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**TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
OCTOBER 29, 2024 7:00 P.M.**

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT:

JENNIFER DESENA- Town Supervisor
ROBERT J. TROIANO - District 1 Councilman
EDWARD SCOTT- District 2 Councilman
DENNIS J. WALSH- District 3 Councilman
CHRISTINE LIU- District 4 Councilwoman
DAVID A. ADHAMI- District 5 Councilman
MARIANN DALIMONTE- District 6 Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

NISHI SEHGAL - Deputy Town Clerk
CHRISTOPHER RUSSO - Deputy Town Clerk
NANCY SHAHVERD - Planning Commissioner
RICHARD NICOLELLO, ESQ. - Town Attorney

SUPERVISOR DESENA: All right, good evening everybody. If you'd all please rise and place your right hand over your heart.

(WHEREUPON, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Good evening, and tonight we are joined by our Deputy Town Clerk, Chris Russo. Thank you Mr. Russo.

CLERK RUSSO: Thank you for having me.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Would you please call the roll?

CLERK RUSSO: Of course. Councilman Troiano?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: He is in traffic.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Here.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Here.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Here.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Here.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Here. Councilman Troiano's stuck in traffic.

CLERK RUSSO: Thank you, Councilwoman. Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Here. Okay, we can begin with public comment.

(WHEREUPON, there was two minutes of public comment.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And by the way, let's -- could we reflect that Councilman Troiano is here.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you.

CLERK RUSSO: Yes, Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

(WHEREUPON, there was 11 minutes of public comment.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay. Before you call the first Item, I would like to call the last two Items out of order since we have -- we have Mayor Haagenson here who is involved in one of them. So would you please call Item number 8?

CLERK RUSSO: Yes, Item number 8. A resolution authorizing the execution of intermunicipal and easement agreements --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Wait, hold on. We don't have to vote on that? For years we voted on that. I mean, I have no problem with it, I just want to make sure.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: No, you -- when you voted to change the Rules of Procedure earlier this year, one of the powers that you gave to the presiding officer, the Supervisor, is the ability to call things out of order. I mean, that's a power that, you know, is routinely within the presiding officer's --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: -- domain.

CLERK RUSSO: Okay, number 8.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Sorry.

CLERK RUSSO: That's quite all right. Don't worry about it. A resolution authorizing the execution of intermunicipal and easement agreements with the Village of Baxter Estates for a shorefront restoration project.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Is there anyone wishing to be heard on number 8?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, number 8, you may have read this is involving grant money from the state. This is something that Mayor Nora Haagenson has been working on for a long time, and this agreement will allow them to have access to town land, as well. So if there are no comments -- would you like to speak?

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Thank you very much for having me, and I'm here to answer any questions, should anyone have any, regarding our shoreline restoration project, but this is something we've been working on, I have been working on, for ten years. So to be able to do this with the town means a great deal to, not only to our village, but to everyone, really, in Port Washington, particularly on the north end of the peninsula since it serves 15,000 people a day and 8,000 cars travel Shore Road. So if I can answer any questions for anyone, I'm happy to do that.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I just want to thank you so much, being a resident of Port, we've been talking about this for the last five years, I know you've been doing it for ten years, but I really have to thank Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti for --

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- going to the governor and getting you this money, and I think when the governor announced the money you fell in my arms because you fainted.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Yes, good. It was --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: This is a great thing for Port Washington.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: It is, it is. It was a tremendous surprise and just something that, as I said, I've been working on for so long and really with the help not only of Councilwoman Dalimonte, Assemblywoman Gina Sillitti, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yep.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: -- from the county, I mean, everyone has -- everyone who is in public office has come to see my beach including Supervisor DeSena, she walked the beach with me on a cold day to see the erosion and to see the damage that is being done and the potential undermining of the road which is what has concerned me tremendously. I mean, this has been going on for years, and it is so bad right now that I'm thankful that we did not have a hurricane or we would have even more damage, so -- But thank you all, and thank you for listening and for helping us with an IMA so that we can proceed with this project.

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: I just want to thank you, Mayor, for not giving up on this project. I mean, we understood the severity of the issues there, but you just kept, you kept at it, and you were so consistent about having everybody hear what's going on in Baxter Estates and you would show us pictures --

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: -- of, you know, the EMS kind of stuck there, they were -- they had to be pulled out of the water at times, there's geese swimming over the roads because of the bad flooding and all your residents suffering because of it. So thank you for just not giving up and just trucking forward with it, and now we see light at the end of the tunnel. Working in Gina Sillitti's office, this was the project I was given, and I helped bring about writing the proposals to the State Assembly and to the Speaker of the House. So I'm really happy that we can finally see money coming and our roads and our beaches getting the infrastructure help that it needs. So thank you so much, and for everybody, congratulations.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: And thank you, thank you all, as I said, for listening. I appreciate it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Anyone else have any questions?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So seeing no other comments, I offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

MAYOR HAAGENSON: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mr. Russo?

CLERK RUSSO: Yes. Sorry, Supervisor Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye, and now will you call Item number 9?

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. 492 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF INTERMUNICIPAL AND EASEMENT AGREEMENTS WITH THE VILLAGE OF BAXTER ESTATES FOR A SHOREFRONT RESTORATION PROJECT.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5-G of the General Municipal Law, municipal corporations, such as the Town of North Hempstead (the "Town"), are empowered to enter into agreements for the performance of their respective functions, powers and duties on a cooperative or contract basis; and

WHEREAS, Shore Road in Port Washington has experienced serious flooding, erosion and undermining conditions which pose health and safety concerns for residents and visitors to the greater Port Washington area, comprised of incorporated villages and unincorporated areas of the Town; and

WHEREAS, to alleviate the issues, the Village of Baxter Estates (the "Village"), will undertake a shore hardening project (the "Project" or "Action") under Manhasset Bay abutting the Village's shorefront; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves the installation of certain structures or physical components required for the shore hardening measures on Town-owned land lying under Manhasset Bay, and the creation of a wooden boardwalk structure over Town-owned land lying under Manhasset Bay, and connecting to land which is owned by the Town and abutting the Village's shorefront; and

WHEREAS, both the Town and the Village desire for the Village to undertake the contemplated Project, utilizing to the extent necessary land owned by the Town and lying beneath Manhasset Bay, adjacent to the Village's Baxter Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Town desires to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Village to permit the Village to undertake, at the cost and expense of the Village, the shore hardening project and boardwalk on Town-owned land, as depicted in the plans annexed hereto as Exhibit A, with such amendments and modifications thereto as are necessary to complete the Project (the "Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, in connection with the Project the Village has requested that the Town grant an easement covering the area encompassing the Town-owned land depicted in Exhibit A, for a perpetual term, provided, however, that such easement shall terminate at such time, if any, as the Village removes all structures and physical components of the Project from the real property owned by the Town (the "Easement"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Easement the Village will assume the responsibility of maintaining all structures and physical components of the Project lying on or over Town-owned real property; and

WHEREAS, it is required that a “lead agency” be established to review the Action pursuant to the rules and regulations for implementation of the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act as set forth in Section 617.6 of Title 6, Part 617 of the Official Compilation of Codes, Rules, and Regulations of the State of New York (“SEQRA Regulations”); and

WHEREAS, this Board, through action of the Department of Planning and Environmental Protection (the “Planning Department”) pursuant to Town Code §20-4, wishes to establish itself as lead agency and wishes to render a determination of significance pursuant to the SEQRA Regulations; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed the determination of the Planning Department, and the Negative Declaration indicating that the Action constitutes an “unlisted action” pursuant to Section 617.2(al) of the SEQRA Regulations which will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment based upon the analysis set forth in the Short Form Environmental Assessment Form (the “SEAF”), Parts 1 and 2 (the “Determinations and Negative Declaration”) for the reasons stated in the SEAF; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to conclude that the action constitutes an “unlisted action” pursuant to Section 617.2(al) of the SEQRA Regulations and that it will not result in any significant adverse impacts on the environment; and

WHEREAS, having rendered a determination of no significant adverse impact on the environment, this Board finds it in the best interests of the Town to authorize the Agreement and Easement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board declares itself “lead agency” under the SEQRA Regulations for the Action; and be it further

RESOLVED that this Board hereby adopts the Planning Department’s Determinations and Negative Declaration, finding that the Action is an “Unlisted Action” which will not result in any significant adverse impact on the environment, based upon the analysis set forth in the SEAF; and be it further

RESOLVED that, subject to further negotiation by the Office of the Town Attorney, the Supervisor or her designee be and hereby is authorized and directed to, execute the Agreement and Easement on behalf of the Town and to take such further action as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Attorney be and hereby is authorized and directed to supervise the negotiation and execution of the Agreement and Easement, and to take such further action as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this resolution.

RESOLVED that within ten (10) days of the adoption of this Resolution, the Town Clerk shall post and publish the following notice in accordance with Section 90 of the Town Law:

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION
SUBJECT TO PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at its meeting held on October 29, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead duly adopted a resolution (the "Resolution"), subject to permissive referendum pursuant to Town Law Article 7, an abstract of which is as follows: A resolution authorizing the execution of an intermunicipal agreement and an easement agreement between the Town of North Hempstead and the Village of Baxter Estates related to the installation of certain structures or physical components on Town-owned land lying under Manhasset Bay, and the creation of a wooden boardwalk structure over Town-owned land lying under Manhasset Bay, and connecting to land which is owned by the Town, in connection with a shorefront restoration project being undertaken by the Village along Shore Road in Port Washington. The easement will run for a perpetual term, provided, however, that such easement shall terminate at such time, if any, as the Village removes all structures and physical components of the project from the real property owned by the Town under Manhasset Bay; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the Resolution of the Board the Transaction is subject to a permissive referendum as set forth in Section 90 of the Town Law of the State of New York; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Resolution shall take effect unless a petition calling for a referendum on the Transaction is filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to Section 91 of the Town Law within thirty (30) days of adoption of the Resolution; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Resolution is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and may be examined during regular business hours.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

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

; and be it further

RESOLVED that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Liu, Councilperson Scott, Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Supervisor DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Planning

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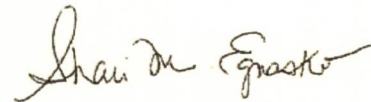
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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Resolution shall take effect unless a petition calling for a referendum on the Transaction is filed with the Town Clerk pursuant to Section 91 of the Town Law within thirty (30) days of adoption of the Resolution; and

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the Resolution is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and may be examined during regular business hours.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024
BY ORDER OF THE
TOWN BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH
HEMPSTEAD
RAGINI SRIVASTAVA
TOWN CLERK
11-7-24 IT# 992049
PORT

CLERK RUSSO: Yes. Item number 9. A resolution authorizing extensions of time for site plan approval and a special-use permit for the premises located at 1-4 Expressway Plaza, Roslyn Heights and designated on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 7, Block 5, Lots 832, 833 and 835.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are there any comments on this?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

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

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye. Okay, back to Item 1.

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. 493 - 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXTENSIONS OF TIME FOR SITE PLAN APPROVAL AND A SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR THE PREMISES LOCATED AT 1-4 EXPRESSWAY PLAZA, ROSLYN HEIGHTS AND DESIGNATED ON THE NASSAU COUNTY LAND AND TAX MAP AS SECTION 7, BLOCK 5, LOTS 832, 833 & 835.

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 633-2021, as amended by Resolution No. 769-2021 (the "Authorizing Resolution"), duly adopted at its meetings held on November 18, 2021 and December 16, 2021, respectively, the Town Board approved, pursuant to Town Code §70-219(B), the site plan application of Town Metro LLC (the "Applicant") to demolish four (4) two-story office buildings with a combined floor area of 153,000 s.f. and construct a 160,696 s.f. single two-story office building on a 9.26-acre site located at 1-4 Expressway Plaza, Roslyn Heights, New York, and identified on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map as Section 7, Block 5, Lots 832, 833 & 835 (the "Site Plan Approval"); and

WHEREAS, in accordance with §70-219.1(D) of the Town Code, the Site Plan Approval expires on November 18, 2024 due to the Applicant's failure to obtain a building permit within three years after the date of the Authorizing Resolution; and

WHEREAS, in connection with the development of the property subject to the Site Plan Approval, the Applicant also sought a special use permit (the "Permit") for the proposed construction of a multi-level, 1,251-space underground parking garage in conjunction with the proposed construction of the two-story 160,696 s.f. office building at the site; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No 632-2021, duly adopted on November 18, 2021, the Applicant was issued a Permit for the Project pursuant to §70-203(U) of the Town Code, which Permit expires November 18, 2024; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated October 8, 2024, the Applicant has requested an extension of time to obtain a building permit to complete the improvements authorized by the Site Plan Approval and Permit; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioner of Planning and Environmental Protection (the "Commissioner") has recommended that the Board extend the Site Plan Approval for an additional one-year period commencing November 19, 2024 and expiring on November 18, 2025 pursuant to §70-219.1(D) (the "Site Plan Extension"), and the Commissioner has further recommended that the Board extend the Permit for an additional six (6) month period expiring on May 19, 2025 pursuant to §70-219.1(C) of the Town Code, as the conditions and circumstances essential to the original granting of the Site Plan Approval and Permit have not changed (the Site Plan Extension and the Permit Extension, together the "Extensions"); and

WHEREAS, upon the recommendations of the Commissioner, the Board finds it in the best interest of the Town to authorize the Extensions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that this Board hereby grants the Extensions; and be it further

RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution shall be filed with the Commissioner of the Building Department (the “Building Commissioner”), and the Building Commissioner is hereby authorized and directed to issue a building permit within the time period authorized by the Extensions, upon compliance with the building permit application requirements as set forth in the Town Code, and any other conditions or requirements imposed by any other governmental entity having jurisdiction over the property, and to take such other action as may be necessary to effectuate the foregoing.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Liu, Councilperson Scott, Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Supervisor DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Planning Buildings

CLERK RUSSO: Okay.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Thank you.

CLERK RUSSO: You're welcome.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And thank you Planning Commissioner for being here just in case.

CLERK RUSSO: Item number 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 2025.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Does anybody wish to be heard on this during this hearing?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I want to thank all the commissioners for being here and for all the work that you do throughout the year. Obviously, serving clean drinking water is very complicated. It's something that we all take for granted but is very complicated and in balancing your budgets with all the mandates and changes that come along is complicated. So I want to thank you all for being here, and if there are no questions, then I move to close the public hearing.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Item number 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 2025.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Does anybody wish to be heard?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, seeing no comments, I move to close the public hearing.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, before we take the vote, I just need some clarification on the process here. We were asked to submit any budget adjustments we had by this past Friday.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: This is for Special Districts.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, number 2 is our budget.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: This is our budget.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: For all Special Improvement Districts for the year 2025.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We're on Item number 2.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, sorry, sorry.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Never mind.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Never mind.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I have a question.

CLERK RUSSO: Oh.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: He has a question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So we were asked to submit budget adjustments on Friday. I took the opportunity to do that. I don't know what's happened with that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: What you submitted was past the deadline to be included in the notice that goes out to the public and to all of us.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: What was the -- I'm sorry, what was the timeframe?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: What is the -- what is the deadline; Town Attorney?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Under the open meetings law, you -- anything submitted within 24 hours of a meeting is untimely. So if -- so since it -- it has to be posted and made available within 24 hours of the meetings. The issue with what you proposed, and I just received a copy today,

was that it was not posted to the agenda to Novus, it was not posted to the website. So technically, it's in violation of the open meetings law.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So let me understand that. It was provided to your office, and I think all the budgetary people's office --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: It actually wasn't provided to us. We got it today.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, who was it provided to?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: That, I mean, I don't know where you provided it, but it didn't come to the Town Attorney's office.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So a budget amendment -- budget adjustment has to go to the Town Attorney's office, even though, you know, I know resolutions do, but this wasn't a resolution as far as I understand it, it's a budget adjustment, and I thought it would go to the people who prepare the budget.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Well, they -- well, I'm not sure where it went, but again, like if we -- if we got it, we would've made sure it got posted to the NovusAGENDA as well as to the website which is what we did with what we received from Steve Pollack. We made sure that that --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So let me ask you. So if councilpeople are asked to submit a budget adjustment, is it unreasonable for to them to submit it to the budget developer?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I mean -- I mean, you're not asking my legal opinion about that, that's not my purview.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, I am asking your legal opinion, so tell me.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: That's not a legal question, so -- but basically, if you gave it to us, we would've made sure it got posted, but you didn't.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So a budget adjustment has to go to the Town Attorney's office.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Any change, an amendment of this nature, has to be made within 24 hours. It has to be posted and made available to the public within 24 hours of the meeting.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So I just need to understand this process, not just for -- not just for this year, but for next year --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- so I know how to handle this. So I think it was sent to -- Dani, can you help me? Who was it sent to?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'll have to check.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I believe it was -- I know it was sent to, at the very least, Steve Pollack, and it may have been sent to Joe Scalerio. I know it was sent to councilpeople as well,

and so all of them, I would expect that the budget director, I'm not sure if that's quite the right title, would know that it has to go to the Town Attorney's office, and what I'm hearing is, they just held onto it until today.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I can't speak for what they did, but as I said, we did receive, from Mr. Pollack, some technical changes to the budget, we made sure those were posted. So we work with your office all the time. It would be not an issue for us to do it for you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But this is a critical issue for me; okay?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I think also for the residents of this town, because I was suggesting that we have another code enforcement officer at nighttime because I know, you know, we don't have one presently, and I'm aware, and probably most of the councilpeople are aware, that code infractions happen at night as well as the daytime. Now, you're not certain, it seems like, when your office got it, so --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: No, we did not receive this --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's what I meant.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: -- until a copy was handed to me this afternoon. So we did not receive it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's what I wanted to ask.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the Town Attorney's office --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Did not receive it.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Got it.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So I have -- I have other comments about the budget. Is this an appropriate time --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- to give those?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is the public hearing.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So, you know, I've been uncomfortable with this budget since it was delivered, but I couldn't quite put my hands around what it was that made me uncomfortable until about four o'clock this morning when I woke up, and this may seem weird to everybody here, but I had a sudden interest in reading what's called the CAFR.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The what?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The CAFR.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think you need the microphone closer.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Sorry, thank you. I had a sudden interest in reading the CAFR. The CAFR is the annual financial report that the town has to prepare, and I saw some statistics there that led me to -- made me understand why it is that I'm uncomfortable with this budget, and it caused me to rethink my whole approach to this because during the work session, I and other councilmembers got focused on, you know, why does this item increase by 5 percent; why does it increase by 10 percent, and so on, those are legitimate questions to be asked, but it's really looking at the trees and missing the forest. My problem with this budget, and I've come to term it the anti-taxpayer budget, because it takes so much away from taxpayers. It takes away a million dollars from tree removal; it takes away a million dollars from sidewalk repair, and our sidewalks are bad; it takes away \$2 million from road paving, and we've done a lot of road paving this year, and that was a wonderful accomplishment, but then, and this is probably the worse of it, take \$2.5 million of tax cuts that taxpayers received last year, and so it's concerning to me that there's so much takeaway, and all I see in this season, the election season, are commercials about inflation is too high, home prices are too high, the rent's too damn high and taxes are too high, and we need to give something to our taxpayers, we just can't take away from them, and that's what this does. A million for trees, a million for sidewalks, a million from road paving and \$2.5 million from taxes. But I asked myself, as a good government elected official, well, maybe there's just not enough money, maybe we just can't reward taxpayers, and that's when I looked at the CAFR which caused me to look at some of the discussion in last year's hearing about the budget, and Supervisor DeSena said that she noticed, upon her review of the budget back in 2021, that the General Fund reserves should have been around 7 million, but it had actually grown to more than \$26 million, far more than what was required by town policy. You went on, Jen, to say, to characterize that \$26 million, as being grossly -- a grossly over-funded reserve account, and we don't need that. A grossly over-funded reserve account was how you characterized the \$26 million General Fund reserve. So what's the General Fund reserve now? Thirty-four million. I would say that that's grossly over-funded if 26 million is grossly over-funded. But I continued to look. So I see that the 2025 budget uses \$6 million of the General Fund in order to balance revenues with expenses. Why, you know, why revenues and aren't on a line is a whole other question, I'm not going to go there. But if you take that \$6 million that's needed to balance the budget, the General Fund is still at, according to your projections, \$25 million. Just a million dollars less than what you characterized as being grossly over-funded. So my proposal for this budget is that we give the taxpayers some relief, not take so much away from them, and give them \$5 million tax cut, which would represent just over 20 percent of their town tax. Now that's something I think we could then call taxpayer-friendly budget rather than an anti-taxpayer budget. Now, I thought I might get some objection to that. I might hear that well, no, we need the General Fund. We need it to be that high even though it was characterized as being grossly over-funded. So I continued to read the budget hearing from last year, and the Deputy Supervisor said, you could reduce the General Fund balance percentage down to 20 percent and still be safe and not put this town in jeopardy, and still meet our rating agency requests, and still meet the State Comptroller's request. So I said, okay, 20 percent is still

safe. So we're currently at 25 percent or we're projected to be at 25 percent based on this budget. But if we give the taxpayers \$5 million of tax relief in this budget, it reduces our General Fund balance down to guess what? Twenty percent. Exactly the number that the Deputy Supervisor said he considered to be safe, that the credit rating agencies would consider to be safe, that the State Comptroller would consider to be safe, and so I propose that we amend this budget to provide some tax relief to the taxpayer in the amount of \$5 million for a 20 percent cut in their town taxes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can you tell me which reserve you want to take that \$5 million from?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I want to take it from the General Fund balance.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Do you have the line?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I beg your pardon?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Do you have the line in the budget for that?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I do not have the line.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There's not a line. Are talking, Robert, Tab 2 -- do you have -- does everyone have their budget?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I beg your pardon?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Tab 2, Page 1.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Tab 2, Page 1 has -- has a -- yes, has a portion of the budget -- of the General Fund there, yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So that --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You said a lot of things, Councilman, and I'm, you know, certainly wish you had discovered this before four o'clock in the morning, and you know, we could've -- we could've talked before now Some of the thing you mentioned though --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I do acknowledge that; okay? But you know, I came up this -- when I came up with it, I mean, we still had tonight to discuss it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I mean, to come up with a \$5 million tax cut at four o'clock in the morning really is -- is really quite amazing --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- since we did have a lengthy work session --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Well --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- on this a few weeks ago.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We did.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And as I said, I was focused –

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- on the accounts and not the entire budget.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Anyway, you said a few -- you've mentioned a few things, you know a million dollars on trees, a million on sidewalks. These are not cuts. These are -- those were onetime -- those were onetime transfers from reserves that Councilwoman Lurvey made when she was here, not recurring. It's not something that you can -- you can't sustain that every year. You can't just take 2 million from the reserves and say I'm going to put that for trees and sidewalk and balance a budget that way. So those were -- those were onetime transfers. Paving -- excuse me, can I finish?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The paving, 2 million paving you're referring to, I believe the Highway Superintendent spoke about that or about this coming from the Capital Plan. 2.5 -- you see we -- as we discussed at the work session, we did have -- we do have increasing health care costs and pension costs, and that is why we were not able give an additional cut. Last year, we had a 10 percent tax cut, the year before that, we had a 5 percent tax cut. But with the expenses that are out of control -- out of our control and not wanting to cut any services, the best we were able to do -- and also maintain the reserves that our -- that our rating agencies request, we decided on a zero -- a freeze tax, zero gain.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I reply to that?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think you will.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thank you. You know, I hear that that was a decision you made, and maybe, you know, maybe also if, you know, I'm sorry you didn't see it, but so everybody here knows, the town's General Fund management policy, which was installed in, I think, 2011, requires that the General Fund, and the General Fund is like your net worth if you had a personal account, it requires the General Fund to be at 10 percent of your projected expenses, and so our General Fund, I'm sorry, our general expenses are expected to be about \$92 million. So a 10 percent General Fund requirement would mean that we should have \$9 million salted away, saved away for a rainy day fund. We have \$25 million. We have \$15 million to more than what the rating agencies require. We have \$15 million more that belongs to the taxpayer, not to us, that the Supervisor, when it was 26 million, called grossly over-funded, and I'm not -- I'm just pointing that out because that's how you described it, and then my proposal is, take 5 million, bring it down to 20 million, which causes the fund balance percentage to be about 20 percent, still higher than what our policy requires, higher than what the rating agencies require.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I believe the rating –

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So let me just finish, let me just finish.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, they do like 20 percent.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let me just finish, please.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, you're correct. But it's -- 20 percent is what the rating agencies like. Go ahead.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So we'll be at 20 percent, and the Deputy Supervisor said that that's still a safe level. So I'm really meeting all of the requirements that you laid out in 2022.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, obviously, this is -- we'd have to look at these numbers and see, you know, the percentages, obviously, are different depending on what the budget is, and one of the things that, you know, that we do need to maintain a reserve for is a situation where perhaps like an unexpected legal decision, we unfortunately had to pay one of those this year, \$2.5 million that unfortunately was not covered by our insurance policy because a prior administration did not notify the insurance carrier of a injury. So that is why we do have to maintain reserves for cases like that, the unexpected. But you know, we can look at your numbers, Robert.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But just so you know, I don't want to involve, you know, taxpayers in this arcane discussion, but the town and any government has lots of reserves for different purposes, including legal reserves to cover cases that you're not anticipating, and so we've, you know, so in addition to the General Fund balance, we've got reserves for contingencies like legal settlements, and so let's be clear so everybody here knows, the \$25 million that's sitting here is unreserved, it's unrestricted, there's nothing assigned to it, it's just a rainy day fund, but it's your rainy day fund, and the town is holding on to it. So all of you have problems, all of you have potential legal settlements coming against you, all of you have unexpected expenses, all of you I know wish you had a \$25 million rainy day fund.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think we all do.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yes, some of you here may have it; okay? But all I'm saying is we have it. Our policy says it should be 9 million. Let's give some of it back to our taxpayers, it's theirs. I shouldn't say give it back.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's funny --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's theirs.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's funny because before I was a Supervisor, we were not giving back money, you know, for many years we were not giving back the reserves, and we did that for two years, but now, you think it's a great idea, and I'm glad. I'm glad.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But now you are the Supervisor; right? So, and that's --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I'm just not sure that your numbers are correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Well, I'm pretty sure, but --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Deputy Supervisor, could you -- would you like to explain the amount in the reserve?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm -- good evening. I'm not sure where to begin. Just to correct a few things. First of all, the one shot revenue or expenses that were put into last year's budget, Councilman, were in the TOV Fund, not the General Fund. So those numbers don't add up when you talk about it in that sense.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But so, can I -- since you're going to correct me, let me just say this.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, I'm just pointing it out because you --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No matter what fund it came out of --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- it's less, it was less next in this coming year --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- because it had no recurring revenue source. So when you put something --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But is it less or not?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Pardon me?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You can explain it away --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's the same as it was.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But it's less.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Same as it has historically been every year prior to that.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Again, the taxpayer loses out, no matter how you paint this, the taxpayer --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, because you shifted money from the General --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So now we have the ability --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Look, you can ask questions, you can answer questions, and I think it's my turn, I was called up here; all right? I don't need to, but I was called here. The fact is, you can't mix information; okay? When you're talking about the TOV Fund, it's money in the TOV Fund, not the General Fund. When you're talking about percentages, it's 5 and 10 percent, not whole dollar amounts because those whole dollar amounts change each year as your General Fund budget goes up, and that's the part you're not telling the public when you say this is your money, and I find it very ironic that for two years I got called up here to say this, and for two years I listened to you, among others, say, oh, this is terrible to give money back to the public, it's their tax money, and it's over-funded, and this is terrible, we shouldn't do it, and now,

this year, it's suddenly a good idea. So I thank you, I think it's great that you've come around and seen the light on that, but --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm going to hold my response to that.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Please.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Let him give his response, let him talk.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: But you have to adjust for the fact that our General Fund, total revenue or total spending has gone up each year, and so as a percentage, it stays the same. That \$9 million is not a whole number; okay? You're using it, you're looking at the budget and saying, well, that's 10 percent it's 9. That's what it is this year but it fluctuates every year; right? If the budget were 100 million next year, it would be 10 million not 9 million, so --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm not sure what that means, but yeah?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And the fact is that when the Supervisor first said, your quote, not mine, but the first said that it was grossly over-funded, it was not at 10 or 20 percent, it was at over 40 percent. That's grossly over-funded, so --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: My turn?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Now it's your turn.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay. So I --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I've missed these exchanges.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You know, you're right that last year there was a lot of discussion about not --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm sorry, do we have a transcript tonight? I just -- I've never heard him say I'm right. I'm sorry. Go ahead, please.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So there was a lot of discussion about -- from this dais, from various members of the Council, about the wisdom of taking money out of the General Fund.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But if you go back to the transcript from last year, you won't find that I said that.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I had other comments to make --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- but that was not one of my comments. So you can play a game between percentages and dollars if you'd like to.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No game.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Numbers are numbers.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Nobody's playing a game here.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's pretty real.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're accusing people of playing games. Nobody's playing a game here. We're here for a budget hearing. Playing a game. This guy's trouble.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I withdraw --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You should have done this before.

AUDIENCE MEMBER 2: Absolutely.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I withdraw, I withdraw -- I withdraw my characterization of it as a game; okay? But you know that the General Fund policy says 10 percent --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- of the expenses; right?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No matter how high the expenses go --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- it's going to be 10 percent.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So this year your projection for 2025 is 92 million; right?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And 10 percent of that is 9 million; right?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So I didn't mix anything up. That's in fact what it is.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And that I'm taking from your budget book.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And to be fair, I will also correct that then. Yes, and you mentioned a \$25 million rainy day fund. That's at this moment in time.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, no.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Just so we're clear on that.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, no --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's what it is at this moment in time.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's not true. So the \$25 million is your budget projection at the end of 2025.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay? So not now.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It's the the end of 2025.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: For this budget, and that fluctuates every year.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It fluctuates every year, right.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Right.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the rating agency --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm agreeing with you but go ahead.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the policy says it should be 10 percent, it's actually at 25 percent.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: In dollars, it should be 9 million, it's actually going to be at 25 million.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So no matter what you talk about, you know, about numbers changing, based on those numbers --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- if we take \$5 million out of the General Fund and give it back to taxpayers, the General Fund balance percentage will be 20 percent.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I am not commenting on that. The Board is now -- the budget is now the Board's; okay? You took the tentative budget last time, you adopted it, it's now the preliminary budget, it's yours, you can do whatever you want to it. I'm just straightening out the facts, that's all.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And as far as doing that, I'm a little confused that I'm just hearing now that you want to amend it to offer this \$5 million transfer. I would've thought that you would've submitted that in advance. But that's not a decision for me to make, so --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Right, so I -- you know, and that's fair, and I grant that, and you were outside the room and maybe you couldn't hear me.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I had a sleepless night last night.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Join the club. We're having jackets made, so please --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And this realization came to me.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But I couldn't just sit on it; right? Even though we're meeting tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And it took me through to tonight to figure it all out.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Well, let me thank you. Let me thank you that at four o'clock in the morning when you had the revelation you didn't decide to call.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's right, to check, right, and so, yeah, you know, there's a deadline of tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But tonight isn't written in concrete anywhere; right? Because nowhere is it written that we have to vote tonight.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I disagree, but is that -- did I answer everything?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: All right, any other comments?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Any other comments on Item 2?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I move to close the public hearing.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Okay, Item number 3, resolutions. A resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Belgrave Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2025.

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

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: 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. 494 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE BELGRAVE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025.

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, 2025 (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 29th day of October, 2024, 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, 2025, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolutions was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Liu, Councilperson Scott, Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Supervisor DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller Tax Receiver

CLERK RUSSO: Number 4. A resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Great Neck Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2025.

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

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: 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. 495 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE GREAT NECK WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025.

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, 2025 (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 29th day of October, 2024, 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, 2025, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolutions was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Liu, Councilperson Scott, Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Supervisor DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller Tax Receiver

CLERK RUSSO: Resolution number 5. A resolution adopting the annual assessment roll of the Port Washington Water Pollution Control District for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2025.

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

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: 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. 496 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT ROLL OF THE PORT WASHINGTON WATER POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025.

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, 2025 (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 29th day of October, 2024, 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, 2025, and the said Assessment Roll as so adopted be filed in the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

October 29, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolutions was recorded as follows:

Ayes: Councilperson Adhami, Councilperson Dalimonte, Councilperson Liu, Councilperson Scott, Councilperson Troiano, Councilperson Walsh, Supervisor DeSena.

Nays: None.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller Tax Receiver

CLERK RUSSO: Number 6. A resolution adopting the annual budgets of the Special Districts of the Town of North Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2025.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to amend the budgets to include the proposed changes that were submitted by Mr. Pollack last week and posted online and to NovusAGENDA.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I just got it yesterday.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, they were submitted last week.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: But why did the Board just receive it yesterday?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They were e-mailed last week.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: In the future -- because I'll show you, I'll send it to you.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Can't hear you, Mariann.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I have to wear this.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Move the mask -- move the microphone closer.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I hope you understand that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Of course, no, just the microphone's too far.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Just in the future, if it was -- I just received it yesterday, and I'm okay with it. I'm just saying I just received it yesterday.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: These are --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Monday at 3:14.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Just for the audience, these are very, very minor changes, you know, administrative fees, I mean, they're small adjustments that happen every year that our -- that Mr. Pollack keeps track of. So you know, these are not major policy changes or anything. They're adjustments that need to be made as new information comes in.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: And I understand that. I was actually hoping that one of the adjustments would be the admin fee for the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District because they had asked for that to be evaluated, and I didn't see it. But I just got this, and I have it timestamped here. It was yesterday at 3:14. So I just ask that we get this -- if it was submitted on Friday, it should go to the Board members who are approving this, and I was really hoping, and I'm very sorry that I know the BID now has to cut programs because we're paying 11 -- you're paying \$11,000 to the town for their -- as an admin fee, and I was hoping I was going to see an adjustment on that but I don't.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So can you please call the roll on the motion to amend to include the changes?

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Number 7.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, hold -- excuse me. No, we didn't vote on it. Now I -- that was just the amendment. Now I move to table this so that we can consider the tax impact. Councilman Troiano raised some points, and I know that there was another point that we did not get to discuss because it wasn't submitted timely. So I move to table this.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I second the motion.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, so I'm --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Hold on, hold on.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm a little confused.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah, but once you vote --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Call the roll, please.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I have a question about what I'm voting on.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I moved to table.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay. Moved to table which Item?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Item 6.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can you reread Item 6 because I'm not sure I'm seeing the same thing.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Special Districts.

CLERK RUSSO: Would you like me to read it out loud; Councilman?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yes, please.

CLERK RUSSO: Yeah, sure, no problem. A resolution adopting the annual budgets of the Special Districts of the Town of North Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1st, 2025.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So isn't this just the Special Districts?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They're all connected.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: There's a motion to table, that's it; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, please, let's -- no, we have to vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Just clarification.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They're related.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So maybe we can --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Call the roll, please.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Please, I'm -- so my questions were in regard to the Town of North Hempstead General Fund. That, I believe, is in Item 7.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, and I moved to table this Item, number 6. I will get to Item 7 next.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Number 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 1st, 2025.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to amend the budgets to include the proposed changes submitted by Mr. Pollack that were posted online and to NovusAGENDA.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is the motion to amend to include the proposed changes submitted by Mr. Pollack.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's all this is.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And I move to table this Item.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I second.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Oh, no, no, no, no, wait. I'll second the table.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I don't think you have to second it. It's a vote.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's not what I –

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Sorry, are we tabling Item 7?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Six and 7 are being tabled.

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye. I move to adjourn.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Liu?

COUNCILWOMAN LIU: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK RUSSO: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye. Thank you very much everybody.

CLERK RUSSO: Good night.

(WHEREUPON, this meeting was concluded at 8:04 p.m.)

Rajiv Seivastana

Town Clerk

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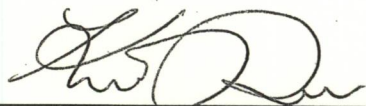
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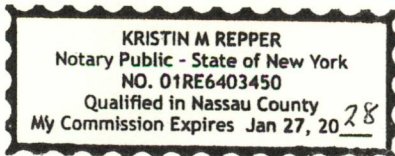
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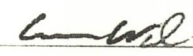
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