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TOWN BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
of the Town Board of the Town of Newburgh held at
1496 Route 300 in said township at 7:00 p.m. on
Monday, the 12th of April 2021

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

PRESENT Scott M. Manley, Deputy Supervisor
REMOTELY Paul R. Ruggiero, Councilman
Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman
Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town
Patrick Hines, Consulting Engineer
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MR. PEDI: It's post time. It's 7 p.m. on Monday, the 12th day of April 2021, and this is a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting.

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

MS. GREENE: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero.

MR. RUGGIERO: Present.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley.

MR. MANLEY: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo.

MR. LOBIONDO: Here.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Here.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Let's all stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.)

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

Mr. Supervisor, any changes to the agenda?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I have no changes.

MS. GREENE: I have none.

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MR. PEDI: Very good. Next we go on to item 5 for the approval of the audit.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So I'm looking for a motion to approve this audit in the amount of \$504,130.84.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Abstain.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 6 which is our public hearing. This is a public hearing on Introductory Local Law No. 1 of 2021. It's the amendment of Chapter 185 of Zoning for New York State licensed video lottery gaming

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facility as a permitted use in shopping center.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Mr. PEDI, has this public hearing been properly advertised?

MR. PEDI: Mr. Supervisor, this meeting was posted on the Town website since March 26th of 2021. It was posted in the Town Hall lobby also on March 26th of 2021. It was advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on April 1, 2021. And it was published in The Orange County Post on April 2, 2021. In addition, copies of the notice of public hearing and the introductory local law were mailed on March 29, 2021 to the clerks of the municipalities bordering the Town in Orange, Dutchess and Ulster Counties and the county clerks of those counties. This complies with all the requirements for a public hearing under New York State law.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

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

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second. Go ahead,

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Anthony.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to open this public hearing at 7:02 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

I think first I'd like Town Attorney Mark Taylor, to say a few words on this hearing.

I think we need to unmute Mark Taylor.

There you go, Mark.

MR. TAYLOR: Thank you. The topic of this evening's public hearing, as Mr. Pedi mentioned, is a local law which will amend the definitions section of the Town's Zoning Code. The amendment is being considered on the petition of Monticello Raceway Management, Inc.

Like most municipalities, the Town's

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2 Zoning Code divides the Town into zoning
3 districts which appear on the zoning map. The
4 code lists the uses that are permitted in each
5 zoning district. Many commercial and industrial
6 uses have added approval requirements for site
7 plan or special permit approvals.

8 Shopping centers are a permitted use
9 subject to site plan approval by the Town's
10 Planning Board in the Town's Business Zoning
11 District and its Interchange Business Zoning
12 District.

13 The codes definition of shopping
14 centers starts with a group of stores, shops or
15 similar commercial establishments otherwise
16 permitted within the zoning district, including
17 eating and drinking places developed or intended
18 to be developed as a unit on one lot which may be
19 constructed as a single structure, or adjoining
20 structures, or neighboring structures. Similar
21 commercial establishments that have been
22 permitted in shopping centers in the Town have
23 included restaurants and fast food
24 establishments, banks, professional offices, hair
25 salons and barbershops, shoe and jewelry repair

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2 shops, as well as governmental uses such as a
3 public library, an Off-Track Betting parlor.

4 The local law would amend the
5 definition of shopping centers by adding a
6 sentence which provides New York State Gaming
7 Commission and New York State lottery licensed
8 video lottery gaming facilities shall be
9 considered a similar commercial establishment in
10 shopping centers having in excess of 500 parking
11 spaces within the IB District.

12 The Petitioner, Monticello Raceway
13 Management, holds one of those licenses in the
14 State. I believe there are about ten licenses in
15 total for the State, primarily associated with
16 horse racing tracks, and is permitted by State
17 law to open a gaming facility in Orange County.

18 In addition to modifying the definition
19 of shopping centers, the local law will also add
20 definitions for video lottery gaming and video
21 lottery gaming facilities. Those are based and
22 track fairly closely to the State Gaming
23 Commission's regulatory definitions of gaming and
24 facilities.

25 As written, the definition in the

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Town's Code will be -- for video lottery gaming facility will read the physical area and amenities where licensed video lottery gaming and related activities are conducted. Related activities shall include drink service for on-premises consumption, food staff, wait staff service, live entertainment and similar activities.

Mr. Supervisor, in addition to comments received at this public hearing and subsequent written submissions, the Town Board will also consider reports from both the Town's Planning Board and the Orange County Planning Department. The Board has also forwarded a copy of this local law to the Town's Zoning Board of Appeals and will consider any comments that Board may submit, as well as comments it receives from other governmental officials.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Mark.

So with that, I'm going to add just a little bit in my own words here. This evening's hearing is for a zoning change allowing New York State licensed video lottery terminal gaming centers in shopping centers which have in excess

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2 of 500 parking spaces. The Town Board is
3 considering this change on the petition of
4 Monticello Raceway Management, Inc., which is
5 part of Resorts World Genting group of companies,
6 and the owners of the Newburgh Mall.

7 I know not all are in favor of such a
8 change, however it comes with many types of
9 benefits, one being job creation, not only within
10 the gaming center but from other businesses who
11 will receive the economic benefits it will bring
12 to the area.

13 I want to recognize Senator Skoufis for
14 being instrumental in sponsoring the state
15 legislation that allowed the gaming center to
16 relocate in Orange County and encouraging Genting
17 to settle in the Town of Newburgh. He was
18 supportive of the project and actually negotiated
19 the financial terms of the host benefit agreement
20 on behalf of the Town which, while not yet
21 finalized, will bring significant financial
22 benefits to our community.

23 As for this hearing, I want to make the
24 following request. Please give your name and
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concerns. Comments will be received up to ten days after the posting of the minutes on the Town's website. So tonight is not the only bite at the apple. There will be time -- even if we're going to close this public hearing tonight, it will be ten days after the minutes are posted on the website we'll take comments. To send your comments, address them to town-clerk@townofnewburgh.org or mail to Town Clerk, 1496 Route 300, Newburgh, New York, or you could stop by the Town Hall and drop them off in person.

If you have a concern, voice it.

However, there's no reason for multiple speakers to voice the same concern multiple times as we want to listen to all arguments for and against the zoning change, not the same one repeatedly.

Also, while we're not placing a formal time limit on speakers, please show courtesy to others who wish to testify tonight.

So with that, I'd like to open it to Meghan Taylor maybe to say a couple of words before we open to the public.

So Meghan, are you out there?

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MS. TAYLOR: Hi. I'm here, Supervisor. Thank you so much. So good evening and thank you, Supervisor Piaquadio and the Town Board Members, for the opportunity to address you all this evening.

I'd like to take a few quick minutes to just address some high-level concerns which have been raised since our project was presented in February.

So the first concern was traffic. I have to tell you that we have done our very best. So Colliers Engineering & Design, formerly Maser Consulting, conducted a traffic and parking analysis of the proposed project which has been submitted to the Town and has been reviewed by the Town's consultants, both planning and development advisors, and Creighton, Manning. After the review of the existing and historical traffic data and the comparison of the trip generation associated with the proposed change of use, this indicates that the proposed Resorts World VLT facility would not significantly change peak hour traffic conditions in the vicinity of the site.

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In addition, the available parking within the Newburgh Mall property would adequately serve the proposed use as well as the remainder of the Newburgh Mall.

Many issues -- many concerns have been raised about excursion buses. What I wanted to make sure that everyone on this call understood was excursion buses bringing customers to the facility are not part of our plans. No motor coach program or additional excursion buses will be entertained at this point in time.

The site is currently serviced by local bus transit service which includes a route that runs between Broadway in the City of Newburgh and Route 300 and has an existing bus stop at the Newburgh Mall. We will be encouraging guests and employees to use that mass transit.

The second concern was the impact on property values. The proposed Resorts World Hudson Valley project is a unique VGM project in that it is a facility being located within an existing shopping mall and not a ground-up build. Since the announcement of the project we have been approached by at least four operators, being

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2 restauranters, retailers or health and wellness
3 operators, all interested in occupying space
4 within the Newburgh Mall. Currently the mall has
5 approximately seventeen vacant storefronts, as we
6 had mentioned in previous presentations, which we
7 believe our project will assist in attracting new
8 tenants and therefore positively affecting the
9 value of the existing mall and the surrounding
10 area.

11 The third concern was responsible
12 gaming. We want our patrons to have an enjoyable
13 and responsible gaming experience. We are
14 committed to promoting responsible gaming and
15 prohibiting underage gambling. The New York
16 State Gaming Commission, the New York State
17 Office of Addiction Services & Supports and the
18 New York Council on Problem Gambling all are
19 organizations that we work with day in and day
20 out. We work with them to address problem
21 gambling in New York State. This includes
22 ensuring that gaming venues comply with all rules
23 and regulations and undertake proper outreach
24 measures, re-evaluating self-exclusion policies
25 across the state to ensure consistency and

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considering the best ways to advance New York's long-term commitment to prevent and treat impulse. Multiple studies have been done on this very issue around the country and it has been found that between 1 percent and 3 percent of the population actually has the potential to have a gambling problem. Whether it's gambling, drinking, shopping, smoking, it has to be done in moderation. We at Resorts World will continue to work with these state partners and others to promote responsible gambling.

And the fourth concern was crime. The issue of crime and the social implication of a casino development on the Town and surrounding area must be addressed in any new casino development. One of the challenges surrounding any objective discussion on the topic of the correlation of crime and a new casino development is a lack of consistent or conclusive data. It is nearly impossible to analyze these events in a vacuum necessary to eliminate all of the variables that will ultimately influence the outcome. These factors may include the specific location of the new casino, whether that's rural

1 or urban; the specific type of casino
2 development, destination resort versus local
3 market; population levels; existing tourism and
4 visitation levels; or even unemployment rates --
5 the unemployment rate of the economy. Fairly
6 recent publicized crime statistics for
7 Connecticut highlight the difficulty and critical
8 thinking necessary to properly evaluate this
9 topic. The crime studies included murder, rape,
10 robbery, assault, burglary and theft from Mohegan
11 Sun and Foxwoods to recently opened operations.
12 Mohegan Sun opened in 1996 and Foxwoods in 1992.
13 Montville, which is very near to Mohegan Sun, has
14 averaged 13 crimes per 1,000 residents annually
15 since the casino opened through 2009, which is 35
16 percent less than the seven years before either
17 casino opened. In Nadder, which is near
18 Foxwoods, crime has plunged 25 percent compared
19 to the period before the casino opened. In
20 surrounding cities, in Norwich crime fell 19
21 percent, in Preston 33 percent, and in North
22 Stonington 24 percent.

24 Folks, I just want to say one thing. A
25 casino is one of the worst places on earth to

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commit a crime. We have state-of-the-art cameras and surveillance coverage inside and outside of the building. One quickly realizes a casino is the worst place to commit a crime.

Bob DeSalvio and I have met with Chief of Police Bruce Campbell and look forward to continuing to work with the Town of Newburgh PD and New York State Police as needed to ensure the safety of our guests, employees and Town of Newburgh residents and visitors.

I would now like to address -- or I would now like to introduce again the president of Genting America East, Bob DeSalvio, who will talk briefly about the topics I addressed and directly from his own experience of forty plus years in the casino business.

MR. DeSALVIO: Thank you, Meghan. And thank you -- thank you to the Town Board for giving us this opportunity to address not only you but the public at large.

I did just want to make a brief comment before I turn it back over to the Supervisor, and that is that in some previous discussions we thought that it might be best if the Town heard

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2 from not just us but maybe another community that
3 might have gone through something similar whereby
4 gaming was introduced in an area that previously
5 did not have it, and so I wanted to let everybody
6 know who is on the call tonight that we did
7 supply some names and phone numbers for elected
8 and public officials from the Town of Bethlehem,
9 Pennsylvania. In the Town of Bethlehem I was
10 involved with Las Vegas Sands Corp for the design
11 and ultimately build and operating of a place
12 called Sands Bethlehem. It's now called Wind
13 Creek. There were some similarities between
14 Bethlehem and Newburgh with the introduction.

15 And Meghan earlier talked about the
16 issue of crime. I remember talking to the mayor
17 about this particular topic and how it actually
18 had gone down, and I asked why. I remember the
19 mayor told me because you guys provided one of
20 the most important things, and that is to give
21 people a job and to provide economic opportunity,
22 and people feel proud about when they have an
23 operation or one of their relatives is working at
24 an operation like that. It has tendency to
25 actually be a positive for the community.

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So I did suggest that rather than just hear from us, I hope the Town officials will take the opportunity, maybe contact some people, if they haven't already, in Bethlehem and really ask them about how did it go when the new casino was introduced to their community. I think it's actually a great experience to hear from another community that might have gone through something similar.

And with that, I just want to again say thank you to the Town Board and also thank you to the residents for possibly providing us this opportunity to bring our business to your community. I think that in the long run you will understand that we will be very good corporate citizens, and hopefully years from now will look back and say that you're glad that you made the decision to welcome us to the community.

And with that, I want to turn it back over to Supervisor Piaquadio.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you very much there, Bob.

With that, we're going to open it up for questions. I think if you want to ask a

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question, rather than trying to look for the little hand to raise your hand, just put your hand up physically if you can. What we're going to do is hear from everyone once before we have doubles. Keep that in mind.

With that, if someone has their hand up, our host will let them in.

The ones that have video can put their hands up.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Joan Cusack.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Joan Cusack.

Again, please, your name and address and comments. Joan is first I guess. Go ahead, Joan.

Is she unmuted? There she is. Okay.

MS. CUSACK-McGUIRK: Hi, Supervisor. I'm Joan Cusack-McGuirk. I'm the president and CEO of Montefiore St. Luke's-Cornwall Hospital and also a resident of New Windsor.

So Supervisor and the Town Board, thank you for having this public hearing tonight. I very much appreciate it. I have to tell you, Supervisor, I think you said it all. You said job creation to the benefit of our community, and

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we need it. And significant financial benefits for our community also.

Meghan, a professional I have known for many, many years in many professional roles, she's credible as evidenced by addressing the four areas of concern, traffic patterns, increased property values, responsible gaming and crime.

So Meghan, once again, hats off to you.

And Bob, thank you for joining us also.

I think what you said is you're a very good corporate citizen, and I believe that to be so.

So I also did my homework. As a CEO of one of the major economic engines in the area, what I look at, I look at the jobs, the creation of jobs and the average salary of -- a significant salary, \$74,000. And I also look at no tax abatement and other incentives. No real changes to the mall footprint other than the enclosure of a dock and the changes to the facade, which it needs.

A host of community benefits that will increase by 5 percent every ten years. That's significant, Supervisor. Community benefits,

1 about \$1,000,000. Town of Newburgh public safety
2 fund, 500,000. Special vital projects,
3 1,500,000. 3,000,000 annually. 244,000,000 over
4 the time of the lease.
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6 Maybe the most near and dear to me is
7 workforce development, construction, premium jobs
8 staffed with union labor, which we know how
9 important that is, preference to local residents
10 and partnering with local colleges for training
11 on the local demographic grounds with high
12 unemployment rates, local vendors. Once again,
13 local labor.

14 We also have Resorts World Community
15 Partners Program, and also additional local
16 charities and investments Resorts World gives
17 50,000. They're good corporate citizens.

18 So what I'd really appreciate is the
19 zoning changes. Prepare the local law and accept
20 the community host agreement.

21 And once again, thank you to Senator
22 James Skoufis for supporting the right thing to
23 do for this community.

24 I'm a large employer of this community.
25 I serve the underserved and I serve -- there's a

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dichotomy of the people that come into my organization. I absolutely believe this project is at the right time in the right moment that we need this. We need the economic growth coming off this pandemic. It could not come at a better time.

So I appreciate this time, Supervisor and the Town Board Members. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you very much, Joan.

So Joan has to mute herself, Bobby, now? Okay. She's muted.

Thank you, Joan.

Who is next?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Maureen Hallihan.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Maureen Hallihan. We can unmute her.

MS. HALLIHAN: Thank you so much, Supervisor. Thank you, everyone, for holding this public meeting tonight.

This is a very important project. It's tough to follow Joan Cusack-McGuirk, that's for sure, because I was going to open with that I

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2 believe in this project and the fact that we have
3 such credible people working on this project,
4 you know, with Meghan Taylor presenting this to
5 us tonight. And even the attorney that they
6 have, Rick Golden. These are really hard
7 working, honest, you know, people that live
8 within the community and work very hard in the
9 community.

10 I'm sorry, I didn't introduce myself to
11 everyone. My name is Maureen Hallihan, I'm the
12 president and CEO of the Orange County
13 Partnership. I'm speaking tonight as the
14 Partnership president to discuss the economic
15 development values here for that project and what
16 this project means to the local community.

17 So obviously there are the tax
18 ratables. What I loved the most when I read
19 about it and met with the leaders for the project
20 is the community host agreement. The community
21 benefit agreement. I want to make it clear that
22 doesn't happen in every community. That's
23 something that was negotiated. That's something
24 that was worked on together with the community
25 leaders to try to make sure that Resorts World

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gives back to the community and the school district and everything having to do with public safety, and to fund vital community projects.

This project is going to create so many jobs for our locals. Like Meghan and Joan said before me, these are union jobs.

We need to amend the local law to make that happen for us, and we're hoping to close the public hearing tonight to move this project forward, create those jobs. Start with the community host agreement and get the colleges training our young people and people to work here at Resorts World. This is a quality project and we hope that you'll give it every consideration.

Thank you so much.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Maureen.

Bob, who --

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Alan Seidman.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Alan Seidman.

Alan, can he unmute himself? Identify yourself, please.

MR. SEIDMAN: Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We can hear you.

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We can hear you.

MR. SEIDMAN: With respect to what you said earlier, I'll try not to repeat too much of what Joan and Maureen already said.

My perspective -- first all, I'm Alan Seidman, the executive director of the Construction Contractors Association. My office is probably the closest of anybody on the public hearing. I can walk there at lunchtime, to the mall. My office is at 330 Meadow Avenue in Newburgh. I'll take Meghan up on her offer for help if I get gambling too much.

But this project brings a lot of opportunity for my members to bid on this work, hopefully obtain this work. I represent local contractors who hire out of the local union halls. So it would be jobs for my contractors as well as jobs for the people that we hire through the local union halls. It will help salvage them all.

The taxes to both the Town and the school district. My organization does pay taxes to both the Town and the school district, and we certainly, along with everybody else, have

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concerns about the increases. This will help abate those increases, having a viable business in the Newburgh Mall.

The mall is deteriorating. Having somebody that's willing to come in and invest in that mall, I can't think of a down side to it.

The benefits to the Town of Newburgh that Senator Skoufis negotiated have already been discussed.

Gambling can be a problem but people will gamble. I'd rather see them spend their money here rather than chase our residents to Pennsylvania to spend their money or Connecticut to spend their money. Hopefully people don't have that gambling problem. When they gamble recently, why not do it here instead of spending our money -- their money elsewhere.

So I would encourage the zoning request to be approved, and certainly am in favor of it.

Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Alan.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Robert Acker.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Robert Acker.

I'm sorry.

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MR. ACKER: It's all right. I've heard all kinds. My name is Robert Acker, I live at 32 Sommerfield Drive.

I am against the project at the current state. I understand that the previous speakers have spoken about the various aspects of the project, the community agreements, the money that would come in, the taxation.

As an engineer myself, I am concerned on a number of facets. The first is the traffic study. I understand that the traffic study took a look at current patterns and existing patterns and trends, but by not incorporating any current plans for a busing system but while still leaving that open on the tail end, we are exposing -- potentially exposing our community to significant traffic snarls in further development times and further development areas when we're going to have less room to accommodate them.

Additionally, the bus route is currently used for shoppers and commuters, and I don't believe our current bus fleet is capable of handling the additional load, nor do I think that has been studied by Maser.

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Then finally, we have the busing system with Shortline at the Shortline bus stop there, just around the corner, which connects with New York City and all these other areas. So there's no guarantee that all of these job benefits and these kinds of things will be focused on Newburgh as opposed to becoming a hub for long-distance commuters.

The other major point I would like to bring up tonight is that while most gambling centers, or all gambling centers do their best to deny underage gambling, by incorporating in our zoning law that a gambling facility can now be included within a mall facility, we would either have to segregate the mall into two facilities to maintain the appropriate infrastructure, include various levels of security, screening, IDs that aren't currently required at the mall, or other activities. I mean the last time I was at the mall a few days ago getting an upgraded phone for my daughter, you could see kids twelve, thirteen, fourteen going from store to store having fun. Obviously it's easy to stop those kinds of children from entering a gambling

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establishment. When we get to the sixteen, seventeen year olds, fake IDs and everything else, I see this becoming a significant hassle for our existing security forces, our existing police officers and our existing infrastructure.

I would like to comment that none of the study information I have seen to date has addressed either of these concerns.

Thank you, sir.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Robert, so much.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Kenia Velazquez.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Velazquez.

MS. VELAZQUEZ: How are you. I'm Kenia Velazquez, I live in 43 Delaware, Newburgh, so not too far from the Newburgh Mall.

I'm actually -- I take my son a lot in the Newburgh Mall. He participates in the karate classes that they have inside the Newburgh Mall. I also often take him to the Newburgh Library.

So adding to what the last person had mentioned, I think -- to add on -- I don't want to repeat what he said but to also add on to some

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of my concern would be that like since I take my son, my five year old son, a lot to the Newburgh Mall, how would he be safe, you know, knowing that now there's a gambling or casino in the Newburgh Mall?

I'm also concerned with will those businesses be affected, like the karate business that they have in the Newburgh Mall and the Newburgh Library? Would those businesses be still there to provide those services for my son, who pretty much goes there often, to his classes and the library that they have in the Newburgh Mall?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Kenia, thank you very much for your comments.

Bobby, who do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Chris McCracken.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Chris McCracken I think we have up next.

Chris, if you're out there.

MR. MCCRACKEN: Yes. Hello. Good evening. Thank you to the Town Board for the opportunity to speak tonight. My name is Chris McCracken, I am with Advanced Testing Company.

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We are an Orange County based firm located at 3348 Route 208 in Campbell Hall.

Advanced Testing as a company, we have long-time roots in Newburgh. We established our first office there back in 1984. I'm a graduate of Mount St. Mary College. I've lived in Newburgh for a number of years. Both professionally and personally we have close ties to Newburgh.

I'm here tonight in support of Resorts World's request to amend the current zoning to allow the siting of the proposed video lottery gaming facility within the mall.

Like many similar retail facilities, the Newburgh Mall has struggled to retain tenants and draw traffic. However, I believe that this proposal holds the potential to breath new life into the mall. We've all kind of seen that with all the malls in the area. I believe that a facility like this and their plans to encourage other businesses to join the mall as supporting businesses that are complimentary to the facility could be a boon, not only to the mall but to the surrounding area as well, and I believe that it

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could be helpful for the existing businesses, the restaurants, hotels, gas stations and other facilities in the Town of Newburgh that would be hopefully positively affected by additional foot traffic.

Additionally, once operational, Resorts World should be making significant financial contributions to the Town as well as the State's educational fund, and also, as mentioned before, provide several hundred opportunities for local employment with many of the positions being pretty well paid union positions.

So overall we see the Resorts World Hudson Valley facility being a net positive for Newburgh and the surrounding region, and we ask the Board support the requested zoning amendment.

Thank you again for the opportunity to speak.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Chris.

Robert, who else do we got?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: ET.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: ET. Okay. ET is what it's listed on the screen as. If ET has

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a question, we'll unmute you. Or a comment.

ET? No.

Okay. So who do we have next, Bobby,
if not ET?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: S. Fratto.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Mr. Fratto.

MR. TIRADO: I'm on now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We have Fratto.
We'll come right back to you, ET. Standby.

Go ahead, Fratto.

MR. FRATTO: Okay. Thank you. Hi. Sam
Fratto is my name. I'm a lifetime Town of
Newburgh resident, 62 years. I remember when
there was no Newburgh Mall. I was a first-year
electrical apprentice when they built the
Newburgh Mall.

I just think it's a really good idea at
this time. Even if it wasn't for the
construction part of it, I just think it's a
really good idea because you see what's going on
across the country with malls. They're doing a
lot more entertainment type of things and more
different things than just retail.

The Newburgh Mall has been really a sad

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place for so many years, and it doesn't seem like anything is going to bring that mall back out of where it is. I don't think we're going to see a Bon Ton come back or a Macy's or something like that. I think we're lucky to have had them be able to open up a satellite place like they had in Monticello and have it in the Town of Newburgh. I think what they're going to give back to the community is really worth it.

As for the traffic, you know, there's going to be certain times -- like they said, most of the traffic is going to be at nighttime.

If you look at the mall, how many parking spaces are at that mall? I mean when you put a mall there you have to expect you're going to get a lot of traffic. If that mall was a bustling full mall like it was at one point -- I remember people parked and their cars were almost up by Union Avenue. So there was traffic there and it did work. I think there was less lights than there are now and less ways to get on 84 and the Thruway and everything else.

So, you know, there's a lot of good things to this project. I think they're going to

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create the jobs.

I think having a bus service that already goes from the mall to the City of Newburgh, I think that's a win-win right there. That's one of the few things that I've seen in the last thirty years that you could really say hey, here's an opportunity for some people in Newburgh. Actually, a few hundred people out of those 1,200 might be from the City of Newburgh and they can get on a bus and they can get to work and start the ball rolling.

So besides, I'm also the -- I was the apprentice that built the mall. I'm a business manager of the electricians union now. We cover the whole entire Hudson Valley. I represent all kinds of good people, residents of the Town of Newburgh and all the towns around.

So I believe that, speaking for all of the people, and I've got over 3,000 people in my union, I believe that this is good, solid project for everybody in the community, and, you know, just make sure everything goes the right way.

Thank you for the opportunity.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Fratto, thank

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you.

Bobby, with that, let's go back to ET.
If he gets unmuted.

MR. TIRADO: Thank you very much. I
apologize for that technical difficulty. I want
to thank you for the opportunity to speak
tonight.

My question is this: What are the
hours of operations in the COVID and non-COVID
environment, and what guarantees do we have, and
who is going to be able to see that the jobs are
local?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.
Meghan, do we want to answer that, or Bob, right
now? I know you have a labor agreement or
something going, whatever. And the hours of
operation you should be able to know.

Can we unmute them, Bobby? There we
go. Thank you.

MR. DeSALVIO: Thank you, Supervisor.
Just a couple comments on the jobs question.
First of all, we are in the midst of signing a
project labor agreement for the construction
jobs, and one of the key components of that

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agreement is that we're going to try to keep the construction jobs local, out of the local halls. So yes, that will be a top priority, and it will also be an assignment for our overall general contractor who is going to be working on the job.

And then to follow that up with the actual jobs in the facility, we've made that commitment as part of the host community benefit agreement. We believe that the Town Board will hold us accountable to that. We will be contacting the Board in advance of opening so that you can help us select some proper locations within the community to hold job fairs, whether they be in person, or God forbid we're still doing this virtually. But either way, the whole idea of this was to make sure that we brought as many jobs as possible to the local community. We fully expect that the Town Board will hold us accountable for that.

As far as the hours of operation, we haven't actually set them. I'm going to tell you that I would guess that it would make sense to probably open up at maybe 9 or 10 in the morning. I'll give you an example. Currently our operation

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in Queens, Resorts World New York City, opens up at 9 a.m. It seems like it's a good time. I will tell you that the facilities -- the VLT facilities are allowed, under state law, to open for 20 hours a day, however we're not really planning on starting that way in the Newburgh Mall. We're thinking about closing down earlier than that. If I had to guess, we'd probably do something like 9 in the morning to maybe, maybe 2 a.m. I think part of this might hinge on the liquor -- any liquor licenses or what the time is. I'm sorry, I don't know the answer to this. I don't know what the closing hours are typically allowed in a mall setting for liquor establishments. But I'm going to tell you that right now our plan is to not go the full hours. We'll probably open up with less than the full hours and then see how the traffic patterns are, and, if need be, we'll make adjustments after that.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you very much, Bob.

MR. DeSALVIO: Sure.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Robert, who else

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do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Patti and Gary.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Patti and Gary.

GARY: Hi. Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes, we can.

GARY: Okay. My question -- I'll just give you quick on my background. I'm a local CPA and I have had -- in my career as a tax consultant, I've worked with companies with regard to agreements to bring them into a state and the tax benefits that they may get from those types of things.

But my question isn't specifically on that. What it relates to is what kind of guarantees will the Town get if the Town has to, let's say, commit to increase the police force and increase some of the structural things in the area to make it worthwhile for Resorts International to come in?

Resorts International, I don't know their exact financial history but in the past couple years they have lost money. I don't know how strong they are, but the Town, I believe, should really think about what kind of guarantees

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that we can get to cover so our taxpayers don't get stuck if we pull forward, we start moving on this whole project, the Town incurs certain expenses and then Resorts World decides, or whatnot, that maybe they operate for a year and then pull out. I've seen it in the corporate world where that's happened, they've left the towns, you know, basically holding the barrel.

So my question is just really -- or observation to the Town Board is to make sure -- when you look at these agreements, make sure that they become kind of rock solid so that the Town residents do not get -- will not get stuck. Because all the great benefits I'm hearing, there always could be a potential down side.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good, Gary. Your points are well taken and the Board will consider it.

I think for the record, if you could give us some kind of address it would be good for the Board.

GARY: Sure. I'm up in the Brighton Green area, right off of Meadow Hill Road.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good.

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You're close by. Thank you, Gary.

Who else do we got, Bobby?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Bill Fioravanti.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Bill Fioravanti.

Can you unmute him?

MR. FIORAVANTI: Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We can hear you,
Bill.

MR. FIORAVANTI: Great. Thanks so much
for the opportunity to speak. Let me say I'm
also speaking not just on behalf of myself and
the Economic Development Department -- let me
introduce myself. I am Bill Fioravanti, I'm
director of Economic Development for Orange
County. I'm also a resident of the City of
Newburgh, here on Montgomery Street.

I'm speaking on behalf of Amanda Dana
as well, the Town of -- excuse me, the Orange
County Tourism director. She's flying right now,
actually, so she's not available. My comments
will reflect her views as well.

I'm really just looking to speak in
support of the zoning amendment because this
project to me is a huge win for both the Town and

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for the City of Newburgh, for me to say that selfishly. Admittedly I will talk about some things that have been said before, but I promise I'll make it pretty quick.

To me this project checks all the boxes. That's really why it has my full support. Number one, it's a bona fide entity. Resorts World, they're our neighbors now obviously, especially those that work in the economic development world. We work closely with them as partners, interface with them a lot. Genting obviously is a behemoth name and they really have the wherewithal, we all know this, to be able to weather the storm, go through the tough times, face challenges and overcome them. That's important. And the team is made up of people that we know. Meghan Taylor, really one of our own, frankly. That's really valuable in this situation.

The second, as has been said, an adaptive reuse of a blighted property. We don't have too many in the county. We're pretty blessed. But the Newburgh Mall was becoming one of them. I think we all know that. I think Mr.

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2 Fratto pointed out it immediately pivots this
3 site to an experienced-oriented attraction which
4 malls need to do right now. You're seeing it
5 happen at the Galleria at Crystal Run. You're
6 seeing it happen all around the area. If malls
7 don't do that they die. It kind of immediately
8 makes that impact, which is important.

9 It also, of course, generates direct
10 revenue for the Town and Orange County, property
11 taxes, special district charges, sales tax, the
12 \$3,000,000 host community benefit agreement which
13 includes funds for public safety and vital
14 projects. You can't say enough about that, the
15 infusion it will have there.

16 It also spurs other development in and
17 around the mall, new restaurant services, stores,
18 perhaps an additional hotel, and the addition to
19 other businesses that will benefit. So that's
20 enormous.

21 And most importantly, job creation.
22 200 permanent jobs. And these are high-paying
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So this is a tremendous opportunity for the residents of the Town and for those of my city, especially the transportation we're talking about. Tremendous opportunity really for our residents.

Lastly let me just add that we have to be keenly aware of the potential negative impacts that have been brought up, social, criminal, the affect on our youth and such. To me we have to hold Resorts World accountable to properly work with our community to mitigate all of these potential impacts.

I think what you heard tonight from Ms. Taylor and Mr. DeSalvio a little while ago, I think they're ready to be right up in front of those issues, and that's really what you're looking for in this regard.

This has my full support, Amanda Dana's as well, and we do encourage you to support the amendment to the zoning. Thanks so much.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you very much, Bill.

I just want to remind everyone too, for or against, if we heard it once or twice we don't

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need to hear it again. That's just a suggestion on my part in the interest of time to get through everyone who wants to speak.

With that; Bobby, who else do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Horton.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: There's a horton. Horton is there?

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: Sorry. I'm using my husband's computer. It's Terri Blancato-Horton. I live in the Town of Newburgh.

I just have a few questions. I attended the last meeting and was unable to clarify a couple things. The 200 to 225 full-time jobs at 74,000, how much is that in tips and how much is coming from Resorts World?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Is that all your questions? If you have more --

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: I also saw you were going to have \$500,000 to enhance public safety, which I'm assuming is the police department. Is that per year? Is that a one-time payment? And being that we are going to be open until 2:00 in the morning, were you going to increase the overnight police force and is

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500,000 really enough to do that?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I could probably answer the police question. I know there's \$500,000 allocated just for safety. That could be a number of things. Yes, it could be police. That's yet to be decided by the Board.

Bob, do you want to answer the first question that she had?

MR. DeSALVIO: Absolutely. The jobs that we are talking about are, for the most part, salary. When you think a lot about the -- normally what would be the tipped jobs, they would be in the categories usually of food service and also for the dealers. So in this case there are no table games so we don't have any live dealers, and we only have one bar operation. We're hoping that the food and beverage needs are served by the other operators within the mall. So I would think the vast majority of our jobs are going to be based on salary or an hourly wage and not tipped. Again, there's a combination of both salary and, of course, benefits that adds up to about the 75,000. So a great question. I thank you for

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answering that -- asking it.

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: Can you give me an idea of what kind of jobs they are? Are they security, are they work on the computers?

MR. DeSALVIO: There's a little bit of everything. The good news about a building like ours is that you can almost think of any type of career. There would be marketing, there would be security, there'd be surveillance, there will be some beverage servers. We will have slot attendants, we will have accountants. So almost when you think about just about every profession. There's going to be warehousing and receiving. A little bit of everything all the way across the board.

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: And the administrative jobs would be there on site?

MR. DeSALVIO: Yes. We will have administrative jobs on site. The good news is that a lot of the jobs in the building don't require a college education. Certainly we're thrilled if people do have a college education, but in a lot of cases we can train. That's one of the reasons why we want to connect locally

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with some of the schools, so we can get some young folks into the business and see if they can kind of grow with us.

We also provide opportunities for our employees that, should they start with us, maybe down the road they want to get adventurous and travel. We have casinos -- we're opening up a new one in Las Vegas this summer. We have them in Malaysia, the United Kingdom, in Singapore, in New York City in Queens, and the Catskills. When they join the company we also encourage them, if they're adventurous, they can see if they want to move out of the area and try one of our other facilities. And we're very happy to really work on training and a lot of upward mobility and promotions.

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: And do you offer tuition reimbursement if they want to further their education?

MR. DeSALVIO: We do. We encourage training programs. We're happy to participate, either having them internally or if folks want to go ahead and get some of that training on the outside.

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MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: Just one more thing that didn't get answered. That 500,000 for security, is that yearly?

MR. DeSALVIO: Yes. All of the host community benefit part of that package is on a yearly basis.

MS. BLANCATO-HORTON: Okay. Thank you.

MR. DeSALVIO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Bob.
Thank you.

Bob, who do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Michelle Agosta.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Michelle Acosta -- Agosta. I'm sorry. I can't see the names from here. Is Michelle here? There she is. Michelle.

MS. AGOSTA: That's okay. I want to say that I appreciate looking for something to fill the space in the mall. As someone said, the mall is a sad place.

But I want to ask everyone to think about it in a different way, which is how I'm thinking about it. It does need development. It does need rejuvenation. But I have seen other

1 sad places. I'm old enough to remember Off-
2 Track Betting. I've lived in the city, I've
3 lived in many different boroughs. I lived in
4 Westchester, and I live up here now in the Town
5 of Newburgh. Off-Track Betting was one of those
6 things that was presented to us as a savior in
7 many ways. If you want to see a sad place, if
8 you ever were near an Off-Track Betting site, you
9 saw a sad place. If you want to see a sad place
10 you go to Aqueduct today and you go see what
11 people who are sitting at Aqueduct and what that
12 looks like and you'll see a sad place.

14 We're not talking about the social and
15 economic impact to the people's lives who come to
16 these gambling places. I know that gambling is a
17 problem, and yes they can take their money
18 someplace else, but it impacts the communities
19 where these places are, not just the people. If
20 you really don't have compassion or a feeling of
21 empathy or care for the people who are involved
22 in the gambling, it does affect the people who
23 live in the communities who have to pass by them
24 and live with them.

25 We're talking about a mall. Nobody ever

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answered the woman's question as to whether or not the library would stay or the karate school would stay in a mall with gambling.

We have no guarantees. As we were told, they're going to try to keep the construction jobs local as best as they can. We don't know what that means. They're going to try to give the jobs, as many as they can locally. There's no promises, and this is the way the lottery started with, you know, reimbursing the schools and funding the schools with the New York State Lottery. Everything looks great when it's nice and new and shiny.

I just think we need to take a deeper look at what we're talking about. The Off-Track Betting sites is a really sad place when people are in them, and that's what this is going to turn out to be. The library is not going to stay. The karate places aren't going to stay in that mall. That mall is going to be a really sad place because the people who gamble are people who don't have money. People who have money don't gamble. People who don't have money are the ones who come to gamble, and they're going to

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come on the buses, and they're going to come on public buses and we're going to end up with bigger bus companies who will come in and do it too. You can do all the studies that you want to do but poor people are going to come in droves to gamble to lose their money, and that's what's going to happen.

And yes, you'll offer counseling and they won't take it and they'll keep coming to gamble to lose their money, because when people have money they don't have to worry about making money. The only way poor people get money is by spending the little money they have to try to make more money by gambling to get it.

So a sad place. The mall is a sad place today. It is. I know we need construction jobs and I know the mall needs to be revitalized into something. I just don't think this is the way to do it, and I would hope that we would find a better way to do it. I think there are better ways to do it. This one is presenting itself right now. I would hope that we could find it in our hearts and our minds -- and not just our hearts but our minds as well to find a better way

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for our community to move forward in revitalizing a very sad place, which is the Newburgh Mall right now. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Michelle, thank you. Could we have your address for the record, if possible?

You have to unmute her, Bob, if we're going to get her back.

MS. AGOSTA: I live at 10 Fallview Drive.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Bobby, who do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Local 17.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Local 17 is unmuted.

MR. DIORIO: Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Go ahead. Yes, sir.

MR. DIORIO: I'm Todd Diorio. I'm currently a resident of Marlborough, New York. I will be a resident of Town of Newburgh on May 1st. I represent the Laborers Local 17 and the Hudson Valley Building Trades. The Hudson Valley Building Trades is 28 trade locals and about

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8,000 members.

I've been dealing with Resorts World now for almost ten years, three years during the construction up in Sullivan County, years ago at the beginning when we were going through the approval process. All of their work has been done union. I've met Bob and Ed and Meghan who I've known for a long time. They've committed to a hundred percent union project labor agreement.

I hear the concerns about local. A project labor agreement will guarantee that the workers on that project are local. They'll be from the community. My council represents Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Dutchess County. In the project labor agreement there's a commitment to the Town of Newburgh construction workers and the surrounding areas. Town of Newburgh first and Orange County.

It's about a (inaudible) dollar construction project and 200 to 300 workers on the job.

Additionally, there will be a lot of money spent hopefully renovating the mall. Hopefully we can get the mall owner to make the

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same commitment.

The benefits are very good local economic stimulus. You heard the average salary. I'm not going to get into all that.

The average community host agreements that are coming into place.

It's going to be a great project. They're good people. They're committed to union workers even after the project is built, as you heard with the good salaries.

We currently, as building trades, have about 40 to 45 people up at the casino in Sullivan County full time after the construction was complete. Union construction guys that actually do the maintenance there. I'm sure we'll get the same commitment here from this crew.

So we're in favor of this project. It's a good project. This mall has been vacant -- not vacant but kind of obsolete for years. So we are a hundred percent in favor of this project.

Thank you, Gil.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Todd.

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Bobby, who else do we got?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Dean Tamburri.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Dean Tamburri.

Dean, are you out there?

MR. TAMBURRI: Yes. My name is Dean Tamburri, I'm on 87 Holmes Road in Newburgh.

I appreciate everyone taking the time to have this presentation. I've talked to several of my neighbors who aren't going to be attending tonight, but I will tell you this, that everyone I've spoken to is in favor of this project.

I know other people who have worked at the casino, building it, and are still up there working in maintenance.

The casino has always kept with their promises going forward. They're a good partner. We can see that. How many different businesses that we have coming in the area that are willing to pay their fair share of the taxes?

One of the other things I really heard about concerns from some of the other local people I've spoken to is regarding crime, et cetera. I think Meghan and Jim there, Bob, he

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answered it very well. You guys answered that question. I think everyone should know that the other communities and how the reactions were.

I'm in favor of this project with many others that I know in the community, and I appreciate the time. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Dean.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Patti and Gary.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. I know Patti and Gary might want to talk again. Is there anyone else before we go to repeats here? Anyone that hasn't spoken yet?

(No response.)

No? Then, okay, let's go with Gary. You're up. Gary and Patti.

MR. MANLEY: Gil, Dan Depew is literally raising his hand.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Before we go to Gary and Patti, let's go to Dan Depew.

All right, Dan, if you're out there.

MR. DEPEW: Okay. Mr. Supervisor and Members of the Town Board, how are you this evening?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Good, thank you.

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MR. DEPEW: You know, I'm here because I made a commitment to myself that if there was an organization that did what they said they were going to do and they ever looked to expand, I would kind of follow them and tell their story a little bit on their behalf.

Genting New York and Resorts World did everything that they said they were going to do, and many of the concerns that were put before the community by really good people, residents, about crime, about traffic, about, you know, reasonable things, were proven that those never really happened.

As the former supervisor of the Town of Wallkill and the former deputy county manager of Sullivan County, I saw major benefits of the casino's operations as the racino in Monticello and then when they built their full on casino, and none of the negatives.

I'm a resident of the Town of Wallkill. My address is 348 Prosperous Valley Road. I'm in your Town quite a bit on a lot of different projects. I was in the Newburgh Mall just the other day. I look at that mall and I say whoa,

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what could you put there that would help it.

And in our town we have a mall of similar vintage, the Galleria. Because the Galleria was having some difficulties and things of that nature, they're proposing massive housing projects in and around that mall, apartments and things. This becomes the trend. You're either going to find someone who wants to partner with you to do a real credible project or they're going to try to change the zoning to turn it into apartments and things of that nature.

So I definitely feel not only would the casino be a great tenant for the Town, it would be very helpful, you know, for the mall and helpful to the community in that regard. But it's way better than many of the other developments that would come if the mall continues to fail. Every indication for retail and malls right now is not going their way.

So I think this is a good fit and I keep that commitment that we saw crime plummet in Sullivan County. We saw unemployment drop. We saw Genting and Resorts World continue to increase their involvement in the community and

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continue to do everything that they initially said that they were going to do. So you can take it from somebody who lived it. They are credible and they will do a great job and they keep their commitment.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you very much, Dan.

Craig. Craig is the first time. Craig, if you're out there we'll listen to you. Hopefully you'll give your address.

MR. GUILFOYLE: My name is Craig Guilfoyle, I live on Union Avenue Extension, probably not ten minutes from the mall.

As a 50-year resident of the Hudson Valley on both sides of the river, this is a project I think is great. It's not only going to benefit the community during the construction phase, but, as everyone has brought up, these high-paying, good jobs are going to enable young people to stay in the Hudson Valley. I've lived here my whole life. I want young people to be able to afford to stay in the Hudson Valley and be able to have good paying jobs that they can get to locally.

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I'm a hundred percent behind this project and I appreciate the opportunity to speak. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Craig.

With that, Bob. Is there also a Mike Gaydos out there that hasn't spoken yet?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: It's hard unless they raise their hand. We have eighty people. There's four people here. Next would be Donette.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: What about Mike? Mike Gaydos? Are you out there, Mike?

You can unmute Mike if he's there.

MR. MANLEY: He's raising his hand, Gil.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: There we go. There's Mike.

MR. GAYDOS: I would also like to thank the Town Board and Genting for this time. A lot has been said.

But a couple concerns I heard --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Mike, if we can get your address, too.

MR. GAYDOS: It's 8 Morley Circle, Town

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of Newburgh.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

MR. GAYDOS: I'm a 57 year resident, my whole life. I grew up right around the corner from the mall. The mall was -- at the time when it was built it was actually the place to be. Space Port, being a young kid going there. There were bars there the whole time I was there. You couldn't get into Ground Round if you wanted to. I wanted to, believe me. You couldn't get in there.

So I think, like Meghan said, they will police it well. You have the host agreement for police, fire, EMT. Those are concerns. But the host agreement spells it right out.

I really think if this didn't come at this time during -- after a pandemic and on our way out, you wouldn't have a karate establishment or a library. Sears is on its way out. All these big anchor stores leave. That karate, they couldn't survive on those two little mom and pop stores. This is coming at a perfect time.

All the concerns I agree with. I grew up there. I have a kid, too. Those are my

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concerns. But this is perfect timing and I think everybody involved will make sure things go well.

I urge your support. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Mike.

Who else, Bobby?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Donette.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Donette. Again, just your address and your mic should be open.

MS. SMITH: Sure. Donette Smith, I'm at 7 Rockwood Drive in Newburgh. I'm in the Town. Thanks for giving me the chance to talk. It's definitely a lot of information to take in, for sure. And I definitely can appreciate that we need the jobs.

I just want to go back to the jobs, though. The average salary I think was mentioned \$74,000. Fine. But we also heard, you know, a lot of those jobs would be attendees -- attendants rather, servers, things like that. I'm just wondering what percentage of those jobs realistically will be in the \$74,000 an hour range. Are attendants making 74,000 --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Donette, I think we have your question so far. Maybe Bob can

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answer that now, or if it's something he wants to get back to you.

Bob, are you there?

MS. TAYLOR: Gil, I'm here.

MR. DeSALVIO: Go ahead, Meghan.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Go ahead, Meghan.

MS. TAYLOR: So Donette, thank you so much for the question. The direct answer is about 78 percent or so of the 200 to 225 jobs that would be created would be union jobs or HTC, Hotel Trades Council jobs. Those would be the jobs averaging \$74,000 a year which would be inclusive of salary and benefits.

MS. SMITH: That was going to be my next question, actually. Is benefits included in that \$74,000?

MS. TAYLOR: That's correct.

MS. SMITH: It is. Okay. Okay.

And then back to the community benefit package. I know I was in the first meeting or one of the earlier meetings about this. If I remember correctly, the Town was getting \$1,000,000. Is that right?

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MS. TAYLOR: So it's actually the Town is getting \$3,000,000. I'll just break that down for you very quickly. So that \$3,000,000 is broken out -- and I need to preface this -- and Gil, I know you'll back me up on this -- this is in active negotiation. So this is not set in stone as of yet but this is what we are working with in the process with the Town approval. So the host community benefit agreement that we proposed to the Town of Newburgh was \$3,000,0000 annually which would be made up of \$1,000,000 to the Town of Newburgh for municipal purposes, \$500,000 for a public safety fund, and \$1,500,000 for a special or vital projects fund that would be -- that could be allocated to either Town of Newburgh projects or Orange County projects in total. So that would be -- but again, those payments would be made from Resorts World to the Town and the Town would decipher where that needed to go.

MS. SMITH: So the Town then would get to decide about that 1,500,000, if the Town is going to keep that project or if they're just going to give it to the County?

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MS. TAYLOR: The Town in collaboration with other elected officials as the Town Board saw fit. I do not want to speak on their behalf.

MS. SMITH: Of course. I'm just thinking out loud, that's all.

So that 1,500,000 not necessarily will stay in the Town? That 1,500,000 could be put out to the County for another project?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Donette, that would have to be agreed upon between myself and the County. And it might be multiple projects, too. It might not all just be to one. That's undecided. That host agreement is still being drawn.

MS. SMITH: Right. What I hear for the Town right now then is 1,000,000 for sure, 500,000 that is designated for safety, and then the other 1,500,000 is variable with the County. Correct?

MS. TAYLOR: Well it's actually to the Town.

MS. SMITH: To the Town?

MS. TAYLOR: The Town has to agree on where those funds would be distributed.

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MS. SMITH: So where does the County come into this? I thought I heard you say something -- how does the County figure in that?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Really if we want to be big hearted enough and there's a project that really needs it in the County, we would have the ability to work with the County and say hey, let's fund this particular project, you need it for a clean up, or whatever it might be.

MS. SMITH: So the Town then could make a donation, more or less, to the County to help them with a project?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well, if you want to call it that, I guess you could.

MS. SMITH: Well it sounds like that's what it would be; right? I'm sorry. It's a lot to think about.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Again it's a lot to think about. Senator Skoufis actually negotiated that.

MS. SMITH: I know he did.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I guess he had the whole County in mind rather than just Town of

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Newburgh. You know where my interest is. I think yours is right here.

MS. SMITH: The Town of Newburgh is my interest. That's right. If this is still being negotiated, we might be able to get a better deal. We're looking at a long-term commitment from Genta which is a very big corporation. We're talking billions of dollars.

So I encourage you, yes, to be thoughtful in your negotiation. That's all. It sounds like it could be a great opportunity for everybody.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Bobby, who else do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Chris.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Chris. Is there a Chris out there right now?

MR. CERONE: Sir, good evening. Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. CERONE: Thank you, Mr. Supervisor and Board Members. Thank you for the opportunity to speak.

My name is Chris Cerone, I'm a field

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representative for Laborers Local 17 in Newburgh and I currently reside in Marlborough, New York, north of the Town. I appreciate the opportunity to speak.

I just want to touch on a few things. One being, without being redundant to what everybody else said already, Resorts World has been a great partner to its employees. I want to point out that during the pandemic, when Resorts World had to shutdown, they continued to pay the healthcare on all of their employees while they were out of work. They're constantly going above and beyond for their employees, and I think they would be a great partner for the Town of Newburgh.

This is a much needed project for the Town of Newburgh, especially the mall. I don't think there's a better location in the Town.

This is not only going to bring the construction jobs that are so greatly needed in the Town but the permanent jobs for the residents of the Town of Newburgh and City of Newburgh.

I wanted to take this opportunity to convey my support for this project, and I hope

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the Town Board looks favorably upon it. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Chris.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Jill Enfield.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Jill Enfield.

MS. ENFIELD: Hi. I'm Jill Enfield and I live on Powder Mill Road in the Town of Newburgh. I've just been reading a lot about the company and about gambling and what it does to neighborhoods. Unfortunately I have not been reading such wonderful things about what happens to properties, how they do once a gambling establishment has opened. This is very different than having a hotel and a resort opening. This is just machines -- if I understood correctly, it's just a bunch of machines that are coming in for people to come and play with.

I also was reading something that Resorts World is \$500,000,000 in debt as of last year and that the northeast is oversaturated with gaming establishments. So I was just wondering how you could afford to -- I think -- I do think it's wonderful that you did pay your employees

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their health insurance while they were not employed by you since you had to close. If you are so much in debt, how are you going to be able to pay for this?

And I have to say I don't agree that it will be okay for the housing market for you to be here.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right, Jill. Thank you for your comments, really. I think any financial situation, I don't think it's our position here to act as Dunn & Bradstreet if you would. We don't really get into the finances. But your comments are well taken and the Town Board will look into them.

Who else do we have, Bobby?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Just Patti and Gary. They never put their hand down.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So we've got Patti and Gary again. Either you never took your hand down or you have another question. Gary and Patti, if you want.

PATTI: Hi. It's Patti again. I'm at Brighton Green in the Town of Newburgh.

My question has to do with the

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2 transportation and traffic study that was done.
3 Brighton Green is right off of Meadow Hill Road.
4 Obviously I'm up and down that road a lot. My
5 question has to do with the back exit of the
6 Newburgh Mall that exits or entrances onto Meadow
7 Hill Road. Is there going to be a traffic light
8 that would be put in? Honestly, right now it's
9 difficult to get in and out of that exit. There
10 are many times that if you come right out of that
11 mall to go left up Meadow Hill Road, you're going
12 to get clipped.

13 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's one on
14 the logistics there. I'm not sure. That's going
15 to be at the Planning Board level.

16 I don't know if Mark Taylor is there.
17 Mark, could you help us there? Go ahead, Mark.

18 MR. TAYLOR: To be honest, I don't
19 believe the traffic study addressed the possible
20 impacts on the rear entrance. That is something
21 that should be reviewed as part of the SEQRA
22 process by the Town Board as well, or it may, as
23 part of your SEQRA determination, indicate to the
24 Planning Board that it should review the issue to
25 make a determination in the site plan review

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process.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Mark.

Patti, to answer your question, it will be looked at.

PATTI: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Is there anyone left, Bob? We're going on to doubles now.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: ET. He already spoke, too, but he has his hand up.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: ET, your hand is still up. Is it up for a reason?

MR. TIRADO: Yes. I did have a question. Thanks again for the opportunity. 89 Lakeside Road, Ernesto Tirado.

I just want to ask Bob how diversified would that workforce be?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Meghan can answer that. Or Bob. How diversified is the workforce?

MR. DeSALVIO: I think -- Gil, am I unmuted?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes, you are.

MR. DeSALVIO: Okay, great.

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Thank you for the question. We take the issue of diversity and inclusion very seriously at Resorts World. For anyone that's been in one of our facilities, in Queens for example, you would see that all types are represented within the building. We encourage everybody to join the company, and you will see that we would have an overabundance of a very diverse and inclusive workforce.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Thank you, Bob.

MR. DeSALVIO: Sure.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: My Bob here. Is that it, Bob?

Okay. Being we got most of the public, I'm going to ask for short comments from our Town Board if we have any.

Betty, you can go first.

MS. GREENE: I want to thank everyone who participated tonight. It has really been an education, as far as I'm concerned, of hearing everyone's opinions, both pro and con, and I promise you -- I took lots of notes and I promise you that I will consider all that you have said

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before I make a decision with my vote.

Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you,
Betty.

So with that I think we can go next to
Paul Ruggiero. If you have any comments, Paul.

MR. RUGGIERO: Not really. I just want
to thank everybody for participating tonight. I
think the more we talk about this, the more
things get out in the open, and it's better
discussed this way to make a better decision.
Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Paul.

So then we'll ask Scott. Scott, do you
have any comments here?

MR. MANLEY: Just like your first
statement earlier. There's nothing more to
repeat. Just the same as the other Council
people.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good,
Scott. Thank you.

Anthony LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Good evening, everyone.
I just wanted to thank everyone who participated

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for taking their time. This is a really important issue for the Town, and I think all of the comments were very respectful and they brought up very good points. I will seriously consider everyone's input as to how we move this Town forward with this very important issue. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anthony, thank you.

And I want to say I really want to thank everyone. This was so well organized and respectful by all. I really thank you for that.

Believe me when I tell you, I've been around for awhile, this Board will make the right decision. I really trust my Board and I'm sure we're going to come up with the right decision. There's a lot to look into and we're going to do it.

So with that, I think we'll make a motion to close this public hearing.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded at 8:20 to close this public hearing.

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Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

I think we're going to take a short recess, Joe. I used to say in the old days I'm going to smoke a cigarette. I'm not going to smoke a cigarette.

Does somebody want to make a motion to go into recess for five minutes or ten minutes?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make that motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to go into recess for five minutes.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero? Councilman Ruggiero?

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MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Thank you, everyone. We'll be back.

(Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Is everyone
back?

MR. PEDI: Mr. Supervisor, are you
ready to reconvene?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Joseph Pedi, if
you're there, should someone make a motion to
come out of recess?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
come out of recess at 8:32 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Now we can move on to number 7, Joe.

MR. PEDI: Yes. Number 7, Police

Department, resolution authorizing
inter-municipal agreement between the Town of
Newburgh and Orange County Stop DWI program.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. This
is something we've done every year since I can
remember with the County.

So if someone would want to make a
motion to approve that resolution for that Stop
DWI program.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second all your
motions.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero --

MR. RUGGIERO: I did. Yes. Thank you.

MR. PEDI: And Councilwoman Greene, you
seconded it?

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MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 8 for the Recreation Department. The first item is approval of quote for T-shirt purchase.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So again, James Presutti, our Commissioner of Parks & Recreation, he's asking that we award this quote to Fusion Graphix at the price of \$3.79 for the T-shirts.

If someone would make that motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

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(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next for the Recreation Department we go to item B, approval to hire part-time recreation aide.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Again Commissioner Presutti is asking to hire Denise LaForgue as a recreation aide on a part-time basis at an hourly rate of \$15.31, a starting date of April 26th. She'll be assigned to the Desmond Estate. The appropriation is 7520.5100.

Does somebody want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

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(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item C for the Recreation Department, approval to hire seasonal recreation aides.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: And these aides take a big part in the camp process. We had quite a bit sign up for camp already, so hopefully we're going to be good. There's about 21 here listed. I'm going to say as presented but I'll read the motion.

The motion is to hire 21 recreation aides as presented after the background and physical. The starting date will be June 7, 2021 until September 12, 2021. Salaries vary between

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\$15.31 and \$16.32 for these seasonals. For Anthony Etri-Moughan and John Matthews the start date will be May 3, 2021 until September 12, 2021.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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

The first item is a T-94 withdrawal for Flannery Animal Hospital.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Tracey Carvell, our Animal Control Officer, is asking to expend

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\$32.35 from the T-94 donation account. That's for Flannery Animal Hospital, 32.35.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next item B, also for Animal Control, approval to start process to hire one part-time animal dog control officer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So here Paul Ruggiero is suggesting -- he's liaison to that department. He does a very good job overseeing it. He's suggesting we start the

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process to hire one part-time animal control dog officer.

We're looking for that motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

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

MR. RUGGIERO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: The last for Animal Control is item C, approval to start process to hire two part-time shelter helpers.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Here again we could vote on this but this has actually already been done. It's already on the web page.

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We never took it down to hire the part-timer.
Let's make a motion anyway to start the process
to hire. This will be to hire two part-time
animal helpers.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MR. MANLEY: Two and not one?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: What was that,
Scott?

MR. MANLEY: That's for two more and
not just one more?

MR. RUGGIERO: For two, Scott. We have
two openings.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Let's put in for
two. We can check -- when we actually hire we'll
double check the budget.

MR. PEDI: Is there any further
discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

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MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: No.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 10 for the Highway Department, spring leaf and brush pick up.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So Mark Hall, our Highway Superintendent, he wants to get approval for leaf and brush pick up between May 3, 2021 and May 6, 2021 and calls being on May 7, 2021. I will get this put on the web page.

Hopefully, Joe, you'll get it advertised.

I'm not sure if we need a motion on this or not. If someone wants to make a motion when we're going to go out to --

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

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MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11 for the Accounting Department, approval to hire principal payroll clerk.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: And so Ron Clum, our Accountant, interviews were done, and I believe Betty sat in on those interviews, too. She's the liaison.

MS. GREENE: Yes -- no.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So who is the liaison for the Town?

MR. MANLEY: I'm the liaison. I was

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out of town that day.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. I know Ron had done it and Charlene sat in.

MR. MANLEY: I spoke to them.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: This person is being hired off the County list, so -- okay. So it's Marina Callis. He's looking to hire Marina Callis as principal payroll clerk. It's a full-time position at an hourly rate of 19.9795. It's from fund appropriation 1315.5100. The proposed hire date is April 19, 2021. That's assuming that the physical and everything else is complete. The background.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 12 for the Water Department, approval to conduct spring fire hydrant flushing.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So Jeff Guido, our Water Department Manager, is suggesting flushing of the hydrants. We do this twice a season now instead of once. We'll begin on Monday, May 3, 2021, and continue to completion, on or before May 14, 2021. And that will be posted on the website. Joe will advertise it.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 13 for the Engineering Department. There are three items that involve water main improvements at North Fletcher Drive, post bid construction phased services. The first item is approval construction --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Here's what I was going to ask. Just a minute. I see Pat Hines is there. I think he's in the firehouse. I think I see a fire hose behind him.

Can we unmute Pat? Maybe he'll give us a quick rundown on this.

MR. HINES: This is for Fletcher Drive. The project was recently bid and awarded to Regal Utilities. It's going to start construction in the near future. Maser, now Colliers, was the design engineer. These are the proposals for the post bid. Your 12-A is for the administrative

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2 services, 12-B is for the construction inspection
3 during the construction to keep track and eyes on
4 the contractor, and then 13-C is the preparation
5 of as-built plans. Maser was the design
6 engineers and they gave us this proposal to do
7 the construction phased services brokered out in
8 those three tasks. It's a total of \$56,000. The
9 total cost of the project, the construction phase
10 right now is just under \$500,000. \$300,000 of
11 that is covered by a grant through New York
12 State.

13 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Pat.

14 So with that, we're looking for a
15 motion to award the post bid construction
16 services in the amount of \$56,300 to Maser
17 Engineering.

18 MR. HINE: I think it's Colliers now.
19 I'm not sure where they are with the name change.

20 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: They joined with
21 another company so it's Colliers or Maser or
22 whatever. Okay.

23 MR. MANLEY: Gil, can I just ask a
24 quick question? We're going to do A, B and C all
25 together then?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes. We're doing the three together. That's what comes to the 56,000.

MR. HINES: That's the total.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make that motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MS. GREENE: Paul can have it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

I've just got to tell you, Pat, I wasn't kidding about the fire hoses. I see now it's the valance on your drapes behind you. It looks like they're wrapped up fire hoses.

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MR. HINES: I'll let my wife know that.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Apologize to
your wife for me.

(Chuckling.)

MR. PEDI: Item 14 for announcements.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I have no
announcements.

Betty, do you have anything?

MS. GREENE: I have no announcements.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Paul?

MR. RUGGIERO: Just one. Tomorrow at
Chadwick lake Park at 4:30 p.m., get there around
4:00, NFA versus Kingston for a second and final
cross country race at the park.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: It starts at 4?

MR. RUGGIERO: Get out there and
support NFA or Kingston.

MS. GREENE: Did you say 4:00, Paul?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yeah. I would get there
at like 4:00 because they're going to start at
4:30. It's girls and boys cross country.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very nice. Very
nice. All right. Thanks, Paul.

With that; Scott, do you have anything?

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MR. MANLEY: No, I don't have anything.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anthony?

MR. LOBIONDO: No, sir. Nothing tonight. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. With that we'll go to public comments, Joe.

MR. PEDI: That's correct.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Does anyone have anything to say? Give us an indication here somehow and we'll let you have the floor.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: ET.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: ET. We have ET.

MR. TIRADO: Ernesto Tirado, 89 Lakeside Road. I've just got a question on all those jobs you're looking to fill. Are you going to be advertising those or are they already filled?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Those are part-time seasonal. Many of them are college kids. All the applications have come in already. A lot of them are coming back from last year.

And Jim Presutti, do you want to add to that? Jim Presutti, Commissioner. He's really involved in that.

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Go ahead, Jim.

MR. PRESUTTI: Those jobs are advertised every year in the early spring, so --

MR. TIRADO: On the website?

MR. PRESUTTI: On the website. But most of the ones that you see for the rec aides are returning counselors for summer camps and what not. But yes, they are advertised.

MR. TIRADO: Okay. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Anyone else, Bob? Who else do we got?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Donette.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, Donette. I see your hand. Go ahead, Donette.

MS. SMITH: Hi. I'm just curious with the summer camps that are being planned. With COVID what are the numbers that you're looking at when it comes to the summer camps?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Could we unmute Jim Presutti again?

MR. PRESUTTI: Donette, normally we take close to 200. We knocked that number down to between 75 and 100. So we knocked them in half.

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MS. SMITH: Okay.

MR. PRESUTTI: We do use COVID protocols and we are mandated by the County Health Department. So yes.

MS. SMITH: So there's a whole plan in place.

MR. PRESUTTI: It was in place last year for our programs last year which we had very little, and we're just following the same protocols, unless the County changes them.

MS. SMITH: Okay. While I have you Jim, actually, any updates on the Desmond campus? What's happening there or programs planned there?

MR. PRESUTTI: We had two part-time folks start today. They were working for the Desmond prior. I've charged them with coming up with a small slate, because we're going to walk before we run with the Desmond. I don't want to run into everything. I want to start this the right way. So I asked them to please come up with between ten and fifteen activities and programs that we may be able to start by June 1st. Today was their first day on the job, so -- and they worked for the Desmond before. They ran

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the programs before. They're very excited and I'm very excited to get moving on it.

MS. SMITH: Awesome. That's great.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good.

Donette, was that it for now? Okay.

Anyone else, Bobby?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Not that I see.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Seeing no one else, and it's been a long night, does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MR. PEDI: Wait.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: A motion to go into executive session.

MR. PEDI: That's correct.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Make a motion to go into executive session. Does someone want to do that?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Before we vote on it, this is a little different. Usually executive session is just in the back room where they talk about personnel issues. In this case it's about a sick bank for a Town employee. It's

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not appropriate to talk about it in public.
We're going to keep this meeting open. I'm going to call the Members up by telephone, put them on the speakerphone and see if they want to approve this sick bank. If they do, we're going to come back out of executive session and give the motion to Joe and we'll vote on it in public.

It's going to be a little boring. If you want to watch TV instead. We'll still be here. We're coming back for the actual vote. We're going to go into executive session.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to go into executive session at 8:52 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero? Councilman Ruggiero?

MR. MANLEY: He's on mute. He's waiving his hand yes. He's on mute.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I hear him.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

We'll be back.

(Whereupon, a short recess was taken.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So Joe, we need
a motion to come out of executive session.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
come out of --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We got a motion
to come out of executive session.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
come out of executive session at 9:02 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Joe, there was no action taken in executive session, but we're going to make a motion now and we will take action now that we've come out of executive session.

That motion is going to be to create a sick bank for a Town employee. It was actually asked for by the CSEA.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

I'll look for a motion to adjourn.

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MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to
adjourn at 9:03 p.m.

Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Thank you, everyone. Have a good
night.

(Time noted: 9:03 p.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, MICHELLE CONERO, a Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

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

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties to this proceeding by blood or by marriage and that I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 14th day of April 2021.

Michelle Conero

MICHELLE CONERO