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MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

TOWN BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh
held at 1496 Route 300 in said township
at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, the 14th of December 2020

PRESENT Gilbert J. Piaquadio, Supervisor
Joseph P. Pedi, Town Clerk

PRESENT Scott M. Manley, Deputy Supervisor
REMOTELY (Present at 7:02 p.m.)
Paul R. Ruggiero, Councilman
Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman
Elizabeth J. Greene, Councilwoman
Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town

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MR. PEDI: It's 7:00, it's the 14th day of December 2020, and this is a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

The first order of business is roll call. Mrs. Greene.

MS. GREENE: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero.

MR. RUGGIERO: Present.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley is not here yet. Mr. LoBiondo.

MR. LOBIONDO: Here.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Here.

MR. PEDI: Would everybody please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.)

MR. PEDI: Okay. Thank you, everyone.

Mr. Supervisor, any changes to the agenda?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: The only change I have here is on number 13, under the police vehicles, it looks like we're going to do a

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budget transfer and then purchase the vehicles.
So there will be a 1 and a 2 or an A and a B on
13.

MR. MANLEY: Is that where 14-B is?

MR. RUGGIERO: Hey, Scott.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well, you know
what. It's also included under 14-B. Let's just
approve both transfers, because one he's just
transferring within his own budget to buy the
police cars, and then there's a transfer into his
budget. I think we can do an A and a B, and also
do the other one too, Joe. Okay.

MR. PEDI: Very good. Any other
changes?

MS. GREENE: I have none.

MR. LOBIONDO: None.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Next we go on to item
5, approval of audit.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So
we're looking for a motion to approve this audit
in the amount of \$1,190,707.83.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

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(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 6 which is the continuation of a public hearing, Introductory Local Law 5 of 2020 with regard to records retention.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: And Joseph, I know the original public hearing was properly advertised, and this continual one as well.

MR. PEDI: Well this continued one was advertised on November 30th on the website and it was posted in Town Hall on November 30th. The continuation was also advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on December 2nd and in The Orange County Post on December 4th.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Very good. Thank you.

So with that, I'll look for a motion to open this public hearing for the public records.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to reopen this public hearing at 7:03 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

So as you'll remember, this public hearing had to deal with record retention and how long a town should keep records. Basically what we're doing is going with the town -- the State, their recommendations.

But real quickly Joseph, there are some

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changes here that really changed --

MR. PEDI: Certainly.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

MR. PEDI: One change is the addition of a new category of contractor which is called a disadvantaged-owned business which supplements the existing minority-owned business and woman-owned business.

Another change is an increase in retention period for child abuse reports relating to sexual offenses to age 55 of the victim, and that's based on the Child Victims Act.

Another change that they entered is the application of alcoholic beverage licenses. Previously any renewal for an alcoholic beverage license, the Town Clerk's office had to be notified. That rule has been taken away and now only new alcoholic beverage licenses are to be submitted to the Town. That's a sampling.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good. Thank you, Joseph.

If anyone in the public wants to comment on this at this time. I think you can physically raise your hand if you have a question

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and we'll let you in.

Do you have anybody else there?

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So it looks like there isn't any public comment.

What we're going to do tonight is close the public hearing because we have to wait an additional ten days to approve it because it's a Zoom meeting.

How about our Board Members. Betty, do you have anything on this?

MS. GREENE: A question or to just close the hearing? Which are we doing?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well if you have a comment before we close it.

MS. GREENE: I have a question.

Joe, what -- is there any cutoff point that you have permission to destroy records or anything like that, or are records from 1902 still there?

MR. PEDI: No. I have various parameter cutoff times for different types of records, but nothing significant has changed in the retention times.

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MS. GREENE: Okay. What about say death certificates or anything like that that get filed with us?

MR. PEDI: As an example, death certificates and marriage licenses have to be maintained permanently.

MS. GREENE: Thank you very much. I was wondering about the people who are our ancestry.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: With that, does Paul --

MR. RUGGIERO: I don't have anything, Gil.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. And Scott, he's not in the meeting yet?

MR. MANLEY: I'm here.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. I couldn't see you, Scott. Just making sure you're here. Any comment on this one?

MR. MANLEY: Yeah. Last month we did have the public hearing on this and questions were brought up. I believe Mr. PEDI told us it was like 100 pages and gave us -- what do you call it there -- a briefing. Not a briefing.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: A summary.

MR. MANLEY: Yeah, a summary. I noticed there were only like three or four items that shorten the time. Everything was either the same or lengthened the time. So it doesn't really change much at all.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yup. All right. Thank you, Scott.

Anthony, do you have anything?

MR. LOBIONDO: No. I have nothing further.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So then we'll look for a motion to close this public hearing.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second that.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to close the public hearing at 7:07.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul is muted. Paul, you've got to unmute yourself.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: I don't see Paul

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in here.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I see Paul but he's muted.

Scott, can you text Paul and tell him to unmute himself if he can't hear us? I don't know.

MR. MANLEY: I'll give it a shot.

MR. RUGGIERO: Hello.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: He's unmuted. We just had a vote on the motion to close the public hearing.

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, good.

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

All right. Thank you. Not being 7:15, we ought to move on.

MR. PEDI: It's not 7:15 yet, like you said Mr. Supervisor, so we'll move on to item 8

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which is the Desmond Estate, use of Parkland Trust money for purchase.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes. So I'm asking for a motion to expend \$750,000 from the Parkland Trust Fund. That's account T37A.0885. \$700,000 will be used to purchase the Desmond Estate and \$50,000 will go towards other expenses involved in the closing. The Kaplan Family Foundation will reimburse the Town \$700,000 from a \$1,000,000 grant for its purchase.

So I'm looking for somebody to make that motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded.

Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 9.

The first item is approval to solicit bids for removal and disposal of alum sludge for the Chadwick Lake and Delaware Aqueduct Water Treatment Plants.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.

We're looking for a motion so our water superintendent can go out to bid on those two items. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: You approved both of them, Mr. Supervisor, or just the removal of the alum sludge? Next we have the water treatment chemicals.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So let's make a motion to approve bidding the water treatment chemicals as well.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 10 for Buildings and Grounds, approval to start process to hire full-time custodian.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So I'm going to look for a motion to start the process to hire a full-time custodial worker, I think is the proper Civil Service term. Custodial worker. That will be for the year 2021. If someone wants to make that motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11 for the Engineering Department. Item A, Chadwick Lake Filter Plant resiliency improvements.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Again our Town Engineer, James Osborne, is requesting that we go out for bid for the Chadwick Lake Plant resiliency improvements. And again, we have the funding for this through a grant. So does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11-B,
Consolidated Water District budget transfer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Again
James Osborne is requesting two budget transfers
here. Maybe I'll read them real quick. "Based
on the availability of funds left in the 2020
budget, I'm requesting Town Board approval of the
following." He's looking at from the interfund
transfer to the Colden Park water main
improvements of \$200,000. As you remember,
hopefully this year -- coming year we're going to
sleeve some water lines there.

So should we do this in two parts, Joe?
Let's get a motion on that one first.

MR. PEDI: Certainly, if you'd like.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So let's
have a motion on that first transfer.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

Go ahead, Anthony.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I think Anthony
got it.

MR. PEDI: I'm sorry. Councilman

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LoBiondo, did you make the motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I did -- I seconded the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I made the motion.

MR. PEDI: Thank you, Councilman Manley.

Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to the budget transfer --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well let's say part 2 on this. Again it's from -- another interfund transfer from -- interfund transfer to Chadwick Lake Filter Plant improvements. That's

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\$225,000. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MS. GREENE: I'll second it. Let Scott second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Supervisor, it's now 7:15, if you'd like to go on to the public hearing for item 7.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Has Mark Taylor joined?

We could -- let's go to the public hearing, Joseph.

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MR. PEDI: Okay. Item 7, public hearing for Introductory Local Law 3 of 2020 for the Solar Energy PILOT.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Has this public hearing been properly advertised, Joseph?

MR. PEDI: This had been posted on the Town website since November 30th. It was posted in Town Hall also on November 30th. It was advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on December 2nd and in The Orange County Post on December 4th.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good. Thank you. So it's been properly advertised.

Will a Board Member make a motion to open this public hearing?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make a motion to open the public hearing.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. LOBIONDO: Beat you again, Paul.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to open this public hearing at 7:16 p.m.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Thank you.

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I'm going to ask Mark Taylor to give us a little rundown on this law. We really spent a lot of time on this one, too.

Mark, if you could.

I don't hear Mark.

MR. MANLEY: He's been going in and out.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: It looks like he left -- he got kicked out I mean.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Mark, I don't know if you got kicked out. We're going to try to let you back in here again.

MS. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He keeps going in and out.

MR. RUGGIERO: There is he.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He's unmuted. Do you see how he's frozen? That might be his internet connection. Do you see him on your screen?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Scott, can you call Mark Taylor on his cellphone? We'll get him through by the audio on his cellphone.

MR. MANLEY: I'll give it a shot.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He's moving now,

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but --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Mark, if you could just give us a rundown here on this local law for the solar.

MR. TAYLOR: My apologies. The connection is not working very well tonight.

New York State Real Property Law (inaudible) solar facilities and other passive energy sources (inaudible) for the 15 years for real property taxation. (Inaudible) the ability to require payments in lieu of taxes to facilities. This local law would implement a payment in lieu of taxes for the Town of Newburgh with respect to the solar facilities. If they opt out or decide against it (inaudible) including those homeowners have sold are potentially subject to taxation. So instead they are implementing a requirement which applies to (inaudible) that produce .5 megawatts or less an hour based on capacity. The local law requires those parties proposing to install solar energy facilities to notify the Town. If their facilities are subject to a PILOT requirement, (inaudible) enter into a PILOT agreement with the

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Town which requires PILOT payments over the 15-year period of the exemption. The Town is establishing a fee in this local law of \$3,600 per year per megawatt of rated capacity for the solar facilities that are subject to the PILOT requirement. It will increase on a percentage basis each year. There will be a 3 percent per year and there's a 5 percent late fee that's imposed if you don't pay the PILOT.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, Mark.

Thank you.

So with that, again in the public, if you want to ask a question you can physically raise your hand and we can see them.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: John Gebhards has a question. Can you unmute John?

We're going to unmute you here, John. There you go. You got it. Go ahead, John.

MR. GEBHARDS: Thank you. The reception on Mark's comments was so poor that I could not understand the gist of it. Can we get that in writing on the Town site or something, in the minutes? Or how can we get to read --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well I still

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think we'll take comments ten days after the minutes are posted. After Michelle actually does the minutes and we post them, you'll still have another ten days for comments. And it depends on when our next meeting comes up, so it will be a while.

MR. GEBHARDS: It will be in the minutes?

THE REPORTER: I have to say I had an extremely hard time hearing Mark, so -- I heard what everybody else heard. My minutes are not going to reflect every word that he said.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. With that, could we give Mark another shot at it? Mark, are you in a better spot maybe? Let's just try it again. If it doesn't work I think we're going to --

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: It's not going to work on his phone like that again.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Let's try letting you back in again. Let's try to let you back in to the Zoom meeting.

MR. TAYLOR: Perhaps I can just join the meeting here by phone. That may be better.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Let's give that a shot.

MR. TAYLOR: I'll try doing that.

MR. MANLEY: I'm going to hang up on Mark then.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Good deal. Let's see if we can let him back in again at some point when he tries.

We haven't had problems with Mark. I don't know if he's in the same location. In the past he's always been okay, unless he's at a different location. I don't know.

What does he got, something playing in back to I think. Mark, right here.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Mark is muted right now. Did he say he was going to come back in on his phone?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: He wants to come back in the Zoom meeting by his phone.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: So I'm going to kick him out of this meeting. Now we're going to wait for him to call.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: He's going to try to rejoin.

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MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Now he's coming in on his phone.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Do we have him?

MR. MANLEY: He's connecting it says.

MR. TAYLOR: Am I back?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's better, Mark.

MS. GREENE: Sounds good now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I hate to put you through it again, but let's go through it again.

MR. TAYLOR: I'll tried to do it on my laptop and that wasn't working too well.

So to repeat, New York State Real Property Law exempts solar facilities and other passive energy sources from real property taxation for a period of 15 years. 15 years. The municipalities have a couple of options, however. They can opt out of that exemption, and in that case the solar facilities are subject to real property taxation during that 15-year period. The Towns of New Windsor and Crawford in Orange County have opted out. Certain school districts, including Wallkill and Valley Central,

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2 have also opted out. The Town Board considered
3 that, but the difficulty that presents is that
4 then also including those installed by homeowners
5 are potentially subject to taxation if the value
6 of the property is increased due to the solar
7 installation.

8 There's another option under Real
9 Property Tax Law, and that is to impose a
10 requirement that the owners of solar facilities
11 enter into Payment In Lieu Of Tax agreements with
12 the taxing entity, in this case the Town. That
13 option affords greater flexibility to exempt
14 certain owners. This local law would provide
15 that residential facilities defined as having a
16 capacity of less than .5 kilowatts are exempt
17 from the PILOT requirement. This local law also
18 exempts or has an exemption for facilities that
19 have .5 megawatts of power or less from the PILOT
20 requirement. So the owner of any facility that
21 is larger than that would be required to notify
22 the Town of their intention to install the
23 facility and to enter into a PILOT agreement with
24 the Town which requires that they make annual
25 Payments In Lieu Of Taxes to the Town. The

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amount of those annual payments is established by the local law at \$3,600 per megawatt over the .5 megawatt exemption. It will be prorated if there is a fractional capacity. That payment is required to be made annually for 15 years, at which point the solar facility comes off the exemption roll. In any case, the payment will be subject to a 3 percent increase annually and there will be a 5 percent late fee if the owner does not make the payment in time. Payment is due at the same time as the Town taxes are due.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Thank you, Mark.

I see there was a question asked of Joe PEDI. This entire law should be amongst the items on the website. Yes, Joe?

MR. PEDI: It is.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes, they are. Okay.

Bill -- John, you had a question a minute ago. Do you still have a question after you heard -- you can unmute John.

MR. GEBHARDS: That is provided -- I can look at it and --

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yeah,
absolutely. The law is up there now and you've
got ten days from when the minutes are posted, so
it will be awhile.

MR. GEBHARDS: Okay. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, John.
Anyone else have a comment on this
public hearing, this topic? If you do, raise
your hand so we can see you.

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Does any Board
Member? Betty, any comment on this?

MS. GREENE: Not right now. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul?

MR. RUGGIERO: No, I don't have any
comments.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Scott?

MR. MANLEY: No. I'm good.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Anthony
LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: No comment.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. And I
don't either at this point.

We'll look for a motion to close this

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public hearing.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
close this public hearing at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes. All right.

Thank you.

MR. PEDI: Next we're jumping back to
item 12 for Animal Control for some T-94
withdrawals. The first one involves the Walden
Animal Clinic.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So
Cheryl Cunningham, again from the T-94 account,
which is a donation account, is looking for \$235
to pay Walden Animal Clinic.

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Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make that motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: The next T-94 withdrawal involves the Animal Rights Alliance.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Again Cheryl Cunningham, Animal Control Officer, from the T-94 account, donation account, she's looking for \$220 to pay T.A.R.A. which is the Animal Rights Alliance.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

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MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: The third T-94 withdrawal involves Flannery Animal Hospital.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.

Again Cheryl Cunningham, Animal Control Officer, is asking to withdraw \$32.35 from the T-94 account to Flannery Animal Hospital.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussions?

(No response.)

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MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 13 for the Police Department. Item 13-A is a budget transfer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So let's do a transfer from account 3120.5100 to account 3120.5200.

What is the amount that needs transferring here?

MS. GREENE: 47,622.

MR. MANLEY: Double that; right?

MR. RUGGIERO: It's for two police cars.

MR. MANLEY: 95,244.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: What is it times

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two?

MR. MANLEY: 95,244.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So that's the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Somebody make a motion.

MR. MANLEY: I made the motion.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, Scott.

And who seconded it?

I'm doing your job now, Joe.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right, Paul.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Now we go to item 13-B which is the approval of the purchase.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So he's requesting to authorize the purchase of two 2021 police Ford Interceptor -- police Interceptor utility vehicles, fully equipped from Hempstead Ford. Each vehicle costs 47,622. The funds will come from account 3120.5100 which we've already done the transfer on.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make that motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Now we go on to item 14.
Item 14-A, close out of Delaware Aqueduct
Treatment Filter Plant.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So
here again he has some transfers. I'm just going
to say they're as presented here. They should be
on the internet, too, under additional items.

Does someone want to make a motion to
close out the DAT Filter Plant with these prices
as shown?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 14-B,
funding of capital project for police cars.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Here
again we talk about that \$96,000. It's going to
be funded had as a capital project on those
police cars. Again as presented, 14-B.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make that motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Last we have item C which is
a budget transfer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Again I'm going
to put this one down as presented. There's some

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money that's being transferred actually for the computer expense, to purchase the computers tonight. That's going to be as presented, 14-C.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: Go ahead.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Manley made the motion. Do I have a second?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 15 for Data Processing, the purchase of computers.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So on this one we're looking to purchase eleven

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OptiPlex 3070 SSF MLK computers and eleven 22-inch monitors at a cost, including the monitor, of \$902.31 for each for a total of \$9,925.41. Seven will be for the Recreation Department which will come out of account A1680.5200. That will be \$6,700. For the Filter Plant there will be four computers, two in each filter plant, from account F8330.4002.5466. That will be \$2,000. And there will be another \$2,000 from the other filter plant account, 8330.4001.5466. That's also \$2,000.

Just a note, these computers that are being replaced were put in service in either 2005 and some in 2011.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: Go ahead, Anthony.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 16,
item A, request for speed limit study for Route
9W.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So this
resolution will go to the State. We're asking
for a study -- for a speed limit study on Route
9W between the intersections of North Plank Road,
New York State Route 32 and Chestnut Lane.
Again, this is a request for a study.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. PEDI: Councilman LoBiondo, did you
make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I did. Thank you, Joe.

MR. PEDI: May I have a second, please?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero seconded
it. Any further discussion?

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(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 16-B
which is opposition to Central Hudson rate
increase.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So
Central Hudson has another rate increase on the
board, trying to get it approved. We're putting
a resolution to oppose that rate increase.
That's what this resolution is attached. It will
go out to everyone necessary, including our State
representatives.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: I'll make that motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

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MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MS. GREENE: Could I make a request?

Excuse me, Joe. When we send that to the proper channels, could we also send a copy of it to Association of Towns in Albany?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We will do that absolutely. Good idea, Betty. Thank you.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 17 for the Assessor, settlement of tax certiorari for PI Blast, LLC and Newburgh Acquisition, LLC.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: And this property is actually the closed Rite Aid that's over by the Mid-Valley Mall.

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Mark, if you could give us a quick
rundown on this one, too.

Is Mark still out there?

MR. TAYLOR: Okay. My reception --
reception is not -- hello?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Mark, we seem to
hear you right now. Whatever you're doing, stay
with it maybe.

MR. TAYLOR: Okay. I'll try.

The strip retail property on North
Plank Road, the Rite Aid store, there are tax
certiorari cases going back to 2016. In that
year it was owned by PI Blast, subsequently for
the remaining years through 2020 it was owned by
Newburgh Acquisitions.

The settlement provides for reductions
for each of the years in question. They range
from \$200,000. In the 2020 year the reduction
will be the largest amount, and it will be
approximately \$440,000. The total -- that's in
assessed value. Obviously market value is
greater based on -- assessed value based on the
multiplication by the equalization and assessment
rate. The total refund liability for the

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settlement will be approximately \$13,000 and some change. That's the refund liability over the years in question on the total of \$93,000 and change.

This settlement is a bit different from what the Board has seen in the past in that there is no three-year freeze on either the owner bringing the action or the Town changing the assessment. The Town likely will be changing the assessment in the coming year due to the fact that the Ready Coffee building has been constructed on the site pursuant to a site plan amendment.

Kathy Drobne advises that because of the COVID-19 economic impacts, property owners are increasingly reluctant to agree to the three-year freeze that is otherwise provided for by statute. We anticipate that with future settlements, that may be the case as well. As part of the settlement there's a lesser mark on the assessed value or none.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, Mark.
Very good.

So any comments, Betty, on this

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settlement?

MS. GREENE: No comments, except I contacted the fire district in question to make them aware of it.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Paul, do you have any comment on this?

MR. RUGGIERO: No. I have no comments, Gil. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Scott?

MR. MANLEY: I spoke to Kathy today. Because there is a new business going there, so hopefully we can get it back up a little next year.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Once it's up and running and they get a CO we might be able to do something there.

Anthony?

MR. LOBIONDO: I have no comments. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

With that, we'll look for a motion to approve this settlement.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

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MR. PEDI: Councilman LoBiondo, did you second it or was that Councilman Ruggiero?

MR. LOBIONDO: That was Paul.

MR. PEDI: Thank you. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 18 for announcements.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.

MS. GREENE: I have one.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, Betty. Go ahead. Do you want to go? Go ahead.

MS. GREENE: I want to wish everyone a safe, healthy holiday time and new year. That's

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it.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Scott?

MR. MANLEY: (Inaudible) for the holidays. And thank you. We had our first drive -- drive-by Menorah lighting tonight, and it was a lot of fun.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good. It was. I agree with you. I guess next year -- hopefully it will build each year.

Paul, do you have anything out there to say?

MR. RUGGIERO: One, that our Water and Sewer Department new location is on 299 Gidney Avenue -- or Gardnertown Road. I'm sorry.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Made me think for awhile.

MR. RUGGIERO: And, you know, they're open for any water or sewer issues.

Also, stay safe with the numbers rising with COVID. Wear your mask when ever you can.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukah.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Paul.

Anthony?

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MR. LOBIONDO: I have no comments. I just want to wish everybody a happy and safe holiday season. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: And I want to do the same to everyone, too. Happy holidays. I really want to tell everybody be careful because bad weather might be coming on Wednesday. I'm sure we'll get through it, but just be careful.

So with that, we're going to open it to the public. If anyone from the audience wants to ask a question on any topic. Let's try just physically raising your hand and I think Robert will let them in. If anyone has anything.

Do you see anybody, Bobby?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Larry Cosman.

MR. FETTER: Hi. It's Bill Fetter. I think you have me.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Bill, go ahead.

MR. FETTER: A few questions on the resolution regarding Central Hudson. Does that also go to the Public Utility Commission, that notice?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes, it does.

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Yes, it does. Absolutely.

MR. FETTER: Okay. The mall over here with the tax certiorari issue, when he was before the Planning Board, the property owner had promised to upgrade that whole facility to get -- not as a condition of approval for that coffee shop but as kind of an incentive, I think, for the Board he had promised to revamp that whole place. So hopefully some of this money can be attributed to upgrading that facility. I know you have no leverage in that, but maybe --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Right.

MR. FETTER: -- he will listen to public comments.

Finally, I know there's been some discussion among the Board about trying to improve the communication system for all the online meetings. I'm just curious if there's been any advancement in that regard.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I could tell you on this one, there's been some Zoning Board meetings that there was problems. They weren't -- they're using Zoom. What they were doing is trying to get all the members like on one channel

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of Zoom.

MR. FETTER: I'm fully aware.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Because of that the microphone on that computer couldn't pick up somebody further away. We now have a regular mic -- right, Bobby -- that will be halfway located. If the members speak up a little bit we should be okay.

As far as Zoom and improving what we've got, I don't know what options we could go to. You know, it depends on the internet, how good an internet connection you have, and that's about it. I think Zoom is very popular with many towns that they're using right now. If someone knows of something better, I mean let us know and we'll be more than happy to look into it.

MR. FETTER: I'll get a communications person to talk to you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good.

Thank you, Bill.

Okay. Anyone else?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Larry Cosman.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Cosman has a question. Okay.

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MR. COSMAN: Larry Cosman, 132
Colandrea Road Extension in the Town.

Mr. Supervisor, I've talked to you in the past. Still looking for some answers on the improvements or repairs on Colandrea Road. I know you've had an ongoing discussion with one of the residents there for the damage to the road. The rest of the residents, we're all suffering as a result, and no improvements. It's full of potholes. The Town actually comes in, and I don't think they're totally aware of where the Town road ends. They don't even fix some of the potholes. They're not putting anything in them. There's one section that was improved or added on in the '70s with probably just hard chip. As a result of the heavy trucks in there a couple years ago, the road was pretty well destroyed. There may have been a grievance or something to the effect of who is going to improve the road. The Town certainly hasn't done anything in the interim, and neither have the parties involved.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay.

MR. COSMAN: We're running over a dirt road practically for a few hundred feet. We

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patched it. We put a lot of millings on the private road, and we used a truckload of them in that area, filling holes over the last year. Of course they don't last that long.

I'm kind of wondering where the Town may be at as far as getting anything done.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I will get with the highway superintendent. Perhaps he can come up there and meet with you.

Wasn't there another issue, too, about a piece of land with Greg Pascale as well? Has that been straightened out or --

MR. COSMAN: No. That's down on Merritt Lane. I'm talking about Colandrea Road off of Frozen Ridge.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay.

MR. COSMAN: That was Lawrence's. They were doing a lot of -- had a lot of trucks coming in with fill material a few years ago.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yeah, yeah. We had a meeting up there, too, one day.

MR. COSMAN: You've been up there a couple different times.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yup.

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MR. COSMAN: You know, this is all going on now for quite awhile and there's been no changes in it. We're kind of beating up our vehicles driving over a Town road that probably looks worse than -- even Oak Street for a long time wasn't a very nice looking road. Now it's a lot better --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: It looks good today, though. Okay. You've seen Oak Street recently; right? It really looks good today. They repaved Oak Street.

MR. COSMAN: Oh, yeah. Oak Street is beautiful.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We'll see what we can do. I know exactly what you're talking about now, Bill -- Larry. Okay.

MR. COSMAN: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you. Have a good holiday.

MR. COSMAN: You, too.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anyone else?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Lauren.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Lauren. I see a hand. That's not Lauren. It looked like Lauren

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but --

MS. SMITH: It's Donette. Hi. We're on Lauren's computer. Yeah. I just wanted to ask if you received the petition from the residents on Rockwood Drive regarding the special use permit for the firearm dealership?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If it's a ZBA thing, I forward it right over to them, which I think you already did. So I think they got it multiple times.

MS. SMITH: Yeah, they got it. I was just making sure that you received it because I know you're cc'd on it. You know, it's caused quite an uproar up here amongst the residents.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Right, right, right. Okay. Thank you.

Does anyone else have anything?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: John Boussa.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: John, you have a question? Is he unmuted?

MR. BOUSSA: No. No questions.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: No questions. We're good.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: We've got Richie

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Knapp.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Richie Knapp.

Do you have a question, Rich? You can unmute if you have a question. If not --

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He's staying muted. There's ET.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Who do we have, Bob?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Capital ET. He's here now. He muted again.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: ET is muted right now.

ET: No questions.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: No questions. All right. Thank you.

Anyone else out there, Bob?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: That's it. Well there's Jimmy Presutti, but --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Jimmy.

MR. PRESUTTI: I've got nothing.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right, Jim. Okay.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: That's everyone.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So if there's no

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other comments, let's make a motion to adjourn.
Does someone want to make a motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Thank you, everyone. Have a good
holiday.

(Time noted: 7:54 p.m.)

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I, MICHELLE CONERO, a Notary Public
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certify:

That hereinbefore set forth is a
true record of the proceedings.

I further certify that I am not
related to any of the parties to this proceeding by
blood or by marriage and that I am in no way
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand this 16th day of December 2020.

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