

Town Board Meeting – November 20, 2024

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**. TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD
TOWN BOARD PUBLIC HEARING
NOVEMBER 20, 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
DAVID A. ADHAMI- District 5 Councilman
MARIANN DALIMONTE- District 6 Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

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

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If everyone would please stand and place your right hand over your heart.

(WHEREUPON, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, welcome to the special meeting. Madam Clerk, would you please call the roll?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Good evening everybody, Town of North Hempstead, special Town Board Meeting, November 20th, 2024. Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Present.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Here.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Liu?

(WHEREUPON, there was no response as Councilwoman Liu was not present.)

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: Do we have any public comment?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes. So we'll start with our public comments, and we request you to please keep your comment up to three minutes.

(WHEREUPON, there was 63 minutes of public comment.)

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: We're done with our cards.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: We'll move on to the agenda.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, then let's move into our agenda.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item number 1. 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 untable this Item.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: 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 offer the resolution and move for its adoption.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, what --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: This is Special Districts.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Number 1.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Special Districts.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So I just need some clarification from the Town Attorney. What happens to the amendments?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: The amendments relate to the town budget, and this relates to the Special Districts.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The first one we're hearing is just the Special Districts.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: The second one will be in regard to the town's budget; is that right?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I vote aye to approve the budgets of the Special Districts of the Town of North Hempstead.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: 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. 568 - 2024

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE ANNUAL BUDGETS OF THE SPECIAL DISTRICTS OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead has met on the 20th day of November, 2024, the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budgets of the Special Districts of the Town of North Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, heretofore filed pursuant to law in the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead at the Town Hall, Manhasset, New York, conducted said hearing on such date and has heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to adopt the Preliminary Budgets of the Special Districts as the Annual Budgets of said Special Districts for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt the Preliminary Budgets of the Special Districts as the Annual Budgets of said Special Districts for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 2025, and that such budgets as so adopted be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of this Town prepare and certify copies of said Annual Budgets of the Special Districts, as adopted by the Town Board pursuant to this Resolution and the Town Law, and deliver one copy to the Supervisor, two copies thereof to the Nassau County Legislature and two copies to the Department of Assessment, Nassau County; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption in the following form:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 20, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead duly adopted the Annual Budgets for the Special Districts of the Town of North Hempstead for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Budgets, as adopted, are available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, 200 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York from 9:00 A.M. until 4:45 P.M. - Monday through Friday.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

November 20, 2024

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

Dated: Manhasset, New York

November 20, 2024

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilperson Liu.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller

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Dated: Manhasset, New York October 10, 2024

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

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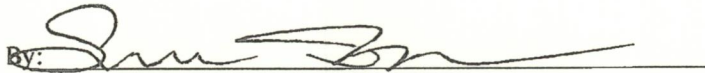
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Dated: Manhasset, New York November 20, 2024
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RAGINI SRIVASTAVA
TOWN CLERK

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CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Item number 2. 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, 2024.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to untable --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So we're -- oh, sorry, sorry.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I move to untable this Item.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye. I move the amendments submitted by the Supervisor's office and posted online, and that I will pass a copy to you right now since you said you did not receive it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, so everyone just saw we just received it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It was posted online yesterday. The town -- excuse me, yeah, excuse me, Mariann, the Town Attorney posted this yesterday online. Obviously, you can say that you didn't receive it, but I'm just -- that is the Item I just moved us to consider.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I have a question --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I'm sorry.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- about procedure.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Town Attorney, would you like to explain the procedure?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: -- Open Meetings Law. Doesn't this have to be posted a week in advance?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, it doesn't. This is a special meeting. It needed to be posted 24 hours before.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: That's correct, special meetings, and under the Open Meetings Law it had to be posted 24 hours before the meeting, so --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: But just --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: It is in compliance with the Open Meetings Law.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So just so everyone realizes, sorry. Just so everyone realizes, we are on the Town Board. This is the transparency that we are receiving. So I knew there was a special meeting, I got that notice. We looked on the NovusAGENDA, we only saw Councilman Troiano's amendments. If I didn't -- I was never going to go back and look. If I did not receive a phone call late last night from a reporter, I would never have known about these amendments. I want everyone to understand that. Do you understand there's no transparency here.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: All right, you've said that several times.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm making sure --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The Town Attorney -- excuse me.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: We have a right.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And she has said it several times.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It doesn't penetrate.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, okay.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: It doesn't penetrate.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You're entitled to your opinion.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This amendment provides -- this amendment provides --

AUDIENCE MEMBER: I'm really -- it's embarrassing to sit here. I'm 76 years old. I have never seen such unbelievable nastiness, and just how do you sleep at night thinking that you're going to do this and sneak it past everybody? I have no idea what these petitions are, but members have the right to look at it and have time to look at things, and to just say don't, don't put my hand up, just to say, oh, I posted it yesterday, amendments to a budget? It's embarrassing.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Thank you.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: How can you look at yourself? I don't understand. I really don't.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We have a process. It was followed, it was noticed 24 hours earlier. This amendment will provide \$5.6 million of tax relief, and it will prevent the triggering of a Moody's downgrade and a tax increase next year. Are there any comments?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, I have questions. So on the amendment, it says changes to Harbor Links. You are now -- it says additional revenue of 1.1. You're saying you're reducing the Harbor Links golf course revenue from 6.9 to 750,000; correct?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The numbers speak for themselves.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I just want to know. Correct? Yes or no. Yes or no.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: These are based on the revenue that we accepted in the bid and --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: You're talking about the expense side.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I'm talking revenue. It says revenues generated by Harbor Links golf course will change due to the RFP awarded.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You're changing it from 6.9 to 750,000; correct?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: On the expense side.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Then there's a period.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: On the revenue side.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The revenue side. I'm talking revenue. So Supervisor, I am asking you --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The revenue will be \$750,000.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, but then, I did not get the RFP. I have asked for the RFPs, I have not received them yet. But if you look at the summary that we received on voting on a 20 year contract, it says the first year they're only giving us \$350,000. So can you please explain?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They're also purchasing -- they're also purchasing all of our equipment for \$400,000.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: 400,00 offer to purchase town's existing maintenance equipment up front.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Correct.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So that's where you're getting your 750.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes, and by the way, these numbers, this took days to prepare because our finance team went through it, and they believe this to be a reasonable and conservative plan to protect our taxpayers. Some of the things that were said earlier, that Councilman Troiano's proposal is real, I'll tell you what is real. It will trigger a Moody's downgrade and a tax increase next year. This -- okay. I have asked our finance team, who you know very well, he has worked

at this town for many years, he's a very reliable person, to study these numbers. These are reasonable. They are based on real savings. Are you looking at your phone?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: What?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you looking at your phone instead of what I'm saying?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I'm listening to you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, okay.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: She's checking her e-mail.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Oh, my God.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: She's being told what to say.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They are reasonable, conservative numbers.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm checking -- yeah, I'm checking for that e-mail.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yeah, okay. Any other comments?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes. On the expense side for Harbor Links, you are -- the expenses were listed at 6.9 million. You're decreasing it to zero. I'd like to know if you went line by line to make sure that every single one of those expenses should be removed.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I personally did not, but our finance team reviewed these numbers for days.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, so I'd like to let --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The new agreement -- the new agreement is a different type of agreement, and the new operator will be handling all the expenses.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, so I would like to know, we own the property. Harbor Links is owned by the Town of North Hempstead; correct? Correct. If you own a house and you're renting it to somebody, do you still keep insurance on it? If I own a house and I'm renting it out to somebody for \$350,000, should I still have insurance on my property?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Not if you're named as an additional insured.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Yeah, that's --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: That's standard sub.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I'm sorry, I -- I am a little bit worried that we are not going to be having -- we are taking out the insurance.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: The insurance for the town's --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: For 150,000.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: The insurance for the town's properties are all together. You pay for one policy. We don't pay for separate policies for each property. So that would not be reflected in these expenses.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So in the budget, we are taking out the 6.9. In that 6.9 is \$150,000 for insurance, fire and liability. Don't you think we should then leave the 150,000 in there for insurance? Because where -- then who's -- where's that 150,000 coming from? What budget -- what department's going to pick that up? If it's all lumped together, that 150,000 has to be paid then. So where would that 150,000 be paid from? Because I don't see it in the amendments.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Why don't -- the Deputy --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay. Good evening to the Board.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Please identify yourself.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Joe Scalero, the Deputy Supervisor, thank you, and just to be clear, so I don't get accused of anything, I had no part in negotiating this RFP, this was handled out of Purchasing. It was a separate scoring I was not on, but I am familiar with the final solution or the final awardee. Part of the floor of the old contract was that it wasn't a concession contract, it was a license agreement, and under the terms of the license agreement, the town, and I can't believe how strongly I disagree with this, but the town absorbed all of the costs of operating the golf course, and then in exchange, got a percentage, a very small percentage, of the the profit from the operator. So what you're seeing reflected in the budget of the loss of revenue and corresponding loss of expenses equalizes minus what they're going to pay us this year, or plus what we're going to pay this year, and to the Supervisor's point, the amount that we put in that budget is the amount of upfront first year costs, and -- or income, I should say, and by the way, somebody had mentioned something about not putting -- not getting capital expenses up front, just while we're on that subject. One of the ways that golf concessionaires often get around having to make capital improvements is because the government entity they're contracting with foolishly allowed them to pay that at some future date and which never materializes. We put in the RFP that they had to make it in the first year so that we get an upfront investment and a guarantee for our taxpayers. That was on that note. The income, as the Supervisor mentioned, is from the upfront fees which are the first year's contributions, the purchase of equipment and some other things. As far as insurance goes, they have to carry full insurance for their own operation because they are now the operator of the course. The only thing we would insure is the property itself.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Correct.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I believe we're sub -- I believe the term was subrogated on that, and that would be covered, to the Town Attorneys point, under our other property claims. It would not be budgeted for the golf course, and certainly not for the RFP awardee.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Similar to the idea that if you rent your house to someone else, they take renter's insurance to cover their own stuff, and you know, the town insures everything.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: But what I'm trying to -- so but what counsel -- what the Town Attorney said is, it is a group insurance. So it's \$150,000 of insurance that we have to pay. Where is -- where -- I don't see where that 150,000 now is being reallocated.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Because I don't believe that 150,000, and I wouldn't want to speak for the Town Attorney, we'd have to look at the individual policies, but I don't believe that that policy was to cover the property. I think they had to -- we had to ensure liability and insure any operations and any number of other things. I don't know exactly what that line paid for, but all of those insurance costs now get passed on to the concessionaire. That's part of the beauty of going to a concession basis. You can look to Robert for the answer, it's okay, that's -- he knows. Good evening. Oh, that's a glare.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: But just so you know, you brought up capital investment schedule, and yes, Brooke Holding is going to spend 2.7 in the first year --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: -- nothing at year two through 20, and the other ones, there was another company that was going to pay 2.4 in capital improvements the first year, and then 100,000 the next year, 405 the next year, 130 the next year.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So there were other --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: My understanding is your question started with the amount that we're putting into this year's budget which would limit the discussions to the first year of the RFP, not the out years. I believe one of the reasons why they were selected by the scoring committee was that over the course of the 20 year contract, their payment is a lot higher than the other ones; all right? It goes from 350 plus capital investment in the first year to, I believe, 850 in the second year, and it's something like 18 million by the end of the 20 year contract. So it -- to say -- if you want to get into a debate over the --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: No.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- RFP which was last week's debate.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: No, you brought --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You brought it up --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: You brought up capital improvement.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- you said that you wanted to talk about the amount that was budgeted in this year's budget, and that's what we did. We didn't put 18 million over 20 years, we put the amount of cash coming in this year.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I would actually really like, I just don't -- I feel that if it's our property we should have some insurance down there. I know that they're going to be renting it from us, but it's our property. If something happens down there, we will wind up being liable.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: There will be coverage. We have a comprehensive general liability policy. If somebody gets injured on a town property and we get sued, there's coverage, number one. Number two, we have a concessionaire operating the course. As Councilman Adhami said, you require them to get additional insurance that's primary. So therefore, their insurance covers

the risk on a primary basis. If there's a loss, their insurance pays first, your premiums don't go up, so you're protected every which way you look at it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right, so if I'm understanding you correctly, which I get, that the 150,000 that we have the line item in here, for insurance, we -- we're -- that's going to be taken off our bill.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I think if you're not -- the risk to the town by not operating a golf course is substantially reduced. People have accidents on golf courses, people get hit by golf balls, golf carts, you know, have accidents. But if you take all of that risk away, the cost of your premium, the cost of insurance, is going to decrease. It gets shifted to the concessionaires. So they then pick up the insurance obligation and the cost, and as I said before, they'll be required to add the town as an additional insured on their policy. Their policy will answer any loss first, ours will be after that, and again, you've reduced -- you'll wind up reducing your premiums.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So have we contacted the insurance agent to find out what it will be reduced to?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I mean, if we're not taking out a policy specific to operating, the cost --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: -- there's no cost for insurance. If we don't have a policy specific to that golf course, then there's zero cost. Again, the town continues to have a CGL policy for accidents, in general, but there'll be no policy specific to the golf course. So the premium gets reduced there, you know, as a result.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Thank you. Is that all?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Any other comments on these amendments?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Any other comments on these amendments?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes. Do you have any? I mean, I --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Well, I only heard one amendment called, so --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The Supervisor's amendment.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So it's one amendment; correct?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes. Any other comments on this amendment?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: The Town Outside Village. So last year, the Board approved 2 million -- wait, how did you arrive at 1.5 million for retirement incentives?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That is based on all of the employees that are eligible for the -- who we believe will be eligible for the program.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Based on eligibility, okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can you describe the program to us?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The program will be a certain dollar amount for every year of service beyond 15 years.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You see, what's really offensive about this for --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It has been calculated by our finance person.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's good. What's offensive about this for this Councilman is that we're being asked to vote on a budget that we're not even told the details of the retirement incentive package that makes up a great deal of this budget. That's not transparent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Deputy Supervisor, would you like to --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, I'm not finished talking.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Well, I'm going --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's not --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- to get you the answer, Councilman.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I finish talking; please?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's what you asked for.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I finish talking?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Why don't you keep talking.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I finish talking; please? Thank you, Deputy Supervisor.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I haven't said a word.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You're always a gentleman. It's not transparent --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It rubs off from you.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- and it's not collaborative.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Are you finished?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Can you please -- would you like to provide the details?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Retirement incentive programs are routinely planned in advance of the actual specifics coming out. It also, I believe, and our Town Attorney can correct me if I'm wrong, will require a resolution from this Board approving the specific terms of it which comes at a later date. As part of that, you will have the opportunity to review that, you'll look at the terms of it. The numbers that we base was on the plan that we think is a reasonable expectation. It's 10 years of service in the state pension system based on the number of years of service. It'll be a certain percentage of base pay. This is standard done in towns all over New York. This town, in fact, did this once before, I believe you were here, back in around 2010, and that was the last time it was done. We have a lot of employees who are eligible. I don't know how many will opt in, that's always an individual employee's choice depending on their family situation, their finances, et cetera. So what you have to do is guarantee the ability to pay out

those payouts as they come in. So we'll have a finite window, say January to March, where they have to notify the town that they're going to be paid out, whether they want lump sum or installment plan, but we have to be able to generate -- we have to have enough money put aside dedicated to this which is why you see a line in the budget now that says retirement incentive plan, and you have to wait to see what the employees do, but you can't offer it and then tell the employees you don't have the funding for it, to pay for it, I mean --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Are you done?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Just getting started.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So, you pointed out that I was a member of this Board the last time there was a retirement incentive as though that means I should now support what you're now proposing.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, not at all.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's good because that's not my issue. I don't have an issue with

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I -- just to be clear, I only said that to clarify that you may recall it from when you were here, that's all.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And I've got experience in --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- other governments I've been part of where we've offered retirement incentive packages. So I'm not against the concept of a retirement incentive package although I think there are pros and cons to it.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And you have to evaluate each one. What I do object to is --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- the inclusion of savings in this budget, in November, for a program we have not seen, that we have not voted --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- on, and that you yourself just said, you have to see what the employees do.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So we don't know that.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's not a -- but it's not a savings. That's where you're -- but you're misleading. It's not a savings.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I complimented you for being --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's an amount that you are --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- for always being polite --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- so let me finish talking; okay?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Please.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So we don't know what the acceptance rate is --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- going to be; right? We don't know that, and so, but we are being asked, and now, the first time we're hearing about this, the very first time, is at 8:29, and we're being asked to vote on this amendment --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- in the next couple of minutes, and if you think that that's now collaborative and transparent because you spent a minute and a half discussing that with us and that we're now supposed to vote on this, this year's budget, based on a, we hope this many employees sign up for this program --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- is really not fair. Not fair to me, not fair to any Councilmember here and not fair to residents of this community --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- to have a budget proposed on the fly.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: My turn, again? Just to correct something that you said. It's not a savings, it's an apportionment. You have to put this money aside as a line in the budget. It's not a savings but it does come off the balance sheet on that. That's just first, and secondly, again, every town does this, this is not something we're just making up on a minute and a half's, as you put, and you are -- excuse me, ma'am, I believe I have the podium now. You don't know what people are going to opt in, but you have to figure out the maximum amount and budget for that which is what this number represents. So yes, we don't know who's going to come into that, nobody ever does when they did it. Town of Hempstead, for example, did the first one in many years recently. They were anticipating "X" amount, they came in over \$16 million in savings. That becomes a savings because they exceeded the amount. I don't believe we will based on the number of employees we have in the town and the number of eligible employees that could opt in.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Yeah, so it is -- it is not unusual for governments to offer retirement incentive.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: What is unusual is to put that in the budget and expect us to vote for that before you've even mapped out a --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: It's not unusual, you can't say that. I'm sorry, you're starting with a negative premise. It's very common to do it that way because the Board, at a later date, has the opportunity to go through the program and approve it or make changes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So let me ask you. When did you first think about doing a retirement incentive?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Was it at four a.m.?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I woke up at four in the morning and had a dream that I was -- no --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Cute, cute, Joe, but when was this?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I could stick with that story, Robert. We've been talking about the idea every budget year since I've been here because it's been so long that we've had it, and frankly, the number of eligible employees doesn't always pan out in any given year. So the longer you wait and the longer employees stay on, the bigger pool of potential participants you have.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So every year that you've been the Deputy Supervisor, you have discussed, internally, I guess, it has not come to this Board --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- you've discussed, internally, offering a retirement incentive.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: We look at cost savings in dozens of different ways. This is one of them.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And did you do that this year, as well?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Not all of them make it into the budget, sometimes they do.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: But did you do that this year, as well?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yeah.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You did, okay, and during the -- during the entirety of the budget process you did that?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, I don't remember.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: During parts of the budget process you did.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: At some point somebody said what about a retirement incentive --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- plan.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So you and the Supervisor proposed a budget back in September. Was it September or October when it was first proposed? We went through --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- a multi-hour work session; right? And never heard one word about a retirement incentive package, and you know what? It never made it into the budget. Now --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: But it's here now.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Now, Councilman Troiano, supported by Councilwoman Dalimonte and Councilwoman Liu, proposes a tax cut; right? And now, all of a sudden, Jen DeSena's copycat tax cut suddenly finds a retirement incentive program that it wants to put into this budget.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm sorry, I'm sorry --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And thought about it for years, but never --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- copycat tax cut?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Thought about it for years --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: How does that --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- but never actually did it, including this year --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- until we offer a tax cut, and now you say, oh, let's -- we need a tax cut, too, so let's do this million and a half dollars with retirement incentive.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: No, what I was charged with --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: That's unusual.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm sorry, sir, that's wrong.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please don't shout.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You know it's right.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: That's not correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Look at the facts.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: First off, I don't understand your copycat comment since this administration cut taxes the prior two years, and some of you on the Board actually objected to that. Not you, personally.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, let's set the record straight, Joe, that those tax cuts -- let's talk about it, Joe; okay?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm not going to go -- I'm not going to go into that. That's up to you. You voted. You get to vote, I don't. Excuse me. You used a term that I didn't understand, a copycat tax; okay? If anybody were copying your tax history, it would be a history

of increase in taxes, if you really want to go there, but it's not my place to say that. What I will say is that I was charged with coming up with more responsible ways of finding more than \$5 million, which I've done, \$5.6 million, in tax cuts that will not jeopardize our triple A bond rating; okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And what's odd about it, Joe, is that you were charged with that, finding money for a tax cut, not until we proposed our tax cut.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Councilman, I'm an employee. I take my orders from the Board.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman Troiano, can I ask a question?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: My name is Troiano, not Toryano.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: That's what I said.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, you said Toryano.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: No, I said Troiano.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I heard him say Troiano.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let's not argue about this.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You could call him Robert.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Anyway, Councilman --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Start an argument --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman, how long were you on this Board for prior to this tenure?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Why? Why are we always discussing history?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: It's a simple question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let's discuss the present.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Because history's important.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Just humor me for one second, humor me for one minute. How long was your tenure prior -- how long were you on this Board prior to this tenure? It's a simple --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: This is nonsense.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: You don't remember?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, it's nonsensical.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Okay. In your prior tenure to your currently being on the Board now, how many tax decreases did you vote for?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let's talk about --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Zero.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Let's talk about my current –

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Why weren't you bringing it up –

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Let's talk about my current tenure.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Are you talking to me or Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: My current tenure --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman, it's a simple question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the last -- so the last two years I have voted for the two tax reductions, and if you want to go -- if you want to go to my record that Councilman Walsh inaccurately reported in his press release today on the Westbury School Board, I voted for and brought to the table three years of successive tax cuts to the school budget.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: With the Westbury School Board.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And if you -- if you want to compare now to --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- 15 years ago, which is an entirely different economic environment, we hear nothing about how high costs are now --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- how high inflation is, and so the residents --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: If you're --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- of this community need a tax cut now --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Okay.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- and it should have been offered by the administration --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't know why you'd bring up --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- long before --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- a school district item then. That's not --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I have -- yeah.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I don't know why you'd bring up a school district item.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I don't know what the Westbury School District has to do with what we're doing tonight, and -- one second, please.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm sorry.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: In 2000, I believe you came on the Board in 2004. In 2004, there was a tax increase, in 2005, there was a tax increase, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, and every year until DeSena became Supervisor, there was a tax increase. The first year there was a 5 percent --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I'm done.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Please don't, you know, you interrupted me. I didn't interrupt you. We let you talk.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: You're wasting everybody's time.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I'm not wasting anybody's time –

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are there any other --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You see, hold on. You have no trouble with other people wasting time.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are there any other –

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Where's the security, please.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are there any other comments? Are there any real questions? We've had a lot -- no, no, no, from the Board, please.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Can I –

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We have --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, I have questions.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You already spoke.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Excuse me, me?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If you have a -- do you have a question?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, do you have a question --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes, yes, yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- about this amendment?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes. So the retirement incentive, the 1.5, is coming out of our -- it's coming out of the fund balance; okay? That's number one; correct? Correct?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's the way it works.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Okay, the town -- now I'm going to switch to the Town Outside Village Fund which is a totally separate fund; okay? You -- it says addition of 1.5 of fund balance; right? This amendment will reallocate a fund balance appropriation for road resurfacing back to the Highway Fund by bonding this amount as part of the town's next bond sale. I'm confused. Last year, we took out of the fund balance \$2 million, and we put it to road paving because we were hearing about how the roads -- we needed more roads paved. So are you basically taking 1.5 and you're going to bond it, and we're going to be charged interest and everything? Am I understanding that correctly?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: The 1.5 million that is in there was not spent. The money that was in there was not put in there correctly, and we are going to be bonding for our road projects which is standard.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So this is why -- so our Comptroller, our Acting Comptroller, did not put it in right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, when you made the amendment a couple of years ago --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It was last year.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- you didn't -- well, then when you made the amendment you didn't put it in right because you're not supposed to use -- it was their amendment, I'm sorry, it was Councilwoman Dalimonte's amendment, and they moved to transfer money from reserves into an operating account, and you're not supposed to do that. So it's still in there.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Hold on, because I have that somewhere here. Hold on. Just bear with me everyone, please, for a second. I like that we're being told this now. So November 3rd, 2023, there was an e-mail to yourself and the members of the Town Board from Councilwoman Veronica Lurvey doing amendments. Why in the world are we finding out about this now, a year later? So then there's other things you need to do. You said operating expenses. What happened to the -- so we added paving, \$2 million of paving, from the fund balance, beautification, 250,000, contractual services, sidewalks, we all know how bad our sidewalks are, that's a million dollars and tree trimming and removal, another million. So there was 4.2 million. So if you're saying it couldn't be done for paving, where's the other 4.2 million?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, some of the money was spent and some of it is still there, and the money -- excuse me, please stop shouting from the audience.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Give a number.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I've given the number.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Listen, yeah, listen.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So I don't understand --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: If you don't want this tax cut, then vote no.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, no, no, no, listen, I'm asking -- these are -- you're asking me to vote --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: You can't even ask a question; right?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, I --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I have to ask -- I'm asking you a question. I'm asking --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And I answered it.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- voted on this.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I answered the question.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: But no, you really didn't, no, because you're basically saying 1.5. You're not answering my question.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, I didn't come up with this, you know, at four o'clock in the morning. This has been studied by our finance team for days. That is why, yes, we are on the deadline for approving this tax cut. The deadline is tonight to approve this tax cut which I believe we all want to do. So our finance team, our employees, have reviewed all of these numbers, and they find them to be reasonable and conservative and will protect the taxpayers better than taking 5 million from the reserves which will cause a downgrade of our credit rating, and it will cause a tax increase next year. I think that is, frankly, what Councilman Troiano wants.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: But this, this will be -- this will result in savings, not -- this \$5.6 million is not only tax savings, it supports the policies that this town likes. We are making a change to LED lights, we --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: We have been doing that, yes.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Yes. So there -- we are -- the amnesty program for the Building Department is something people have been asking for for years this is incorporating. So this is a very carefully drafted series of savings.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: But the thing that I don't understand is the Town Outside -- first of all, we're having -- we knew that we were approving this budget. Where's our Acting Comptroller? Where's our budget team? Where are they? They should be here answering the questions. They were here last week when we thought we were approving the budget. Well, not our Acting Comptroller, but our finance person was here.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He's sick.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Where are they?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is a --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: He's on vacation.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This is a special meeting that everybody wanted to have. People -- we don't normally meet on Tuesday nights. So our employees were not able to attend.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Steve Pollack? Steve Pollack? He's away, he's off today.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So my question, like, but the addition of 1.5 from the fund balance, you're now going to bond this as part of the town's next bond sale. I don't understand that, but okay. Increasing --

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Why don't we have the Deputy Supervisor come back in and answer it.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Thank you, Councilman.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: You're getting --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I'd like to have the Finance Department here but okay.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The Finance Department's not here because they put off their vacation until after the 29th thinking that the budget would have been done, and when it was held, it would not be fair to ask them to cancel a family vacation for that. I'm sorry, I'm not about to ask an employee to do that.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: I wouldn't either.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: And yet you question it, but that's the answer. As far as this goes, this Board, at the last minute I might add, added \$2 million from the unreserved fund balance into the street paving line. That's the one you're talking about; correct? Okay, that raised it from the \$4 million that was there to \$6 million. We said at the time, there was no way we were going to spend \$6 million in the first year because you can't bid out enough projects in that year. It's exactly what happened, exactly what we said was going to happen. They would up spending a half a million of it. There's also a question as to whether you should even be moving fund balance into operating costs, and I think that's what the Supervisor was getting at. Five hundred was an allowable amount and with bills that come in, there are still some that come in till the end of this year, but a reasonable estimate is that we will be left over with a surplus in that fund of a million and a half dollars. That would normally, at the end of any year, surpluses go back into fund balance. What we're doing here is moving it ahead of schedule into the fund balance to offer tax relief, and instead, if any projects that come in that need funding by that, they'll go into the spring borrowing, so --

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: So my next question is that the street lighting district, we're reducing taxes by 400,000.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Mm-hmm.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Great, that is absolutely great, we knew that we were doing this. Why wasn't that in their original budget proposed that we received? Why is -- why -- it's like almost like we were hoarding that 400,000, but now we need 400,000, so let's use it. That should have been -- that should have been in the original tentative budget that was given to the Town Board.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Because, very simply, first of all, I'm not sure you had approved the contract prior to the Board, I could be wrong on that, but I'm not sure that prior to the last budget hearing that you had approved that. At least it wasn't when the tentative budget was created.

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: Mr. McDonough --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: You also don't know that -- I'm sorry; who?

COUNCIL WOMAN DALIMONTE: McDonough said that budget -- that contract was approved a long time ago.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, not the -- not to purchase the LED lights.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I didn't know that Mr. McDonough was the Public Safety Coordinator was the contract coordinator for the town, but that's beside the point.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: He's very good.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: The fact is that there were a number of moving parts involved in that contract. Specifically, how many light fixtures and the types and the locations of them that were still being worked out because we have something in the nature of 16,000, I believe, light fixtures throughout the town. So we had to advance that and that cost represents only the cost of energy savings from LED lights, from the new LED lightings. The prior savings already gets built into the annual cost, and by the way, you did mention accurately that we have been doing an LED lighting program for years, however, let's put it in, in scale or scope. This town committed to LED lighting 10 years ago. You've been doing a fraction of the lights every year to the point where 10 years later, you've still done less than 20 percent of the streetlights in this town. This program that we're entering into will do almost all of the lights within 12 to 18 months. So that's one of the reasons we can take that energy savings because, as many of you know, we pay a flat rate for energy from PSEG for streetlights, and they offer a reduced price for LED lighting. We could have been getting this savings over 10 years had we done it in one shot but that was not anyone on this Board's decision. I don't even think Councilman --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There also was a lot of controversy about LED lights years ago. So that could have been why it was waited. If you've ever spoken to Patty and Doug Wood, they would've told you.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: I have a very good idea of why it was done was because this Board chose to allocate \$200,000 for LED lighting and divide it in six ways in the six different districts. So each one got a, you know, block or two a year instead of rolling it out town-wide where every town resident can benefit, so --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, but it was also --

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Yeah, well, lighting technology has changed --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Right.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- and you're probably talking about the warmth of the lights or --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes.

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: -- the difference between commercial and residential.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So there's reasons why it was delayed. Those are all my questions.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Any there other questions?

DEPUTY SUPERVISOR SCALERO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Okay, I move the amendment.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, again, I just want clarification from the Town Attorney. We are --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We are voting on the amendment only? This one single amendment that was offered yesterday by Supervisor DeSena?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: We are voting on the Supervisor's amendments collectively.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I don't -- I'm only aware of one amendment.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: This amendment -- this amendment that we've been talking about.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Okay, it's an amendment with multiple different parts as we've been discussing.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: My -- but my question --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: So that's all you're voting for at this point.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So my question is if -- oh, sorry, Robert, go. Sorry.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: There's a motion on the floor.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Wait, but --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: What are we voting for?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: The voting started.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Voting on the --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Clerk --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: -- the Supervisor's amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- we're asking a question.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Why are you screaming at her?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Because she's not listening.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman -- Councilwoman Dalimonte, you can speak when it's your turn, please.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Leave her alone. They're screaming out from the audience, now you're screaming at her. The lady's working here.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's ridiculous.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Because she's not listening to what I have to say.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: You can speak when it's your turn to vote, please.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Town Attorney --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: This is a process, we started the voting process.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Councilman Troiano proposed his amendments first. So they were on the agenda first. We should be voting on his agenda -- his Item first, then the Supervisor's.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I moved this --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte, you're ending the process.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I moved this amendment -- Councilwoman, we've already been talking about this.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: According to Town Law 63, as well as the rules of procedure of this body which were voted upon by this body earlier this year, and which have largely been in effect for at least 15 years, the Supervisor has the right to call an Item in any fashion that she sees fit because the Supervisor presides over the meeting. So the Supervisor can call any amendment at any time that she wants.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: And the voting started. So, Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry Town Clerk, I'm still trying to get clarification on what we're voting for.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yeah, you --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think that was --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: The Supervisor's amendment.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: And then we vote on Troiano's amendment? wondering, when do we vote on the entirety of the budget?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: After.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: After you finish voting on the amendments.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So we do the amendments first.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay. Town Clerk?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please call the roll.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Yes. Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, I didn't vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Oh, my gosh.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Geez.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: I asked three times. Councilman Troiano? Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the Supervisor has offered a copycat tax cut built on smoke and mirrors. It is irresponsible, it is reckless to build a budget based on hopes and expectations. There are four components to this budget tax cut, none of which are in existence today, none of which do we have any operating history with which to have any confidence that the amounts that have been projected as savings or revenue generation are actually accurate. The major contributor to this tax cut is the Harbor Links golf course agreement which doesn't even exist. A second significant component is a million dollars from the Building Department amnesty initiative, I'm reading from the press release, a Building Department amnesty initiative that is not in effect today, that we don't know exactly what the amnesty provides for. We have no idea where the million dollars comes from, there's no -- there's nothing shown to us to establish that it is a million dollars, nothing. Hopes and expectations, smoke and mirrors. A one time retirement incentive program that we don't know, we have no history, we have no feelings from the union, they didn't even know about it, to know how many of their members might accept the provisions that would create these savings. Hope, expectations, smoke and mirrors. Finally, we have a replacement of LED lights throughout the town which has been said by the Deputy Supervisor is a program that's been in effect for many years but suddenly gets included in this copycat tax cut amendment. It could've been here three weeks ago, but they chose not to do that because it was part of the plan to continue hoarding the money. So I object to this amendment but I have heard over and over again, even tonight, I've heard that we look childish, that we should be working together. So if this -- in the spirit of cooperation with the Superintendent, I'm sorry, the Supervisor, if she wants to hang her hat on this budget, I will support her, and I vote aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So I'm happy that the Supervisor has followed Councilman Troiano's lead in offering North Hempstead residents a tax cut with her late, very late, budget amendments. I don't understand why it took this long and took 600 people, I think, on a petition, and took several meetings to have this happen. But our residents deserve a tax cut, and if this is what I have to do to get you that tax cut, then I will vote for you because I represent you. I don't - I represent everybody, and I know, and I've been hearing about how residents need a break. They need help. So for that reason, I will vote aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I vote aye, and I move to adopt the amended budget.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: We have to vote on Troiano's amendments.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I don't know how we -- counsel? I don't -- I don't know how we vote on an amended budget when we haven't heard all the amendments yet.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Under the rules of procedure that this Board has operated for at least 15 years, a motion to vote on the matter under consideration takes precedence over a motion to amend. Therefore, you have to vote on this motion. You could vote yes, you could vote no.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: You just voted to amend it.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please call the roll.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, no, Councilman Adhami said --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- that I just voted to amend it. It was my expectation that there are four --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- there are four --

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, Town Clerk, I'm talking, Town Clerk. You don't have the right to cut me off.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You didn't vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm talking.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's time to vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm talking.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We have had the Robert Troiano show all night. Now it's time to vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It's not a show.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: It's time to vote. Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Can I ask the Town Attorney a question about the proposal? So if when we -- so if we approve the budget as amended, and then we hear, I assume we're going to

hear and not go and adjourn the meeting like we did last week, if we hear the other amendments and those are approved, what does that do to the vote to amend -- to adopt -- accept the amended budget?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: All I can tell you is there is a vote before the Board, it takes precedence over any other vote to amend. So you have to vote on this --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Vote.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: -- on the amended budget.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So the Town Attorney is telling we that he won't tell me -- answer my question.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I don't know what your question is. It's a convoluted hypothetical. I'm telling you that you have a --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Wow.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: You have a --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, Town Attorney, I really did think, and you know, you and I have known each other for a long time; right? And I really do believe that the Town Attorney works for all the Councilpeople, regardless of how long we've known each other. But for you to call my question convoluted is disrespectful of your role in the Town Attorney and our relationship.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Well, I disagree, and again, we have had a good relationship both at the legislature and here, and we will continue to do so. But I did not understand your question.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: I've tried to lay it out several times.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Well --

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: So if I offended you, I apologize.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So a much better response on your part might have been, could you repeat the question more so I can better answer you, Mr. Troiano.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Councilman, you voted to amend -- to adopt the Supervisor's amendment.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: So let me ask the question again, and let's see if --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You know, David is not allowed to speak up here.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- we can iron out what it was you didn't understand about my question. We have -- we have before us a budget with four different amendments. We have voted to --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's not what we have before us right now.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, we don't.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: We have --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's not what we have. You're making that up now. That's not what we have.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I'm sorry, I don't make things up, Dennis.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Call you please call the roll?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: This is the agenda that was posted --

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yes.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- to the public. It has -- it is before us now.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: It has a budget and four different amendments. If I have to explain my language, that's what I meant by it's before us now, tonight. It's a budget with four amendments. We have approved one of those amendments. We're now being asked to approve the budget with that amendment only. I'm asking, on the successive budget amendment votes, how will they be incorporated into the amended budget we're being asked to approve now?

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: Once you approve an amended budget, the amended budget is approved and done. You have a budget.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: And so the other three amendments won't be heard.

ATTORNEY NICOLELLO: That's correct.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Okay, so thank you. So you're not going to get an up or down vote on our --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: The vote --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- on our budget, okay. I also want to point out, because some of you may not know what the second amendment is that I propose, which is that \$5,000 was given by a private company to Yes We Can Community Center --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: We're waiting for your vote.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- to run youth programs. The town didn't make use of that \$5,000, and so that \$5,000 goes into the General Fund where it's distributed to anybody that needs money in the Town of North Hempstead to the loss of the youth in the -- at the Town of North Hempstead's youth -- I'm sorry, Yes We Can Center. My budget -- my amendment, would've taken that 5,000, a paltry amount, would've taken that \$5,000 and put it into the 2025 budget to be used for youth programs that the donor intended it to be used for. That is now being lost, and everybody --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Well, we could still vote on that.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: -- can we have your vote?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please --

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: No, we just got told by the -- we just got told by --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Robert Troiano, the year is not even over.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- Mr. Nicoletto that once we vote on the amended budget --

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Can we have your vote?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: -- that' it. He just said that.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It's not even a budget item. Please call the roll.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Aye.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I do know.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: I suggest you don't vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I just -- don't under -- I cannot believe this. So we have another set of amendments that were published to the public.

AUDIENCE MEMBER: That's why we're here.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Thank you, and so now, we're not getting a public safety officer position to enhance community safety at night. That's one amendment that we're not getting.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Well, public safety officer that can't write summonses.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I think Mr. McDonough already spoke to that. That's a problematic position that was not going to be approved.

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Vote on it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: So well, yeah, vote, go ahead. You know, you keep screaming out from the audience --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please, please --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Will you please curtail yourself? No, no, no, no, no --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Mariann, are you going to vote or not?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: You don't get to continually –

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, are you going to vote or not?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- scream out from the audience. You're going to have to be asked to be removed if you continue to scream out from the audience.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, please, let's move along. Please vote or not.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So the Yes We Can Center –

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Oh, my God.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: -- is not going to have the \$5,000, and we all received this from the Town Board, from Councilman Troiano. So they donated \$5,000, they didn't use it. Councilman Troiano asked for it to get back -- put into the budget. Now it's not going to be. It's just --

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: We can vote on that at a later date.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please -- please -- please vote or abstain.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: -- give that money back.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, you have to vote.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman, please vote so we can complete the process.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Please vote or else please just call me because I don't think she wants to vote.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I am --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you voting?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: We're not allowed to talk.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Are you voting?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So I would like to thank Councilman Troiano for crafting a budget that was giving a tax cut. If it wasn't for you -- if it wasn't for you, the residents would not be receiving any tax cut this year.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Would you say the same thing for two years ago when Supervisor DeSena proposed an 11 percent tax cut and this Town Board -- and this Town Board did not vote for it, it only wound up at 5 percent.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: They can't hear you.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Use Christine Liu's mic.

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: No, I'm saying you could say the same thing. When Supervisor DeSena, two years ago, on this Town Board, wanted an 11 percent tax cut, and the majority of

the Board voted no, and said, no, we don't want 11 percent, we want a 5 percent tax cut and increased services. So don't be a hypocrite up here, please.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Right.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: That's two years ago.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: I just want to let everyone know, two years ago -- two years ago, her first budget was not a tax cut it was tax increase.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: No, it wasn't.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It was a tax cut.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: That's not true.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Oh, my gosh.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: We had a 5 percent tax decrease and a 10 percent tax decrease two years in a row.

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Do we have a vote on the -- is there a vote?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Councilwoman, you must vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You're not letting me finish.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: No, we are finished. It's time to vote.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: No, I get -- it's my turn to vote, and I get to speak.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: So please vote. No, speaking is not voting.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So just so everyone knows that the first year, it was a tax increase. It was not a tax cut.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And it was amended.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Then there was amendments.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: It was amended.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: That made it a tax --

SUPERVISOR DESENA: And it was an 11 percent tax cut.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: There was amendments, see -- is it my turn to speak?
Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: We're all speaking, we're not voting.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: It was amendments that made it a tax cut; okay? And I have actually the transcript right here if you'd like to see it. So I want my residents of the -- all the residents of the Town of North Hempstead to get a tax cut. I voted on Supervisor DeSena's

tax cut because I wanted the residents to receive a tax cut. Do I think Councilman Troiano's is a better tax cut? Yes. It does not take away quality of life issues, and we have proof, we have transcripts and everything. It was not done, you know, it was very -- it was researched, and we all did our research on it.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: I didn't hear how she voted.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Because I didn't vote yet, I'm still talking.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: You're holding everyone hostage

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: You know, you know, actually, my predecessor held everyone hostage for two hours once, talking and making a vote. I'm not going to do that, I'm just, you know --

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Predecessor. I thought we weren't talking about history. We just got told not to talk about history. This guy's screaming out because I'm talking about history, and now you're talking about your predecessor.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Go ahead, please vote, Mariann. Please.

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: So on that, I am going to vote for this budget, but I am very, very disappointed that we did not -- were not able to vote for Troiano's amendments because that would've been a better -- better tax cut for the residents of the Town of North Hempstead. Aye.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: She said yes?

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: I vote aye, and I move to adjourn.

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. 569 - 2024

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, 2025.

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead met on the 20th day of November, 2024, the time and place specified in the Notice of Public Hearing on the Preliminary Budget of the Town of North Hempstead for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025, heretofore filed pursuant to law in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of North Hempstead at the Town Hall, Manhasset, New York, conducted said hearing on such date and has heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Town Board does hereby adopt such preliminary budget as the Annual Budget for the Town of North Hempstead General Town, and Town Outside Village Funds, for the fiscal year beginning on the 1st day of January, 2025, and that such budget, as so adopted, be entered in detail in the minutes of the proceedings of the Town Board; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk of this Town prepare and certify copies of said Annual Budget, as adopted, by the Town Board and deliver one copy to the Supervisor, two copies to the Nassau County Legislature and two copies to the Department of Assessment, Nassau County; and be it further

RESOLVED that the Town Clerk shall publish a notice of adoption in the following form:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on November 20, 2024, the Town Board of the Town of North Hempstead duly adopted the Annual Budget for the Town of North Hempstead for the 2025 Fiscal Year.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Budget, as adopted, is available for public inspection in the Office of the Town Clerk, 200 Plandome Road, Manhasset, New York from 9:00 A.M. until 4:45 P.M. - Monday through Friday.

Dated: Manhasset, New York

November 20, 2024

**BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF THE
TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD**

**RAGINI SRIVASTAVA
TOWN CLERK**

Dated: Manhasset, New York

November 20, 2024

The vote on the foregoing resolution was recorded as follows:

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

Nays: None.

Absent: Councilperson Liu.

cc: Town Attorney Comptroller

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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, 2025, 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 29th day of October, 2024, 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
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Town Clerk - \$105,000.00;
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Receiver of Taxes - \$115,000.00; and
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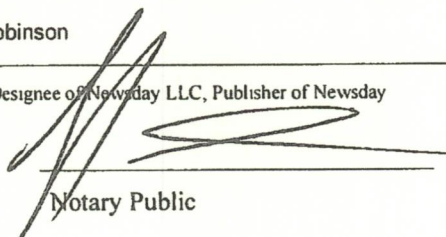
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CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN TROIANO: Wow, wow.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

AUDIENCE MEMBER: Do you have a deadline?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Yeah, today.

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yeah.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Troiano?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Councilman Walsh votes yes.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Scott?

COUNCILMAN SCOTT: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Walsh?

COUNCILMAN WALSH: Yes.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilman Adhami?

COUNCILMAN ADHAMI: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Councilwoman Dalimonte?

COUNCILWOMAN DALIMONTE: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Supervisor DeSena?

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Aye.

CLERK SRIVASTAVA: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR DESENA: Good night, thank you everybody.

(WHEREUPON, this meeting was concluded at 9:05 p.m.)



Town Clerk