did their homework, there should be someone, should get there and give her the facts. Transparency, that is the most important thing in government or having been so called near where I used to live. Transparency. People look at transparency all the time, and if you're transparent, no matter what your constituents are, they will appreciate it. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you. We're done with our cards. No more cards on this.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I make a motion to continue this hearing.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: To when?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Oh.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: October 25th.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: That's the next meeting?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That's the next session.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's the work session.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: To October 25th.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: October 25th. Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 2 --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It is scheduled for 6:00 p.m., October 25th.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 2, a resolution certifying completion of review of the tentative budget and setting a date for a public hearing on the preliminary budget of the Town of North Hempstead, together with the budgets of all special districts for the year 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to modify and amend --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I move to table.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- the tentative budget --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I move to table.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, I am the Chair of the meeting --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I made a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I made a motion at the same time, Councilman, I am the Chair.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I finished my motion, ma'am.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I made a motion to amend the --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I made a motion to table, clerk. You have to call the roll.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, Mr. Chiara, I'm pretty sure I moved at the same time. I did not recognize Mr. Troiano and I am the Chair of the meeting.

MR. CHIARA: It's not a race, okay, Councilman Troiano made a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I made a motion at the same time, Mr. Chiara, we can play back, everyone can watch the recording.

MR. CHIARA: I know. Board rules have a procedure for it. If you both make your motions they're called in the order of precedent, that's the rules. I know Councilman Troiano made a motion, Supervisor made your motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I made a motion, too, I made a motion to amend the tentative budget with the revised tentative budget as I have distributed to the town board and has been published on the website since October 11th.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Second.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Wait a second, wait a second.

MR. CHIARA: The order of precedence, you have to call the motion to table and then you have to call --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, if I was making my motion at the same time, why do you only hear Mr. Troiano?

MR. CHIARA: I heard both of you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm the Chair of the meeting, though, so I didn't recognize Mr.

Troiano, so my motion started first.

MR. CHIARA: It's not who gets to speak first, it's the order -- you both get to make your motions and then you do it by the order of precedent. It's not who speaks first, that's why we have the rules, these are standard rules. This has happened at many meetings before. Two people make their motion -- I mean, I'll just go through them.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, but the Supervisor made the motion first.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, we've discussed amending this, we've discussed the distribution of the revised budget and the amendment for many days now, and it has been suggested that I amend it and that is what I just did.

MR. CHIARA: Article 8, Motions and Proceedings, Subsection C; the following motions shall be received by the Supervisor and these motions shall be in precedent order stated, or an adjournment of the meeting or hearing or to the continue a hearing past midnight. That's the first precedent. The second one, for a call of the town board, a roll call to determine attendance or quorum, that's the second. A third motion, to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure. Four, to change the arrangement of the calendar. Five, to enter an executive session pursuant to the open meetings. Six, to recess town board temporarily. Seven, to lay on the table, temporarily place a matter aside or to take from the table. Eight, to postpone to a certain date to reserve decision. Nine, refer a resolution, which would be to vote on the resolution of or other legislation or to a committee of the board consisting not less and one or more of the three members for a period not to exceed 90 days. Ten, with a previous question, which means to call for a vote on the matter under consideration. And then eleven, to amend.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So it seems you've already been through this, everybody here, you knew the order and you knew that the motion to table would come first, so I see that. You all were talking while he was reading, saying yes, that's the one.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I wasn't even talking.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I was listening to him read the --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I've never seen that before.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Yet another false statement.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Rules is rules.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Really? Now you're

COUNCILMAN WALSH: They're all working together to make sure this happens.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can we call the roll, please, on the motion to table?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So do you. So do you, Councilman Walsh, so do you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I just want to say --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can the clerk call the roll on the motion to table? There's been a motion, it has to be called.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Has there been a motion to -- we didn't get a correction from the counsel.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, can you clarify, then? What's your decision?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: What goes first?

MR. CHIARA: Let me make it clear, does everyone -- everyone has a right as a board member to make a motion. If anyone wants to make a motion, they can make a motion and I have to decide the order of precedent, is there any other motions to me. For instance --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, if you go back to the beginning of what you just read, I thought you said to be entertained by the Supervisor, so it seems like the Supervisor is the one who is receiving the motion to table, and if I didn't recognize him, how can I do that?

MR. CHIARA: Okay, you're technically correct --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right, thank you.

MR. CHIARA: -- but you have to recognize him when he wants to make a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But I was speaking at the time, I was already speaking making a motion to amend.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: She never recognized --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, I was speaking as the Supervisor, I was moving to amend and Councilman Troiano interrupted me. By the way, is that how things worked for Supervisor Bosworth? I doubt it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, because we worked as a team.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, I bet.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: She was very transparent.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I never sat within a town council, so I wouldn't know. I know what the rules of order are, and you've read them. I need the district clerk to call the --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If I didn't recognize the motion, then how can you recognize the motion?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You don't get to recognize.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, it says --you said received by -- entertained by the Supervisor.

MR. CHIARA: I do see your point, Supervisor, so I think you're technically correct. You made your motion, now, does Councilman Troiano have a motion to make?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can we have a call -- a vote on my motion?

MR. CHIARA: That's not how it works. You have to recognize his motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Why?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: You can't shut him down like a dictator.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Oh, really, I'm the dictator.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, yeah, who's the dictator? I think the people see what's going on around here.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: He's reading to you from the rules of order.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If I was speaking, excuse me, if I was speaking, how can I recognize someone else making a motion while I'm in the process of making my own motion? So I would like to have a call -- I would like to have a roll call on my motion.

MR. CHIARA: There's two motions on the floor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I didn't recognize his motion. I was making the motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You don't get to not recognize my motion, don't you understand?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Actually, that's what he said, he said I was correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, he did not say that.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: He did not say that.

MR. CHIARA: You can't not recognize a member --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: How can I entertain it if I was speaking and saying my own motion?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: If you don't know this, I'm an elected official, I have a right to make a motion. I made a motion.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So did she.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Not at the same time the Chair is making a motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I can say it after you, it doesn't make a difference --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, but, no, you would have to have -- no --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- When there's an order of precedence then there's an order of precedence, which motion goes first. He read the order to you. The very last precedent is the motion to amend. Sorry, Supervisor, you can't have your own rules. Clerk, you need to call the motion --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, you don't direct the clerk.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- You need to call the roll call for the motion to table.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You don't direct the clerk. I'm still speaking to the town attorney about this.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: She's got to follow the rules. No one directs the clerk. She has to follow the rules --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You don't direct the clerk either.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- the town attorney has read the rules.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And he's also said that it is correct, I had to entertain your motion. So my motion --

MR. CHIARA: So, Madam Supervisor, will you recognize the motion of the Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: What about her motion?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, because I was speaking, I was saying my own motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You're not gonna recognize an elected officials motion?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're not gonna recognize mine?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Oh, no, I recognize yours. You made a motion.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So she goes first.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So why don't we have a vote on my motion?

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Because there are two motions on the floor.

MR. CHIARA: Your motion, Supervisor, is on the floor --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: There are two motions, yes. Supervisor's motion is already on the floor.

MR. CHIARA: --is already on the floor, Councilman Troiano has made a motion. Do you recognize his motion?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I want the roll called on my motion. I don't understand.

MR. CHIARA: Because it's not how the order of rules work. You have to recognize him to make his motion, then there's the order of precedence, otherwise the order of precedence would be meaningless.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But if everybody speaks at the same time, we have disorder. If I'm speaking a motion, why does he get to jump in and interrupt?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: This is the point, Supervisor, you could speak it and say it in full, and I have the right to make a motion that -- different motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, don't we vote on my motion first?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, that's why he read the order of precedence to you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I've been told many times up here that no one speaks until we have a call -- a vote on the motion on the floor, so that's what I was expecting.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's never happened before? You know that that's happened.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Where are you willing to vote on whether I can amend this budget? I distributed this budget on October 11th, it has been on the website, why are you unwilling to consider this amendment? Is it because I proposed a tax cut and now you say you're proposing a tax cut? Why won't you let me amend it?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We are simply --I am, anyway, when other votes gonna come out, I am making a motion to table so we can give consideration to this budget that our questions we asked at the work session have not been answered fully. We've had people come up here who can't get answers either; right? And so we're looking for a table and you can make your motion with the next meeting, and that would be fine.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But why wouldn't you want --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm not answering -- we've got two motions.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, you can answer, you're talking, why can't I talk too?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Because you asked a question.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Why can't we decide --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: There are two motions, the clerk has got to do something.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilman.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The clerk has got to do something, there are two motions.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, we can decide if we are amending, if you've accepted the amendment --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, we don't decide, the rules of order decide.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, you vote, you have to vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The rules --yes, exactly right, in the order of precedence. The first vote by the order of precedence, per town rules, is the motion to table, then we can take up the motion to amend.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: She made a motion and I seconded it and then you yelled for a motion to table.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Do you understand the order it comes in? Did you hear what he said?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But if I didn't recognize your motion --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: He read it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You said that she's technically correct, the Supervisor. So how can you be technically correct and then not able to go have this vote?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I ask for a point of order, please.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: By the way, I can amend this and then you can table it.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Point of order, please. I'd like town attorney to please read the section again.

MR. CHIARA: The following motion shall be received by the Supervisor acting --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: John, can you speak closer to the microphone?

MR. CHIARA: Sure. The following motion shall be received by the Supervisor, acting presiding officer and these motions shall have precedence in the order stated. For an adjournment of the meeting or hearing, 1, for adjournment of the meeting or hearing or to continue a hearing past midnight. Two, for a call of the town board roll to determine attendance or quorum. Three, to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure. Four, to change the arrangement of the calendar. Five, to enter an executive session pursuant to the open meetings law. Six, to recess the town board temporarily. Seven, to lay on the table, to temporarily place a matter or to take from the table. Eight, to postpone to a certain day to reserve decision. Nine, refer a resolution or other legislation to a committee of the board consisting not less than one or more than three members for a period not to exceed 90 days. Said committee shall report its findings in the board in writing at least seven calendar days before a scheduled town board meeting, with the aforementioned 90 days period and the resolution or the legislation shall be placed on the calendar of the scheduled town board meeting after said report is made to the lawyers. The committee shall be appointed by a majority vote of the town board as part of the motion to refer. Ten, for the previous question, to a call for a vote on the matter under consideration. Eleven, to

amend.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So it goes in that order.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It goes in that order but my motion was started. I started --excuse me, I started speaking. Since I was speaking, moving to amend, I did not recognize Councilman Troiano, and we do not have multiple people speaking at the same time in this board room.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: But the rules states that you have to vote in precedence.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, Councilman Zuckerman, I did not recognize his motion. I was making a motion, I am going to move to --

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: So you've --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: You do not get to not recognize --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, there is a Chair --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: --Mr. Chiara, is the Supervisor allowed to not recognize Councilman Troiano?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I am the Chair of the meeting, are I not?

MR. CHIARA: Yes, you are.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, So I do call on people --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And the chair is trying to disenfranchise all the voters of District One by not recognizing my motion.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's absurd.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: What I am trying to do is amend the tentative budget with the changes presented in the revised tentative budget that you've all had. The only important change of which is the increase in the appropriated fund balance and the general fund and town outside village fund. I make that motion, I call for a vote. After that is done, you can move to table it and you can vote no, but I made that motion and I did not recognize yours. Town clerk, please call the roll.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And the rules allow me to make a motion to table.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: And they don't want -- and they - - and -- and --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Does everyone see what's happening? They're working together.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- and -- and --I'm gonna talk over you and they don't want the Supervisor to have any accomplishments, including lowering taxes --

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Point of order.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- that's what this is about.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: She was originally raising taxes.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Point of order.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: She's trying to amend that, and you won't allow her to amend that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The town attorney has - -

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Point of order, please.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You won't allow her to do it.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Thank you. There is a motion to table that is -- I don't know what you say, on the table?

MR. CHIARA: How I view it is that Councilman Troiano has made a motion to the Supervisor to be recognized and the Supervisor's not recognizing. So what we've created ourselves is a standstill.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Did you hear me make a motion?

MR. CHIARA: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So why are you picking Councilman Troiano's motion over mine?

MR. CHIARA: I'm not, but --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It sure seems like that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: My motion is the one on the table.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Because we didn't start voting yet and so other council members are allowed to also put motions on the table --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: This is a travesty.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It certainly is.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: That's the way the rules of order work. That's just the way the rules of order work because we're not a dictatorship.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't think the rules of order mean you speak over each other.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: A dictatorship, I think we all know what's going on here.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We know what's going on, is an attempt not to abide by the rules.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's an attempt

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's an attempt not to let the Supervisor have anything --receive anything put in the budget.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Obviously we are continuing -- the hearing has been continued to October 25th. It is very important that we know which budget we are talking about, so I plead with my town board members to let the public have clarity on what is the budget. I submitted a revised tentative budget on October 11th. I was told by the town attorney to submit this as an amendment. I attempted to do that in the beginning of this hearing and was told, oh, let the town clerk read the paragraph first. You knew that was coming and that's why you spoke over me when I started my motion. My motion is on the table. Town clerk, please call the roll.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You are not on the table, you can't just make up your own rules, Jen. The rules are written there, what are you doing?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I know the rules are written --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You are an attorney; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You know the rule of order; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I know the rule of order --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, so let's follow the rules of order --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And I was making a motion, you don't speak over me and why are you refusing to accept --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why are you refusing to follow the rules?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: She's not refusing to follow the rules, she's not refusing to follow the rules --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You can table it, but let me - -

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- you're just talking over people.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let me provide the clarity of having this called and an amendment to the budget, because you keep suggesting that it doesn't exist, even though I distributed it to you on October 11th.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And the confusion is created by you because you submitted two different budgets. That's the confusion.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Can I please say something? Yes, you amended that budget -- I don't even use that budget, so dumping a 200 page book on our desk, telling us to find the differences is not a transparent action --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We told you the difference.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Excuse me. We couldn't possibly have cross-referenced the thousands of lines in both budget books. I asked at the work session for a letter telling me the differences. I still have not received that. I want it in writing what the differences are, and it should be sent to everyone on the town board, because honestly, you guys say you're always transparent, you guys use it as a buzzword, but being transparent -- you know, being transparent and saying you're transparent are two different things, and I really don't trust that you're revised budget is only that and I want it in writing.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: What am I supposed to trust, you have given us nothing. You've said that you're submitting something in a few days, you haven't given anything, so I don't know what we're looking at, but I want it to be clear that we are now looking at my amended -- my revised budget, and once I make this motion, and town clerk, please call the roll, Councilman Troiano is free to move to table it afterwards, but I want it to be clear that this is the amended budget I proposed with an 11 percent tax cut. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm going to ask the town attorney to read the order of precedence again.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We're not talking about order of precedence.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We are talking about order of precedence, it's exactly what we're talking about.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, my motion was already on the table.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It doesn't matter. I'm allowed to make a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Anytime someone starts a motion, someone else can just speak right over them and say, move to table. That is disorder.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's unfortunate you didn't know the rules before you started --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, no, no, that's disorder.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: --Mr. Chiara has read it twice, he needs to read it a third time, apparently.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It doesn't need to be read a third time.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Why are you unwilling to vote?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why are you unwilling to follow the rules of order?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Because you won't let the people know which budget we're talking about.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Because you're trying to --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Those are the rules of order.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: He has read it two times already.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I think we can see what's going on here, they're trying to shut down the Supervisor.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I certainly see what's going on here, Supervisor does not want to follow the rules of order.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, yeah, that's what he said. Does anybody believe what this guy is saying over here? What are you, kidding me?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's clear, everybody can see it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, they can, people see this. People know what's going on.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, I think you have agreed --

MR. CHIARA: Does somebody want to make a -- okay, go ahead.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I think you

MR. CHIARA: Does somebody want me to reread it?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, we've heard it twice but I think the important thing you've agreed --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Yeah, I would like you to reread it. Yeah, I would like you

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can I finish my sentence?

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I thought you were done.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He's just being an obstructionist.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I'm not done. Mr. Chiara, I think you agreed that I was --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- she doesn't --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're talking right on top of me.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're being an obstructionist, let her talk.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: When Mr. Walsh speaks, you don't say anything, but when Zuckerman or Troiano say anything, you go crazy.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're the one who goes crazy, listen, you're the other one screaming up here.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah, because it's, like, ridiculous. It's not transparent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, Mr. Chiara

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Give it to me in writing.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Chiara, I think you agreed that I was speaking, I was making the motion. While I'm making a motion, I can't be entertaining another motion, so my motion was begun. Town clerk, please call the roll.

MR. CHIARA: I agree that you have to recognize Mr. Troiano.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: How can I recognize him while I'm speaking?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Then recognize him now because he made a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Because my motion was on the floor.

MR. CHIARA: It's not a race.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Well, you know what, I can make a motion, too, and you would have to recognize it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And I'll move to table right on top of you, is that what we're doing right now? Move to table anytime anyone speaks?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I'm just trying to break this lockjam so we can go home and continue to analyze --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I am too.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: -- this budget because I don't have it electronically, so I want to go home and go through --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I want us to do that too, but I want to make sure everybody is clear is that we are talking about the amended budgets that I submitted on October 11th. That is why I have moved to amend the tentative budget with those changes, and that is my motion. Town clerk, please call the roll.

MR. CHIARA: The problem is, is that there is still a motion from Councilman Troiano, and you've not recognized him, and that's the problem here.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's the problem.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: This is board, you know, this is board rules 101.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Can't he be recognized after the Supervisor's motion?

MR. CHIARA: Then the rules of precedent would be absolutely meaningless and I should --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: So what I'm gathering under the rules of precedent is, if anybody makes a motion to table as someone else is speaking, that just trumps it.

MR. CHIARA: No, it's that it's not a race to who speaks first, it's that everyone can make a motion orderly and that it can be considered and then the rules of precedent can be applied and then it can be taken in those orders.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You used the word orderly, it's not orderly when somebody cuts off the Supervisor in the middle of her, you know, statement. That's not orderly. You said orderly; right?

MR. CHIARA: You're correct, Councilman, this is not orderly.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Pardon me?

MR. CHIARA: You're correct, this is not orderly.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's not orderly at all.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: To cut off the Supervisor in the middle of a motion.

MR. CHIARA: This whole process right now is not orderly.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: That's why we have rules of order.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Town attorney, if we follow the rules of order, we wouldn't have this; correct, right now?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Now you're asking him to make a political statement.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I'm asking about the rules of order. How is that political?

MR. CHIARA: Listen, this is not -- to me this is not a political thing, this is just -- I'm trying to, as a parliamentarian, trying to follow the rules. I don't really know what else to say about it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Do the rules now allow anyone to speak on top -- when the Supervisor is speaking, for someone to yell out, "move to table," while the Supervisor is speaking? Is that the new rule?

MR. CHIARA: Is that a question?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah.

MR. CHIARA: You are correct, that's why I agree that when you made your motion, Councilman Troiano speaking over you does not mean that he has a motion. That's why right now there is still only one motion on the floor, but he has made a motion and he's asking you to recognize him. That's the standstill.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I would like to have the roll called on my motion before we do that. I know you'll all vote against me, but let's just --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why not --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please, because I made my motion first.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But you are not following the rules of order. I don't understand what the problem is, it's not a race. The rules of order are established for just that reason.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But if my motion is on the table, why do I have to recognize your motion?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Because anybody else -- any other five council people can make different motions entirely, but they all --and then they follow in order as to which one gets voted on first. It doesn't matter --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, it should be the Supervisor.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- who said what first.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, I think I've heard many times that when there's a motion on the table, you have to have a roll call on that motion first before someone else makes another motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I don't what you think you heard, the town attorney has read it at least two times. Those are the rules, not what you think you've experienced in the past.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Well then it wasn't enforced in the past, because it's happened many times.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Well, maybe it wasn't, but I'm not agreeing --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It wasn't enforced in the past then you're the one who does it. This is a joke here, I think people -- let's go.

MR. CHIARA: If there are multiple motions on the floor, they have to be considered. If the clerk starts calling then there has to be a vote. The idea is you can't interrupt, it happens regularly, but you really shouldn't be an interruption of when people are voting, because, right, the vote should be debate, right, says -- right, clearly in here, and I know we break that rule too, sometimes, but that's where there shouldn't be debate, during the vote. But you're allowed, council members can make different motions, so, you know.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So we vote on the Supervisor's, then --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Oh, God, I can't take it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: --we vote on Councilman Troiano's. I guess that's not gonna work out.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, because the rules of order don't provide for that, Dennis. I don't know what the problem is.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Listen, I heard you say it 25 times, but you cut the Supervisor off, you didn't let her finish, she put up a motion, whatever you -- you know. I'm not going to say again, but, you know, people see what's going on.

MR. CHIARA: Listen, I'll give you an example, someone could make a motion, motion three, to temporarily suspend the rules, and that motion would have to be heard first, and if you want to suspend the rules and you can make a motion within to suspend the rules, to suspend these

specific rules.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm not looking to suspend the rules, nobody said that.

MR. CHIARA: Okay, I'm just --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I get it, thank you, I appreciate it.

MR. CHIARA: I'm just explaining how

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I appreciate the information.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, I ask that we vote on both motions. I ask that the town clerk, please call the roll for my motion to amend. Once we do that --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: You can't do that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, we can. Why do you just say that?

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: The town attorney read this --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, and he has also said that my motion was on the table.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: There's a rule of precedence, Supervisor. The town attorney has said it multiple times and we have to follow the rules of precedent.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He also said she's technically correct; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: He also said that I was making a motion, I didn't have to recognize Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Supervisor, I don't know that the town attorney read this portion of the rules. It says, the following motions shall be, not might be, the following motions shall be received by the Supervisor or acting presiding officer --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: How can I receive it if I'm making my own motion --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Because once you get done --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- I have to stop?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- I can still make the motion.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: But you didn't wait until she was done.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You want to do it all over again, David, come on, let's not play games.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: You could have waited.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let's say it again. In fact, I'll do it now.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: No, you could have waited.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you're saying

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'll just do it now. I make a motion to table. Okay, now, she must receive that, David. David, you're an attorney too; right?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I am, but you made a calculated --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You follow the rules of order; right? And you know full well

when it said, the following motion shall be received, means she must receive it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But how can I receive it?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You can't pick and choose --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman Troiano --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- and you know it. That's shameful.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Just because you yell doesn't make it more right.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Don't be calling people shameful, you know, you love to call people names.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I didn't say he was shameful.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, you said that is shameful.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Exactly, thank you for saying what I said.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's referring to him being shameful.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I said what he said was shameful.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You fool around with your words, you yell at the employees, now you're telling him he's shameful.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: He knows, as an attorney --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm not gonna stop talking. If you want to keep talking, we could do this all night long.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman Troiano, just because you yell doesn't make you more right.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think the --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You should know better, you always tell us how long you've been around, you should be the one to know better than to call somebody shameful.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I didn't say that.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You've been around a long time.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I didn't say that.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes, you did.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think it would be better for the public if they know which budget we're talking about, which is why --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I think it would have been better if you submitted one budget.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- and then I submitted an amended budget --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Because you knew back in March exactly what the fund balance policy was. I'm not sure why you're saying it was a discovery.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Listen --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why don't want to have a tax break for the people?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- why don't you want to give a tax cut?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: We know which budget --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I just want you to know, Supervisor DeSena, I, as the President of the Westbury School Board have given tax cuts two years in a row. Don't tell me I don't want to give a tax cut. I know how to do a tax cut.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm glad that you

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That has nothing to do with this, and again, you're manipulating the conversation because you're very good at that --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- but that's what you're doing, you're manipulating the conversation. I'm not that good at it, but you're good at it. I'm learning from you how to be manipulative. You're manipulating the conversation --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You're manipulating the rules.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- about the Westbury School Board.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You're manipulating the rules. It's very clear.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Listen, we've had plenty of testimony at the work session and tonight about the fact that there is an overfunded reserve. I know the public would like to have this given back. I know that we all are in agreement that we would like to give a tax cut. Please, let us be clear on which budget we're working on and accept the revised budget so that we can then continue working on that for October 25th, which we've already agreed we're going to do. I don't know why you won't do that.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I disagree, we have a tentative budget, we should continue to work on that tentative budget --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You don't want the tax cut?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Excuse me, please stop talking over me.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Oh, I'll move to table.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Oh, there we go, yep, move to table.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right, right.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Were you not listening when I read my statement that agreed that there is tax relief -- that there should be tax relief for our residents, and I will be proposing amendments in the next couple of days that goes even farther, so I do not think we should be voting on any amendment revision, especially not one that was presented in a form that we can't be sure exactly what we're voting on --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's the same --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: -- and that is why we should continue, stick with your original tentative budget and at the next hearing, we will entertain all amendments to that budget.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why are you dropping that bomb shell tonight, why didn't you tell the Supervisor a few days ago if you have another plan?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: For two weeks I was working off of the Supervisor's --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, you weren't, you knew what was going on. You know exactly what was going on.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: What are you -- excuse me, excuse me.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Let her finish, Dennis.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: For two weeks -- how am I supposed to know that for two weeks --at two weeks I was working off of this budget, and then all of a sudden, this revised budget was dropped. How am I supposed to know that was coming, Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You certainly knew before 45 minutes ago when you gave a big speech about what budget you're going to present.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And -- and --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Do you know how long it takes to work through a budget, to work through the changes? This is the most important thing this town board --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Excuse me, sir. This is the most important thing the town board is going to be voting on all year, and I am not going to be rushed into it or bullied into it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You've had that budget for eight days, it's been online --you've all had it for eight days. We don't even have what you're talking about, so let's at least have one thing that's clear, that we can -- no, we're not voting on the budget tonight, we're just --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: We're not voting.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, we're not, vote doesn't come until November. We're following a process and we're not voting on a budget until November 3rd. So what -- let's just make sure we're talking about the correct budget, and that is the October 11th revised budget that I filed with the clerk and gave to all of you that has the 11 percent tax cut because of reducing the fund reserve. That is -- what I think the public wants to know, they want to know if we're working on that budget. You're going to give us something, I don't know when because the hearing is in four days, but you're going to give us something and at that point, if you want to propose a tax cut, I'll be thrilled. But for now, everybody needs to know that we're talking about my revised tentative budget that I submitted October 11th, and posted online. Please, don't argue with that with knowing which is the budget we're talking about.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I think what would really help, and I've seen some of the things that Councilwoman Lurvey has suggested, and I've just given --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Oh, you have, well I haven't including the charts you brought in.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: How come I didn't see some of the stuff --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Again, they're talking over me, they're in cahoots.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: How come I didn't see some of the stuff? You saw it, how come I didn't see it?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I asked her. Listen, so -- let me finish. So what I'm trying to say is, you put this 200 page document on our desk. I've asked in the work sessions

and I've asked again tonight, I want it in writing. To me, the budget that you presented is not the budget I will work off of because I don't -- I cannot go line by line, dropping that off and saying that you should -- it's an amendment. Amendments go, we're going to debit this, and then these are the reasons why we're going to do it. That's the way the budget process should work. That way it's very transparent. I don't know if that is the only thing you changed, and to be honest with you, I want it in writing. And no one is saying that they're against the tax cut or anything like that, don't make this about that. I want your amendments in writing so then we take the tentative budget, we take our amendments, we change them, then we know, because this is something that all of us have been working with. So why don't we just table -- everyone send in their amendments in writing, and then -- like, I got the questions that I asked not that long ago, I've been in meetings since 9:00 in morning, I haven't even looked at the answers to see if they're even appropriate. So I might have more amendments, that's why I didn't give any amendments, because I haven't gotten the answers for that. Why don't we just table it so we can end this fiasco and just say at the October 1, you have the amendments of the tax cut, Veronica will propose her amendments in writing, and I ask it to be done in writing. It's the most transparent way? Why can't we just be transparent?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Are you talking about the transparency, that you saw Veronica's stuff already that I didn't see?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: By the way, I only saw, like, one or two things.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You did say that I already saw some of the things that you want to do.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah, one or two things, no big deal.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, but one or two, three, four, eight, how many?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I'm not allowed to talk to Councilwoman Dalimonte about amendments?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But why didn't you give them to the rest of the board?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, why didn't I get this thing? Why didn't Mr. Adhami get to see?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It was two things.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We have changed less than two things in this budget. You have Deputy Scalero, who testified for six hours. You have what I've said. You don't need me to put -- you want it in blood? You need something in writing that says that's the only change? That's the only change. It's applying --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I want it in writing. I honestly, Supervisor, after I found out about the Moody's presentation, I was very upset. Then I see your Facebook post and you have this private press conference in your office. Honestly, it was very, very upsetting, and right then and there, you said that you did not know about this fund balance policy, your staff was in a meeting on March 1st. I'm sorry, I just feel like your administration is not transparent -

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, that is a nice accusation.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm being honest.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm trying to be transparent now and say we are now, for the next four days, or whenever it takes for Councilwoman Lurvey to give us her ideas, that we are working on the revised budget that I submitted October 11th, eight days ago. We already discussed it at length at the work session. I don't know why you're unwilling to vote on whether this is the amended -- this amended budget is what we're talking about. Why won't you vote on it?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why won't you follow the rules? I don't understand it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Because you can still --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: It is about following the rules.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- no, listen, you guys have four votes, you're always gonna do what you want.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Just follow the rules, Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And the rule is you don't talk over the Supervisor who is making a motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Following motion shall be received by the Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So from now on, I never get to make a motion because someone might make a motion on top of me.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry you don't like the rules of order, Supervisor, but that's how it works --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's not the rules of order.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- whether you like it or not. You don't get precedence --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: My motion --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Your vote counts one time like mine does.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilman, my motion was already on the table and I asked for a vote on it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's not a race for the finish line.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It kind of is because I started making a motion and then you

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's kind of not.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm calling for a vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why would you have an order of precedence if it makes no difference?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Why are you unwilling to consider an amended budget?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why are you so interested in tabling this thing before she can make the motion? You don't want the people to be able to see what's going on here, that's what's going on.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I guess we're going to be here all night.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: I don't understand how tabling and waiting several more days is less transparent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So that we know which budget we're working on for the next four days.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: But we do know which budget we're working on, the budget that we're working on is the tentative budget, which was presented on September 28th, because by law, you cannot present another tentative budget after, I think, October 5th, so that is your tentative budget.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you don't want to consider the 11 percent tax cut?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: No, that's

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's exactly it.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Analysis is --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: They don't want the Supervisor to be able to present an 11 percent tax cut, they want to be presenting it themselves, that's what's going on.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: You're putting words into my mouth.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm not putting words in anybody's mouth, I'm speaking, I'm entitled to speak up here and that's what I believe, and I believe that's what the people who support me believe, the people of my district believe that. That's what I believe.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, Mr. Chiara, which vote are you asking for a roll call on?

MR. CHIARA: Honestly, I don't even know if you recognized Mr. Troiano or his motion. That's step one.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're telling me I have to.

MR. CHIARA: Yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Even though I was making a motion.

MR. CHIARA: I'm telling you that you're allowed to make your motion, complete your motion, then if another member is making a motion, then you're required to recognize it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So I don't get a roll call on my motion?

MR. CHIARA: Not until all motions have been made.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Not until it's tabled. He's gonna table it and then you don't get --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you're saying that I make a motion and then I wait and see if anyone makes any other motions before we have a vote on my motion?

MR. CHIARA: Yeah, it's not a --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, that's what you say?

MR. CHIARA: Everyone is entitled to make motions.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're saying that she is not entitled to make her motion first.

MR. CHIARA: She is entitled.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're saying I'm not entitled to a roll call on my motion until I wait and see if anyone else has other motions.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, the rules are saying that.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, no, no, we're asking Mr. Chiara.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm asking Mr. Chaira.

MR. CHIARA: I'm not saying that your rules you all voted on are saying, I'm saying every member can make a motion and then that motion needs to be received in the order of precedent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you're saying even though my motion --

MR. CHIARA: The rules are saying, I'm not saying - -

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're interpreting the rules, you're the parliamentarian. I'll read them again.

MR. CHIARA: Okay, I'll read them again.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I don't --we don't t

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You don't have to read them again.

MR. CHIARA: I just think they're clear, so I'll read them.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But I thought we had an agreement.

MR. CHIARA: The following motions shall be received the Supervisor, acting Supervisor, and these motions shall have precedence in the order stated. So there's two shalls, I view 'shall' as not a 'may,' it's a must.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: In the order that they were received; she was first.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It doesn't say that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, it does, it's what he just said.

MR. CHIARA: The following motions shall be received by the Supervisor, ordering Supervisor, and these motions shall have presence in the order stated. And the order stated refers to the order of precedence.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So you're saying that I have to recognize Councilman Troiano's motion to table, even though my motion was pending?

MR. CHIARA: What I'm saying is that

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Just give me a yes and we'll do it.

MR. CHIARA: All motions shall be received by -- yes, if you make a motion, your motion is there, and another council member, or multiple council members, not just Councilman Troiano, multiple council members make a motion, you must hear those and they must be determined in the order of precedence. That's what the rules state.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, go ahead, make your motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I make a motion to table the resolution.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: So if I understand this correct, the motion to table trumps most

other motions?

MR. CHIARA: It actually doesn't, there's six other motions that actually precede the table. For an adjournment of the meeting, for a call of the town board, roll call, to temporarily suspend the rules of procedure, to change the arrangement of the calendar, to enter an executive session pursuant to open meetings law, to recess the board temporarily, and then -- so it's actually -- there's nine -- there's 11 rules, there's 11 orders of precedent, and six of them precede the table. So for instance, not to -- if you wanted to make a motion to adjourn or a motion to recess the town board temporarily, then that would have to be heard first.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Then I make a motion to adjourn.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

(No response.)

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Wait a sec.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you answering?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: They're voting --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm not saying anything.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: What motion is

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you passing?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: It's the rules --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Adjourn, to adjourn.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Motion to adjourn.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman Troiano --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I believe that we have to -- maybe I'm wrong --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: It's the rule of precedent.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah, and I don't need to vote, either, David, thank you, thank you very much, David.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: It's okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I have a right not to vote if I choose to. I believe, and maybe I'm wrong, so somebody can give me some clarity, that we need to do something with the resolution, something with it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: If we don't, doesn't it just show up on October 25th?

Mr. CHIARA: No.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: No, if we table it, it those shows up on October 25th.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So then let's vote on Councilman Adhami's motion. He made a motion to precedent, so let's vote on it.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: -- reverse our schedule.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The what?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Blow through the budget schedule.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Nobody is saying you'll blow through it, you guys will vote, vote the way you want, I'm prepared to vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We have a problem, Councilman Walsh, I believe, in that if we don't take some action on that resolution, we have nothing on the 25th or, I think the next meeting is the 27th, to act on.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: We have a motion to adjourn right now which takes precedence over all those.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So then vote against the motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm not taking any votes so go on to the next person if you want.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: How can we vote to adjourn, then we won't be able to go forward.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So vote no, vote no.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Right, that's right, don't so don't vote for it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay.

MR. CHIARA: I think Councilman Troiano said to pass; right?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes.

MR. CHIARA: I don't want to interpret what you said.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes, that's what he said.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're insisting on doing this so let's do it the right way. Vote.

MR. CHIARA: Councilman Zuckerman.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: The voting started, so let's continue with that. Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I'll pass.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh. Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I vote no to adjourn.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I vote no.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I'll pass.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I vote no to adjourn.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think we go back to the council members.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: They passed.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, well, they vote before me.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You have to go back, yeah.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Or we can stop all the charades and just let the Supervisor vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We can take the next motion, which is the motion to table. Thank you, clerk.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You didn't vote yet.

MR. CHIARA: You didn't vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah, that motion didn't carry.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I didn't vote either.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You voted to pass. I'm going to pass again, if you wanna go around, you want to pass, vote no, vote whatever you want.

MR. CHIARA: You can only pass once.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I vote no to adjourn.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We can only pass once, he says.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, well, I'm not voting.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So you just voted no to adjourn, so now --

MR. CHIARA: I think there's four no's.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, there is, but the Supervisor, did you pass?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: The supervisor gets to vote.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: What happens if we vote to adjourn without addressing this resolution?

MR. CHIARA: What happens, it would create a problem in the schedule.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, we can't create a problem in the schedule, so I vote no.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Now the motion to table, clerk.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Go ahead, call the roll.

MR. CHIARA: Motion to table.

MR. GAFFNEY: Can I ask a question?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, we have a motion pending.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, you can't ask a question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, you can't.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: We have a motion on the floor, we are in the process of voting.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Although I'd love to hear from you, Mr. Gaffney.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote aye on the motion to table.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: No.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you.

MR. CHIARA: Motion to close?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Motion to adjourn.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano I vote aye on the motion to adjourn.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Hold on, wait, wait.

MR. GAFFNEY: Didn't you already just approve that the meeting was going to continue October 25th? So then it would be the first budget.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I don't think you're allowed to talk, you know, I'm sorry, but we're going by the rules here now, we've had the rules read five times, you know what I'm saying?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman. Councilman Zuckerman. Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Abstain.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Pass.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I didn't want to pass, I'd rather abstain.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

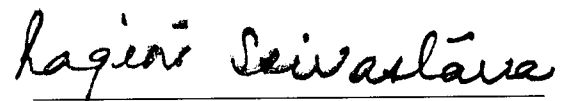
COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you.

(At 9:26 p.m., the proceedings were concluded.)

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rajani Srivastava". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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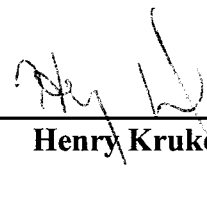
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