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8:00 p.m.

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10 Due to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic and
11 recent Executive Orders issued by the Governor, the
12 Village of Farmingdale, Board of Trustees Meeting
13 was held electronically via Zoom Webinar.

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- 2 A P P E A R A N C E S :
- 3 RALPH EKSTRAND, Mayor
- 4 WILLIAM BARRETT, Deputy Mayor
- 5 ANTHONY ADDEO, Board Member
- 6 CHERYL PARISI, Board Member
- 7 WALTER PRIESTLEY, Board Member
- 8 BRIAN HARTY, Village Administrator
- 9 BARBARA KELLY, Deputy Village Clerk
- 10 CLAUDIO DEBELLIS, ESQ., Village Attorney
- 11 A L S O P R E S E N T :
- 12 STEPHEN FELLMAN, Village Building Superintendent
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2 (WHEREUPON, the proceedings
3 began at 8:01 p.m. and the following
4 transpired:)

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Good
6 evening, everyone, and welcome to the
7 Monday, January 4, 2021 -- and thank
8 goodness we actually reached 2021 -- Board
9 of Trustee's meeting.

10 As you know, we start off the
11 meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and
12 then a moment of silence for our military
13 and for our first responders.

14 So if everybody could put their
15 hand over their heart, and recite with me
16 the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage recited
18 the Pledge of Allegiance.)

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And now a
20 moment of silence for our military
21 personnel defending freedom and justice
22 throughout the globe and our first
23 responders who are always putting
24 themselves into harm's way.

25 (WHEREUPON, the assemblage observed

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2 a moment of silence.)

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

4 Some announcements:

5 The next Board meeting with public
6 comment period will be held on Monday,
7 February 1, 2021, at 8:00 p.m.

8 Regular Work Sessions will be held
9 on Tuesday, January 19, 2021; Monday,
10 January 25, 2021; and again on Monday,
11 February 1, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

12 Moving right along.

13 Resolution to approve the following
14 Regular Meeting business items:

15 Abstract of Audited Vouchers 11454,
16 dated January 4, 2021, the November Wire
17 Transfers, the Minutes of Board Meetings
18 and Work Sessions of 12/17/20 [sic],
19 12/21/20, as amended in Work Session.

20 We have no applications for use of
21 Village Property and no tax certs.

22 So I need a motion to approve.

23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So moved.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:

25 Second.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
3 favor?

4 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
5 affirmative vote of the Board.)

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
7 Resolution to set forth the following
8 Public Hearings on Monday, February 1,
9 2021, at 8:00 p.m.: To revise the
10 Workforce Housing District and to
11 subdivide the property located at 318
12 Melville Road? Somebody help me out.

13 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah, I
14 believe that that's it. The corner of
15 Melville and Balcom.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Right, but
17 it says XXX on the --

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I know. I
19 think it's 318. I think it's 318.

20 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: It is.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay, good.
22 Not bad for a guy turning 66.

23 Anyway, motion to approve?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: So
25 moved.

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2 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
3 second.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Second?

5 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
6 second it.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
8 favor?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was an unanimous,
10 affirmative vote of the Board.)

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
12 Number Five. Public Hearing on SPA 79
13 E.L.P. Special Use Permit for a mixed use
14 retail and apartment structure at 333 Main
15 Street to be adjourned to February 1, 2020
16 -- 2021, excuse me -- at 8:00 p.m.

17 Motion to approve?

18 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Can we
19 discuss it first?

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: That's it.
21 Claudio, can we discuss it at this point
22 in time? It's up -- I just -- can we
23 discuss a Public Hearing before we open
24 it?

25 BARBARA KELLY: You're muted, yeah.

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2 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: No, no. I
3 didn't want to discuss the merits of the
4 application. I wanted to discuss the
5 moving of the hearing.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, the
7 moving of the hearing was to address the
8 new application --

9 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Right.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
11 -- which is forthcoming.

12 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: So I
13 received a number of emails with folks
14 wanting to put the hearing off until a
15 Public Hearing with people being present
16 could be had.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, that
18 could be five years from now for all we
19 know.

20 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: It could
21 be. It's unlikely. But -- so one of the
22 people said, "You know, it took 100 years
23 to build the Village. Why are we
24 rushing?"

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We're not

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2 rushing. I don't feel we're rushing.

3 It's just what we're living in with all
4 the public hearings we're doing.

5 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: I
6 understand.

7 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Well, I'm
8 going to -- I'm going to pick up with
9 Anthony. It's been sitting almost two
10 years -- okay -- since he withdrew his
11 application, and he literally just put the
12 application in. I don't see why it can't,
13 because I'm -- I received almost 25 emails
14 -- okay -- of which three were for and the
15 other ones were against, or wanting this
16 to be held when the public hearing could
17 be in person. I don't see what the harm
18 would be -- okay -- in holding this off
19 until three or four months down the road
20 -- okay -- to see if we can do this in
21 public. I don't think that that would
22 be...

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, in
24 answer to your question is: First off, I
25 think it is phenomenal that approximately

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2 -- well, I'm going to say mailing that we
3 do for our political parties go out 3,000
4 places -- that this mailing by another
5 party went out to over 3,000 places. I
6 got 14, by the way. Fourteen comments out
7 of 3,000 sendings. I thought that was, in
8 my opinion, obviously a -- ludicrous that
9 only 14 people out of 3,000 or more got
10 it.

11 But independent of that -- the
12 amount -- when we have a public hearing,
13 we have the people, we listen to them on
14 Zoom, we will listen to them in public.
15 My comment for somebody talking on Zoom, I
16 respect them and to listen to them no
17 different than I would listen to them in
18 public.

19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay. I
20 would -- I would disagree with the fact
21 that, I think it's far better to see a
22 person in person as opposed to Zoom; okay.
23 I would like to know who's sitting in the
24 audience. Who really doesn't want to
25 raise their hand to speak, but is not in

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2 favor of this, or who's sitting in the
3 audience and is in favor of this but
4 doesn't want to really stand and speak.
5 We will not have any of that if we -- if
6 we do this now. And again, he's let it
7 sit there since September of '18; okay. I
8 truly don't see what -- what the rush is
9 for this. It's been --

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, it's
11 not a rush --

12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:
13 (Continuing) -- it's not a rush for two
14 years.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I totally --
16 it's not a rush, but the people who
17 complain will always show up and the
18 people who don't complain will never show
19 up. I have more people come up to me and
20 talk to me about it, who put it to me in
21 an email, than people who actually put it
22 in to me in an email [sic]. Because all
23 the people that -- and I have no problem
24 -- the former mayor has quoted me many
25 times -- the same as the malcontents. The

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2 malcontents are the ones that always email
3 me, and the ones that are -- are --

4 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: But I'm
5 Not a malcontent.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Going around
7 the Village --

8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'm not a
9 malcontent.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
11 -- very rarely do.

12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'm not
13 malcontent; okay. I'm just a trustee --

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I didn't say
15 you were.

16 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:
17 (Continuing) -- represent -- I know, but
18 this has nothing to do with have mal --
19 that are unhappy; that are malcontents,
20 whatever. It has to do with letting the
21 residents feel comfortable in voicing
22 their opinions and being able to look us
23 in the eye and tell us what they think;
24 okay. I -- I -- And again, Mr. Staller
25 has waited two years and four months, or

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2 whatever it is; okay. We're talking 28
3 months. Now in the middle of a pandemic
4 -- okay -- he submits an application, and
5 it's virtually the same application --
6 okay -- which was meet with much
7 opposition the three times that we've --
8 we had two public hearings and an
9 information meeting; okay.

10 I truly don't see what the harm
11 would be in holding this off. It's
12 just -- I just think it would be to the
13 benefit of our residents if we did this;
14 okay.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, this
16 is -- this is why we actually have a vote
17 so...

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Um-hum.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: It's at the
20 discretion of the Board. So I'm going to
21 pick on --

22 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Can I
23 ask a question, Mayor?

24 Cheryl, your point is well taken.
25 If there are people out there that are

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2 saying -- well, a vast majority of your
3 constituents that are saying -- we would
4 like to be public, then I think it's one
5 thing. If it's five or six people out of
6 3,000, then you have a different situation
7 on your hands.

8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay. So I
9 have -- I printed out all the emails;
10 okay. And like I said, I have either 24
11 or 25 -- okay -- and the reason you didn't
12 get them all, Mayor, and, Walter, you
13 didn't get them, is people spelled your
14 names wrong; okay. So they got sent back;
15 okay. But these people have all different
16 reasons; okay.

17 But for the most part, every one of
18 them felt that it's -- it's a life -- I
19 don't want to say life-changing event --
20 but it's a village-changing event; okay.
21 It will forever change Main Street. Once
22 this building goes up, it doesn't come
23 down -- okay -- and people would like to
24 be heard on it.

25 So that's, you know -- and I can

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2 read off the names here and put them into
3 the record, you know.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: That's okay,
5 Cheryl. We understand. But of the 9,000
6 residents, between me, you, and everybody
7 else, we got 30 people out of 9,000
8 residents? Are you seeing Claudio's
9 point?

10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I see his
11 point -- okay -- but when we had a public
12 hearing on this, we had over 250 people at
13 Howitt; okay. The first time --

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, two
15 thirds of -- were outside the Village and
16 two thirds of the people that spoke were
17 outside the Village, but that's -- that's
18 actually part of public record.

19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'm just
20 trying to -- I -- I -- I personally am not
21 comfortable -- okay -- with a Zoom Public
22 Hearing as big as this; okay. I'm just
23 not.

24 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: For me --
25 For me, it just doesn't pass the smell

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2 test. I don't want to have people look at
3 us as a Board saying, "You rushed
4 something through. There was a backroom
5 deal. Some guys with cigars in the
6 backroom decided this." I'm not -- Look,
7 Mr. Staller --

8 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: They're
9 going to say that anyway.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: They're
11 going to say that anyway. You're correct,
12 Walter.

13 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Mr. Staller
14 has plenty of properties in this Village.
15 He has been able to keep those properties
16 empty for two or three years. Another six
17 months isn't going to hurt. I don't want
18 -- you know, because people -- I
19 think the right thing to do is let the
20 people be heard. That's what I think the
21 right thing to do is, and I'm going to
22 vote to not to [sic] have this on
23 February 4th [sic] and not to have this by
24 Zoom meeting. To have a public meeting
25 where the public can be there. And, you

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2 know, we're not here --

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

4 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO:

5 (Continuing) -- to make things go fast for
6 Mr. Staller. We're here to do what's
7 right for the Village of Farmingdale.
8 This project may be right for the Village
9 of Farmingdale, but we can't -- it just
10 has to be done the right way.

11 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I --
12 I understand Anthony and Cheryl what
13 you're saying. I also think the Work
14 Force Housing District Zoning that we just
15 passed for a public hearing on
16 February 1st, I think that's a pretty big
17 thing, too. But we, you know -- we just
18 approved that public hearing. You know,
19 and we had a lot of people there, too. It
20 wasn't bigger than Howitt, but we had a
21 lot of people at the Village Hall.

22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: You're very
23 right --

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
25 understand. I understand --

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2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:

3 (Continuing) -- I would agree with that.

4 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: (Con
5 tinuing) -- I understand what you're
6 saying.

7 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I wasn't
8 thinking about that.

9 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: But
10 I think -- in fact, my wife just went on
11 the telephone and the cell phone. You
12 know, people can communicate. I don't
13 know how long this is going to be. Can we
14 put the Work Force Housing off until June,
15 July? Who knows, you know, when we'll be
16 able to do this again? I don't know.

17 I think the people can be heard. I
18 think people won't be as intimidated. I
19 think people were intimidated at Howitt;
20 both sides, you know. In a Zoom, you just
21 have the one person talking and you can't
22 get people to cheer or boo.

23 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: With
24 reference to the Work Force -- excuse me.
25 With reference to the Work Force Housing,

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2 there's a specific reason why that needs
3 to be done quicker; okay. The stipulation
4 and agreed order from the Federal Court is
5 the reason. That's -- and that's not next
6 to the firehouse. It's not on Main
7 Street. That needs to be done a little
8 quicker.

9 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Anthony,
10 can you step -- you know, steer clear of
11 those legal issues? I think it would be
12 best that we did that.

13 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Why? It's
14 on -- the opinion's on the website.
15 Everybody knows that we've been -- we're
16 under a Federal Court stipulation and
17 agreement.

18 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: I know,
19 but there are things that we discuss in
20 the Executive Session/Legal Session that
21 we shouldn't speak to, outside Executive
22 Session.

23 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Okay, okay.

24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. This
25 is the bottom line. Look, what does the

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2 Board want to do?

3 Anthony, you want to make a motion
4 to postpone it to some other time? We
5 would need a second and a vote --

6 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Well,
7 hang on. If I -- If I can interrupt,
8 Mayor.

9 Isn't there a motion presently
10 before the Board to adjourn it to
11 February 1? You should have a vote on
12 that. And then someone else can make a
13 motion.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Nobody --
15 well --

16 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
17 make a motion.

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: If I can
19 have a vote on it. I need a motion and a
20 second.

21 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
22 make a motion to have it on February 3rd.

23 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: 1st.

24 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: 1st.

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Do I

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2 have the second?

3 (WHEREUPON, there was no response
4 given by the Board.)

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Just
6 because I very rarely do this, but I can,
7 I'll second it; okay.

8 Now we need a vote on the
9 February 1st.

10 Do I hear yeses and nos?

11 So look we'll --

12 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Poll the
13 Board. Poll the Board.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We'll go
15 right across the Board. And only because
16 I'm going top to bottom -- and, Cheryl,
17 you're top.

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay. So I
19 say no.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No.
21 Anthony?

22 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: No.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Bill?

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I'm
25 a no.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. So
3 that's -- Okay. So that motion fails,
4 three to two.

5 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: So now I'd
6 like to make a motion. Can I? That we
7 postpone this hearing until such a time as
8 the Governor has changed the public
9 meeting laws so we could meet with the
10 Village residents in person.

11 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay. I'll
12 second that.

13 BARBARA KELLY: It has to be to
14 date and time certain.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, by...

16 BARBARA KELLY: So...

17 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Are you
18 -- Is the motion to adjourn all public
19 hearings until you have the order
20 change --

21 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: No.

22 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.:

23 (Continuing) -- or are we now special
24 treatment [sic] for certain applicants?

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Ooh, that's

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2 an excellent point, Claudio. I didn't
3 think of that.

4 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: No. The
5 motion is for this one particular
6 application.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Is that
8 legal, Claudio?

9 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Well, if
10 you want to discuss legally, we need to go
11 into Executive Session.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. I
13 think we're going to have to discuss this
14 legally.

15 Do I have a motion to go into Exec?

16 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: I'll make
17 that motion.

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Second?

19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll second
20 it.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. All
22 in favor?

23 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
24 affirmative vote of the Board.)

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Zoom

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2 Master, can we go into Exec?

3 KEVIN WOOD: Well, we can, but you
4 have to just know that you have 11
5 attendees that are attending a public
6 meeting right now in waiting. Several
7 with their hands up. So I don't know if
8 you want to do that now, because they'd
9 have to actually get off this meeting.
10 We usually do it at the end, Mayor. I'll
11 do what you like, but I would like to let
12 you know there's 11 attendees.

13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah, well,
14 I think they have their hands up because
15 they want to -- many of them want to
16 comment on this motion. What do you think
17 -- What do you guys think?

18 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Well...

19 KEVIN WOOD: Go ahead.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Cheryl?

21 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'm looking
22 to see what -- no, there's no comments
23 here.

24 KEVIN WOOD: Well, look on the --
25 look on the attendee's side of things.

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2 For example, you have Michael
3 Broxmeyer there. You have Joe that wants
4 to talk about several different projects;
5 Joe Staudt. I don't know that it's
6 necessarily -- all of these have to do
7 with what you're talking about now.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No, I think
9 we should go into Exec and come back out.
10 That's my opinion.

11 KEVIN WOOD: So then tell anybody
12 that's attending the meeting that we have
13 to do that and we have to get off of a
14 live situation and they have to come back
15 on.

16 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: How do they
17 know how to come back on?

18 KEVIN WOOD: The same exact
19 instructions.

20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No, no, no.
21 But how do they know when? How long? How
22 many minutes?

23 KEVIN WOOD: Well, that's why --
24 they don't know.

25 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Why

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2 don't you give them a set time.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Can
4 they pop in at any time?

5 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: They can,
6 but if we come back sooner than they come
7 back, then they miss some things.

8 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
9 Let's say they never leave?

10 KEVIN WOOD: So right now --

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We can't
12 have them in Executive Session.

13 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: It's 8:22.
14 Can we say 8:35?

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, why
16 don't we -- I don't think this will take
17 more than five minutes.

18 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Okay. So
19 we'll say 8:30.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Say 8:30.

21 KEVIN WOOD: So, Mayor, the issue
22 is this. That if we remove the attendees
23 that are watching now -- and there's 11 of
24 them -- they will not be able to rejoin
25 this meeting again. I had planned on the

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2 Exec Session being at the end of this
3 entire session.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh.

5 BARBARA KELLY: Oh.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, okay.

7 KEVIN WOOD: That's a fact. That's
8 a fact.

9 BARBARA KELLY: That's a problem.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

11 Claudio?

12 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Yeah?

13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. I
14 need some expert, legal advice. We want
15 to do everything right. We want to do
16 everything fair. And where do we go from
17 here? I need some help.

18 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Claudio?

19 Is it your recommendation --

20 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Do you
21 want to come back to this?

22 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Claudio?

23 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Yes.

24 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Can I make
25 a motion that's broader than the motion I

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2 already made? Is that what you're telling
3 us we should do? Would be appropriate?

4 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Anthony,
5 I would prefer not to answer your
6 question.

7 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Okay. I
8 get it.

9 (WHEREUPON, there was inaudible,
10 indecipherable cross-talk among the
11 parties present.)

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Why don't we
13 postpone this until we hear all public
14 comment and then come back to it after the
15 public comment? How about that, guys?

16 KEVIN WOOD: I like that.

17 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: That will
18 work.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All right.
22 So we're going to put this on hold until
23 after public comment and that way we can
24 hear the public comment and then we can do
25 it; right? We're all good with that?

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Do
3 you need a motion?

4 I make a motion that we table this
5 to later in the meeting.

6 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll
7 second.

8 BARBARA KELLY: I don't think we
9 need that.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
11 Okay, good.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: But just in
13 case, it's there. Just to be safe. Even
14 if we don't need it, it's already there.
15 That's all. It never hurts to be
16 prepared.

17 Okay. So we're up to now then --
18 we've been talking a while.

19 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Six.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Resolution
21 to approve the Residential Rehab project
22 for a resident to replace the front stoop
23 and railings for \$5,365, to be paid for by
24 Nassau County Community Development Block
25 Grant's funds.

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2 Motion to approve?

3 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So moved.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Second?

5 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Second.

6 I'll second it.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in

8 favor?

9 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
10 affirmative vote of the Board.)

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. By
12 the way, Resolution Number 7, Number 6?
13 No, 7. Cheryl, thank you for all the work
14 you've done on getting the quotes and the
15 banners for Main Street.

16 Resolution to approve Sign Max as
17 the lowest responsible bidder, to supply
18 125 street pole banners, hardware to hang
19 them, and to install them at a cost of
20 \$12,537.32. They were the lowest
21 responsible bidder. The funds will be
22 provided from the Nassau County Community
23 Development Block Grant Funds from which
24 we have secured.

25 Motion to approve?

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2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So moved.

3 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:

4 Second.

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
6 favor?

7 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
8 affirmative vote of the Board.)

9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Resolution
10 to approve the new water rates as
11 recommended by our discussion previously?

12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll make
13 that recommendation.

14 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
15 second it.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
17 favor?

18 (WHEREUPON, there was a unanimous,
19 affirmative vote of the Board.)

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Good.
21 Beautification?

22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay. So
23 Christmas decorations -- holiday
24 decorations are up. For the most part,
25 everybody was very happy with them. There

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2 were a couple of people that thought we
3 could do better. I personally think we
4 did wonderfully.

5 And the Deputy Mayor suggested that
6 we look at getting wreaths for our parking
7 lots, so I will be looking to see if we
8 can find some on sale that we can get now.
9 It's much cheaper than getting them in
10 October or November. So we'll see how
11 that goes. That's it.

12 Hopefully, in March or April, we'll
13 be able to plant and we'll have nice
14 flowers and pots and stuff, but we'll see.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
16 Cheryl, we appreciate everything you and
17 the Beautification Committee does.

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: They work
19 hard.

20 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I'll
21 second that.

22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Thank
23 you. Oh, please, we do.

24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: We worked
25 very hard.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes.

3 Old Business?

4 So, Stevie? Stevie Ray, are you
5 still there? Did you run away on us?

6 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: He did.

7 BARBARA KELLY: You're on mute,
8 Steve. You're on mute.

9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Stevie, take
10 yourself off mute.

11 Under Old Business, if you could
12 give us an update on 20 Merritts Road?

13 STEPHEN FELLMAN: 20 Merritts Road
14 is finally forging ahead again. They put
15 the final lift on the road. If you go by,
16 they've got -- three of the four sites
17 they put sod down, so they're starting to
18 look like some finished pieces in there.
19 They've gotten additional block for the
20 retaining wall. They're still
21 constructing that. That's still got a
22 ways to go. They also are going to have
23 to install a guardrail on the driveway and
24 on the estate fencing across the north
25 property line. But, finally, we're

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2 starting to see some progress.

3 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Stevie, in
4 your opinion, how long until you can issue
5 a C/O and get people living in there?

6 STEPHEN FELLMAN: They have to
7 complete -- they still have a ways to go
8 on that -- the north retaining wall and
9 the stuff I just described. They also
10 have to have sign-offs from the County,
11 based upon how long it took them to get
12 the 239-F approval. Who knows how long
13 it's going to take them to get the final
14 sign-off on that stuff -- the sewer
15 agencies, et cetera -- we need all the
16 signs -- sign-offs, we'll need as-built
17 surveys.

18 There's -- there's -- you know, it
19 looks a lot better. It's looking more
20 finished, but if I had to take a rough
21 guess, I'm guessing if they really go at
22 it, probably a good two or three months
23 still.

24 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Yeah.

25 STEPHEN FELLMAN: If they man the

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2 job. The problem is they man the job for
3 two days, and then they go away again,
4 so...

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And Stevie,
6 the 239-F has still not been approved by
7 the County in writing; correct?

8 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I've been told
9 it's been approved. We're still waiting
10 for them to share that.

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You know --
12 you know -- You haven't received any
13 written notice it's been approved?

14 STEPHEN FELLMAN: No.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

16 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: 239-F is
17 for water?

18 STEPHEN FELLMAN: No, it's for the
19 road and the intersection at the County --
20 at Merritts Road. The drainage for that
21 road and the curbing and the sidewalks.

22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.

23 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Just a point of
24 interest, the -- it turns out -- and I
25 just learned this a week or so ago -- but

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2 you know how the sidewalk starts at the
3 driveway and heads south towards the
4 railroad tracks?

5 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.

6 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Originally it was
7 going to be a sidewalk on the opposite
8 side of that driveway, but apparently the
9 County has decided that that's too
10 dangerous with that curve there. It's a
11 blind curve, and they don't want to
12 encourage people to be walking on there.
13 They're afraid that they'll walk on there
14 and try to cut across, walk across, and
15 get hit by a car coming around the bend.
16 So there won't be a sidewalk from the
17 driveway, north.

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Isn't that
19 interesting.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: So the
21 driveway, north, up to, like, 8 Merritts
22 Road there will be no -- north, going
23 towards Broad Springs -- Sprints, there'll
24 be no sidewalk.

25 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right.

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2 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Correct.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, wow.

4 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah,
5 that's what I say, wow.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: They have
7 jurisdiction over that, Stevie?

8 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yeah, that's
9 their road.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

11 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Wow.

12 STEPHEN FELLMAN: If you want, you
13 can take a walk. They're probably
14 correct. When you stand there and those
15 cars come around, because it's blind.
16 There's woods and stuff there. If you
17 step around, because it ends at that
18 driveway to the three houses, you then
19 have to cross the street to get to a
20 sidewalk. And crossing the street is,
21 like, right at that -- you know, where the
22 bend is.

23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: They
24 probably shouldn't have put a sidewalk on
25 the other side either to keep people away

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2 from there.

3 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yeah, I couldn't
4 agree with you more. I mean, it's no
5 picnic there either. But I guess they're
6 assuming that people from this development
7 would walk south. Head down to, like, the
8 7-Eleven, and, you know, in a southerly
9 direction. Not necessarily try to cross
10 the street there.

11 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No, but I
13 can see -- certainly see them walking to
14 the 7-Eleven. That's only a block
15 and-a-half away. And I can see them -- I
16 can see the seriousness of them trying to
17 cross at that point in time, yeah.

18 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Steve,
19 before you issue C/O's are you going to
20 ask for an engineering inspection of the
21 block wall?

22 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Well, the
23 engineers will have to give a
24 certification.

25 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: They are

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2 going to give a certification.

3 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Absolutely, yes.

4 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: All right.

5 Good.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay,

7 Stevie, how -- continuing with Old

8 Business. The towing place diagonally

9 across from Roslyn Savings Bank, how are

10 we doing?

11 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Again, they're

12 not exactly moving at breakneck speed.

13 They've cleaned the side up quite a bit.

14 They got rid of the excess piles of sand

15 and gravel and what have you. So it's

16 fairly clean, the site. There hasn't been

17 much work other than that going on.

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Any

19 other Old Business, ladies and gentlemen?

20 (WHEREUPON, no response was heard.)

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I don't

22 have anything in Correspondence, unless I

23 missed something.

24 Brian, did I miss anything on

25 Correspondence?

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2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Do we just
3 want to put in that we received two
4 letters? One from Pat Christensen, one
5 from Starkie?

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you,
7 Cheryl.

8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Those
9 pertain to the Staller proposal. And, in
10 addition, we received 23 additional emails
11 about that proposal.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Brian, you
13 were about to say something?

14 BRIAN HARTY: No, that's it, as far
15 as I know.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. This
17 is where I make Barbara smile. Fair
18 Housing Complaints and Comments.

19 (WHEREUPON, there was no response
20 given by the Board.)

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
22 We'll open it up under Public Comment. So
23 if you have a Fair Housing Complaint and
24 Comment, please issue it during our Public
25 Comment.

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2 Zoom Master, if you could open us
3 up to Public Comment at this time.

4 KEVIN WOOD: We are ready, Mayor.

5 I'm going to bring in our first
6 raised hand, which is Michael Broxmeyer,
7 on public comment.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay,
9 Michael.

10 KEVIN WOOD: Standby please. Here
11 comes Michael.

12 MR. BROXMEYER: Hey, everyone. How
13 are you?

14 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Hey,
15 Michael.

16 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Hi.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Good to see
18 you.

19 MR. BROXMEYER: Good to see you.
20 Happy New Year.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Happy New
22 Year.

23 Did you hear that your project was
24 approved with the original fountain design
25 and just that one extra piece of greenery

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2 that Stevie Ray talked to you about?

3 MR. BROXMEYER: I did not. That's
4 great.

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. So
6 knowing that, do you have any questions?

7 MR. BROXMEYER: No. I spoke to
8 Steve early. That's great news. Thank
9 you, and it was entertaining to listen to
10 all the stuff before this.

11 BARBARA KELLY: It sure was.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
13 This is what I live for.

14 MR. BROXMEYER: Yeah. Not an
15 enviable job for any of you guys.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, thank
17 you.

18 Stevie, you will talk to Michael
19 and make sure everything is moving forward
20 in the correct direction with the added
21 greenery?

22 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yes, sir.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. And
24 the original size of the fountain, by the
25 way.

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2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah,
3 original size.

4 MR. BROXMEYER: Okay. Thanks,
5 everyone.

6 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
7 Thank you, Michael.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

9 MR. BROXMEYER: You're welcome.
10 Happy New Year, all.

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Happy and
12 healthy.

13 MR. BROXMEYER: Happy, healthy.
14 Bye-bye.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Next
16 person.

17 KEVIN WOOD: Next person will be --

18 BRIAN HARTY: I'm still not sure
19 that did the -- that we did that
20 resolution on Broxmeyer. We held it over
21 from the Work Session.

22 Did we actually do the resolution,
23 Barbara?

24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No, we did
25 not.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Could --
3 this is where I'll look at Natasha.

4 STEPHEN FELLMAN: You're on mute,
5 Barbara.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Natasha,
7 could you --

8 BARBARA KELLY: We didn't. We did
9 not do it.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We did not
11 do it?

12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No, we
13 didn't.

14 BARBARA KELLY: We'll do it right
15 now. We're going to do it right now.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. I
17 could have sworn we did. I will follow
18 that.

19 BARBARA KELLY: You wanted to in
20 the Work Session.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Oh, I did in
22 the Work Session, and you said, "No,
23 you've got to do it later."

24 BARBARA KELLY: Correct. And
25 thanks, Brian, for remembering that.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

3 Motion to what we just said.

4 Approve the plan for Fairfield Plaza with
5 the original fountain and the greenery
6 that was submitted to the Planning Board
7 that Stevie has the sketches on, and we'll
8 work with Michael Broxmeyer to make sure
9 that everything is built according to what
10 was approved.

11 Motion to approve?

12 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So moved.

13 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
14 second.

15 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Second.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: All in
17 favor?

18 (WHEREUPON, there was an unanimous,
19
20 Affirmative vote of the Board.)

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay, thank
22 you. Sorry about that. Thank you for
23 bringing that out. I thought we did that.

24 BARBARA KELLY: Yeah. Thanks,
25 Brian.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Next
3 person?

4 KEVIN WOOD: Mayor and Board of
5 Trustees, Joseph Staudt is coming in.
6 Standby.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: There he is.
8 I recognize that guy. How we doing, Joe?

9 MR. STAUDT: Doing well. You guys
10 can hear me okay?

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, we can.

12 MR. STAUDT: Sorry about that.
13 Hold on. I have a frog in my throat.

14 I had a couple of questions and
15 some opinions. I don't know if you guys
16 prefer I throw them all at you? It's,
17 like, four or five.

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: As long as
19 they're not for the Staller development,
20 which we're not taking public comment on
21 tonight.

22 MR. STAUDT: No, no.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Then go
24 right ahead.

25 MR. STAUDT: So I didn't know.

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2 Should I just take them one at a time and
3 talk to you guys?

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Sure, sure.

5 MR. STAUDT: So the first thing. I
6 was just curious if there's a timeframe
7 for the Five Corners' project, if I'm
8 saying that properly?

9 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: The time?
10 So Five Corners' project we have submitted
11 our information to Nassau County. We are
12 waiting for them to amend the
13 environmental 2006 Bond Act. Once we get
14 that approval back from them, we will then
15 begin demolition and rebuilding of that
16 area.

17 MR. STAUDT: Great. I'm excited --

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: So I can't
19 give you a timeline, but it is in the
20 works.

21 MR. STAUDT: Okay, great. We're
22 excited for it. We walk the dog past it
23 everyday so...

24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: We are,
25 too.

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2 MR. STAUDT: The other question I
3 have -- You know what? I think I brought
4 this up before the pandemic, and so it's
5 been probably at least a year. The street
6 light over by -- I guess across from Moby
7 Drugs. It got hit. It's, like, by the --
8 in the -- on the cross street --

9 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yup.

10 MR. STAUDT: (Continuing) -- that
11 goes to the parking lot by --

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah, we
13 call that lovingly Moby Way. Have that --
14 has that been replaced, Brian?

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No, it was
16 still not there yesterday or today.

17 MR. STAUDT: No, it's had a cone on
18 it for, I'm guessing, 15 or 16 months at
19 this point.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes. We
21 know who hit it. It was Westbury --
22 Westbury Waste and Management hit it, and
23 they agreed to pay for it.

24 Brian, can you look into that for
25 us?

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2 BRIAN HARTY: I'll take care of it.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

4 BRIAN HARTY: Sure.

5 MR. STAUDT: The other thing, just
6 going down my list, and I appreciate you
7 guys humoring me with all this. I like
8 this opportunity to come here.

9 The light outside -- The street
10 light outside the post office, you know,
11 right outside the post office, has not
12 operated -- has not worked since I moved
13 into Farmingdale. That's four years ago.
14 I don't know if there's any way to get the
15 Town of Oyster Bay or someone in the
16 Village to look at what's wrong with it,
17 but it's kind of -- it's been like a
18 bleak, dark spot on Main Street for
19 several years and...

20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Which
21 light? Which light is this?

22 MR. STAUDT: It's right outside the
23 post office main entrance.

24 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Right by
25 the corner there?

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2 MR. STAUDT: Yup. It's never
3 worked.

4 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Well
6 a lot of people say the United States Post
7 Office's lights are out, but we'll correct
8 that in the Village of Farmingdale.

9 MR. STAUDT: The other -- I also
10 just wanted to bring up, and I know it got
11 mentioned in the Work Session last time in
12 December, it was discussed. The quality
13 of the paving job, not on 109, but on Main
14 Street, where you get to Conklin. And I
15 know that there's all the right-of-way
16 issues that are what they are. But I just
17 wanted to note that where the curb -- you
18 know, the Village redid the curbs, you
19 know, all the way to the corner to Conklin
20 there. But then there was no repaving.
21 So it's really kind of a -- it's kind of a
22 mess when you get to, like, the pavement
23 close to the curb on either side. Really
24 all the way back to Whiskey Down, and then
25 on the south side, like, past the Dark

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2 Horse. It's really -- it's
3 disappointing --

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You're one
5 hundred percent correct. That is the
6 State's responsibility. We will, again,
7 reach out to Senator Thomas, Senator
8 Kennedy, and Senator Brooks to redo that.

9 MR. STAUDT: Yeah.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: The reason
11 the County would not do that, as you may
12 or may not understand, there's tens of
13 thousands of dollars in loops on both
14 sides of traffic centers that the County
15 didn't want to pay for, which was not
16 their responsibility to fix. But I will
17 reach out to those three senators again.

18 MR. STAUDT: Yeah, I mean -- and I
19 understand all of the, you know -- the
20 bureaucracy and all multiple layers and,
21 you know, the State owning that little
22 part. But just -- you know, it is our
23 Main Street. You know, it's kind of the
24 front yard of the Village and, you know,
25 for that little -- I'm not even talking

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2 about the whole road necessarily because I
3 know that's probably a big ask, but just
4 when you look at where the curb meets the
5 road it's really a mess.

6 Like, in some places it's just
7 dirt. Like, there's -- you know, like
8 they didn't -- you know, because the old
9 pavement when they ripped out the pavement
10 in order to redo the curbs, you know, they
11 didn't put it back. And part of me thinks
12 maybe there was miscommunication, because
13 it might have been the crews that did the
14 curbs just assumed, "Well, this is all
15 going to get repaved, so we don't have to
16 do a clean job."

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I will -- I
18 will contact the State this week, again.

19 MR. STAUDT: All right. I
20 appreciate that.

21 And then, I just wanted to
22 second -- Mayor, I know you feel this way
23 already. You know, and I'm not somebody
24 to usually complain about, like the paving
25 job. I think it generally gets done

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2 pretty good, but the 109 paving job,
3 it's -- you know, I heard a lot of
4 complaints on Facebook and I just kind of,
5 like, dismissed it as, like -- you know, a
6 lot of people will find anything to
7 complain about. But, in driving on that
8 road, even just yesterday, and I don't
9 know if it's after the snow storm, but you
10 look at -- like, there are parts of that
11 road that are degrading already just four
12 or five weeks after they paved it.

13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Joe, did you
14 hear my --

15 MR. STAUDT: Yeah.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
17 -- with -- we had our civil engineer look
18 at it, send a report, and we sent it to
19 the three state senators who lobbied for
20 its repaving. I sent it to them last week
21 just -- just -- I sent it to them
22 Christmas week, so...

23 MR. STAUDT: Yeah.

24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I don't
25 expect a response right away, but we'll be

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2 on top of it. We felt, and our engineers
3 felt, as you do. That it was a crappy job
4 and should be redone.

5 MR. STAUDT: Okay, great.

6 The other thing I wanted to
7 bring -- the last two things.

8 One: The Fairfield project. I'm
9 really excited to see that happen. I
10 think -- I remember the original plans and
11 the proposal. I think it's going to look
12 great. So I really -- I think that that's
13 a great idea.

14 The last thing I just wanted to
15 note on is just a strong opinion in
16 support of what Cheryl was saying before
17 regarding having the Public Hearing with
18 the Staller project. That's a project
19 I'll probably end up supporting. I would
20 love to see something happen with that --
21 with that lot. I think it's a blight on
22 Main Street. But I do think in the
23 interest of, you know, the public having
24 its say. You know, especially -- I think
25 a good example is just what we went

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2 through on here. Sort of the calisthenics
3 we had to think through just to move
4 around the, you know, this hearing in
5 order to accommodate the Public Comment.

6 It's complicated on Zoom. You
7 know, for those of us that are tech savvy,
8 it's not that hard. But it is a much more
9 complicated process than just running down
10 to the school to -- to participate in a
11 public hearing. And I think for a lot of
12 people, particularly people not that tech
13 savvy, you know, there's no chance that
14 they would participate, or they might try
15 and fail.

16 It's not -- It's not all that easy
17 to get on these Zooms. I mean, in order
18 for me to participate today, I had to get
19 onto the Zoom, sign in, your -- you know,
20 your tech guy texted my -- like, gave me a
21 phone number to text with the content of
22 my questions. It's just -- It's a
23 complicated process. And so I think that
24 needs to be considered when you guys
25 decide when, eventually, we have this

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2 public meeting. Because I think it is
3 important with it being such a public,
4 visible project. It's not just Grandma's
5 Kitchen or --

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: You're --
7 you're -- you're one hundred percent, and
8 the reason that Claudio is making us
9 discuss this in public because we can't
10 say, "It's good for A and not for B."

11 MR. STAUDT: Yeah.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We have to
13 be fair to all concerned.

14 MR. STAUDT: I get it.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And we'll
16 move forward with that. Your point is
17 well noted.

18 MR. STAUDT: Thank you. I
19 appreciate that and I think -- Oh, the
20 last thing I wanted to bring up and I --
21 regarding the water rates. You guys
22 mentioned in the Work Session that that
23 was taking effect, and I could be wrong,
24 but I think you guys said that's taking
25 effect in the February bill. And I would

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2 just question whether or not it's right to
3 have a rate increase take effect and
4 you're essentially -- that means the rate
5 increase has already taken effect, but
6 nobody's been informed. And if the goal
7 is conservation, why would it take effect
8 before you tell anyone to conserve. I
9 don't know. I just don't really
10 understand the logic of that. If it
11 applies to people's February bills, they
12 should be conserving right now, but the
13 rate increase hasn't even been -- I just
14 feel, like, practically it would make more
15 sense to approve it tonight and then have
16 it take effect in the rate, in the billing
17 cycle that hasn't started yet so that
18 people have the opportunity to conserve.
19 Otherwise, it just kind of looks like a
20 rate increase for the purpose of raising
21 revenue, and that's not what you guys are
22 saying so, you know...

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No, that's
24 -- the conservation -- you're correct in
25 assuming the conservation part. The rate

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2 increase for the basic rate increase is
3 not the -- the penalization for usage only
4 effects approximately 26 people. So that
5 -- that -- the conservation penalty. The
6 regular rates are the regular rates are
7 the regular rates. But I see your point
8 in the conservation part.

9 MR. STAUDT: Yeah, I'm just saying
10 you're informing people and it's already
11 taken effect and I feel like for most --
12 you know, like, I wouldn't -- I wouldn't
13 want to get my cell phone bill and find
14 out my rates went up starting 30 days ago.
15 You know what I mean? Like -- so, that's
16 all I'm saying is I feel like there should
17 be, if you're putting --

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I understand
19 your point. Thank you very much, Joe.

20 MR. STAUDT: No problem. I think
21 that was it. But I just want to wish you
22 guys a Happy New Year, and, you know, look
23 forward to some day when we can get back
24 in person. Obviously, it is what it is
25 right now, and I know, you know, there's

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2 nothing anybody can do about it. So thank
3 you very much for the time, and I hope to
4 see all of you soon.

5 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you,
6 Joe.

7 MR. STAUDT: Oh --

8 KEVIN WOOD: Sorry. I had already
9 put him back as an attendee. Sorry about
10 that, Joe.

11 Mayor, you have -- you want to
12 bring Joe back in, that's up to you, but
13 we have some folks waiting.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I don't --
15 did Joe need a comment or -- I thought he
16 was done.

17 KEVIN WOOD: He started to say
18 something at the end, but I had already
19 changed him over to an attendee.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I think he's
21 good. Go ahead with the next person.

22 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I'll
23 text him and find out if he needs to
24 speak.

25 KEVIN WOOD: I have him here. I'll

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2 leave it up to you.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah, but in
4 the meantime, bring in the next person.

5 KEVIN WOOD: Steve Wilson is coming
6 in. Standby please.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Sure.

8 KEVIN WOOD: All right, Steve, if
9 you wouldn't mind unmuting. There we go.

10 MR. WILSON: All right?

11 KEVIN WOOD: Natasha, do you have
12 his name? Steve Wilson. Thank you.

13 MR. WILSON: I have a couple of --
14 I want to comment. I know you want [sic]
15 us to talk about the Staller properties,
16 but more of the overall process. I had
17 received some information regarding the --
18 being able to meet in public that said
19 Executive Order 202.1 allows people to
20 either do remotely or in-person as long as
21 they follow CDC and New York State Health
22 guidance and I'm not sure what the current
23 is, requirements for that are, but I would
24 think that in Howitt they would be able to
25 do things with social distancing, wearing

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2 a mask, and et cetera. So I think it
3 should be looked into as far as
4 consideration.

5
6 Also in this meeting here, in prior
7 meetings when you go into -- I see if I go
8 back on YouTube to watch the meetings, I
9 see that you go into Exec Session, then
10 you come out, you open the meeting again,
11 do some business, and then close the
12 meeting for the night. So if you're going
13 to go into Executive Session, I'd be
14 interested in somehow -- either through
15 Constant Contact or whatever -- some
16 dissemination of information as to how
17 the -- the results of the Executive
18 Meeting are available. Unless --

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Claudio?

20 MR. WILSON: (Continuing) -- unless
21 I can go back on the YouTube recording, I
22 guess tomorrow or something, to see if the
23 results of your Executive Meeting and then
24 when you reopen and close the meeting are
25 available? Is that the only way to do it?

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I'm looking
3 for Claudio for an answer.

4 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: I don't
5 see -- there are no minutes, so it's
6 essentially like what we do in the Public;
7 we go in, then we come out. I'm not so
8 sure what else you're asking from us.

9 MR. WILSON: Well, I read in some
10 of the minutes from the past, you'll have
11 -- like, in this month's package, you've
12 got the minutes of prior meetings and the
13 meetings will say, "adjourn going into
14 Executive Session," then, "coming out of
15 Executive Session." Then you'll conduct
16 some more work, and then you'll close the
17 overall general meeting. And all I'm
18 saying is in order to get to that on a
19 more timely basis, do I just go to the
20 YouTube presentation that may be up, say
21 tomorrow or tonight's meeting, and then
22 look at that? Is that a way in which I
23 can find out what -- when you come out of
24 Exec Session you're going to discuss an
25 issue that hasn't been decided?

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2 You're going to come out of the
3 issue, have a discussion on it, come back,
4 open the meeting, make a decision as to
5 what is on that particular issue.

6 So my question is, when are we --
7 when am I going to be able to see the
8 results of that? Because as I understand
9 it, once you go to Executive Session,
10 we're all going to get cut off from this
11 current meeting. That's the first
12 question I have. All right? Okay?

13 You have a puzzled look on.

14 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: No, I
15 think I understand what you're saying.

16 So you want to know where you can
17 go to see them before the minutes actually
18 are produced in print letter?

19 MR. WILSON: Yeah. The minutes
20 aren't going to be available until --

21 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Okay.

22 MR. WILSON: (Continuing) -- a
23 month from now.

24 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Yeah,
25 that's a question for our tech folks. I

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2 think they're available -- I don't know
3 how many days, hours before.

4 KEVIN WOOD: So this recording up
5 until the point of Executive Session will
6 be available immediately.

7 MR. WILSON: Right.

8 KEVIN WOOD: There will be no
9 Public Session after Exec Session tonight.

10 MR. WILSON: Okay. So they're not
11 going to come out of Exec Session.

12 There was an issue that was raised
13 and brought to the floor, and -- and then
14 they were going into Exec Session to
15 discuss about -- to discuss that issue.
16 When they come back out of Exec Session,
17 you're saying they're not going to have
18 any comment about the issue?

19 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: No, I
20 think tonight there will be comment.

21 MR. WILSON: That's right.

22 BARBARA KELLY: No, I think what
23 he's saying is, is we don't then
24 re-record. Nobody sets to record the rest
25 of that piece.

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2 MR. WILSON: Okay. So with respect
3 to that issue, it's important enough for
4 you to go into Exec Session, and it's been
5 an issue that everybody's wondering about
6 with respect to the timing of this
7 meeting. Is there a way that the Village
8 can, either through Constant Contact or
9 something, saying that after Exec Session,
10 this is what the result of the Exec
11 Session was, and this is the result with
12 respect to an answer to that meeting? I'd
13 appreciate it; okay.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Sure.

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Sure.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Not a
17 problem.

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I think
19 that's possible.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well,
21 understandable, Stevie. We can put it out
22 on Constant Contact, and for those --
23 actually, we have 2,000 people signed up
24 on Constant Contact, which is a good
25 thing.

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2 MR. WILSON: Yeah, I know.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: But we will
4 also put it on the website, too.

5 MR. WILSON: Okay. I just have a
6 question with respect to the water
7 changes.

8 The -- one of -- I'd be curious as
9 to what the cost of a smart control that
10 Barbara put in? It sounds like a great
11 system, but if it's going to cost a lot of
12 money, and it's not done by the Village
13 that she's in or whatever, or the entity
14 that she's in, it's a burden to everybody.

15 BARBARA KELLY: I did it on my own.

16 MR. WILSON: Right.

17 BARBARA KELLY: They do have
18 rebates on them every once in a while. I
19 bought it on [sic] Costco for, like, I'm
20 going to say maybe it was \$169.

21 MR. WILSON: Okay.

22 BARBARA KELLY: And it said that it
23 was simple hookup, smart controls --

24 MR. WILSON: This should be --

25 BARBARA KELLY: (Continuing) --

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2 prior to me seeing this.

3 MR. WILSON: This should be
4 something that you -- this is something --
5 since it is inexpensive -- this is
6 something that the Water Department should
7 be communicating to the residents with
8 regard to -- and something available for
9 conservation -- should be part of, as
10 Trustee Addeo said, of using some of the
11 additional revenue funds to educate people
12 with respect to these alternative ways of
13 being water conservancy.

14 The other question I have regarding
15 the water change is you have -- you
16 publish a number of the dollar amount
17 changes that are going to be done. Is
18 there a way of getting an understanding as
19 to the total revenue that's anticipated to
20 be generated by these changes, as well as
21 which portion of the, you know, the
22 community -- each of these portions of
23 community that are listed. There are
24 what? Ten of them it looks like, or nine
25 of them. What's the percentage burden of

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2 the total additional revenue that they're
3 going to be sharing?

4 BARBARA KELLY: We -- we're talking
5 about the water rate increases?

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes.

7 MR. WILSON: Yeah, you have in your
8 package you sent out a page, which had
9 current and proposed water increases and
10 ranging anywhere from 15 to 100 percent.

11 BARBARA KELLY: Fifteen.

12 MR. WILSON: So my question is, how
13 much -- Yeah, the percentage increase.
14 You have the current rates, the proposed
15 increase and it shows a percentage -- you
16 can see a percentage increase. It's going
17 from \$150 to \$200, that's a 33 percent.
18 If it goes from \$200 to \$400, that's a
19 hundred percent increase. So you have
20 increases. The actual percentages a
21 person can calculate.

22 BARBARA KELLY: Okay.

23 MR. WILSON: But is there a way of
24 Determining what the anticipated revenue
25 of making -- I'm talking about the

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2 rationale for you to make these
3 adjustments; okay. Your increasing rates
4 is not arbitrary, I hope. It's made based
5 upon a calculation that was done with
6 respect to the dollar amount of additional
7 revenue so you don't have to, in the
8 future, go down reserves, as you have in
9 the past. And I'm just hoping that
10 there's a way in which you can find out
11 how each, in each groups, when you did
12 your projection, how each of these groups
13 -- what the total revenue by group was
14 going to be, and what the total
15 anticipated revenue for the water rate
16 changes is going to be available. Is that
17 available? Do I have to FOIL it?

18 BARBARA KELLY: Is it --

19 MR. WILSON: Talk to Trustee
20 Barrett? What do I have to do?

21 BARBARA KELLY: (Indicating) Is
22 this the sheet that we're all looking at?
23 Like, is this what you're look at, Steve?

24 MR. WILSON: The only thing that I
25 see -- the only thing that's in the

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2 package today is the top part of that
3 sheet; okay.

4 BARBARA KELLY: Just the top part?

5 MR. WILSON: That's the only thing
6 that's in the package.

7 BARBARA KELLY: Just give me a
8 second; okay?

9 MR. WILSON: Um-hum.

10 BARBARA KELLY: I apologize. I
11 just need to get onto the website to see
12 what's --

13 MR. WILSON: It's the last two
14 pages.

15 BARBARA KELLY: (Continuing) -- on
16 the website.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah, yeah.

18 MR. WILSON: It's the last two
19 pages of the packet.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah.

21 MR. WILSON: Thirty-six and 37,
22 which is a repeat of the same thing.

23 BARBARA KELLY: I know, but I have
24 my whole thing. So just give me a second.

25 MR. WILSON: Yup.

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2 BARBARA KELLY: Because -- Okay.

3 Brian?

4 BRIAN HARTY: Down here.

5 BARBARA KELLY: Yeah, the pages
6 that I had submitted, they were changed.

7 So we're asking --

8 BRIAN HARTY: They weren't changed.
9 They're -- you're looking for the gross
10 revenues.

11 BARBARA KELLY: Yeah, I --

12 MR. WILSON: You can go through
13 each of those line items and to total
14 revenues that are anticipated. What your
15 rationale was for the water rate changes?

16 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
17 Barbara? Barbara? Can we do this
18 tomorrow and give him the pages? We have
19 numerous options that I think we
20 deliberated about and decided what to do.
21 Can we show him what he's looking for
22 tomorrow?

23 BARBARA KELLY: Absolutely. If --
24 if -- if --

25 MR. WILSON: No problem.

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2 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: You
3 know what, Barbara? Better yet, just put
4 it on Constant Contact.

5 MR. WILSON: Yup, works.

6 BARBARA KELLY: The whole thing?

7 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Yes.

8 MR. WILSON: And I'm just
9 appreciative.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: The
11 current and the proposed.

12 BARBARA KELLY: The current and the
13 approved?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
15 Right. Just that one piece of paper. You
16 don't need all the other ones that we
17 looked at.

18 BARBARA KELLY: But the whole
19 sheet, Bill? The whole sheet?

20 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Just
21 the final one; right.

22 BARBARA KELLY: Okay. I can put
23 that out tomorrow.

24 MR. WILSON: And I just again --
25 just a final appreciation. If somebody

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2 could get back to me on what the current
3 Executive Order is with respect to public
4 gatherings. The one that was -- 202.1
5 allows you to do in-person gatherings with
6 CDC and New York State health guidelines.

7 BARBARA KELLY: No.

8 MR. WILSON: Okay. All right.

9 Thank you very much for listening to me.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
11 think we can do that now; right? We can't
12 fit anybody in Village Hall.

13 MR. WILSON: We're not talking
14 about Village Hall. We're talking about
15 the last time we did this, we did it at
16 Howitt. Has there been any discussion --

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: We can't do
18 our meetings at Howitt all the time. They
19 don't want to see us.

20 MR. WILSON: Didn't ask you for
21 Howitt -- Didn't ask you for every -- to
22 do every particular [sic] meeting. And
23 actually, in the Village Hall.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Are
25 you just talking Staller?

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2 MR. WILSON: That's -- for one.
3 With regard to Staller, but also with
4 regard to Village Hall, what are the
5 number of people that actually show up to
6 Village Hall?

7 Generally, other than -- other than
8 you -- you know, people that are there,
9 maybe there's 10 people in the audience?

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: I
11 think we can fit six. That's all we can
12 fit.

13 BARBARA KELLY: Sixteen, and
14 there's 11 of us, so it's five.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Five.

16 BARBARA KELLY: Five people,
17 including the presenters. Including the
18 presenters.

19 MR. WILSON: Okay.

20 BARBARA KELLY: So 16 people in
21 Village Hall.

22 MR. WILSON: I think Staller should
23 be a consideration.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: You
25 said that already.

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2 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you,
3 Steve.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Who's
5 next?

6 KEVIN WOOD: Maria [sic] R. coming
7 in now.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: This is for
9 you, Stevie. Unmute yourself, Stevie Ray.

10 KEVIN WOOD: Marina. I said Maria.
11 I apologize.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, that's
13 okay. They're 20 Merritts Road.

14 MR. LAPIDUS: Start the video.
15 Okay. Hello.

16 Mr. Claudio, I have a question for
17 you.

18 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Yes,
19 sir.

20 MR. LAPIDUS: Did you get a chance
21 to do a rough draft for the -- once the
22 C/O gets provided for the maintaining of
23 the wall?

24 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Did I
25 draft a rough draft of the C/O?

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2 MR. LAPIDUS: No, no, no, no. Did
3 you, regarding to give them -- regarding
4 the maintenance of the wall. Who's
5 responsible? That they're responsible.
6 They have to --

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: What he's
8 looking for, Claudio, is to have the
9 builder responsible for the repair of the
10 wall in perpetuity; isn't that correct?
11 What you're asking?

12 MR. LAPIDUS: Yeah, that's -- Yeah,
13 this is -- We've been talking about a few
14 times; correct.

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Oh, I
16 thought it was actually each individual
17 homeowner.

18 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: It
19 hasn't been drafted yet.

20 MR. LAPIDUS: Ah, see, that's the
21 thing. I'm not sure if it's each
22 individual. I don't know if they're going
23 to have -- I have no idea. Is it each
24 individual, or they're all going to join
25 together to maintain this because

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2 that's --

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Is it a
4 homeowner's association? It's all one
5 mixed bag. And the C/O's are not anywhere
6 near being issued, but I'll leave that to
7 Claudio and Stevie to work on; yes, guys?

8 MR. LAPIDUS: Mr. Fellman, are you
9 there?

10 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yes, I'm here.

11 MR. LAPIDUS: Hi. How are you?

12 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Good. How are
13 you doing?

14 MR. LAPIDUS: I know -- I know
15 we're going to try to meet up tomorrow.
16 You're going to give me a call?

17 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yup.

18 MR. LAPIDUS: I was wondering if --
19 have the -- the construction guy didn't
20 call me. So I was wondering if you can
21 call him and kind of we all three meet so
22 we don't have a broken phone?

23 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I'll try,
24 absolutely. Sure.

25 MR. LAPIDUS: I appreciate that.

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2 The next question is, they put up
3 one portion of the retaining -- of the
4 estate fence.

5 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Okay.

6 MR. LAPIDUS: Okay. They made a
7 ditch there. There's a ditch there.
8 You're aware of that; right?

9 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I didn't see the
10 estate fence yet.

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: When did
12 they put that up?

13 MR. LAPIDUS: They put up -- they
14 put up a white fence.

15 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Oh, that's not
16 the estate fencing. That's the Oyster Bay
17 lot. That's PVC.

18 MR. LAPIDUS: Okay. Is that what
19 They're going to use for the estate fence?

20 STEPHEN FELLMAN: No. Estate
21 fencing is estate fence.

22 MR. LAPIDUS: Okay.

23 STEPHEN FELLMAN: That's PVC
24 fencing, the white fence.

25 MR. LAPIDUS: When they put the

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2 PVC, they made a ditch. Did you see that
3 ditch?

4 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Not today.

5 Again --

6 MR. LAPIDUS: Take a look at that
7 ditch. That ditch does not drain. That
8 ditch collects water. And if that's the
9 way it's going to be, that's going to be a
10 humongous problem health-wise because
11 that's when you're going to get the
12 mosquitoes living. There's no drainage
13 there. It just collects there.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Stevie,
15 you're saying --

16 STEPHEN FELLMAN: There's drainage
17 all -- There's drainage all over. Again,
18 that's the Oyster Bay lot. There's
19 drainage catch boxes all along there.
20 They probably have them covered because
21 they're trying not to fill them up with --
22 so they don't collect there.

23 MR. LAPIDUS: Right. I'm saying is
24 [sic] the water doesn't run down to those
25 things. The water stays in the middle of

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2 that drainage. It doesn't go anywhere.

3 It doesn't kind of disappears [sic], so it

4 just stays there for days on end.

5 Now, that's going to happen in the summer.

6 That's when the mosquitoes are going to

7 live all along the side of that ditch.

8 I'm just curious that's the way

9 it's going to be left? That's -- because

10 they have the water running off there, and

11 it doesn't drain to the side. It just

12 stays there.

13 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Alex, just show

14 me tomorrow. I'm not exactly sure what

15 you're talking about. Just show me

16 tomorrow.

17 MR. LAPIDUS: Absolutely.

18 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Not a problem.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Stevie, you

20 have the connection with Oyster Bay;

21 right?

22 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Yup, yup.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah. I

24 want to make sure that, you know, we're

25 going to take care --

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2 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Whatever we can
3 do. Alex, you show me, we'll take a
4 picture with [sic], and I can text the
5 picture over to Town Hall.

6 MR. LAPIDUS: Absolutely. I look
7 forward to seeing you tomorrow. Thank
8 you.

9 STEPHEN FELLMAN: You're welcome.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Anything
11 else, Alex?

12 MR. LAPIDUS: (No response heard.)

13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Next
14 person?

15 KEVIN WOOD: Natasha, I just want
16 to make sure you got the first name of the
17 last person. It's Alex.

18 COURT REPORTER: I forget what his
19 last name is.

20 KEVIN WOOD: I will get --

21 BARBARA KELLY: R-U-Z-I-M --

22 COURT REPORTER: I think he has a
23 different last name than she does.

24 BARBARA KELLY: Oh.

25 COURT REPORTER: I don't think they

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2 have the same last name.

3 KEVIN WOOD: So what you want to
4 do, Natasha, is just ask this next person
5 their name, and I will get that in the
6 background for you.

7 COURT REPORTER: Okay.

8 BARBARA KELLY: It looks like it's
9 Chuck Gosline.

10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yeah, I
11 think so.

12 KEVIN WOOD: I think it's Chuck.

13 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: It
14 is.

15 KEVIN WOOD: Coming in. Chuck, if
16 that's you, can hear us and please speak
17 up.

18 MR. GOSLINE: Yes, I can hear you.
19 I'm unmuted.

20 KEVIN WOOD: Okay.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay, cool.

22 MR. GOSLINE: And I'm live. Happy
23 New Years, to all.

24 Thank you, Barbara.

25 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:

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2 Happy and healthy.

3 MR. GOSLINE: Four items; quick
4 Items.

5 First of all, you voted on a Work
6 Force Housing District change, and I heard
7 nothing on what the change is. How can we
8 find out what the changes are?

9 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: There
10 was no change. It was just to schedule a
11 Public Hearing for next month.

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: To discuss a
13 change.

14 MR. GOSLINE: That's my point. So
15 what are the changes? Can we get
16 something on what the changes are
17 proposed?

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I'm looking
19 at Claudio. Yes? No?

20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Wouldn't
21 they go out like everything else, right
22 before the next meeting?

23 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Yeah.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: We
25 haven't discussed it yet.

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2 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Like any
3 other local law you've had in the past.

4 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Because we
5 still have to discuss them so...

6 MR. GOSLINE: I'm just asking. I'm
7 Asking. I heard -- I heard a call for a
8 Public Hearing a month away, and I'm
9 wondering what the proposed changes are
10 because we worked -- you guys -- and you
11 got public input for how it was created
12 and that was six months worth of
13 discussions. So I'm wondering why we're
14 changing something already when there
15 hasn't even been a project in that
16 district?

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Um-hum.
18 Excellent question.

19 MR. GOSLINE: Well, thank you. Do
20 I get an excellent answer?

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Not until
22 Claudio tells me I can.

23 MR. GOSLINE: Okay. So he has to
24 draft something. So I'll take it that
25 he's going to draft something and put it

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2 out and let the public know.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, and
4 involve things that you probably know I
5 can't talk about until Claudio says I can.

6 MR. GOSLINE: Okay. Number two.
7 You approved new water rates, but it was
8 very unclear whether you approved rate
9 changes to the individual rates or only
10 escalating in over 250 or 300,000. And
11 that's part of the Zoom problem. And if
12 anybody attended a workshop they would
13 have saw the confusion that I saw. So,
14 please explain to me what the water rate
15 change is.

16 BARBARA KELLY: Is that to me?

17 MR. GOSLINE: It's to anyone that
18 can answer.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Are you
20 there, Barbara?

21 BARBARA KELLY: Yeah, I'm here.
22 Can you hear me?

23 MR. GOSLINE: Yes.

24 BARBARA KELLY: Oh, okay.

25 If you look on -- in the Board of

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2 Trustees' package, there are schedules at
3 the very back of the package that were in
4 discussions. And it has what the current
5 rates are and -- and I apologize, but I do
6 explain on the right-hand column, like,
7 consumption commercial. The current is at
8 \$3.75. This is per 100,000 gallons.

9 MR. GOSLINE: Right, right. I have
10 -- I'm looking at the back of my water
11 bill.

12 BARBARA KELLY: The proposed is
13 \$4.50.

14 MR. GOSLINE: I'm just interested
15 in what's changing from the last water
16 bill.

17 BARBARA KELLY: Well, all these
18 different rates are changing from the last
19 water bill.

20 MR. GOSLINE: So you're raising the
21 residential rates?

22 BARBARA KELLY: Yes. The
23 residential is going from \$2.25 to \$2.66
24 per thousand gallons that is.

25 MR. GOSLINE: And that -- so that's

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2 -- and that's -- that -- that, I believe,
3 was the question Steve also had.

4 BARBARA KELLY: No, Steve Wilson
5 wanted to know --

6 MR. GOSLINE: Yeah, the projection.
7 I heard that. I heard that.

8 So you're raising all the rates?

9 What are we raising the
10 multi-families rates to?

11 BARBARA KELLY: So the multi-family
12 has a residential gallon rate, but their
13 service charge is going up from \$12 -- I'm
14 sorry. It's \$50 per unit per year to \$75
15 per unit per year.

16 MR. GOSLINE: What about -- What
17 About their consumption rate?

18 BARBARA KELLY: It's the same as
19 the residential.

20 MR. GOSLINE: \$2.25 --

21 BARBARA KELLY: They have the
22 residential rate.

23 MR. GOSLINE: \$2.60? The new
24 \$2.60?

25 BARBARA KELLY: The new \$2.60.

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2 \$2.60.

3 MR. GOSLINE: So that's 45 cents
4 per thousand gallons of increase.

5 So, I mean, I heard a lot of
6 conversation before saying that you're
7 only going to raise -- in fact, the Mayor
8 said you're only going to raise 26...

9 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: It's 35
10 cents per thousand gallons.

11 BARBARA KELLY: No. That's -- The
12 26 households, we were talking about was
13 the conservation rate. Right now, all of
14 the homeowners that use over 300,000
15 gallons --

16 MR. GOSLINE: Right, I see that. I
17 understand that.

18 BARBARA KELLY: Okay. So we're
19 changing the 300,000 gallons to 250,000
20 gallons, and that affects an additional --
21 I'm sorry -- whatever we had spoken about.

22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I believe
23 it's 26 bills.

24 BARBARA KELLY: Twenty-six
25 accounts.

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2 MR. GOSLINE: Okay. All right.

3 Well, so those people are paying
4 more per thousand gallons on usage over
5 300,000.

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Right, it's
7 -- hence the conservation rate.

8 MR. GOSLINE: Right. So...

9 BARBARA KELLY: Correct.

10 MR. GOSLINE: All right. So what
11 are you doing with the monthly fee of \$24
12 for the residents?

13 BARBARA KELLY: It's a quarterly
14 fee.

15 MR. GOSLINE: I understand that. I
16 pay it. I've been paying it for six
17 years. Yes, thank you, Barbara.

18 BARBARA KELLY: Okay. Currently it
19 is at --

20 MR. GOSLINE: Twenty-four.

21 BARBARA KELLY: Ninety-six dollars
22 per year and it's going to \$125 per year.

23 MR. GOSLINE: You've got to be
24 kidding me. And I think that's the point
25 of Steve's question. Is with all these --

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2 with 3,000 -- 3,500 costumers, I mean,
3 that's a fairly sizable chunk. You know,
4 is this paying for the new water tower?
5 What is this?

6 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Yes,
7 it's a new water tower.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Paying off
9 the bond for the new water tower.

10 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: It's
11 60 years old.

12 MR. GOSLINE: Yeah, I understand
13 that. I heard all those conversations.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And, as you
15 know, Chuck, it's the first time we've
16 changed the rates --

17 MR. GOSLINE: In six years. I
18 understand.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah, okay.

20 MR. GOSLINE: Yeah, I understand.
21 I just --

22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay, good.

23 MR. GOSLINE: (Continuing) -- I did
24 The numbers on what I paid over the past
25 20 years, and when you raise, when you

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2 changed it to a \$24 fee, the rates went
3 up.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yeah.

5 MR. GOSLINE: And my consumption --
6 and my consumption stayed the same. So
7 there was no incentive to conserve
8 anything.

9

10 All right. Moving on to number
11 three.

12 During the workshop [sic] you
13 talked extensively about a project on
14 Fulton Street, and for the life of me I
15 never heard an address. All I heard was
16 60 by 100 feet, eight townhouses, which is
17 absolutely insane that you would even be
18 talking about that. So could you please
19 give me the address, because I can't
20 believe this is only 60 by 100. The
21 address of this property?

22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Stevie?

23 STEPHEN FELLMAN: I don't have the
24 address in front of me.

25 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: I don't

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2 think it was 60 by 100.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: No, the --

4 STEPHEN FELLMAN: Sixty by one
5 hundred is the lot sizes in that district.
6 This -- this parcel is much larger than 60
7 by 100.

8 MR. GOSLINE: I'm looking for the
9 address and to understand what the size of
10 the parcel is.

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: While I'm
12 looking for the address -- it's the second
13 house down going east on the south side of
14 109.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
16 After Staples.

17 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: After
18 Staples.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I'm looking
20 for the address.

21 CLAUDIO DE BELLIS, ESQ.: Anthony,
22 if you were trying to say something,
23 you're muted.

24 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: I did it.
25 So, Chuck --

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: 924 Fulton
3 Street.

4 MR. GOSLINE: 924. Okay, that's
5 all I needed. And that's one of the
6 biggest properties; okay. That's what
7 we're talking about; the explosion of
8 Fulton Street.

9 The final comment is, I'm still
10 offended by the continue -- the continue
11 of display from the Mayor and some of the
12 rest of the Board about malcontents and
13 complainers. You know, I don't get -- I
14 just don't get that comment and it
15 continues to offend me, and that's my
16 personal feeling and I'll end on that.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, I'm
18 sorry if I offended you. It's never my
19 intent to offend you.

20 MR. GOSLINE: Well, you certainly
21 did.

22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I apologize.

23 MR. GOSLINE: You certainly did on
24 this meeting and you have done it numerous
25 times in the past, and my name appears in

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2 the minutes as, "Complainer," and I am
3 tired of that crap.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I am sorry
5 if you're offended, and I don't think I
6 ever specifically called you out as a
7 complainer, personally. If I did, I
8 apologize.

9 MR. GOSLINE: Mayor, you said,
10 "People that attend meetings tonight are
11 complainers and malcontents."

12 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Right.

13 MR. GOSLINE: So you don't know
14 what you're saying.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well --

16 MR. GOSLINE: I guess now you
17 can --

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
19 -- I understood that. As I said --

20 MR. GOSLINE: (Continuing) -- it's
21 great to look back --

22 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
23 -- I did not mean you personally.

24 MR. GOSLINE: (Continuing) -- over
25 all the Facebook videos, and you'll get

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2 the contempt.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

4 MR. GOSLINE: And I think you
5 should look back over the Work Session and
6 to see how much confusion was going on and
7 that's why Anthony is on, Cheryl is on.
8 These types of meetings are great if
9 you're not -- if you're not dealing with
10 the public and you're only having a Work
11 Session, maybe. But there's too much --
12 you can see the confusion among all of
13 you. I don't know how you would want to
14 conduct business like this continually.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, it's
16 the world in which we live.

17 MR. GOSLINE: Yeah, okay. Well...

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI:
19 Unfortunately, Chuck, at the moment we're
20 stuck this way because we can't have
21 anybody really at the Village Hall.

22 MR. GOSLINE: No, I understand. I
23 understand. But you can see the
24 interaction. I can see the interaction.
25 I don't -- I'm not reading all the

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2 documents. I look at the package. I'm
3 not looking at all the documents that you
4 guys look at. That you know intimately.

5 You talk about a subdivision that
6 never should have went to the Planning
7 Board. You talk about the Fairfield
8 property that never should have went to
9 the Planning Board. I mean, there is so
10 much confusion that now is out there, and
11 it's been going on forever, I'm sure. And
12 it's sad. It's sad.

13 So that's why I feel -- that's why
14 I'm very offended at the comment, because
15 I attend meetings, I pay attention, I live
16 in this Village, I want to see this
17 village flourish, and I don't like to see
18 this confusion.

19 So I'll end on that happy note.

20 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

22 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:

23 Thanks, Chuck. Have a happy happy.

24 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Next, Zoom
25 Master?

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2 KEVIN WOOD: Yes, Mayor. Jeanne
3 and Mike coming in right now. And there
4 are two more after this.

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

6 KEVIN WOOD: With Joe Staudt coming
7 in for a second.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

9 KEVIN WOOD: Jeanne and Mike, I'm
10 unmuting you, and if you could start your
11 video at your option. And then if you
12 wouldn't mind giving the stenographer your
13 name when you do come on.

14 MR. ZEIGLER: Hi, hi. Mike
15 Zeigler, Z-E-I-G-L-E-R.

16 I'm -- the second meeting I've been
17 involved with since I moved here from
18 Manhattan. That's about two years ago.
19 And I've got to say you guys got a good
20 town. A great town.

21 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Thank
22 you.

23 MR. ZEIGLER: I love how you run
24 things, and I love that people get to
25 comment the way that they do. And so my

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2 -- I have two, two comments.

3 One is I'm a little concerned about
4 the properties that have been purchased or
5 managed -- I'm not sure -- on Eastern
6 Parkway by Fairfield. And they also
7 purchased -- it's actually a multilevel, a
8 split level home, you know, where two
9 families live on Eastern Parkway that they
10 just recently purchased. And they
11 purchased two other homes a little --
12 about a block from Secatogue, if you know
13 what I mean? Can you hear me?

14 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: A
15 block west; right? A block west?

16 MR. ZEIGLER: Yeah, a block west.
17 Two homes on the corner.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
19 Okay. Franklin Place.

20 MR. ZEIGLER: More of an
21 observation. So is this, like, the start
22 of a new trend by Fairfield? Buy up all
23 the, you know, houses that people move
24 out, and then in years tear them all down
25 and build another big ginormous complex?

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2 You don't have to answer it. Nobody
3 knows; right? But what I'm throwing out
4 to you is, jeez, this kind of seems weird.
5 Comments, that's all.

6 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Ralph,
7 you're muted.

8 BARBARA KELLY: Yeah, Mayor, you're
9 muted. It's probably on your headset.
10 It's probably on your headset.

11 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Am I off
12 mute?

13 BARBARA KELLY: There you are.

14 MR. ZEIGLER: I can hear you.

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: There you
16 are.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
18 Michael, as I probably said to you, in
19 speaking with Fairfield, they are buying
20 the blighted, run-down houses that the
21 tenants have to walk by to get to and from
22 some of their properties. They have no
23 intention to do anything to them other
24 than upkeep them and make them nice to
25 keep their high-end income, residential,

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2 apartment dwellers happy.

3 They are -- they have no intention
4 of knocking down that one little parcel on
5 Eastern Parkway. It would give them no
6 yield.

7 Also, the two houses on Franklin, I
8 have talked to them about buying the other
9 houses on Eastern Parkway that abut their
10 property. And those of you on the Board
11 know what houses I'm talking about.

12 MR. ZEIGLER: Yeah, I know.

13 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: And they had
14 made an offer to them, and they have come
15 back with an astronomical price because
16 they know Fairfield wants to buy them.

17 MR. ZEIGLER: Right.

18 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay.

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: It's just
20 trying to get rid of blights for their
21 high-end customers. They are not looking
22 to tear them down and build. As the Board
23 knows, those properties are just not in an
24 area that we would allow building at any
25 point in time.

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2 MR. ZEIGLER: Okay. It would
3 concern me that a real estate developer
4 would be going around the Town of
5 Farmingdale and purchasing homes because,
6 you know, it seems to me that there's an
7 alternative motive, which is fine.
8 Everyone's allowed to, you know --

9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Michael,
10 they're not purchasing residential homes.
11 They're purchasing multi-residential
12 dwellings. They're purchasing apartments
13 as opposed to homes.

14 MR. ZEIGLER: Okay.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: They're
16 small apartments in those dwellings.
17 They're not really homes.

18 MR. ZEIGLER: Okay. I get your
19 point. You kind of see where my concern
20 is?

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yup.

22 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Absolutely.

23 MR. ZEIGLER: And it's more -- you
24 know, something for you -- you guys, to
25 just check --

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yup, we'll
3 -- we'll keep an eye on it, Michael.

4 MR. ZEIGLER: You know, as a
5 resident I just feel a little concerned
6 about that.

7 Christmas decorations were great.
8 Thank you Trustee --

9 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Cheryl.

10 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you.

11 MR. ZEIGLER: Cheryl.

12 I'm -- and that's really it. I
13 just -- keep up the good work, and thanks
14 for the answer.

15 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:

16 Thanks for coming by.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
18 And you can show your wife once in a
19 while. As I said, I very rarely see her
20 anymore.

21 MS. ZEIGLER: Hello. Hi.

22 MR. ZEIGLER: In my favorite shirt,
23 Boston.

24 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: Oh,
25 no, no, no.

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2 STEPHEN FELLMAN: No, no, no.

3 (WHEREUPON, there was inaudible,
4 indecipherable cross-talk among the
5 parties present.)

6 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: I live
7 across the street from a Boston fan.
8 Okay. Thank you, Michael.

9 MR. ZEIGLER: You're welcome.

10 STEPHEN FELLMAN: It could have
11 been worse. It could have been a
12 Massapequa shirt.

13 BARBARA KELLY: Oh my gosh. Shush.

14 KEVIN WOOD: Okay, Mayor, we have
15 Ann C. coming, and then just Joe Staudt on
16 deck.

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

18 MS. CRAWFORD: Hello. If you need
19 the last name it's Crawford,
20 C-R-A-W-F-O-R-D.

21 And my question is basically what
22 the last gentleman just before had
23 mentioned. The Fairfield apartment, the
24 three-family house that they purchased,
25 and they are looking to buy the other two

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2 apartment buildings next to that going
3 towards Secatogue? Hello?

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes, yes.

5 MS. CRAWFORD: Well, why would they
6 do that?

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, I
8 asked them to.

9 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: They're
11 run-down and the --

12 MS. CRAWFORD: Oh, I know. I go by
13 there all the time.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: They have no
15 intention of -- and their residents
16 complain to me about them --

17 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Okay --

18 MS. CRAWFORD: Now, who's to say
19 five years from now --

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
21 -- and they want to keep their residents
22 happy.

23 MS. CRAWFORD: Who's to say five
24 years from now they're not going to turn
25 around and say they want to develop these

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2 into one big apartment building?

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Nothing.

4 They could buy ten homes on Williams
5 Street and say the same thing five years
6 from now.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: Right. And would
8 that go through?

9 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: No.

10 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Well, we
11 have to --

12 STEPHEN FELLMAN: It has to -- It's
13 not zoned for it.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes. Thank
15 you, Stevie. It's not zoned for it --

16 MS. CRAWFORD: So that --

17 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
18 -- and where they are in that zone --

19 MS. CRAWFORD: That side of --

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: (Continuing)
21 -- there's limits.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: (Continuing) --
23 Eastern Parkway is not zoned to put what's
24 put on the train station parking lot.

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Right.

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2 MS. CRAWFORD: Those Fairfield
3 apartments.

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Ann, don't
5 you understand that they're getting people
6 that are paying \$3,500 a month to live in
7 these apartments and they walk out to
8 their car and they look at crap buildings.
9 So they're doing the very smart thing that
10 business people do and buying the crap
11 building and fixing it up so their \$3,500
12 a month tenants stop complaining. And
13 they'll fix it up and put decent tenants
14 in there and they make money and they keep
15 their high-end tenants? That's the bottom
16 line. That's all it is.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. But my
18 concern is that years down the road,
19 they're going to want to turn around and
20 knock those down and build something
21 bigger; into one big apartment building.
22 That's my concern.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. They
24 told me that they have no intention of
25 doing that. Other than taking them at

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2 their word, that's all I can tell you.

3 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay, that's fine.

4 No other questions.

5 I believe some time last year or
6 the year before there was some talk about
7 redoing the way the road goes by the
8 Spring Pond around Swamp Road?

9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: There was
10 talk about the intersection of Thomas
11 Powell Boulevard, Bethpage Road, Quaker
12 Meeting House Road, and --

13 MS. CRAWFORD: That's the name of
14 it. Sorry. I got the wrong road. Sorry.

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: But it's the
17 -- right across from the -- right at the
18 -- that, what is now a triangle. The
19 County is attempting to make that into a
20 traffic circle.

21 MS. CRAWFORD: So it's still in the
22 works?

23 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Around
24 that, yeah.

25 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: It's still

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2 in the works by the County. They have to
3 make an agreement by [sic] owners of one
4 of the cemeteries, because they will be
5 infringing on one of the -- the most east
6 cemetery. They would have to take a
7 little bit of land to make a -- to make
8 the circle work safely, and that's where
9 it's being held up, as far as I know.

10 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. My
11 grandparents are buried there.

12 Now, Melville Road subdivision, is
13 that going to be brought up to public
14 conversation?

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes. A
16 Public Hearing, yes.

17 MS. CRAWFORD: Yes.

18 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes.

19 MS. CRAWFORD: When will that be?
20 In the February meeting?

21 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.

22 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay.

23 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND:

24 February 1st.

25 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay. And I agree

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2 with Chuck. The comment about the
3 malcontents was very condescending. I do
4 not appreciate it.

5 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

6 MS. CRAWFORD: And it's not the
7 first time you said it. He's right.

8 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
9 Again, Ann, I apologize, and I'll make
10 sure I refrain from using malcontents
11 again.

12 MS. CRAWFORD: See, there you go
13 right there with the attitude, Ralph.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay, fine.

15 MS. CRAWFORD: You know, when
16 people come to talk, you guys get an
17 attitude because we're bringing up
18 concerns. And that's all we're doing, is
19 trying to discuss and bring up concerns
20 that we have about the Village, and
21 you guys seem to get this condescending
22 attitude about it. That's all I'm saying.
23 I mean, you're not going to change your
24 ways, that's obvious. But that's just my
25 opinion right now.

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2 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.

3 MS. CRAWFORD: Okay?

4 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.

5 MS. CRAWFORD: Thank you.

6 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you.

7 MS. CRAWFORD: Have a good night.

8 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: You too,

9 Ann.

10 KEVIN WOOD: One last visitor. Joe
11 Staudt is coming back in. Standby please.

12 MR. STAUDT: Hi, guys? Can you
13 hear me?

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Yes.

15 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Yes.

16 BARBARA KELLY: Yes.

17 MR. STAUDT: I just wanted to bring
18 up. I share the -- I was also confused
19 looking at -- I thought the water rate
20 increase was just regarding the
21 conservation increase, but looking at it
22 now I see the rate increases of, you know
23 -- it depends on what class you're in --
24 but 15 to 20 percent.

25 I just wanted to put out there -- I

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2 mean -- I say this as a friend to the
3 Board and personal friend to some you, I
4 think it's wrong to increase utility rates
5 in the middle of this pandemic. There are
6 villagers suffering. Villagers that have
7 taken a hit on income. And I think that
8 any -- any possible remedy to raising
9 rates for the next six months to a year
10 should have been looked at prior to.

11 I get that it's been a while since
12 rates were increased, but man, it's a
13 difficult time to send people to 15 to 20
14 percent increase on something they really
15 can't avoid using, such as water.

16 So I just wanted to put that out
17 there. I'm sure, you know, I know the
18 decision's already made, but, you know, I
19 think that -- I don't know. My personal
20 view, it's not the right thing to do. I
21 was consistent on that when the School
22 Board raised taxes on people at the
23 beginning of the pandemic. I just think
24 it's too easy to do things like this. To
25 just incrementally increase and to --

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2 maybe to us, to me, to you it's not a lot
3 of money, but to someone it is a lot of
4 money. Particularly for a utility that
5 people can't avoid, and I think it's
6 wrong. So I just wanted to put that out
7 there.

8 And that was it. That's my last
9 comment.

10 TRUSTEE WALTER PRIESTLEY: Thank
11 you, Joe. Thank you.

12 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
13 Thank you, Joe.

14 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: Thank you,
15 Joe.

16 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay. Thank
17 you, Joe.

18 KEVIN WOOD: That's it on hands
19 being raised, Mr. Mayor.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
21 Motion to go into Exec?

22 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Wait a
23 second.

24 The malcontent. Butch Starkie? He
25 doesn't have his hand raised. I'm only

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2 kidding.

3 BARBARA KELLY: Is he on?

4 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: I'm only
5 kidding.

6 BARBARA KELLY: See if he's on.

7 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Natasha,
8 make sure that I was not the only one who
9 used the term. And, Natasha, just out of
10 sheer curiosity, how many times did I use
11 the word malcontent as a speaker today?

12 COURT REPORTER: At a speaker
13 today? Zero.

14 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Thank you.
15 I just answered the questions when they
16 accused me of using the term. Thank you.
17 Just FYI. Thank you very much.

18 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT:
19 Let's not do it anymore.

20 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
21 Motion to go into Exec?

22 DEPUTY MAYOR WILLIAM BARRETT: So
23 moved.

24 TRUSTEE ANTHONY ADDEO: Second.

25 TRUSTEE CHERYL PARISI: I'll second

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2 it. Okay, Anthony second it.

3 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay,
4 Natasha, you're off the hook.

5 (WHEREUPON, a brief discussion was
6 held off the record from 9:31 p.m. to
7 9:33 p.m., after which the following
8 transpired:)

9 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
10 We're going to move to Exec Session and it
11 was approved by --

12 BARBARA KELLY: Bill and Anthony
13 made the motion. I did get an all aye or
14 nay.

15 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Okay.
16 Everybody say aye?

17 (WHEREUPON, there was an unanimous,
18 affirmative vote of the Board.)

19 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: Unanimous.

20 KEVIN WOOD: Standby.

21 MAYOR RALPH EKSTRAND: That's okay.
22 Natasha, we're officially going into
23 Exec.

24 (WHEREUPON, this hearing was
25 concluded at 9:34 p.m.)

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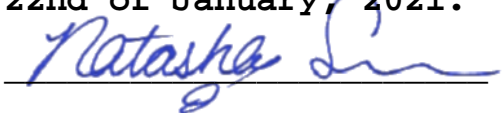
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That the within transcript was prepared by
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to the best of my ability.

I further certify that I am not related to
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outcome of any of these matters.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
hand this 22nd of January, 2021.



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