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TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
TOWN BOARD BUDGET HEARING TOWN HALL

November 3, 2022 7: 02 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
MICHAEL KELLY, ESQ., Deputy Town Attorney

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can we all please stand for the pledge?

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

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

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Good evening, everyone. Town of North Hempstead town board meeting, Thursday November 3, 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: Okay, is a special meeting so we're not having public comment, we're going to go right into the public hearings. Madam Clerk, would you please call the first hearing?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 1, a public hearing to consider 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.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you. So tonight we're holding this public hearing for the town's 2023 preliminary budget, which includes the budgets for commissioner operated special districts. I'd like to thank all the districts for their enthusiasm and cooperation throughout the budget process and thank them for being present this evening. Since they are all gathered tonight here in the room, this is an excellent time for any interested residents who wish to have a question answered by our district commissioners or their representatives, they might do so during the hearing. Do we have any comments? Did you submit a card for this one?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Susan Shechtman.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, this is for the --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Do you have a card?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, this is for the special districts.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Yes, this is for the special districts, this is for -- I'm Suzy Shechtman, President of the Harbor Hillis Civic Association. This is my fourth time before this committee and it is discussing our budget, and the one line that is of particular note right now is our administrative cost and our administrative allocation, and I'd like to thank Councilman Adhami to help clarify some questions which have only caused more questions to be necessary, but we have since had a talk with the comptroller and we have now come to a plan as to how to answer this. The issue for the people who are in the room is that our administrative cost has gone up significantly from 2019, and up till 2023, our increase from 2022 to 2023 is 17 percent. We had work done between 2019, 2020, and 2021. We as a community are not asking anybody to pay for anything that relates to our community, and any allocated charges that relate to Harbor Hills, Harbor Hills is responsible for and we accept that. However, the issue for us is that --there's a number of issues. One is the overall level of the administrative charge. Our charge in 2023 is going to \$115,000, as opposed to Clinton G. Martin, we have 195 homes, Clinton G. Martin has 11,000, and their charge is \$200,000. We understand that we did work in a number of years and that caused increased allocation of different departments to help these capital projects, but the work is done and our issue is for 2023, just to summarize our issue, our issue is why, when the work is done, are we at a 17 percent increase off of a very high level? Our level an average was 50 to \$70,000 and now it's \$115,000. We have since talked to the comptroller and he has agreed to work with us and the consultant who was working with the percentages of allocation for those years and we are very pleased by that and I will be back reporting on what we have found in our work with that, but I think the importance for all of you is that these administrative charges are not just for little Harbor Hills. These administrative charges are for Clinton G. Martin, these are for the lighting districts, the sidewalk districts, any number of districts, anything that is the cost of the town is an administrative charge and how it is allocated to each of your areas should be a concern, and this is the thing that there doesn't seem to be clear data that's been able to be provided. We are now in a process of working to get that data. However, to approve a budget that implies that people will be taxed according to an allocation that the data is not available seems to be irresponsible as far as we're concerned. And so while we are pleased that we are in the process of trying to figure this out, to tax us on a number that the data is not available seems unfair. Not just to us, to every other place that the administrative charge is allocated to.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think that the data actually, it is the actual numbers from 2021. There has been a delay in the administrative cost and the data you are looking at is based on actual data from 2021.

MS. SHECHTMAN: We have not seen the data and if there were a chart --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I saw it, it is what we gave to you.

MS. SHECHTMAN: No, it isn't. There were percentages that were given to us, and if there is an allocation that is done for money spent to support the town's operation in 2021, to say you are still required to pay for it in 2023 going forward, does not make sense.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We weren't able to charge for it until we had the actual numbers, and so now we have the actual numbers from 2021, this is when it comes into the budget.

MS. SHECHTMAN: We need to see the exact numbers and we have been talking to Paul Wood and he is going to supply us with the exact numbers and how they relate and how they are calculated, because otherwise, there can be -- someone can say, yes, you saw the numbers, we did not see the numbers.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We did give you the numbers, it looks high this year but now you know that these are the numbers back from 2021 and hopefully this is not going to happen again next year. But this is based on --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Can I just --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Go ahead, Mr. Adhami -- Councilman.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: If I can just interject for a minute, Ms. Shechtman, thank you very much for being here again and thank you for meeting with me and discussing. I do believe we have received some answers, not all the answers that you want, but I promise I will work diligently to get all of the answers and - -

MS. SHECHTMAN: Specific data, and we haven't seen it. Generalizations and we've seen certain percentages, we have not seen the specific data, and that is what we are asking for. We are not saying that we do not want to pay our fair share of whatever the allocation is, we need to be explained to exactly why this allocation is and why it makes no sense for a number of reasons. That's where we stand.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Pete Gaffney.

MR. GAFFNEY: Names Pete Gaffney, Carle Place, Westbury School District, thanks for showing up and I'll talk good at time and open comments. The public hearing, actually, this was number two, number one is Belgrave.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let's wait --if you're going to talk about the Town of North Hempstead budget, let's wait until we call that public hearing. This is still about the --

MR. GAFFNEY: That's fine, I'm saying you skipped number one, it went right to number two.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No.

MR. GAFFNEY: Yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is supposed

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: We're Still on number one.

MR. GAFFNEY: Okay, you're on number one. I just have a question about the Belgrave Water District, I've noticed that their offices are in -- they say Flushing on a Google website, but it's actually Douglaston and I'm just wondering, is there is any other representatives besides Great Neck that are being serviced? Anybody in Queens, or how about Lake Success and a few others, Thomaston, because it shows that they're actually service them, so I don't know if it's affecting anybody in Great Neck, I don't know in their able to separate it or what, so, just asking a question, that's all, thanks.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

MS. LURVEY: I have a question if there are no more cards.

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

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: I have a question for the Great Neck Water Pollution Control

District, so last night we got a copy of the preliminary budget and got a copy of the book today, and going through it we noticed there were two changes that I just wanted to make sure that you were aware of and that you had proposed. One of them is a change in -- they're both in the revenue line, one of them is a payment in lieu of taxes, the LIPA changed from \$288,009 to \$399,528, and the other change is that sewer rents changed from \$4,065,648, to \$4,029,496. So if you could just explain if you're aware of these and these changes.

MR. LEAKE: Sure, Thomas Leake, Business Manager, Great Neck Water Pollution Control District. The changes were -- we were waiting on the adjusted base proportions from the county, so the preliminary was the same as the tentative. We received the adjusted base proportions from the county on last Tuesday, the 26th, so we put it through, we were able to get it through the board meeting. So those numbers were based on the adjusted based proportions, and I believe the tax levy was different as well.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Right, because that would then follow through.

MR. LEAKE: Yes, it was all revenue based, that's what we're waiting on.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Okay, thank you very much. No more questions.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I just ask, if that was a problem for Great Neck, is that also a problem for Belgrave in Port Washington? Are they here?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Belgrave is here.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So did you have the same problem?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You just have to come up to the mic.

MS. DIFIORE: Giovanna DiFiore, the Business Manager for the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District. Again, as the same as Tom Leake had said, but our -- it was a very small difference for the pilot, it was a very small difference so I did not change our budget.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Do we know if it's in this budget?

MS. DIFIORE: No, it's very small, very immaterial, a thousand dollars, so.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: But it should be accurate.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, you're from Belgrave?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, Port Washington.

MS. DIFIORE: Port Washington.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Anybody here from Belgrave?

MS. CHAGOYA: We don't have a problem.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Would you mind coming to the mic?

MS. CHAGOYA: Rosanna Chagoya, the Business Manager. We actually assess on a benefit basis, so we do not assess on a -- we don't have this issue.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you.

MS. DIFIORE: By the time we received the ABP rates and the calculation is done, I have a long calculation that I go through, and I see that it's very small. I decided it wasn't worth

changing because by the time we did the upload, it was late, 5:30 Tuesday.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You understand that if we vote on this, what's been represented to us, you have to live with that budget.

MS. DIFIORE: Right, right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you. Are there any other comments?

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I move to close the public hearing. Madam clerk will you call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckermnsn.

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.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a public hearing on 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 will be held before the Town Board in the Town Board Room located at Town Hall, 220 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York on November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

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CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you. Item No. 2

MR. CHIARA: I have one question for the districts, if that's okay. I want to make sure that the assessment rolls that you sent to the clerk are correct, though.

MR. LEAKE: I'll say yes.

MR. CHIARA: Can you just say it on the --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Would you mind coming to the mic, please?

MR. LEAKE: Tom Leake, Great Neck. Yes, that's what we're waiting on. When I receive the adjust base proportion, that's what changes the budget, the assessment.

MR. CHIARA: Okay, I want to make sure the --

MR. LEAKE: 100 percent.

MR. CHIARA: -- rolls that the clerk have, because we don't approve your budget, but we approve your rolls.

MR. LEAKE: I hand delivered it Friday.

MR. CHIARA: Okay.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you. Item number --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, you were out of the room when the representative from Belgrave -- I'm sorry, Port Washington came and said that there is a thousand dollar change, roughly a thousand dollar change in her budget. You may want to ask -- and they understand, they're not going to work with that thousand dollars, but you may want to ask her the same question about the assessment.

MR. CHIARA: Could you just explain the rolls that the Clerk has? Are they --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Is the assessment roll correct?

MR. CHIARA: -- that you would have filed with the clerk?

MS. DIFIORE: The assessment roll is correct.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 2, a public hearing to consider the preliminary budget of the Town of North Hempstead together with the budgets for all special improvement districts for the year 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Over the course of the last month, the town board has met nearly every week to discuss the budget and hash out next year's spending plan. The final version of the budget will be presented for a vote later tonight, keeping with our commitment that we continue the town's tradition of voting on the budget before election day. I feel this is important because it helps provide our residents open and transparent government. I want to thank all of our department heads and the budget team, including my Deputy Supervisor, Joe Scalero, our Acting Comptroller, Paul Wood, Director of Governmental Research, Steve Pollack and Deputy Comptroller, Sharon Glassman for their diligent work in helping craft this years budget, especially given the unusual circumstance that we've dealt with this year as the town has been without an appointed comptroller. The tentative budget I submitted was 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, I presented amendments that would have delivered an 11 percent tax cut for our residents in a fiscally sound and responsible way, which I believe would have been the single biggest tax cut in town history. When I made a motion to adopt these amendments, my colleagues on the town board abstained from voting and ultimately the taxpayers of our town were deprived of a double digit tax cut. Subsequently, Councilwoman Lurvey proposed her own amendments to the budget that increased spending and increased taxes as compared to me double digit tax cut proposal, and that is the budget we are here to discuss tonight. So I'm going to invite Councilwoman Lurvey to take the opportunity to make a statement regarding the budget if she chooses, and if not, I'll ask the clerk to call on the public who may wish to give comments.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Thank you very much. So as the Supervisor mentioned, last week budget amendments which were proposed by myself, we unanimously approved. These budget amendments --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: We can't hear you. Maybe it's your mic.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Can you hear me? Last week, my budget amendments, we unanimously approved. These budget amendments allowed us to actually cut taxes for our residents by five percent in a responsible and appropriate way, and allocate funds to additional capital improvements, all while still maintaining a stable fund balance in this very uncertain time. This is the most important information that I wish the residents to know. I know how hard our residents work and that they deserve the very best services possible. It is our responsibility to deliver for them, and I am proud that this budget does so in an efficient and effective way, while still cutting taxes five percent. We are better positioned for the future. The Supervisor's plan was too extreme because it would have manufactured a future fiscal crisis, and we could not agree to a budget that would put the town in a financial hole. I'm glad we were able to move forward and protect the progress that has been made at the town over the past several years. This budget journey has been a long journey. At the start, the Supervisor promised the most transparent process in the town's history. This has not been delivered. First, she offered up her tax increase budget. Then, after it had been public for two weeks, she implemented a bait and switch with a brand new budget book while the board members, residents, and department heads were reviewing the existing budget. Subsequently, she came out with a calculated political stunt blaming her about face on an allegedly withheld fund balance policy. When that was exposed as untrue at a town board meeting, she never explained her real reason for changing course. The taxpayers need to know that this has been called out. We have yet to have access to editable spreadsheets of the budget and have been working with our staff diligently comparing books such as this, which we are provided 24 hours before the meeting and we have done our best. We have also not received changes in an itemized way. We were supposed to trust that there were only those changes that we had agreed in the amendments last week. Again, that has not held true as there have been other amendments that we found in the preliminary budget. So in the end, I am proud that we were able to come together last week to adopt these amendments, to adopt this budget unanimously. I am disappointed in the process, but I know that we will come out keeping the town fiscally strong and the residents well served. Thank you.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'd like to add to this. This is my third year as a councilwoman. This budget process has been an absolute disaster, disaster. I'm saying to all

the special districts out here, go check your budget, compare it to the online budget. I cannot begin to tell you how this budget process has not been transparent. It has been many hours of working on this budget, not seeing my family, not being able to go to community events, it has been a complete disaster, and I mean that, I really mean that, and you can speak to anyone of my colleague and they will tell you. So it is the main responsibility for a Supervisor to put this budget together and then all of us look at it. It has not been a transparent process at all. We were given a budget and then a bait and switch and then through the bait and switch, I asked for it in writing, how many changes have been made to this budget? I received in writing, two. I found over 30 changes. 30 changes, and I was told there were only two. That's not transparent to me. So here we are at the final budget hearing, I don't even know what we're voting on, because you, the Acting Comptroller, we have a comptroller, he was the Acting Comptroller, I'm one of the people that voted for him. The administration cannot handle the routine tasks of submitting amendments appropriately for us to vote on. I wanted everyone to know that I received this budget book that I'm supposed to vote on. I received this around 4:00, 3:00 today, or maybe it was 2:00, it was between 2:00 and 4:00, today. I did not know that this was online last night at 8:30, less than 24 hours, and now I have to tonight vote on this? The last time I looked through the budget that was submitted that we denied, there was over 30 changes from -- I don't know, I need more time to look at this. This is -- it has not been a transparent process at all the. So Mr. Chiara, I ask you, our town attorney, can you explain what we're actually voting on, tonight, and is what the document that we posted online, because -- could you answer that because this budget that we're supposed to vote on tonight should only have -- it should have the tentative budget that the board voted on, Councilwoman Lurvey's that all of us approved, changes, should be in here; correct?

MR. CHIARA: I apologize, I'm not sure what you're looking at.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm looking at the budget that was submitted on September 28th, there was a budget that we approved as a town board as a tentative budget on September 28th, okay? Today we received this budget. This budget should be the tentative budget, plus the amendments that this board approved should be in here; correct, nothing else?

MR. CHIARA: I'm not really familiar with what you received, I didn't get a copy, but I would say that what is -- what has been voted on is the preliminary budget, which is the tentative budget from the 28th and the amendments that were voted on at the last meeting. I don't know if that answers your question, but I'm not familiar with what you're holding.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Just doing a quick comparison, I found four different things that were not voted on by this board that are included in this budget. Should amendments have been sent and the board should have voted on them?

MR. CHIARA: Again, I'm not sure what you're holding --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The preliminary budget.

MR. CHIARA: -- but I will say any amendments need to be voted on as part of the preliminary budget and then adopted, so I don't know if that answers --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So there are amendments in here that we did not vote on.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is the preliminary budget, this is the tentative budget with the amendments that we voted on last week. This is the same process we do every year. The preliminary budget includes the amendment that we all voted on last week. That is what is in

here, this is the preliminary budget that we have come here to vote on tonight, that is the schedule.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I have a few things to say.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Can I just finish?

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Yeah, please.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So if that's accurate, if you take the tentative budget from September 28th, and you go to Section 2, general fund, and you go to page -- let me get there.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, this is the preliminary budget, there is not the tentative budget that I proposed. This is the preliminary budget that the board voted on last week.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, there's changes --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, we voted on a preliminary budget last week.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That are changes in this budget that were not voted on, and I'll give you an example: The town clerk, the salary line is over by \$33,000. That still has not been checked -- that still has not been fixed. So Section 3 --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Councilwoman, I just want to understand, so you're saying that the budget we got just this afternoon has a line that's \$33,000 higher for the clerk's office than it was on the vote -- than we voted on?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So in the clerk's office, if you go to Section 3 -- oh, there's no page numbers; page 17, office of the town clerk, it says, the total salary should be \$254,492.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's the one we got today, 254 --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Correct. So if you go to Tab 3, it matches the \$254,492, but that number is not in the town clerk --hold on, I'll get there, bear with me. If you look, it's \$287,492. That's an error. That \$287,492 should read \$254,492. There's a difference. So that has to be corrected.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the budget we saw today understates what the clerk needs to run the department.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The clerk's office, it has to be decreased by \$33,000. That's one. Then there is --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: And we didn't vote on that on the last time.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: That was not voted on the last time.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No. Section 2, general fund, they're changing -- page 13 -- I take my votes very serious. In general fund -- let me get to this one, this is why you got to do your research. So the budget that was submitted on September 28th, Tab 2, page 13, and the budget that we received today, they changed the numbers so 4903 is now 99400, and 4903.001 is 322, so I don't know why those were switched. So if these are thing I'm finding, I found four things, what else is there for a quick look?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This preliminary budget is based on the amendments that we voted

on last week. You keep looking at the September 28th tentative budget, that's not what we have now, we're looking at the preliminary budget that we voted on last week.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So, Supervisor, the process works. I'll say it again so you understand it. September 28th, we voted on this -- this was a tentative budget we voted on.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: That's the tax increase budget just so for clarity purposes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The tax increase budget that the Supervisor put in. Last week we voted on amendments. The budget that I was handed today should only be the changes that the board voted on. What I'm trying to say is there's other changes in there that the board did not vote on. That is a problem.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: When you change some of the numbers it affects other numbers.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, no, no --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You made changes, we voted on several changes last week, you can't just change one number without it affecting other numbers.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's just not accurate.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you kidding me, you think you just add and make one number bigger and it doesn't affect other numbers? Of course it affects other numbers.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: There were no changes made to the clerk's office at all, and none of the changes that were made run through the clerk's office. This is entirely different, this is a one-off --

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: And the community services, too, there were no amendments to the community services.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: To make statements to the opposite of that is completely false, another falsehood, more falsehoods.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, first it was an error, and by the way, Councilwoman Dalimonte, last meeting you said there were these mistakes and you waved them around on a paper, but you never gave them to me.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You never asked for them.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I certainly did, it's on the record. Let's just not -- let's not make this more unpleasant than it has to be.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: And also you added an entire tab, Tab 7, I understand it's informational only, but that's something if you're gonna add it because it wasn't in the original budget, needs to be voted on, so, when you did the big speech about being transparent, you have to actually be transparent to be transparent, and that's why I ran on transparency, I want people to know what we are voting on.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Are you done?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah, I'm done.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I've been sitting here for a while and I'm really frustrated, I have to tell you. This years budget process has not been transparent. If anything, it's been quite the opposite. In previous years Supervisor Bosworth kept us updated on all developments.

There were conversations about all the tax implications and consequences. Never would our previous Supervisor would she have called a secret press conference to flip the switch on taxes based on a false premise. Councilman Troiano, can you hold up that sign again, the false premise? Fortunately we all agreed and voted for Councilwoman Lurvey's revisions. However, I don't see how we can vote on this tonight because of all the confusion surrounding the other perspective changes. The Supervisor's failure to follow the routine budget rules is extremely troubling, and these false accusations just keep coming and coming. We received -- you want to call it budget book No. 3? At 2:00 this afternoon, okay, we found changes in that short period of time. I would ask all of you to look at your budgets as they appear on the budget online, because I don't trust it. We were told that it was transparent, we were told there were no other changes. That is not true, and it is quite frustrating, and if I was sitting in your position, I would be upset because you don't deserve that. You work hard and it's not appropriate. Not at all.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can I call on the Deputy Supervisor to explain what was done to come up with this preliminary budget?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I thought maybe we could ask the clerk because Councilwoman Dalimonte pointed out that there's a difference from the September 28th the budget to the budget we got presented at late this afternoon. You suggested that that's because of changes that some of us made that flow through to the town clerk's office. Maybe the town clerk, since she's here, can speak to that. Clerk?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm sorry, which is the chair of the meeting, because I think I was just called up by the Chair. Are we changing?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Deputy supervisor, can you explain --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I was just making --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me, I did ask him --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Just to answer your question, I was just making suggestions, Supervisor, but since the clerk -- you didn't do the clerk's budget; right?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The clerk did her budget. So I think the clerk is probably better positioned --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: But it get incorporated into the overall town budget, as you know.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- she's probably better positioned to say whether or not she made any changes between the 28th and tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I believe the only change are the ones that this board made at the last meeting.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Exactly, we didn't make a change to the town clerk's office.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You didn't, and, you know, quite frankly, I think it's, I am absolutely shocked, all my years in government working in budgets and with different boards, I have never seen a board who adopted a budget -- this is your budget, this is the preliminary

budget you adopted last week. That book just took the changes that you made at that hearing and incorporated into the book. It's now your budget and those are the changes you made, and now you're questioning them, and you have the audacity, quite frankly, to take special districts whose budget's depend on this and the town every year, and try to strike fear that somehow there's a mistake made. The budget were submitted by them, okay, these are their budgets as requested.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We're talking about the town clerk, not the special districts.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's not the question I was asked by the Chair, sir, okay?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: She asked you a

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Excuse me Councilman Troiano, let's please -- Councilman Troiano, let's have order.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: He has a right to his own opinion but that is right to his own fact.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: This is a tactic that he uses all the time.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We are not --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: This is a tactic that Mr. Troiano uses all the time. He disrupts people when they're speaking.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We can only have one person speaking at a time.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's a tactic.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman Dalimonte did tell all the commissioners here you better worry that there are mistakes on your budget. Deputy Supervisor Scalero is trying to address that.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: As did Councilman Zuckerman.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes. Now --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I will tell you that I have yet, for example, this is now the second time that I've heard there are somehow 30 changes, a very specific number, I might add, 30 changes that were supposedly made. We've asked you now for two weeks for those, I have not received one single itemized change from you. Not one of those 30 things have been identified. You sent a list of questions over from the budget, from your offices, I don't know who the author was, but it came from, I believe, Councilwoman Lurvey's office, okay, which we sent answers in two parts. Some of them were more complicated than the other, we got your answers to every one of those questions. One of the things, when you mention a transposed number, just now, that line, was identified in that. It was a typographical error that was corrected, and you did know about it because it was it sent to all of you, so you can't get up there and say, we're just seeing this for the first time. The public is not gonna buy it, and frankly, I think you're doing a disservice to everybody whose been working on this budget for the last month and a half -- actually, some of us have been working on it going back to July.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's because it's a smokescreen. They've intended to do this since the beginning.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It is painfully obviously and I'm really, really nervous

for the future of this town, because it is painfully obvious that at least three of you tonight are suggesting that you stall the passage of this budget. You set it not so subtly, some more subtle than others, about how you don't know if you could pass this. I don't know why you couldn't pass it, you wrote it, this is your budget that you adopted last week and now suddenly you can't do it --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Then how do you account for the changes, Mr. Scalero?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let him finish.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- and you're going to leave this town approaching a deadline --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: She asked him a question --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: approaching a November deadline --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're interrupting again, that's what these guys do, they interrupt.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: That's what you keep saying, Dennis -- Councilman, sorry.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Let him finish talking.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Don't tell me to

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Listen, I'm asking the Deputy Supervisor --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I can't hear a single question when you're all talking above each other, so I'm sorry.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, you're interrupting the Deputy Supervisor, and you do it as a tactic.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: No, I'm asking him a question.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Here we go, a tactic.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilman, please wait, please wait.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I didn't catch that question, but I can tell you I'm very worried that as a town we have to go, by November, have a budget in place for next year and you are now going to, I have to imagine, intentionally stall it until after election day, which is shocking since that has always been, at least in the prior administration, prided themselves in always doing a budget before election day, and now I'm hearing, let's stall, let's stall, let's stall. So that's on you, I don't have to take that responsibility. My responsibility is to make sure this town has a budget in place by November.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: May I ask a question?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yes, ma'am.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Thank you. Chapter -- there's a new tab, Tab 7, which appeared in this book, can you please explain this tab and why it wasn't noticed?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't have the book in front of me. I don't have the book in front of me.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Well, you know there's a new tab, you have to know since you

were involved in this process, there was an entire new tab added.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I didn't produce the bound copy, I'm sorry. I did not produce it.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Can somebody please bring --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Can you describe it, perhaps?

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: It is the New York State Board of Real Property Services Local Government Exempt Impact Report.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yes, I can tell you my general knowledge. My general knowledge of budgets is that impact report is required to be included in any final budget. I believe our Comptroller, Acting Comptroller put that in so you would have it rather than wait until the final report. It's simply a report that has to be included. It is, as you mentioned earlier, I believe it was Councilwoman Dalimonte, you mentioned it, it was for informational purposes. It was to provide more information, not less, and I don't know how you define transparency, but giving more information is, by definition, being transparent.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: You see; right? When you say that this budget includes only the changes that were in the amendments that we voted on unanimously --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You're right.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: -- there are additional things that slip in here that -- I think Councilwoman Dalimonte takes her job very seriously, she has an accounting background, thank God, because I don't, and as you saw at the last hearing, I was mixing up line numbers all the time, but she --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No offense to the four attorneys on the board, the five attorneys on the board, but that's not your forte.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: If she finds inaccuracies or she finds changes that were not already approved, then isn't that something that we should not be getting upset about but we should be figuring out whether or not they're material and whether or not we should be, you know, addressing them in some way?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The only changes that were made between last week was the incorporation of the changes this board made when you adopted --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: That's not accurate, I'll show you right now. If you go to Harbor Hills, Suzy, Harbor Hills Park District, your revenue and your expenses on your September 28th board --on your budget don't match. So there had to be an amendment done in order to put it in for this budget. I don't have anything in writing saying there was an adjustment. When you submit a budget, your revenue and expenses have to match. So here, you guys submitted a budget on September 28th for Harbor Hills, the revenue and expenses don't match. Now, miraculously, without board approval of the changes, they match in the budget I received today, but they didn't match in the other budget. So if the board didn't vote on that change, how'd it wind up in the book? It wasn't on Councilwoman Lurvey's amendments.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Again, this is the first time hearing of this and you've had a week since you adopted this budget.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I just got this today.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: But those are the changes that you made.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No we didn't. That's why -- Deputy Supervisor Scalero, don't lie.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I am not lying.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please, please, let's not go there, Mariann. How dare you.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: This is an employee of the town.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I will not be accused of lying!

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I have the adjustments here, I have the adjustments here.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You can take shots at anybody on that board you want, but you will not call me a liar. I am telling you what happened.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He's an employee!

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You just said it was my -- our adjustments. That is not accurate!

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm saying I haven't even seen what you are talking about. I'm also saying you're accusing me of having 30 lines in a budget that are changing, yet, you can't produce a single one of them.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You should have a budget book.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Maybe they're in the same fantasy that your 30 are in.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I am showing you right here --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You see what's going on?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- right is the proof, I got this this afternoon. This is the budget - -

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: The numbers don't lie, Councilman.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- the numbers don't lie.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: It's a smokescreen.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: This is not a smokescreen, this poor lady has coming here to every board meeting about Harbor Hills and her revenue and expenses don't match. This budget is horrible. It's a disaster!

COUNCILMAN WALSH: We're all sitting next to each other, you need not scream. I got hearing aids on and it's kind of ringing in my ear over here.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Usually you can't hear me so I'm screaming.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Is that why you scream?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, you usually say to me --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm not sure why you scream all the time. It couldn't because you get angry, right?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So I'm asking you, if this was not on our adjustments, how'd it make it into this budget?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I can't speak about anything I haven't seen and I'm hearing about for the first time right now from here, okay?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Do we have any extra budget books? Can the town clerk --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm not gonna be able to sit there and look at the budget book at this moment and know it; all right?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'll give you the page numbers.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's the simple fact.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: What date is that budget book?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Pardon me?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: What date is that budget book?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: What do you mean, it's November 3rd. There's only one budget at this point. You keep going back between multiple budgets. There is one budget at this point, the preliminary budget which this board adopted. That's the way the budget process works, and frankly, it's the way it's set by state law and it's the way it's always worked in this town. And just for the record, because I keep hearing that somehow we changed things and there wasn't transparency, we followed, by design, the exact same budget process that was used in every prior year, exactly, okay? I can walk you through it if you want, but it's exactly the same that was filed in every prior year, and you know why we did that? Because I didn't want anybody on the board accusing us of somehow changing the process, and yet, we're getting accused of that anyway.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: But Mr. Scalero, how do you account for the differences that Councilwoman Dalimonte has laid out? How do you account for those?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't know.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: They're your budget books that you provided.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Am I supposed to take her word on it right now? I don't know, I have not seen it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: May I say something?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Please.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Chair, may I say something?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, I recognize you, Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you. I understand that you're not more aware of the changes that Councilwoman Dalimonte is referring to than I was coming up here. But as you would appreciate, and this is an important matter, would it not behoove all of us, including the residents that are here, to go into executive session or take a recess to give you a chance, and perhaps Councilwoman Dalimonte a chance to compare notes, and maybe, in fact, she's right, there's a difference. And it could be that you didn't know it, it just happened inadvertently when

everything got tallied up, but there's a legitimate question being raised and I think the taxpayers have a right to know before we vote on this.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I think that you have the right as a board to go into executive session whenever you'd like. I can also say, though, that you've had a week since the last board, there's not been one bit of communication. I have met with your staff who also raised no questions on this that could have been done. In fact, just to be clear on that, Robert, as recently as 5:00 today, I touched base with the staff and said, are there any changes, do you need anything? And I have received no return phone call. And now you wait till you come to the board meeting and suddenly say what about this line?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I don't mean to cut you off, I'm sorry.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Please.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You talked about a week ago we could have done or could have done things in the last week, the point that Councilwoman Dalimonte is making is that we got this budget at 2:00 or 3:00 or 4:00 --

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Today.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You didn't get this budget, you made this budget.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: No.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Stop, Joe, Stop. The printed bound copy that we got came this afternoon; would you acknowledge that?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I was at work, so it came to town hall, I didn't get that until I came here at roughly 6:00. Councilwoman Dalimonte has gone through it to some extent, not fully. She thinks that there are some differences that we did not vote on. Can we take a -- if the board agrees to take a recess, will you agree to take a few minutes to meet with Councilwoman Dalimonte to go over what she thinks are errors?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I would be happy to, however --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: They might not even be errors, it's just changes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I don't know --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: however, I will note that at 7:50 at night, we have neither the comptroller nor anyone from the Comptroller's office here.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Where is the Active Comptroller?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: He's not here, neither is the rest of the comptroller staff.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But it's a budget hearing. If you chose not to have him here, that's --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Going into this meeting it was supposedly a done deal.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Is he reachable by phone? Is he reachable by phone?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: This was supposed to be a done deal before tonight --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Except that unfortunately we go there so late --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- except that you decided to play games with it tonight.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, Joe -- I'm sorry, Joe, I don't --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Not you personally, Robert.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Don't accuse me of playing games because Councilwoman Dalimonte may be raising some very legitimate points, maybe she's making a mistake, but maybe, in fact, what we got presented was different -- has changes that we -- that this board did not vote on, just maybe, right, maybe. Even a stopped clock is right twice a day. So let's -- can we take a chance and find -- take a moment and just find out?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's your option.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I make a motion that we go into recess.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: I second the motion.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: A recess or executive session?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I called for a recess and you and Councilwoman Dalimonte -- I'm sorry, maybe I'll get some advice from the town attorney. I think a recess, the two of them can go off would be just fine.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Shouldn't we have an executive session because why should we be excluded?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right, let's have an executive session.

MR. CHIARA: I don't think you can have an executive session on this topic.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Executive session, correct me if I'm wrong --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Is not personnel.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Is personnel or contractual.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right, thank you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Clerk, there's been a motion and a second to go into recess.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: How many minutes, I would like to know?

(No response.)

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: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I vote aye. The special districts don't have to wait for this. This is not involving you, but thank you for coming.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I vote no, I'd rather vote on this budget tonight.

(Whereupon, at 7:52 p.m., a recess was taken.)

(Time noted: 8:57 p.m.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, we're back from our recess. I don't think we made a motion; right? Do we have to move to be back? All right, go ahead, I move to reconvene.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, we're voting to come out of recess?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes.

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. Okay, so during the recess we went through a couple of -- some of the numbers and I would like to ask Deputy Supervisor Scalero to explain the three typos that we're going to address.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Well, three issues. The first to Councilwoman Dalimonte's point about the \$34,000, you called is discrepancy. It's not, as you know we went through the numbers. That \$34,000 --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: For town clerk.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- for the town clerks budget. That \$34,000 is the stipend that registrars receive. It is included, if you notice, I believe it was --my book fell apart

-- but it is under 4020, line 4020, you have 254. The line that you question was the 287, that \$34,000 is the registrars stipend, they do not get put into the salary line because it throws the head count off, it's just an accounting line. I think you, as an accountant, notice that immediately. You also had the number you mentioned, the 4902, I believe it was, the two lines that were transposed.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: 4903, this is Tab 2, page 13, 4903 and 4903.001, the numbers changed.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Wait, are those the ones that -- that's not the special district --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: For community service.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right, those are the numbers that were transposed, they were corrected, it's a typographical error. Our attorney has advised that it does -- there are two ways we can handle that, one is through an amendment to correct the typo or to do it after the budget is approved as a budget transfer, so we have the option --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, and we decided we -- what we'll do is we'll do it as an amendment so we can make sure the budget is done right instead of a budget transfer.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: Since I wasn't in the meeting, so the transpositions -- the numbers will be moved back?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: They were just reversed on the two lines, yes.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: But it's a significant enough issue that it needs to be amended.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Well, technically any change needs to be by amendment. So typographical -- and I can't speak for the town. In some places typographical errors are included rolled up in the final adoption, sometimes they do it as an amendment on the spot to correct that. We have been advised that it needs a separate amendment, so obviously that's what we have to do. But for the public's knowing, the number are correct, they just appeared reversed on the two lines. Row D and C were reversed, Or whatever. And I believe the third one was the appropriation in the -- one of the special districts --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Correct.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- that was -- should have been added or deducted from the fund balance transfer for that fund, which goes into the tax levy. That was a mathematical error -- well, spreadsheet error, they subtracted instead of added. It does not change the town's overall budget, nor does it change the budget for that district but it would, if it went through as it, might affect the levy, so it needs to be corrected.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: What happens is that the revenue and the expenses in the budget did not match.

COUNCIL WOMAN LURVEY: This is in Harbor Hills?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: This is Harbor Hills, the revenue and expenses did not match. So when you put a budget, you have to have your revenues and you have to have your expenses match. So the error was that the fund balance, so what's changing is the amount to be raised by taxation, and in order to change that, we have to do an amendment.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And it actually lowers.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, it lowers the amount to be raised by taxation.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: These are three, what are essentially typographical errors, or what used to be called clerical errors. They are not substantially different, the budget does not change in substance, nor do the bottom line numbers for any of the districts or the budget change, but we do, again, counsel has advised we do need to do an amendment to do that. Now, I would also address the clerk's item. You said that the clerk's budget went up by \$34,000, we already covered that --overall the clerk's budget has gone down by \$50,000 because the preliminary budget cuts that staff allotment, so it was just that one line that you were questioning.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, there was just that one line that I questioned, and thank you for finding that out for me.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Unless there are any other questions, I would ask the Supervisor to address these amendments as a separate item and let me go home.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Why don't we include it just to -- so we -- also we should include maybe the amendment, which we know it has to be in there, the Tab -- Section 7, just adding it, so let's just do that as well so then we're crossing our T's and dotting our I's.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I did speak with our Acting Comptroller while we were out, and I didn't say this earlier because I didn't know how public he wanted it, he could not be here tonight, he is caring for --he has an adult son with health issues that he's working through tonight, he had to be with him, so I did not expect him to be here tonight, also not thinking that he would be needed, but he was, he did call in from where he was and provided some insight into this. But I just wanted to throw that out in case anyone was wondering where he was. I didn't want to go too deeply into his family situation.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: We certainly hope that everything is okay.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: As of an hour ago, it was. Thank you. Anything else?

MS. SHECHTMAN: Can I ask a question?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Who are you asking? All right, thank you, Deputy Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Come to the microphone, please.

MS. SHECHTMAN: What should the process be if given the staffing situation in the comptroller's office and the fact that more data needs to be collected on the administration charge, which affects all districts in the town, what should the process be before the budget is approved? If the backup information for the admin cost is not available yet, and it's being worked on, that's something that affects every aspect of the budget. Does the budget get approved even though these numbers are not supported by data yet? I know it's an unusual situation because of the comptroller and one of the employees is on leave, so it puts everything in a difficult position. I don't know legally how that should be happen with the budget if there is a major line of -- major cost line that is not supported by data at the moment.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think we've covered this.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Legally, if someone can explain to me?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I don't know that I can give you an explanation that's going to --we gave you the information.

MS. SHECHTMAN: Okay, that's --if it's your position that you've given us the information and it's our position we don't have it, then I guess then it's up to the town board to decide how they handle that situation. So, that answers my question.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, thank you. Are there any other comments?

MR. GAFFNEY: Pete Gaffney, Westbury/Carle Place School District. I sent in my comments and feedback and asked for it in writing back to me on October 25th, so I hope somebody is working on it and then they can send it back to me, I'd appreciate it, because I just want to see if my questions, you know, have they been answered satisfactory. I have some choices and some questions and concerns about the budget. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Good evening, Supervisor, council members, Tom McDonough, President CSEA, Unit 7555. First I have to apologize, because somebody sent into the suggestion box, I use my hands to talk a lot and not realizing I had to go back and look at one of the town board meetings, I was holding a bottle and I was kind of doing this, (motions) didn't realize, but I'll apologize because somebody did send it to the suggestion box and I was informed of it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I don't even remember that.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: What did you do wrong?

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Don't ask him to do it again.

MR. MCDONOUGH: I was waving a bottle around, I was talking with my hands and I was waving a bottle around.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Well, I can tell you, it didn't offend me.

MR. MCDONOUGH: Listen, it offended somebody, they sent it to the suggestion box, so I'll apologize for it because it was wrong. I didn't realize I was doing it but I had to go back and painfully watch the meeting again.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, go ahead.

MR. MCDONOUGH: So as I stated in the last meeting that it's admirable that you're trying to pass along tax cuts, and most of us are residents of the town and we'll be reaping the benefits of that, but it's kind of a drop in the bucket. When you look at the graph in the budget and you look at what the overall town budget is, it comes out to 12.82 percent. When you back out the special districts and you put the part town tax and the general fund together, it comes out to 3.84 percent. What we really need relief from are the school district taxes, but that's for another place to go. Again, we're cutting taxes and I understand that. You've increased spending in several lines but you've reduced it and lowered it in several lines. One of the concerns I have is, you backed \$50,000 out of the employee benefits, the health benefits. We don't have the numbers for 2023, and they went up in '22, so I can't see how we're backing \$50,000 out of employee health benefits where it's probably going to go up significantly, so that's a concern. We backed \$50,000 out of the snow removal fund for salt. We do order our salt in advance and we to have to take that amount we order. We're 300 centerline miles of road that we have to

maintain. We get a bad winter, we can have a problem with that. Those are a couple that I noticed today that I was going through the budget. Sorry I couldn't go through everything line by line because it was a little late in the day. Thank you, Joe, because I did -- one of my questions was the stipends for the people in the clerk's office and the registrar's office because it was not in there and I notice that, because it was in last years and it wasn't this year, so I thank you and I know -- now I know where it went. Some of the lines in the budget, like, there's 13 mechanics and auto services in the '22 budget and there wasn't, there was only 12, so I was looking at that different numbers that personnel I'd like to sit down and go over with some people. Some people say that's the department's and the Supervisor's job and everybody else's job, but the union has buy-in in this, too, so I'd like to sit down and actually go over it with somebody because we're losing two people in the --they're losing one person in the clerk's office, I don't know if that's a union person or nonunion person; we're losing two people in the Comptroller's office that looks like they're union people; we have union people running departments right now, and, you know, there's a lot of concern with that. We have, and I've stated it and I'll state it again, until the day I retire, I'll state it. We are grossly, grossly understaffed. We've been grossly understaffed since Ben Zwirn was the Supervisor, because he came in and he cut half of the staff in the town, and we've never gotten back to that number. You're not the first Supervisor I've said it to, not gonna be the last, hopefully -- hopefully you might be the last, I might be able to retire soon. So, we're almost 500 between union and nonunion employees, we have almost 500 full-time employees. We have a part-time employee's health insurance supervisor, a part time person taking care of our health insurance, our health insurance. Part-time person. Oh, by the way, they cut that person from -- I think it was 4.25 to 4.05, so we're even losing that part-time person for a little bit more time. I think that we, the employees, deserve better than that. Some of the -- this was a couple of -- that I noticed on the sheets that I got from the amendments, so it states that the animal shelter was going to get one more full-time person, one additional warden at \$47,110; the salary should be \$54,455. Our laborers start higher than \$47,110, and they're a higher grade than laborers. Laborers start at \$47,471, so that one was off. Full-time plan examiner, it's in there for \$70,000, they start at \$79,784, so that's off by almost \$10,000. There was a little bit of -- somebody had a little dyslexia where the additional equipment operators says \$52,689, it's actually -- it says \$52,869, it's supposed to be 680. Those are just a few things I found this afternoon. I understand we're going to be spending a lot of money on projects, which is good, it's good for the taxpayers, it's good for out patrons. I would love to walk into some of our parks and see that they look like some of the Oyster Bay parks, that would be a nice thing to do. But the other thing I have to do is worry about my union members, we are in contract negotiation. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you. Okay, if we have no other comments, I move to close the hearing.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, just a procedural matter, I understand that there is an agreement to that we had to make amendments to the budget and they would be voted on on Monday.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, I'm going to call that next.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can we close the public hearing?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's what I just did.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I know, I guess I'm asking the town attorney.

MR. CHIARA: Yeah, you can close it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote eye.

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: I move to call a special hearing, Monday morning at 10:00 a.m.

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.

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

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SUPERVISOR DESENA: Madam Clerk, will you call resolution 3?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Item No. 3, a resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 579 -2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE BELGRAVE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District (the "District") did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, file with the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead detailed estimates, in writing, of the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the District for the purpose of determining the amount of money required to meet the expenses of maintaining the improvements for the fiscal year commencing the 1st day of January, 2023 (the "Estimates"); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, assess the amount of the Estimates so prepared on the lots and parcels of land against which the expense of the improvement was to be charged in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit which each and all parcels will derive therefrom, and did file said assessment roll pursuant to the terms of said law with the Town Clerk (the "Assessment Roll"); and

WHEREAS, the Board did, on the 3rd day of November 3, 2022, in the manner and on the notice as prescribed by law, hold a public hearing on the Estimates and Assessment Roll, as filed with the Town Clerk and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt said Assessment Roll as the annual assessment roll of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York
 November 3, 2022

The vote on the foregoing resolutions 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 Tax Receiver

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 4, a resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 580 - 2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District (the "District") did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, file with the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead detailed estimates, in writing, of the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the District for the purpose of determining the amount of money required to meet the expenses of maintaining the improvements for the fiscal year commencing the 1st day of January, 2023 (the "Estimates"); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, assess the amount of the Estimates so prepared on the lots and parcels of land against which the expense of the improvement was to be charged in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit which each and all parcels will derive therefrom, and did file said assessment roll pursuant to the terms of said law with the Town Clerk (the "Assessment Roll"); and

WHEREAS, the Board did, on the 3rd day of November 3, 2022, in the manner and on the notice as prescribed by law, hold a public hearing on the Estimates and Assessment Roll, as filed with the Town Clerk and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt said Assessment Roll as the annual assessment roll of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York
 November 3, 2022

The vote on the foregoing resolutions 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 Tax Receiver

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 5, a resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 581 - 2022

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE PORT WASHINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2023.

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District (the "District") did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, file with the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead detailed estimates, in writing, of the anticipated revenues and expenditures of the District for the purpose of determining the amount of money required to meet the expenses of maintaining the improvements for the fiscal year commencing the 1st day of January, 2023 (the "Estimates"); and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners of the District did, pursuant to the provisions of Section 202-a of the Town Law of the State of New York, assess the amount of the Estimates so prepared on the lots and parcels of land against which the expense of the improvement was to be charged in proportion as nearly as may be to the benefit which each and all parcels will derive therefrom, and did file said assessment roll pursuant to the terms of said law with the Town Clerk (the "Assessment Roll"); and

WHEREAS, the Board did, on the 3rd day of November, 2022, in the manner and on the notice as prescribed by law, hold a public hearing on the Estimates and Assessment Roll, as filed with the Town Clerk and all interested persons were afforded an opportunity to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt said Assessment Roll as the annual assessment roll of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York
November 3, 2022

The vote on the foregoing resolutions 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 Tax Receiver

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 6, a resolution adopting the annual budgets of the special districts of the Town of North Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So I'm going to move to table this.

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: This is so that we can discuss it on Monday; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes.

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. 7, a resolution adopting the annual budgets of the Town of North Hempstead General Fund and Town Outside Village Fund for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to table.

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: Item No. 8.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: I have a conflict on this.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay. Councilman Adhami is stepping out.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Do we need to move to hear it before it's called?

MR. CHIARA: Yeah, you should --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Wait till it's called? All right, wait till it's called then you can step out.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Wait till it's called then step out?

MR. CHIARA: Yeah, I think you can step out.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can you call the item?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item No. 8, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for legal services with Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Hold on, hold on, hold on, I have to recuse also. I'm getting hand signals over there.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There's, like, ten people telling you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can you call the item? Madam Clerk, did you call it?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: I read it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Just read it again since Councilman Walsh left.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Okay. Item No. 8, a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement for legal services with Jaspan Schlesinger LLP.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Zuckerman.

COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Lurvey.

COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

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

RESOLUTION NO. 582 -2022

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN AGREEMENT FOR LEGAL SERVICES WITH JASPAN SCHLESINGER LLP.

WHEREAS, the Office of the Town Attorney ("Town Attorney") requires special legal counsel to represent the Town and the Town Board in Paul Pereira, individually and as Mayor of the Village of Mineola, the Village of Mineola, James J. McHugh, Jr., Councilman Dennis J. Walsh, individually and as a member of the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead and Councilman David A. Adhami, individually and as a member of the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead v. The Town of North Hempstead, Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead and the Nassau County Board of Elections, Case No. 22-CV-06231 (HG) (the "Services"); and

WHEREAS, following the establishment of a committee to review proposals received to perform the Services and scoring of such proposals, the Director of Purchasing has been recommended that the Town enter into an agreement with Jaspán Schlesinger LLP ("Counsel") to provide the Services to be paid at the rate of Two Hundred Fifty and 00/100 Dollars (\$250.00) per hour for partners and associates and One Hundred Twenty-Five and 00/100 Dollars (\$125.00) per hour for paralegals and legal assistants (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, this Board finds it to be in the best interests of the Town to authorize the Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Agreement be and is hereby authorized; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Supervisor or her designee be and hereby is authorized and directed to execute the Agreement on behalf of the Town, which Agreement shall be on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, and to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Office of the Town Attorney be and hereby is authorized and directed to negotiate and oversee the execution of the Agreement, and to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Comptroller be and hereby is authorized and directed to pay the costs of the Services upon receipt of the duly executed Agreement and certified claims therefore.

Dated: Manhasset, New York
November 3, 2022

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

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

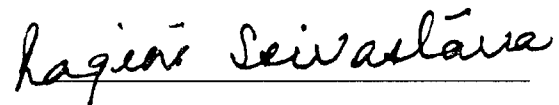
Nays: None.

Recuse: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Walsh.

cc: Town Attorney

Comptroller

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you, we're done with our --
COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You can come back in.
COUNCILMAN ZUCKERMAN: Come back in, guys.
COUNCILWOMAN LURVEY: We need you to adjourn.
SUPERVISOR DESENA: 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 and good night, everyone.
(At 9:20 p.m., the proceedings were concluded.)



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