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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 8th of February 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
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MR. PEDI: It's 7 p.m. Today is the 8th day of February 2021. 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: Would everybody please 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: The only changes

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I have, under 11 A there will be an 11 A-1 and 11 A-2 because there will be two different votes on that. And number 12 is off, start of process to hire a part timer. We don't have to do that at this time. That's all I have, Joseph.

MR. PEDI: Very good. Any other changes?

MR. MANLEY: I've got none.

MS. GREENE: I have none.

MR. PEDI: Great. Thank you. Next we go on to item 5, approval of audit.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So I'm looking for a motion to approve this audit in the amount of \$473,712.78. If someone wants to make that motion.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. RUGGIERO: Second.

MR. PEDI: Was that Councilman LoBiondo who seconded, please?

MR. LOBIONDO: It was not.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

Mrs. Greene?

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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: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 6 for Roseton CCI; item A, State Environmental Quality Review.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So the first thing with this, on Roseton CCI, is we're going to approve SEQRA as a negative declaration. Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: 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?

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MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Then next we go on to item B for the host agreement.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So this is part of a community host agreement for Roseton CCI. As it breaks down in this host agreement, the Town will be receiving in 2021, this year, 380,000; in 2022, 225,000; 2023, 225,000; 2025, 275,000. It's actually a total of \$1,400,000 -- \$1,440,000 over the course of the term. This has been agreed upon with the Marlborough School District, of course Roseton and ourselves. And we've been negotiating this for some time. I think we really got it where we want it. Marlborough Schools is even happy with it.

We'll probably look for a motion to approve that host agreement.

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MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: And I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I'm sorry, Joe.
Go ahead. Go ahead. You go ahead.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 7 for
Accounting. The first item is a budget transfer
for 2020 year end.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.
Again Ron Clum is suggesting these transfers for
the 2020 budget still. So they're as presented.
I'm not going to read these off. If someone

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wants to make a motion as presented.

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item B
which is another budget transfer, this one for
the Desmond property.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: As you recall,
we didn't acquire the Desmond property until like
December, so it was before our budget time. But
we did anticipate obtaining the Desmond property.
These are transfers just so we'll have line items
so we can pay things like fuel oil and electric

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for different line items directly for Desmond so we can keep track of that.

Does someone want to make that motion as presented?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero made the motion. Do I have a second, please?

MR. LOBIONDO: I will second it.

MR. PEDI: Thank you very much. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 8 for Code Compliance. This is an approval to assign a road name of Promise Lane.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So here Susan Richichi, I guess owner of the property, they like the name of Promise Lane. This is off of -- Promise Lane is off of what road?

MR. PEDI: It's off Coach Lane which is at the end of Carriage Drive.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Very good. So that's where it's located. It's gone through Code Compliance and checks with 911.

Does someone want to make a motion for Coach -- not for Coach, for Promise Lane?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 9 for Animal Control. This is a T-94 withdrawal for the Animal Rights Alliance.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So we're going to look for a motion to withdraw \$20 from the T-94 account. That's for T.A.R.A., Incorporated. This is a donation account, not taxpayer money.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second --

MS. GREENE: I'll second -- go ahead.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second the motion.

Sorry.

MR. PEDI: Thank you, Councilman Manley. Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

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MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 10 for the Highway Department, approval to solicit bids for summer material, cold milling, tree cutting and heavy equipment rental.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Does someone want to make that motion for the summer equipment? I hope it comes soon, the summer, let alone the equipment.

MS. GREENE: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11 for the Engineering Department. The first item is A, Millhouse Road embankment utilization project. The first motion we'll need is for item I.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. I see Pat Hines is out there. Maybe we can unmute Pat Hines for just a minute. He's unmuted. Good.

Pat, this is actually up for a retaining wall that's going to go on Millhouse Road, some work for that.

MR. HINES: (Inaudible.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: You sound like you're underwater there, Pat. Must be your audio or something over there.

MR. MANLEY: He's muted right now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yeah.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He muted himself. I think he's calling in now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Pat, if you can hear me, just call me and I'll put you on

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the speakerphone.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He's in here now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Is he in?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Yes.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: But he's got to unmute himself.

MR. HINES: How am I doing now?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I don't know. We'll give it a try. They're telling me you're good, Pat.

MR. HINES: I switched to my phone. I'm having computer issues.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So anyway, this was actually a retaining wall that's being built up by Millhouse. We've done a lot of work with that culvert a couple years back. Right?

MR. HINES: Yeah. This is between the culvert and Route 9W, right by the pond. Between the Millhouse and the pond there's a 200 plus or minus foot section of the embankment that's kind of sloughing off towards the pond, taking the road with it. So it's a road by use so we don't

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have much area to work in. We're looking to put a solidier pile retaining wall in between the roadway and the pond to -- so the road stays there.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Very good, Pat.

So with that, the low quote to perform the survey work was Mercurio, Norton, Tarolli & Marshall at a cost not to exceed \$7,150. That's for the survey.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. PEDI: Who made the motion, please?

Was that Councilman Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Thank you, Councilman Manley.

Do I have a second, please?

MS. GREENE: I'll second it then.

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

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: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to 11 A-ii.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So this is the low quote to perform test borings and geotechnical analysis was Dan Loucks, CE for a cost of \$12,500. Again, that's not to exceed.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Ruggiero made the motion. Do I have a second, please?

MS. GREENE: I'll second that one, too.

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

MR. MANLEY: Can we have a discussion before the vote?

MR. PEDI: Certainly.

MR. MANLEY: Pat, can you hear me?
Scott Manley here.

MR. HINES: Yes, I can.

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MR. MANLEY: I mean it's a very historical sensitive area. The borings will not bother anything over there?

MR. HINES: No. The borings will be done within the roadway. They'll be about 4-inch diameter holes that will be bored within the existing roadway to check for the depth of bedrock and the stability of the soil there, and then they'll be patched up -- they'll be grouted with cement and then paved back over. That's one of the reasons why we're looking at the solider pile retaining wall, is because of the sensitive nature of that area. We don't have a lot of room to work with and the solider pile wall can kind of blend in a lot better than a concrete, modern structure.

MR. MANLEY: I've spoken to Richie Rosencrans about this. He's now the director of Millhouse. So hopefully we can all work together to make sure it's aesthetic and that kind of stuff, too.

MR. HINES: Yeah. There will be a need for some guide rail between the roadway and the wall. That's something we'll work with them to

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do the most aesthetically pleasing guide rail we can. Right now there's orange construction fence in that area.

MR. MANLEY: Exactly. That's exactly what he told me. Excellent.

MS. GREENE: And I have a question, too. What's the timetable on this?

MR. HINES: It's a little weather dependent, but as soon as spring comes. Right now the survey couldn't be done with the snow on the ground. But as soon as the snow leaves we can authorize the surveyor. The surveyor will be first and then the geotech because we need the elevations. This is pre-design work. This is the information we need to come forward with a design for the actual engineered structure. As soon as the weather breaks we'll get going on it.

MS. GREENE: Thank you.

MR. RUGGIERO: Pat, are we going to -- how many boring holes are they anticipating?

MR. HINES: I think there was three. There may be four.

MR. RUGGIERO: Okay. Thank you.

MR. HINES: Yup.

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MR. PEDI: Okay. With that being said,
let's vote on this.

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: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 11 B,
approval to award for Meadow Hill South parallel
relief sewer project.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So on
this one it's of course the -- we received bids
for that Meadow Hill South parallel relief sewer.
The bids range from \$996,000 to \$1,800,000.
We're advised by our engineers that TAM
Enterprises at the low bidder of \$996,000, that
we should award it to them.

So I'm looking for a motion to award
that.

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Pat, is there going to be a completion date on this project?

MR. HINES: This project is subject to the consent order to work out with the DEC due to the previous overflows from there. It's a completion date of September. So we -- that's why it's important to award it now. Part of the consent order was a schedule of compliance that included this project.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Very good.

Does someone want to make a motion then to award this to TAM Enterprises?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make that motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Item 12 has been deleted, so we move on to item 13 for the Recreation Department, approval to start process to hire two part-time recreation aides.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. And these two part-time recreation aides will more than likely end up at the Desmond Estate.

Does someone want to make a motion to start the process to hire two part-time aides?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the motion.

MR. PEDI: Any further discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

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MR. PEDI: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 14 for announcements.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I'm going to do mine first real quick.

Again I want to thank the Highway Department, the Police Department and everyone who worked the snowstorm. I think we're getting another one, even though nowhere near as bad as that first one. Maybe even this evening. As I always say, it never ends. But we have a great staff that keeps up with it.

With that; Betty, do you have anything?

MS. GREENE: I'm going to echo your statement because it was on my mind also. To me they've done over and above with all the snow we've had this year, and I thank them very, very much for working so hard for our residents. And everybody be careful on the next storm.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul, do you have anything for us?

MR. RUGGIERO: No. I have nothing, Gil. Thank you.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. Scott?

MR. MANLEY: The same as everything about the Highway, the Police and all our Town employees doing a great job.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's why I went first, because I knew I wouldn't have anything to say at the end.

Anthony?

MR. LOBIONDO: I'm just going to echo what you said, Gil. Thank you to our Highway and Police for keeping us safe.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good. With that, Joseph.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item 15 for public comments.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If anyone in the public -- could we just scroll, Bob? Can we do that? Who do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: We have Chief Campbell.

SUPERVISOR CAMPBELL: No, I don't think he's got anything.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: ET.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Who?

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MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: ET.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We have ET out there. Does ET want to say anything?

MR. TIRADO: Yes. I just have an inquiry. Executive Order 203, I believe most municipalities had to convene a panel to discuss the Executive Order. I would like to know if you have a panel, who they are and how many times you've met?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: With that, maybe we can unmute the chief. Chief and Scott Manley are most on this. Chief, if you can unmute, you can answer that maybe for us.

Could you unmute the Chief? There he is.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: Can you hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: Okay. The panel has just been convened. We haven't met yet. We are -- it looks like we're going to start our meetings next week on Tuesday. As far as the actual members of the panel, I would have to defer to Scott Manley on that.

MR. TIRADO: (Inaudible.) I'm sorry.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So the first meeting, Bruce, is actually Tuesday. Is that next Tuesday at 7:00?

CHIEF CAMPBELL: Yes. As far as my understanding is that we are going to -- the meetings are going to be Zoom type meetings so everybody can listen in on them. It's a very open type of discussion that people will be able to contribute to. I think that we're scheduled to have our first one next Tuesday, but again I have to defer to Scott Manley if that's actually the case.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Scott, can you answer that?

MR. MANLEY: We're hoping to. We're just going to talk to the members. And also tomorrow, Wednesday, the chief and I have been working on the survey we're going to send out. Hopefully we can start sharing that online. If not tomorrow, if we can get in and out with the weather Wednesday, and basically get the public input and by next Tuesday have the actual public Zoom meetings.

Mr. Tirado, I think you want to know

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who some of the people were on the committee
or --

MR. TIRADO: Yes.

MR. MANLEY: Okay. The chief, myself, I believe it's Bob Conflitti from the DA's office. Right, Chief?

CHIEF CAMPBELL: That's correct. Yeah.

MR. MANLEY: We're still waiting to hear from Legal Aid. We requested them. I was told that most towns are not getting involved. Hopefully we'll at least get a yes or a no. Some of the public people are Colin Jarvis, Town of Newburgh resident, runs Newburgh Ministries and a few other programs. Jennifer Flynn, business woman, her and her wife own Barking Goose over on North Plank road, also a Town resident. Terry Vorett, the gentleman owns -- owns -- runs the African Cultural Center. Him and his wife are the founders. I don't know if you want to call them owners. I know I'm missing -- oh, Pastor Irving Rivera from Meadow Hill Church. We'll get the whole public involved once we get going. Absolutely.

MR. TIRADO: Thank you.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you. Mr. Tirado, too, I want to add to that too that body cameras are coming in any day.

Bruce, is that right? We've ordered them already for all officers.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: They're in. They're just being programmed right now by our IT people. So we expect them to be online, it could be any day now.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good. Okay. Thank you.

Anybody else?

MS. TIRADO: I'm sorry. I didn't know somebody else had their hand up.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Vanessa, I can hear you but I can't see you on my screen. Sure. Go ahead, Vanessa.

MS. TIRADO: Okay. So sorry about that. Okay. So I also want to reiterate a great job with the Police Department and our DOT for, you know, clearing up snow and all that. They're all out there all hours. They're doing a fantastic job.

So my question is -- thank you for

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responding to Executive Order 203 and getting a panel together. And I also like the people that you've got there because it shows a little bit of diversity. I'm happy about that as well. And people within our community. So that's always a good thing to get them involved.

Two questions I have. I note you've probably read about the resort coming in to -- for the gambling machines. At this point it's still, I guess, under review. I'm not sure how that is, but I have no objections to it at this point because I don't know too much about it. But anything to bring business in to the Town, I would look at it with definitely an open mind because we definitely need that. As I indicated before, small businesses are suffering in the Town of Newburgh as you well know. So anything to boost them up, including that mall that we have, it would help the area. So I'm looking forward to additional information with that.

My next question or comment is I recently saw that your son, Gil, was given the position with our Parks Department. I think it's junior custodian or something like that. I don't

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know. I kind of found that to be an issue in terms of you being the Supervisor and of course your son, it would almost be like a nepotism type of situation, and I wanted -- or a conflict of interest being you are our Town Supervisor. Did you not see that or feel that that would have been a conflict of interest?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well let me say this, Ms. Tirado. I really didn't take part too much in the hiring process in any way. I would say this, though. I've been with this Town twenty-four years in one aspect or another, and I don't know if anyone thinks I waited twenty-four years just to be in a position where I could hire my first born to clean toilet bowls. Really.

MS. TIRADO: Well I hope not.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I mean I've got to laugh with you, too, on this one. And I don't think I'm the first one guilty of their child working where their father works. Unfortunately it looks like I control everything here, but, you know, what I really don't control everything. I don't think what I've done was any ethics issue. If we did, we can turn it in to the Ethics Board

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and have them look at it.

MS. TIRADO: Perhaps that should have been done before he was hired then. Was it reviewed by the Ethics Board?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Well you could say that perhaps. I don't think I'm the first one whose son has ever worked for the Town, let alone in a custodial position.

MS. TIRADO: Yeah. I don't know.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So that's that. I do have another son that works in the Town, that's worked for a number of years, and he started as an intern. So he actually donated his time and eventually got a part-time job and eventually a full-time job. And I would do that for anybody, my family or whatever. There are Civil Service things to go by on many of these positions, some being tested, you've got to be in the top three and all that. So I certainly feel I've done nothing wrong in any way and never would with my family. Other people want to say hey, look at this guy, what's he doing, go to the Ethics Board. All of the alarm systems and the monitoring in this Town is monitored by my family

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business but we're not -- the Town is not charged for anything. So that's about \$25,000 a year that in a way is donated to the Town. And I don't write it off either on the income tax. So that's where I stand. I always try to be straight and forward. I hope that answers it, Ms. Tirado.

MS. TIRADO: It does, and I appreciate you being honest and frank with me. Thank you so much.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

Okay. Anyone else that we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Lauren Mandel.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. It says Mandel on the screen but I can't see them here. Do we have a question? Do we have a question, Bob?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: They have to unmute if they want.

MS. MANDEL: I'm so sorry. My dog is going to start barking. I'm sorry. They just all of a sudden got very active as soon as you asked me to unmute.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: They must know

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it I guess.

MS. MANDEL: I'm sorry about that. I did just have a couple of questions just relating back to the January meeting. You know, I was really concerned. In my neighborhood, just around the corner, there was a meth lab that was deconstructed that was found out, thank God, by the Town of Newburgh Police. I don't know if the FBI were involved in that or not. It was really shocking to me. It's a really nice neighborhood next to my neighborhood. A much nicer neighborhood than my neighborhood I guess. When I say nicer, I mean upper class neighborhood more than mine so. And that was really shocking.

And then again, you know, just really concerned about the drug issue in the Town relating to opioids and other illegal drugs that are flooding our Newburgh streets. I know we've got a dog for bombs, but I really, again, feel like drugs and drug enforcement and drug ratification in our community needs to be a priority and I don't hear a lot about it. I get continually concerned about that because, again, especially with that meth lab being found. I

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2 mean that was a big operation that was going on.
3 It wasn't a little operation. And, you know,
4 that's just one example of other home businesses
5 that are running right in our neighborhood
6 besides the one that was turned down by the
7 Planning -- the Zoning Board. So I want to bring
8 up that issue. I don't know if you -- I have
9 another question as well, though. So I didn't
10 know if you want me to ask both questions at once
11 or if you want to answer that one first.

12 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Chief, can you
13 answer that question for her? You've got to
14 unmute yourself.

15 CHIEF CAMPBELL: Well, first of all I
16 can't speak too much about that particular case,
17 only because it is an ongoing investigation and
18 not to jeopardize any type of prosecution going
19 there. Although I can say that we don't have any
20 evidence that he was actually producing and
21 selling methamphetamines from there. That's the
22 first type of lab that we found here in the Town
23 of Newburgh. Like I can't really go into detail
24 as to what transpired there but I can say I don't
25 believe it's a widespread concern, at least as

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far as methamphetamines.

Now, drugs in general are certainly a concern, and we are looking to add K-9s for drug intervention and other programs that we can help to do some drug intervention. That's part of our plan going forward. But the drugs are definitely a concern for us and it's something we continue to work on every day.

MS. MANDEL: Are we involved in drug court in the Town of Newburgh or is that just the City of Newburgh?

CHIEF CAMPBELL: Court in general, just because of the COVID situation, has practically shutdown. There's no in-person court right now. There is no longer any bail for any drug-related offenses. This is the unfortunate part of the bail reform is that when you would arrest somebody for the possession of narcotics, that would be maybe their opportunity to dry out a little bit and be able to kick it, or at least get themselves into a program. We're essentially issuing them appearance tickets and back out on the street within hours and --

MS. MANDEL: I do understand that. I

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guess what I was asking -- just my ignorance -- in the City of Newburgh I know they do have access to the drug court. It is video, you're correct. But I do work with that drug court. Is that something that we have in the Town of Newburgh also or is it only for the City of Newburgh?

CHIEF CAMPBELL: We don't have that number of drug arrests here, but we work with the courts in all of those programs, and we work closely with the City of Newburgh as well. And I've met, probably about a year ago now, with some of the judges over in the City of Newburgh as well trying to -- everything is trying to evolve. We're trying to evolve into how we can best handle these drug programs and deal with some of these issues without incarceration, but also to get people the help they need and try to persuade them to get help even if they don't think they need it. We're working on it.

MS. MANDEL: And how about having Hope Not Handcuffs work with you guys?

CHIEF CAMPBELL: We have not been approached by those guys. My understanding was

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that they don't have any of the angels that live in our area, or at least our jurisdiction.

MS. MANDEL: No, no. You actually approach them. They don't solicit any business. Chiefs of police from different jurisdictions actually reach out to them or ask -- because you're inviting them into your house.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: Sure.

MS. MANDEL: That's actually how that works.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: I'm certainly open to that. That was maybe my misunderstanding. I was under the impression that they didn't have anyone in our area that lived here that was an angel that could provide the support here. I'll certainly reach out to them without hesitation.

MS. MANDEL: That would be great.

MR. MANLEY: Chief, can I just say something on that?

Lauren, two or three times, including about three weeks ago, I messaged Hope Not Handcuffs on their Facebook page. It comes up that we'll get back to you. I gave them my number and everything and have not heard from

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them.

MS. MANDEL: I'll reach out to Annette Kahrs. She's the executive director. I know they just got a huge grant so they're expanding. I'll reach out to Annette. I don't have -- I could send -- I don't know how to connect you and Annette together but I'll get the message to them to reach out to you.

CHIEF CAMPBELL: The other chief I had spoke to said they reached out to them. I'm certainly willing to meet with them at any time.

MS. MANDEL: Okay. That would be great. That makes me a little happier.

And then also just the other question that I want to ask or request is that, and I guess I don't know if it goes to the Board or to Gil specifically, but, you know, the Zoom -- you guys having Zoom meetings is tremendous. It makes this whole process so much better for me personally as a citizen. You know, I asked the Planning Board to please, you know, do the same, and I was told by Joe Pedi that, you know, it's up to the leader of that group to make that decision. I e-mailed the leader of that group.

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He did not bother to even respond to my e-mail. He actually communicated to me through Joe, and Joe was, of course, always a gentleman, he conveyed everything to me. And, you know, it really was his response I thought was so inappropriate. He said to me, you know, well one of the committee members mentioned that showing up is ninety percent of being concerned. I just really take exception to that, you know, because I show up in so many ways. Because I can't show up at a planning meeting on Tuesday at 6:00. And frankly, you know, he doesn't want me to show up at Town Hall when I'm covered with my COVID germs from seeing patients. You know, I need to come home, I shower, I disinfect, and then I can go forth. So I really, really took exception to that. I think that all of the meetings that the Town is having should be using this forum or a forum like that where at least we can stay involved without having to physically go to the meetings. It just seems completely unacceptable in this day and age when you guys are doing it so successfully, clearly, why he can't make that decision at all. It seems to be just up to him.

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So if it is just up to him, I just would ask everyone in this Zoom meeting right now to please encourage him to strongly do it. There's no reason why he shouldn't. I think that if you encourage him to do it, that may be the push that he needs.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Ms. Mandel.

Is there anything else from anyone? Who do we have?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Terri.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Terri.

THE REPORTER: Terri, what is your last name?

MS. BLANCATO HORTON: My last name is Blancato Horton.

My question was getting back to the EO-203. I had sent you a letter, Gil, actually Vanessa and I had, asking to meet with you about that, stating we were interested, and we haven't heard anything back. I was wondering why.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I don't know why. I know that goes back quite a ways and you had sent a letter saying you'd be interested.

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You felt you were a stakeholder or whatever.

MS. TIRADO: September 9th.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Maybe I'll get that over to the chief. Could you resend it to me, even if by e-mail?

MS. BLANCATO HORTON: Sure. Sure.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If you could resend it to me, and I'll get it over to the chief.

MS. TIRADO: Yes, I'll send it to you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

MS. BLANCATO HORTON: And I also had some questions about the casino. I wonder what kind of studies that you've looked into about the affects on the surrounding community when a casino comes in. Have you studied that at all? What kind of research have we done about this casino?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Right. We've done research when Saratoga Casino was going to come up on the hill there, up on 17K where the Matrix is. We'd done studies then on the casino.

MS. BLANCATO HORTON: Can you share that with us?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That was a major casino. This is going to be video games. Like this is what they had at Monticello Raceway. Here's what I've got to say. They have not presented that plan to the Town yet. I'm hoping on the 22nd -- if they're on the agenda they will present it to the Town on the 22nd. So I read more in the newspaper than I knew myself. But they did quote me, and it's true because they did ask me what would it take for video gaming to be in the Town. I said well it would take a -- we would have to add gaming to the zone or whatever. The environmental study, traffic study, whatever. But I really can't comment on something we haven't heard yet. The time to listen in would be at the next meeting two weeks from tonight.

MS. BLANCATO HORTON: And what about like the taxes? Are you offering them something or you're not even that far?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We're not even that far. I haven't really even spoke to them other than some telephone calls about getting on the agenda and that type of thing. Nothing is for sure yet. Let's wait on that one.

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MS. BLANCATO HORTON: All right. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you. Bob?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Bill Fetter.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Bill. Bill, do you have a question?

MR. FETTER: Good evening. I have a lot of questions but nothing tonight I don't think. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay.

MR. FETTER: This is great, though. This is the first Zoom I've had. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anyone else, Bob?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: We have on the phone Nancy T.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Nancy T is on the phone. Nancy, do you have anything to say? Would she be unmuted?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: I'm showing a call. They can unmute if they want and have a comment or question.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If anyone wants

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to say anything, just unmute. That would be another way we'll hear you.

MR. COLBOURNE: Nothing for me. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Nothing. Then we'll get a motion to adjourn I think.

MS. TIRADO: I just resent you the e-mail, Gil.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

MS. TIRADO: You're welcome.

MS. GREENE: I'll make the motion then to adjourn if we've heard from all the public.

I'm still in Town Hall. I'm an old fashioned girl, I guess, in a way. I still like to go right here to Town Hall.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second the motion.

MR. PEDI: Made and seconded to adjourn at 7:37.

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: Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Good night, and thank you everyone.

(Time noted: 7:37 p.m.)

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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
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