

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Town Hall

October 25, 2022 6:07 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

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SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let's start with the pledge.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

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

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Good evening. Town of North Hempstead, special town hall meeting, Tuesday October 25, 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: Will you call the first item?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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 rolls of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District, the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District and the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the year 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are there any cards?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes, Suzy Shechtman.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Good to see you again, I'll just make this quick. I just heard from Paul Wood, that he's the researching person at 5:05. I literally, at 5:05, heard this before the board, and while I'm appreciative that he's going to look into it, I wanted for him to have to get the answers, and he doesn't have the answers, he's got to research it and talk to the consultant. And as I was thinking about what's going on, I started to think about there's two possibilities: One possibility is because I have -- I mean the charges I'm asking about are 50 percent of our budget, the administration charge and the debt service are 50 percent of our budget, and while we are small, we look carefully and we found errors, and we found miscalculations, and we found things that do not make sense, and there's two conclusions one can make. One conclusion is that nobody knows the answers, which is just what Paul Wood told me, that they need to research,

and that's frightening because if no one knows the answers as to why certain numbers are in the budget, then how can you, as elected officials, who represent the taxpayers approve a budget that no one has the answers to? The other possibility is a more sinister possibility, which I really don't believe, but is a possibility, which is basically that this budget is the budget, and if you ignore people, you hope they'll go away, and I don't go away, I've got a long history with the town and I don't go away because I represent my constituents. Either way, this will set up a tax implication for our community that is unacceptable, without clear explanation, and other than the e-mail that I got at 5:05, that they'll start to research it, when I have sent e-mails to everyone for the last three months, and I just want to say to all of you that I don't know how any of you could approve a budget that has so many questions and look at your constituents and say, you can trust that I have represented you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I know that Mr. Pollock has sent you responses to your request and I know he has showed you pages that show the administrative expenses. Now something to consider that could have affected this is that you had millions of dollars in improvements that was paid for by FEMA, but there are administrative costs associated with that, and there are maintenance costs that are associated with that, so these are costs that may have effected these charges that are affecting your community.

MS. SHECHTMAN: I must say that what Steve Pollock sent me was very brief and there were -- one answer only generated more questions, and the maximus report that we saw was for one year and I would point out that the admin charges, yes, we had a number of improvements in 2022

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But really substantial, so --

MS. SHECHTMAN: Just wait, excuse me, but they were substantial. They're done. That doesn't say that 17 percent increase in admin charge makes any sense.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Ms. Shechtman, I'd just like to thank you for coming to several board meetings and I have forwarded your concerns on and much to both of our dismay, there are still a lot of questions that are left unanswered, and I will continue to seek those answers until I get them.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Will we get them before the town board has to approve the budget? Because if I don't get them, then you're approving a budget that doesn't make sense.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I will do everything in my ability to get them before we have to vote.

MS. SHECHTMAN: I don't know if any of the other council people have issues with the budget that need to get answered, that they're having trouble getting answered, and I think that this is really a fiduciary responsibility of yours and I want you to think very carefully about approving anything that doesn't make sense. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you. Tom McDonough.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Good evening, Supervisor, Council Members, Tom McDonough, I'm the president of CSEA Unit 7555 representing the union employees of the Town of North Hempstead. A couple of things, I guess one just that's a bookkeeping error in the budget, is that the highway superintendent salary, is it listed in the part town and it should be in the general

fund, according to the information from the State Comptroller's Office, so if they can straighten that out, fine, it's not really going to change the budget. While I find it admirable that anyone wants to cut budgets and give back to taxpayers, being a resident of the town, I think it's great, but, the budget called for in the general fund, it calls for the addition of fourteen full-time employees, and six part-time employees, but it also calls for the elimination of three full-time employees and two part-time employees, so the net would be eleven full-time employees and four part-time employees. I can't tell you, I can tell you what departments they're coming -- they're going into and where they're coming out of, I think the majority of them are union employees on both sides, coming out and coming back in. As far as the part town, we're basically cutting 4.08 positions, and those are all union positions, and then there was one added. So the Building Department is actually losing one person, for a department that's under investigation that there's been all kinds of comments made about that they're not timely, they're not issuing permits on a timely manner, and we're not adding anybody to the Building Department. To reserve funds, reserve funds were earmarked for future jobs. When they were put in there, they were future jobs. There's \$900,000 for the windows on town hall one and town hall two, and the bids came in at \$1.5 million, so that extra \$600,000 should be coming out of those reserve funds. We haven't done any work, and I'd love to see, and might have to FOIL if from the town attorney's office to see how much we've paid in claims to individuals that were hurt in Tully parking lot. So we do have FEMA funds, 75 percent for a certain amount of the parking lot job to be done. So I'm just going to use some arbitrary numbers because I don't have those numbers, excuse me, I don't have them. If it's \$100,000 for that portion of work that's going to be done, we have to match -- FEMA is paying 75 percent, we're paying 25 percent, so if it's \$1.2 million, we need \$2 million -- what is it, \$2,025,000. That \$2 million should be coming out of those reserve funds. That's work that hasn't been done. These are projects that should have been completed, they were never started. You know what, bond ratings are great, but you got to spend money, and the town in the past few years hasn't spent money. We spent money on Clinton G. Martin Park, we spent money on Gerry Park. There's a lot more projects on the drawing board than were completed. It's going cost the taxpayers of the Town of North Hempstead more money going forward, because we don't take care of our infrastructure. We're notorious for not taking care of our infrastructure. We are squeezed into a sardine can with any one of our offices, go anywhere, and we're squeezed into sardine cans. We have no space. This room should have been pushed out to the parapet walls, when they redid the parapet walls. To make it a legal public assembly room. This room right here, 49 people, that's what can be in here. It's got one exit, 49 people, but we've never gone on that. The Building Department, we did stuff across the street, we did the HVAC, we did the roof over there, we should have expanded the whole second floor of that and made more room. We didn't do it. We don't do it. But most of the jobs that we do, we end up rushing them, because what happens, an election season comes up and I got to have it open, I got to have it open, so what are we doing? We're fixing the pool at Manorhaven because it was rushed, we've had nothing but problems over at CGM because it was rushed, we got nothing but problems at Yes We Can Community Center. We've had all kinds of problems over there. We have problems here. The parks need help, but during the work session the deputy supervisor stood up here and said that the department heads had the opportunity they would come in and all say they need help. They're right. This town is grossly, grossly understaffed, grossly. Satellite parks, satellite parks include Camera Park, Fuschillo Park, Broadway Park, and all the other little parks. We have 12 people that maintain those parks. I have five people that maintain Whitney Pond Park, Manhasset Valley Park and

Mary Jane Davey and Plandome Pond. Five people. It's a seven-day operation, you have to have people there seven days, you have five people. They cut one person out of that park for going into next year. The one thing that's always forgotten is that it's a seven-day operation. We have to pick up the garbage. We have to maintain those fields. I've gone to games, my grandchildren --my grandson's games where we've had to be moved off a field because of the condition that it was in. We've been to other fields that I've gone to and I've picked up the garbage because we didn't have somebody -- they were busy at a different park because there was only one person on a Sunday that had to care of Tully, open up Tully, take care of Herricks ball field, take care of Provost Park and take care of I-park's soccer fields, one person. We have to allow for people to go on vacation, we have to allow and plan for people being out sick. So, I'm not going to take up any more of your time, but I'm telling you this town is grossly understaffed, we need people and I think it's admirable, I know all of you as elected officials, you try to cut the taxes, we're going to give back and we're going to raise it next year. Again, those reserve funds were for future projects, there were projects that were put out to bid that were never completed. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you, Mr. McDonough. And I do want to -- and I did say in my state of the town address that I wanted to make a renewed commitment to infrastructure, so that is something I look forward to doing in the capital plan.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Do we have anymore cards?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: No, we don't have additional cards.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I'd just like to make a statement. I want to talk about the proposed amendments, Supervisor DeSena, that you gave us. You told us repeatedly there was only one change from your initial tax increase budget was allocation of fund balance. In the interest of transparency, we asked for a line-by-line list of amendments. You refused, you told us to trust you, it was only one change. Well, it's a good thing we didn't simply take your word for it. After cross referencing some of the budget lines, look at this, there are pages in pink highlights of changes. One of them is Harbor Hills Park, just so you know. There are differences galore --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you talking about changes between the tentative budget and the October 11th amended --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So from the September 28th budget --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: To October 11th?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: To October 11th.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: All those changes?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, everything in pink.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It would be helpful if we had seen that, if you had shown me that.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I was doing it this morning.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, yeah, it's kind of hard to --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So there are differences galore that you're attempting to sneak past us --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, not attempting to sneak.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The e-mail that I got from Mr. Paul Woods is just saying it's two line items, so that doesn't look like two line items to me, that looks more like 30. So then I did get a response from Paul Wood, which I got at October 24th at 2:52 in the afternoon, had to go to a funeral last night so I was able to look at it this morning, so that's why I have it. This is what I'm talking about, you know, being transparent and saying you're transparent are two different things. I am sick and tired of having to have to go through this and this is why I really can't trust that September -- the October 11th budget, I can't trust this process because I get an e-mail telling me that it's going to be -- my itemized list, it's two things. Also, I want everyone to know tab 3, page 6, doesn't match what's on page 17 in the Clerk's Department. There's a difference of thirty-two five, so that's another error that I found. I didn't have time to go through everything and I didn't have time to go line by line, but I found these this morning and I have to say I was a little bit upset by it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well I did give copies of my amended --my revised budget to everyone on October 11th, which is a little better than what I received. I received amendments just before 6:00 last night, barely 24 hours before this. I did give you nine days before the first hearing to raise any questions, if you found anything, if you needed clarification, you did have it for nine days.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So wait, so I asked and it was even quoted in the paper, I asked for a detailed listing of the difference of between September 28th budget and October 11th. October 11th just stays in my office, I don't do anything with it because it's not the tentative budget that the town board is supposed to use. So when I got Mr. Wood's e-mail yesterday late afternoon, and then I was able to then go and look to see, you know, those are only two, and I know you kept saying there's only one, he has two changes, and then I started just cross-referencing a couple of things, I realized, and then the clerk error, that came upon me by accident because I wasn't even looking at that, so that's another error I found. But one of the errors I found was actually Harbor -- your district.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: So, Supervisor, you addressed the fact that I submitted my proposed amendments yesterday, which is true, it does not give a lot of time for review, but I do want to point out that, you know, Councilwoman Dalimonte is pointing out that we were presented with amendments in this form, not marked to show changes, not marked in any way requiring a line-by-line manual comparison because I was also not provided with an editable electronic version. In contrast, my amendments, which the Clerk can pass around, if you could, they're also on the table in the front if anybody in the audience would like to get them, are in a very easy to follow chart with tables showing the revenues, the expenses, the line items and a note explaining what the amendment is. And this is two pages worth with two explanatory pages worth. So I think it's quite a big deference in the way that these amendments have been provided, but I do acknowledge the 24-hour turn around.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: If I just might add, I think it's quite curious that you said there was one or two items, and Councilwoman Dalimonte pointed out there's 30 or 31 items, and I just -- you know, there's a big difference between 2 and 31.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Since I have not had the opportunity to look at these alleged 30 mistakes and all these mistakes, I'm not going to engage in a discussion, but the budget that I submitted September 28th, I actually proposed a schedule where we would have started

discussing it October 6th and that was voted down. I think when I gave it to you October 11th, you still had plenty of time to use that as the one with the 11 percent tax cut, I do think you had plenty of time to look at it. It seems you've spent all of your time comparing the two budgets instead of looking at the budget that I submitted and filed with the clerk on October 11th.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: But Supervisor, why would you have said there was one or two items when in fact there were 30?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: How do we know?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I can't comment on 30 because Councilwoman Dalimonte hasn't shown me anything she's talking about. I see pink on her notes, but I really can't comment. I know that when we said there were basically two changes, it was to the -- it was in applying back the fund reserve. Could it have affected some of the other numbers, maybe in doing that, but that is the essence of the change, is just applying the fund reserve to the expenses.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It was your budget, and when you're doing a budget, we adopted the -- you --we adopted the September 28th, so by October 11th, I had already had many, many notes in my budget.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And if you were interested in an 11 percent tax cut, you would have looked at what I gave you on October 11th, but you didn't want to, so let's just move on.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That's not true, that's a false statement.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The way -- I understand you've never been, you know, you've never been in this position before, but --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And you have, so you're very good at it, so reading it was no problem for you.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, also --no, because I do my research. And, you know, like -- someone from the press actually said to me, you really do your research, Mariann, and I said, that's right, because when I have to vote on something I do my research, and that's why it's very, very important to always do your research. So, it's very -- if you really -- if you look at the budget that you did, I just point out by chance, I looked and there was an error in the clerk's number from one page to the next, and not that -- I'm not blaming this, please, Maggie, on the Clerk's Department at all, but, you know, I have concerns. Harbor Hills has been here twice, I have concerns about your budget now -- sorry, three times. You know, it's -- these are mistakes we're finding, what other mistakes are there? And we have to vote on this, this is the most important thing we do --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's why we do it for a whole month.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I think, Supervisor, I urge you to help Councilman Adhami get Harbor Hills Civic the questions --the answers to the questions that they need by making the comptrollers office available to answer their questions before we vote November 3rd.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I don't think it's so much the Supervisor's position. I've been following up on it and there has been some stonewalling at a certain point or certain answers are just not begotten, and I don't think it's the Supervisor's fault at all and had I thought that, I would have addressed it directly to the Supervisor. I don't understand why the Supervisor is being

called out.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We have been providing answers, it's just that the answers you don't like. This is -- you had substantial -- you have a pool, you have a dock, you have substantial renovations. These administrative fees, you have seen, they're in a book. We have a service that helps us calculate them. You are asking the residents of all the other parts of the town to pay for some of the administrative expenses that were necessary as part of the whole renovation that you did.

MS. SHECHTMAN: That's not what we are doing. We have not seen complete information, we have not had someone available to discuss it. If it comes in an e-mail from Paul Wood with what the answers are, that would be insufficient, as far as I'm concerned, because every question that answered raises two more questions and we need to have an interaction so we can develop the answer. The other thing that's false, excuse me, is that to say that we had major renovation and that took a lot of admin charges, we did have major renovation and it did have admin charges for those two years. However, they're done. There's no explanation for why that admin charge, which we don't agree with, would go up 17 percent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But it may be carried it forward, it may be something that was, you know, some of the bonding, some of the expenses were put in place a couple of years ago, but the maintenance, there are expenses that carry forward, and I know that parks and I know that finance have been through this with you several time, and I know that every year you ask for more meetings and more answers because you're trying to be diligent and you want the best for your civic association, but these are costs that go --this is what comes with having a beautiful and a beautiful dock and a full-time employee. These are part of the things that you have.

MS. SHECHTMAN: We are not in any way saying that we would like free services. We understand that there are costs to administrate, you know, the Parks Department so on. When you say that I've had meetings with finance, I've had no meetings with finance. I've had e-mails from finance, which have been insufficient in terms of explaining

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Our director of finance out on medical leave. We are doing the best we can. We gave you many answers before he went out and --

MS. SHECHTMAN: But the answers were incomplete.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You just don't like them.

MS. SHECHTMAN: No, no, no, that's not true, they were incomplete, and if they're incomplete, they need to be completed. If the director of finance is out and no one can answer these questions, how can the budget be approved? That's my point. And also, I really have to emphasize, we understand that the renovation of the dock and the pool and the parking lot had town resources. DPW was at meetings and we understand that. However, they've been for done for a year, and it doesn't say 17 percent is carried forward. It just doesn't jive.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You know, let me just add something here, you know, the people of Garden City Park go into your pool or can the people of Garden City Park use your park or can the people in Garden City Park -- if you have a concert in your park, can the people of Mineola go to your concert?

MS. SHECHTMAN: No. Our taxes, we pay a --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm asking, I'm not sure.

MS. SHECHTMAN: No.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: If you have a concert in your park --

MS. SHECHTMAN: No.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Okay, so the people in Mineola, by the way, have about 16

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: It's a special park.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I understand what it is, but let me speak. There's 16 concerts in Mineola and it's an incorporated village but anybody can go to them, there's concerts in Tully Park, there's concerts all over the place that anybody can go to, Bar Beach and everything else, so you have an exclusive area there that's getting some exclusive stuff, and, you know.

MS. SHECHTMAN: And we're paying for it and we pay for it out of our taxes.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're right, you are paying for it, I agree with that.

MS. SHECHTMAN: So if the exclusivity was a contract that was done in 1955, and in 1955 the civic association owned the park property, just to educate everybody, and when the civic association decided that the taxes were just too high and they wanted to renovate the land, which was unusable, the park was --part of the pool was a swamp and the tennis courts were in a ravine, no house was going to be built on those properties. And so the civic association sold the property back to the town on the agreement that if the park would be renovated with a pool and tennis court, and also that this would be in our taxes on an separate line, so we pay for everything that we have. We are not asking for special treatment, we're asking for value for our money.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I just want you to understand that the people in my district don't want to pay for anything that's not in their district as well, so.

MS. SHECHTMAN: I'm not asking for you to --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We've told you, we are going to do the best to get you the information, but the town uses a service to calculate these administrative fees, so.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Then I would like to speak to the service people.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The page that showed the fees was given to you.

MS. SHECHTMAN: It was for one year. I cannot evaluate it based on one year. I have to be able to see a trend and --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We can try and show you a couple more years.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Supervisor, can I just ask? Is there any way -- and I know your staff has been communicating with Ms. Shechtman, but you can appreciate that text and e-mails can be ambiguous and lead to follow up questions, and is there any reason why, and I know there's a lot of residents of the town, but she's representing a special district; any reason why somebody from your staff can try and sit down for an hour just to explain what the differences are? When I was the director of operations, I met with Ms. Shechtman periodically to try to address those questions. Is there any reason why we can't just do that?

MS. SHECHTMAN: In the past years, we would have a one hour meeting with your director of finance, and when we got done, we were satisfied with what he said the numbers were, and we felt that it was done with a thoughtful process. We can't talk to him now, and therefore, we have

no concept, and when the deputy supervisor said that you can't have a meeting with every taxpayer. I represent 800 to 1,000 people, so this is not a small thing, and it's definitely not small to my community. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I guess the answer is that nobody can meet with her?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I said we would try and get more information, I said that.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I know you can get more information, but can you have a meeting with her, just to resolve it and be finished with it?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's only been four days since our last hearing, so we will try and get you more information. If it has to be in the form of a meeting, if it can't be a phone call, we will do the best we can. Are there anymore cards?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: No, we don't have cards.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, then, in that case I move to close --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I think I would like to make a statement.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We still have --this is a public hearing on the tentative budget.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, go ahead.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Over the course of the past few weeks, we've conducted a thorough analysis of the Supervisor's tax increase budget that was submitted on September 28th, which is the subject of a public hearing today. We did a line-by-line comparison done manually, questions at a public hearing, follow up and analysis of the town's fund policy. The only change we were subsequently notified of by the Supervisor was the allocation of a fund balance and the use of the money in the rainy day fund. This is something I was already contemplating based on the anomaly that occurred last year -- this year. So as I stated at last week's meeting, on compromising conservative budgeting under supervisor Bosworth, this year we've been blessed with an unexpected and unbudgeted influx of mortgage and sales tax revenue. This is mortgage and sales tax revenue for 2021, which was received in 2022. This is because of a boom in the housing market and the lifting of COVID restrictions. With that, this year's unexpected and unbudgeted revenue influx enables the town to provide much needed relief to our residents. Of course, we remember that supervisor DeSena made the assertion that the town's fund balance policy was withheld from her office. This was exposed as not being true. She knew just as we did about the 10 percent minimum. Financial experts have always indicated that a two-month balance, a two-month emergency fund is the industry standard. So while we have funds to use in our reserves, I believe we must be conservative in our projections and budgeting practices, especially given the uncertain economic environment that we're in today. So this week, I am proud to offer proposed amendments that allow us to actually cut taxes in a responsible and appropriate way. These amendments also allocate funds for additional capital improvements and still maintain a stable fund balance. To go over some of the highlights of these proposed amendments, my proposals will deliver a tax decrease of 5 percent. This is a fiscally responsible tax cut. This will apply to all taxpayers in the town. A 5 percent tax cut for the sake of illustration is less than the Supervisor's proposed 11 percent tax cut. For the average homeowner, the average taxpayer in the town, that difference will be \$15 a year. But, with the difference in the tax cut, we will be able to offer quality of life enhancements for all of our

residents. My proposal's include critical quality of life initiatives that will make our community safer, more beautiful and provide the services that our hardworking residents expect. My proposals include allocating \$4 million for road paving. This will double the funds allocated in the Supervisor's budget for road paving; allocating \$1 million to the operating budget for sidewalk and concrete road repair and replacement. This will again double the funds allocated in the Supervisor's 2023 proposed budget for sidewalks. My proposals will include allocating \$1 million to the operating budget for tree trimming and removals. This funding should help reduce a significant portion of the backlog of tree service requests; allocate \$250,000 for beautification projects. This could include street signs, striping, landscaping, other projection to further enhance our residential communities and downtowns; allocate \$3 million for flood mitigation and stormwater management. These are critical infrastructure projects that we need to put in place in order to address and prepare for the 50 or 100-year storms that we are having on a regular basis now. It is my hope that these amendments will be passed by the town board and service of the hardworking residents of our town. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I'd just like to respond to something Councilwoman Lurvey just said. I do believe that cutting taxes sounds like a wonderful idea, but I also recognize the responsibility that we have to deliver services to our residents. We have to be smart about this and go about this a way that is best to serve to all the residents of the Town of North Hempstead. At no point in time has Supervisor DeSena contemplated increasing services, adding quality of life initiatives and anything to enhance our town. I, as well as Councilwoman Lurvey -- I like Councilwoman Lurvey's concept for both cutting taxes and adding important quality of life initiatives. The Supervisor's plan seems a bit chaotic and slapped together, whereas this plan has balance. I believe we found an intelligent alternative that we can do for the residents of the Town of North Hempstead.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'd like to make a statement. Last week, Councilwoman Lurvey said that we did not go far enough in returning the significantly overfunded reserves for our taxpayers and admitted that that should be done, and so now it's disappointing to see that Councilwoman Lurvey backed away from that pledge and delivered amendments with less than half of the double digit tax cut that I had proposed it in my amendments, and also somehow managed to increase spending that will be carried on in every budget going forward, even despite calling my initial budget increases inflated and unnecessary. I struggle to see how my initial spending plan could be inflated and unnecessary while simultaneously being lower than your amendments presented tonight. I also have the correct the falsehood that Councilwoman Lurvey put forth last week and now, that the reserves are overfunded because of a quote-unquote, "unexpected and unbudgeted influx of mortgage and sales taxes." This may be how you'd like to spin it, but it's simply untrue. The reserves have been significantly overfunded for years. In fact, at the end of 2020, the town had \$18 million in our general fund reserves when only \$7 million was necessary at the time. It doesn't take a math degree to see that that was funded at a rate double what it needed to be. The truth is, the town has been sitting on these overfunded reserves for a number of years, all while raising taxes every year. So instead of claiming it's money that all of a sudden landed in our laps this year, let's be honest with our residents. And you commented that the town should have two months worth of reserves, or about 16 percent, to satisfy credit rating agencies, but my proposed double digit tax cut would still have left the reserves funded at a level of around 24 percent. Your amendments leave it even higher than that, which begs the question, how can you claim I didn't go far enough when you failed to even meet my proposal to return millions of dollars to the wallets of our taxpayers? So finally before we get into questions about

these amendments, I just want to point out to the public that my proposed amendments to the tentative budget were filed with the clerk, posted online and delivered to all council members nine days before our first budget hearing. These amendments were given to myself, Councilman Walsh and Councilman Adhami, with barely 24 hours notice, barely any explanation attached. And let's not forget that down Councilwoman Dalimonte said last week at our hearing that Councilwoman Lurvey shared with her some of her planned amendments, but apparently I wasn't worth the same consideration, so now who is not being transparent? But I have plenty of questions about these amendments and look forward to getting some answers once we get into them.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Can I ask a question?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Sure.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Thank you, again. I heard Councilwoman Lurvey's proposal. You have a million dollars in there for trimming and cutting trees. We don't have the staff to do it. I haven't heard anything about increasing staff levels, and I'm telling you right now, I'm gonna fight you if you try to bring an outside contractor in here. This is a closed union shop and we should be taking care of our own people and we should be hiring. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: So, Mr. McDonough, I would just point out if you don't have a copy of the proposed amendments, you should get a copy, there are some increased staffing. There is some increased staffing in here, but we will need to figure out exactly how we accomplish the trimming of the trees and I look forward to working with you.

MR. MCDONOUGH: We can start by taking that tree code and putting it in the shredder and starting from scratch, because it's doing nothing, nothing but hampering the work that the guys need to do. I will say that. I also have some names of people that are on the committee that need to be removed from the committee and people that need to be banned from going to those meetings, because the town employees, our employees, not just mine, because they're union members, but our employees, your employees don't deserve to be beat up and demeaned by anybody and abused. I will give you those names and I'll give you the date and time the police were called on the one individual.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I don't know what you're talking about.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Mariann does.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I don't really know, maybe we'll talk about it afterwards.

MR. MCDONOUGH: What's that?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: We'll talk about it afterwards.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Situation happened on Main Street in Port Washington.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, I got it.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Mr. McDonough, I would also -- this is not, you know, a referendum on the tree code, but I do want to, in my defense, the Highway Department was involved in the drafting of this legislation, so, you know, this is not a tree --

MR. MCDONOUGH: And it was objected by somebody who has no experience in trees whatsoever.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Who was at that point the Super, the acting Superintendent of the Highway Department.

MR. MCDONOUGH: He wasn't the one who drafted that thing, we know who drafted it, I know who drafted it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Who drafted it?

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: There were meetings with a lot of input, you need a lawyer to draft this kind of legislation.

MR. MCDONOUGH: I can tell you that it was drafted by a lawyer, and that's nothing against lawyers, but, you know what, if you're going to be doing it, you need to have a tree expert sitting next to you when you're writing it.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: I can actually, you know, tell you of the many meetings that we had, and perhaps we can continue to have more meetings when we have a superintendent of highways, I think it would be a very good thing to sit down with that superintendent of highways and go through and see how to make this work. I know we're working through some amendments right now to make it easier, so this is not, you know, a referendum on the tree code.

MR. MCDONOUGH: No, it's not, but again, my concerns are staffing --

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Please look at the amendments.

MR. MCDONOUGH: My concerns are staffing and outside contractors. And again, I'm not in favor of outside contractors, I'm 100 percent behind our people doing the work.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Mr. McDonough, just a question, I know you know the answer to this, you know, in the past we've used outside contractors related to certain tree removals when we've not been able to do it, whether it's an issue of the cherry picker or what have you.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Most of the time we've brought in outside contractors or when there were problems with trees and wires, or the tree was just way too big for us to handle. So the one example I'll give you was Gerry Park, the one that was right behind the corner where Broadway is, that first house on Broadway. That was way too big for us to handle on a road that busy, so we brought in an outside contractor, yes. But I'll remind you also, after Isaias, where we didn't have an outside contractor come in, we had 17 street trees land on houses, and our tree crews and our staff took care of that. They took care of every one of those, besides clearing the roads, you know, they're out all night long taking care of opening up roads, because the one responsibility that we have, and it's not so people can go get milk and bread, when it snows, we have to plow the roads so the police, fire and ambulances can get there, and it's the same thing with any storm. We have to turn around and clear those roads, get them open so the police, fire and ambulances can get to our constituents, to our residents in here. And our guys are first responders, please don't get it wrong, they are first responders. They're as much first responder as volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance person. They're just as important, if not, more important.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: They're actually more important because if they don't plow the roads, the ambulance or fire truck can't get through, and our Highway Department is -- they're amazing, they really are a bunch of great employees.

MR. MCDONOUGH: They're second to none.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: So I would like to, please, afterwards, if you would share the name with me of the individual and also I would like to hear. Let's sit down, I would like to hear all of your comments.

MR. MCDONOUGH: That would have to be next week, I'm not around this week. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, if there are no more comments, I move to close the public hearing -- I mean -- you have a --okay.

MS. CALABIG: Good evening, my name is Joanne Calabig, I live in Great Neck, New York. So, I was looking at the -- you were talking about this reserve fund, actually called fund balance, and that fund balance is available for appropriation.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You're just very close to the mic.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're too close, we actually can't hear.

MS. CALABIG: So what I'm saying, fund balance, not everything is available for appropriation. We have not seen the financial of 2021, so how can we say how much of \$26 million is available for appropriation? If you look at financial statement, 2020, that's available on the website, before you can assign town -- part of our town to be appropriated, it has to be unrestricted. If you look at your financial, it is currently assigned, it means the town board has to approve it to be available before you can use it for appropriation. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you. Are there any other cards? We have another comment? Okay.

MS. GAECKLER: My name is Sheila Rettaliata Gaeckler, I live at 4 Jay Court, Mineola, and I'm really grateful that I was able to get here tonight. I've lived at 4 Jay Court, Mineola, for 30 years, and under New York State statute, and I have come to appreciate over and over and over again, too many times to tell you about that a law in the books is not necessarily followed by everyone at all times, there are many more laws on the books than get practiced. My interest is very, very simple, it's been the same since I've lived at this address, and that is, to own a piece of property of my own. I grew up south of the Mason-Dixon, Gone with the Wind was our family bible, and, and Scarlett O'Hara was the heroine, hold on to the land, Katie Scarlett. And so I came to New York a mail-order bride, you might say phone-order bride, I was invited to get married here, be married here and so forth, and I did that, I raised children, I had a wonderful -- I have no complaints about any of those experiences. When I acquired through negotiations, you might want to call them, this particular property, it was really purchased by my now ex-husband and I so that my son could attend Wheatley High School, which had a superior Special Ed. program and my son had been in a number of Special Ed. programs -- that was my life, raising my child was like becoming an expert in Special Ed. programs, and Wheatley had a superior one, and so we bought the house so he would be entitled to attend that program. And I can't say enough about how well that worked out, it worked out amazingly, he graduated and he now has a full-time occupation, he's a union member, he works as a -- I want to say usher at the major sports venues and so forth and so on, and he's living a very good life from his point of view, hallelujah for that. When I decided to divorce my ex-husband, actually it wasn't me, he asked for it, I said okay, and we negotiated for about four or five years, the distribution of assets. And I didn't have the resources that he had, so I learned a whole lot about the law, I had to, and I love the Law Library in Mineola because I could go there and I could read the law, and I could

become my best advocate, so that went on, that went on, and finally somehow, by some miracle, this particular home was awarded to me by the efforts I made and the judges decided that I should have the title to this home and I have had the title since 2013. Then I had to learn what to do with the title, where to store it and all that, did all that, and the title is secured as they say in Marie O'Connor's vault --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Is there anything in particular about our budget that is concerning about your house, your title?

MS. GAECKLER: Yes, yes. I cannot afford this piece of property without sharing my property as I have done, I've housed more than 60 adults, working, employed adults, who have some stayed six years, some stayed two months, it's flexible, though I find the legislation extremely flexible in this regard and very useful for working adults --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you concerned about the proposed rule against short-term rentals?

MS. GAECKLER: Against what?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: About short term rentals?

MS. GAECKLER: I'm not even sure I understand what that is.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Oh, okay, because that's not on our --

MS. GAECKLER: I'm presenting what I consider to be just a regular person's -- I don't know who owns these properties anymore, I have no way of knowing.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Excuse me --

MS. GAECKLER: And I'm concerned about the fact that still, two squatters remain in my home tying up space and I have no

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Ms. Rettaliata, can I ask you asking something? Are you referring to matters you have spoke to the past mayor of Mineola, the present mayor of Mineola, myself, every member of the board and Mr. Nicolello and Mr. Ra, and you've been --

MS. GAECKLER: I have spoken about this to everyone.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That has nothing to do with this budget hearing.

MS. GAECKLER: Well, yes and no, maybe, maybe not, it depends on what you all decide. I'm asking for assistance. First of all, it cost me quite a bit of money to get here because my car was stolen and I have no access to transportation and I participate in many, many, many civic affairs. But the transportation is really the heart of what I wanted to talk about tonight. The transportation access for a tax-paying person my like me, tax responsible person like me, is nil to zero. The hoops I had to go through to get here tonight.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Can I?

MS. GAECKLER: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's rude to ask this question.

MS. GAECKLER: Go, go.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You don't look like you would be but are you a senior

citizen?

MS. GAECKLER: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You are?

MS. GAECKLER: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Are you signed up for Project Independence?

MS. GAECKLER: I do not have anything to offer because most of -- yes, I go to meetings, I am in touch --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: She goes there.

MS. GAECKLER: Yeah, no, no, I've been to many meetings, I'm in touch with every layer of government, which is five that have an impact on my property.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, because you talked about transportation because you know you can call them and you can, you know, reserve --

MS. GAECKLER: If I claim that I am disabled. I will not claim that I'm disabled. I've been through this just recently.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You've also been offered the services of the attorneys at the Bar Association.

MS. GAECKLER: I beg your pardon?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I said, you've also sought services from the Bar Association and from many other organizations.

MS. GAECKLER: Absolutely, every organization I can think of.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's really --Sheila.

MS. GAECKLER: Yes.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Ms. Rettaliata.

MS. GAECKLER: Go.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It really is not what we're here for tonight.

MS. GAECKLER: It may not be, but it's a meeting that I could get to, and I understand it's a public hearing, hear me out, dismiss me if you want to, just ignore me if you want to, but it's my turn to speak and I'm speaking as a person that has invested many, many years, hours of service for many, many years, 30 years in this home and received nothing back, that I didn't have to pay for. And that may be the way it is, that may be, but I think I'm entitled to say it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We do have to get on with some budget items because we're on a schedule, so -- but I think you know Councilman Walsh and you probably know his assistant --

MS. GAECKLER: Well, sort of, I know who he is.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- and you know Project Independence, so you know we do provide a lot of services.

MS. GAECKLER: Not pertaining to me.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They are, they are. I don't know about the difference for the disability, I do think you can still get cheap rides, but we don't have our commissioner of Project Independence here tonight. We can't get into those details tonight.

MS. GAECKLER: I'm not asking you to. I was not asking for any response. I'm only asking for you to listen, because this is a meeting I can get to, I was able get to, it cost me quite a lot of money to get here which I don't have, but I got here and so this is my opportunity to say you're going to do what you think is best for the bigger picture that you need to do, but it's my opportunity. I understand, I grew up in the south and we speak our minds.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We do have to keep it to three minutes per person.

MS. GAECKLER: I see, so what else can I say?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If you want to just conclude.

MS. GAECKLER: I conclude that as a long-time, heavily participating member of this community for 30 years, that I would like to know who would like to work with me to propose something that might be useful for people in my position.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Good news, I have very, very good news. Our commissioner of Project Independence is here and she does have the time that she might be able to get in some of the specifics of your needs.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: She's amazing.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: She's the best.

MS. GAECKLER: I know, amazing people. I have no comment about all the amazing people, I just know I haven't been able to succeed in getting help with transportation. That's all I know. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: She knows, she will help you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you, have a good night.

MS. GAECKLER: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So I think we need to close the public hearing and then move on to the other items. I move to close the public hearing.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I don't know when the right time to do this, but I think we need to make two motions to call Item No. 3 out of order and then to untable Item 3.

MR. CHIARA: Untable it first and then make a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I move to untable Item 3. Madam Clerk, will you call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So now can you read the resolution?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes.

MR. CHIARA: We've got to make a motion because technically it's out of order now. Make a motion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to consider Item 3 out of order.

MR. CHIARA: Before Item 2.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Before Item 2. Will you call the roll? First we're moving to call if out of order, right? So should we call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Let me call the roll first by the time she finds. Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, this is the motion now to call it out of order?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote 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: 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 accept the October 11th amendments I proposed to my tentative budget.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Second.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I abstain.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I abstain.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I abstain.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Abstain.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I just want to make it clear that you're abstaining from voting on the 11 percent tax cut that I proposed, and I vote aye.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I've circulated written copies of proposed amendments that I explained earlier to the Supervisor and members of the town board, along with the town clerk and town attorney. They've also been posted on the town's website. In addition, I have copies here for my colleagues on the town board and the clerk and there are copies on the desk outside the boardroom for the public. I move to amend the tentative budget submitted on September 28th, 2022, with the written amendments that have been distributed.

MR. CHIARA: Okay.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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: I'm voting aye with a heavy heart knowing that our residents could have had much more tax relief.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Madam Clerk, what I was calling, you know, I was answering, but then I wanted to make a statement and you just went right ahead, so just -- on my vote, I was voting aye, but I wanted to state that I'm voting for a tax cut and for quality of life improvements for all residents in the Town of North Hempstead. I vote aye.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: So I offer the resolution certifying the completion of the review of the tentative budget as amended and set a date for a public hearing on the preliminary budget on November 3, 2022.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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: I vote aye to certifying the completion of the review of the tentative budget as amended.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are we going to have time for questions about the amendments before accepting? No one has heard much about them. After? All right, I vote aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you.

Councilperson Lurvey offered the following resolution and moved its adoption, which resolution was declared adopted after a poll of the members of this Board:

RESOLUTION NO. 553 - 2022

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.

WHEREAS, the various departments and Special Improvement Districts of the Town of North Hempstead (the "Town") have submitted tentative estimates of their budgets (the "Tentative Budget") for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 ("Fiscal Year 2023") to the Supervisor of the Town of North Hempstead (the "Supervisor"); and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2022, the Supervisor duly filed the Tentative Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 with the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead (the "Clerk"); and

WHEREAS, the Clerk duly presented the Tentative Budget to the Town Board at a meeting held on September 28, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Tentative Budget has been considered, discussed and reviewed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board certifies that pursuant to Town Law §106, it has completed review of the Tentative Budget of the Town for Fiscal Year 2023; and be it further

RESOLVED that the same, with any and all amendments approved by the Town Board, shall be filed as the Preliminary Budget in the Office of the Town Clerk, who shall prepare sufficient copies thereof as soon as possible for those members of the public who may wish to acquire the Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Board shall hold a public hearing upon the Preliminary Budget, including Town of North Hempstead and the Special Improvement Districts budgets on the 3rd day of November, 2022, at 7:00 P.M. to hear all interested persons concerning the Preliminary Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall publish notice of the budget hearing in Newsday, a newspaper published in the Town of North Hempstead and having a general circulation in this Town; and be it further

RESOLVED that the notice shall be in the following form:

NOTICE OF HEARING

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TOGETHER WITH THE BUDGETS FOR ALL SPECIAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS FOR THE YEAR 2023.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the preliminary budget of the Town of North Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, together with the preliminary budgets of all Special Improvement Districts (the "Preliminary Budgets") for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, have been completed and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk at Town Hall, Manhasset, New York, where they are available during regular business hours for inspection by any interested person; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead will meet and review the Preliminary Budgets, and hold a public hearing thereon in the Town Board Room located at Town Hall, 220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York, at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd of November, 2022, and at such hearing any person may be heard in favor of or against the Preliminary Budgets, or for or against any item therein contained; and

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Town Law §108, that the following are the proposed yearly salaries of the Elected Officers of this Town:

Supervisor – \$133,000.00;
Town Clerk -- \$105,000.00;
Councilmembers – \$49,000.00;
Receiver of Taxes -- \$115,000.00; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the Preliminary Budget are available at Town Hall, 200 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:45 P.M.

Dated: Manhasset, New York
 October 25, 2022

**BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF
THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
RAGINI SRIVASTAVA
TOWN CLERK**

; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall cause a copy of such notice to be posted on the signboard of the Town not less than ten (10) days before the date designated for such hearing.

DATED: Manhasset, New York
October 25, 2022

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Lurvey,
Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Councilperson Zuckerman, Supervisor
DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: And we'll be happy to

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Item 2 is a work session.

MR. PITNICK: I was answering her question, I apologize. I just speak without thinking sometimes, it's one of my fatal flaws.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Now we have a work session, so Item 2 gets called.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item 2, a work session on the preliminary budget of the Town of North Hempstead together with the budgets for all special improvement districts and the assessment rolls of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District, Great Neck Water Pollution Control District and Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the year 2023.

(PUBLIC WORK SESSION)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I move to close the work session. Can you call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Motion to adjourn. I move to adjourn.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: 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.

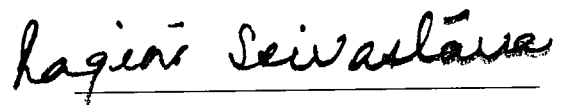
COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you, good night, everyone.

(At 7:58 p.m., the proceedings were concluded.)

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Rajani Srivastava". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Town Clerk

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

Henry Krukowski, being duly sworn, deposes and says that on the 11th day of October, 2022, he posted the attached Notice of Special Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead will be held on October 25, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room located at Town Hall, 220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York, to conduct a work session relating to the Town's 2023 budget and to consider any other matters that may come before the Board, at the following locations:

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Great Neck Post Office

Port Washington Post Office

Greenvale Post Office

Roslyn Heights Post Office

Albertson Post Office

Carle Place Post Office


Westbury Post Office

New Hyde Park Post Office


Henry Krukowski

Sworn to me this

14th day of October, 2022


Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF NEW YORK
No. 01CU6119852
Qualified in Nassau County
My Commission Expires December 06, 2024

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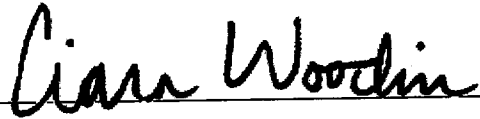
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fore the Board.
Dated: Manhasset, New York
September 28, 2022
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BOARD OF THE TOWN OF
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