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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 14th of June 2021

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

**PRESENT  
REMOTELY** Scott M. Manley, Deputy Supervisor  
Paul R. Ruggiero, Councilman  
Anthony LoBiondo, Councilman  
Mark C. Taylor, Attorney for the Town  
Patrick Hines, Consulting Engineer  
for the Town

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MR. PEDI: It is 7 p.m., it is the 14th day of June 2021, and this is a regularly scheduled Town Board meeting of the Town of Newburgh.

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

MS. GREENE: I'm here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero.

MR. RUGGIERO: Present.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley.

MR. MANLEY: Here.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'm here.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Here.

MR. PEDI: Will everybody please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence.

(Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.)

MR. PEDI: Mr. Supervisor, any changes to the agenda?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I have no changes.

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MR. PEDI: Anyone else?

MR. MANLEY: No.

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing, Joe.

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

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So I'm  
looking for a motion to approve this audit  
in the amount of \$1,177,752.46.

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: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to the  
first public hearing of this evening,

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Introductory Local Law No. 3 of 2021, the hotel occupancy tax.

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

MR. PEDI: Mr. Supervisor, notice of this meeting had been posted on the Town's website since June 1st of 2021 and it was posted in Town Hall also on June 1, 2021. It was advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on June 3, 2021 and in The Orange County Post on June 4, 2021. This complies with all the requirements for a public hearing under New York State law.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So with that, does someone want to make a motion to open this public hearing?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to open this public hearing at 7:01 p.m. 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: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

So with that, maybe I'll give a quick rundown of this hotel/motel tax, if you would. It goes back a number of years. Councilman George Mosley, rest his soul, some eleven years ago introduced this bill originally. We had at that time Senator Larkin present it to Albany. That would be a tax on hotels and motels within the Town of Newburgh. That would be up to a 5 percent tax. It would generate quite a bit of revenue for the Town. And it also, quite often, doesn't tax local residents. George used to say if you're a local resident using a hotel, maybe you're doing something you're not supposed to do.

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2 Those are George's words. Quite often it  
3 gets people really from out of town. You  
4 do get calls for service for police and  
5 fire and whatnot, so it is probably a good  
6 tax. Anyway, after eleven years we've  
7 been trying repeatedly. Eleven years ago  
8 the State said we're not going to give it  
9 to the Town but we'll give it to the  
10 County. The County actually adopted a  
11 hotel/motel tax they've been collecting on  
12 for many years at 5 percent. This year,  
13 as of January 1st, again we asked for it.  
14 Senator Skoufis and Assemblyman Jacobsen  
15 actually carried it to Albany and  
16 sponsored it for us. This time it did  
17 pass.

18 It's a hotel/motel, and I believe  
19 Airbnb rentals also. It can be up to 5  
20 percent. I think that's what we're asking  
21 for in this initial bill. I would like to  
22 see in any way possible this bill, if it  
23 passes, eventually be named after George.  
24 This should be a George Mosely bill  
25 because he was the one who instituted it

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originally.

So with that being said, I'd like to open it to the public. Anyone who has a question on this topic, hotel/motel tax, we will listen to you. So you can raise your hand electronically or physically.

Bobby, we have one on the telephone that we can't really see. Can we open that person in case that person wants to talk?

Carlaiello I believe it is. Do you have anything for this? You have to unmute yourself if you want to talk.

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So I guess they're not going to.

So if there's no public hearing comment here at all, we will entertain -- Donette.

MS. SMITH: Hi. Sorry. So Skoufis and Jacobsen got this done it sounds like.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Really what you've got to do is identify yourself

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and where you live.

MS. SMITH: Sorry. Sorry. Yeah,  
of course. This is Donette Smith, 7  
Rockwood Drive.

I'm just saying it sounds like  
Skoufis and Jacobsen really pushed this  
through for the Town. They got it done.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's  
very true.

MS. SMITH: Okay. I wonder if we  
should name it after them.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I don't  
know on that one really. I mean it's a  
thought. But they sponsored it. If we  
named everything after what they  
sponsored, the State would be loaded with  
senators and assemblymen.

MS. SMITH: I'm teasing, Gil. I'm  
teasing.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Very good,  
Donette. That was it for now? Okay.

Does anyone else have a question  
on the hotel/motel --

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Bill



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Fetter.

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

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: He's muted. I don't think he does.

MR. FETTER: No, thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Bill.

Marty, I've got you on speakerphone here right now. Do you have a question on hotel/motel? I can put you on speakerphone right now and have you make your comments.

I've got to call Marty Milano who is a hotel owner in this Town. He's trying to talk but he says he can't talk.

Is he in there, Bob?

Let me try to call him again.

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

MR. MILANO: Hello?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yeah. Marty?

MR. MILANO: This is Marty

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Milano.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Just give your address and go ahead.

MR. MILANO: This is Martin Milano, 1 Crossroads Court, owner of the Hampton Inn & Suites in Newburgh. Can you guys hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes. Very well. We can hear you good.

MR. MILANO: Okay. Twenty-five years ago when these programs first came out I was in Montgomery County and I was the chairman of the tax committee for the county. I know a lot about this program and how it works and the rest. When we first enacted this we did a 1 or 2 percent, you know, tax on it where if your bill was \$100, well now it was 101 or 102 and nobody noticed it and it was okay. Then the county, you know, put in the 5 percent tax, which at the time we had pushback from our customers that, you know, the prices were high. Now that it's, you know, approaching 20 percent, I have a

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lot of concerns, and here's what I did.

The surrounding areas that are, you know, available for hotel users, the majority of them have a lower tax rate than what we're proposing. The areas that have this 18 percent tax, which would be Middletown and Woodbury, which I own a hotel in, the customers are not happy about the tax, and we deal with a lot of pushback and they expect us to lower our rates. It lowers the value of the hotel which will, in turn, lower the taxes -- the real estate taxes that you may get for those hotels.

But the other thing is, you know, Woodbury Commons is an international destination that people know about worldwide. Middletown has got a tremendous amount of growth. I don't know if Newburgh is in that spot right now. What I fear is that due to the pandemic and a time that we need to be more user friendly and that we're fighting to get not only our customers back but the rates

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that we used to get, when we're going to quote 18 or 20 percent, the customers are going to ask us why are we charging that. I don't know if I have an answer to give them right now. When the airport was, you know, pushing a million customers a year and everything else was, you know, going the way we planned, you know, putting this in would probably be okay. You know, even then it wouldn't be great but it would be more understandable. Now, coming down out of the pandemic, now I've got to tell people or try to lower the rates any way that they can that their tax is 20 percent, I just don't know how that's going to go over. I think what it may do is if people know the tax here is that high and we're not on a beach and we're not New York City, they may decide to go to New Paltz where the tax is 10 percent. They may decide to go to Port Jervis where it's 9 percent. Nanuet is 11.38 percent. I feel at this point in time we're being put at a competitive disadvantage. They

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can go down the street to New Windsor where I think the price is around 13 percent and get a 5 percent discount before they even, you know, do anything. I'm just worried that this may turn some people away from Newburgh, and now you won't get the hotel tax but you're also going to miss out on all the money they spend at restaurants and gas stations and everything else.

I'm just thinking right now, because of the pandemic and everything, the timing of this is not great. I've lived this, I've done it for thirty years, I was the chairman of the committee. I know a lot about this. Of course I'd like to see -- if this was just about collecting money from out of town people and giving it to the Town, that's a no -- that's a win-win situation. But I feel it may scare people away, and especially in this environment. 20 percent, I mean that's a hard pill to swallow for some people, and they may just go to the next

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town or tell me, you know, I have to lower my rates. Considering what we just went through with the pandemic, that's putting me at a competitive disadvantage.

So I just wanted everyone to know my thoughts on it. I do have a lot of involvement in it. Of course I'd like to see our Town that I live in and love get all this revenue, but maybe the timing isn't right. We can evaluate the timing or the percentage at this point, and when everything recovers and the airport is going and everything is back to normal, then people would probably be more receptive to pay a tax that high. Right now I'm wondering how am I going to present this to my customers. A lot of customers are not from -- you know, they're not leisure travelers, they're business people who are here all the time, and now we're making it hard for them to do business. There's a surcharge on them. It seems like it could be, you know, anticompetitive.

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Those are my thoughts on it. If anyone has any questions of me, I'd be glad to answer anything.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Marty, thank you very much.

MR. MILANO: All right, you guys.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anyone else?

MR. MILANO: Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Marty.

Anyone else with a question or comment on this topic?

MS. GREENE: I will say this to my fellow Board Members. I think he has some legitimate concerns. 20 percent is a lot.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul, do you have any comment?

MR. RUGGIERO: Well we're not charging 20 percent.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: No. Obviously it's 5. Whatever the normal -- plus 5 for the County, plus 5 for us is

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how it breaks down.

MR. RUGGIERO: Exactly. I just want to clarify that we're not charging 20 percent.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Oh, absolutely not.

MS. GREENE: But it totals out to that.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: It totals out to that.

MR. MANLEY: Scott Manley here. It totals out to 18.125. Woodbury is the only town in Orange County that had it for years. Woodbury would get approved, we would get denied. Port Jervis got denied. Town of Wallkill got denied. This year every one of us got approved. Town of Wallkill's already passed and already started charging the extra 5 percent, so they're at the same rate, the 18.125.

Donette, do you have a comment for the Board?

I didn't mean to cut you off, Scott.



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MS. SMITH: That's okay. Sure. I think he made -- I'm sorry. Marty I guess. I don't know if he's still on the line, but he did make really good points actually. Just recovering from the pandemic, you know, businesses are trying to get back. Certainly I'm sure his businesses took a really big hit during the pandemic.

So I appreciate that Skoufis and Jacobsen got this done. That's great. Maybe 5 percent right now is too much. Is there a consideration of going a little more gradually then so his customers and his business doesn't get hit so hard? Could it be 2 percent?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: That's what this public hearing is about. It's up to the Board to reach that. That's what we're trying to do. I was really asking -- I was really polling our Board.

Do you have anything else, Donette?

MS. SMITH: No. I thought you

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unmuted me for that purpose, to make my comment. Right?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. I didn't unmute you because I don't do that. But okay.

MS. SMITH okay.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you. Anthony, do you have anything?

MR. LOBIONDO: No, I don't think anything else. I think there's been enough discussion. I think the fact -- I think the fact is that all the other towns are going to be raising them as well. The County already got in ahead of us and they're receiving their 5 percent. I think it's just another point for us to consider.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So if there's nothing else from Board Members and nothing from the public -- any other comments out there from anyone?

No, Bobby?

All right. Then we'll look for a motion to close this public hearing.

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MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second that.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and  
seconded to close this public hearing at  
7:15 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.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item  
7 which is our second public hearing of  
the evening. This is Introductory Local  
Law No. 2 of 2021 involving temporary  
outdoor dining permits.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Joe, this  
was scheduled for 7:15?

MR. PEDI: 7:10 p.m.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay.  
We're good. Was this public hearing

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properly advertised?

MR. PEDI: This public hearing was advertised on the Town's website since June 1, 2021, and it was posted in Town Hall also on June 1, 2021. It was advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on June 3, 2021 and in The Orange County Post on June 4, 2021.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So with that, I'll look for a motion to open this public hearing.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your motion.

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

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. And Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

This deals with outdoor entertainment, outdoor dining. It came about again due to COVID, restaurants couldn't be open, residents inside -- or customers inside. We came out to make this a little more permanent.

I don't know if Mark Taylor wants to tell us a little bit about it. Mark Taylor disappeared from the screen. There he is.

Mark, can you give us a rundown on the --

MR. TAYLOR: Surely. The Town previously authorized outdoor dining at existing eating and drinking places, restaurants and establishments that had seating outdoors, under emergency powers that were -- orders that were issued pursuant to the pandemic.

This local law will extend outdoor seating, or that permission for

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2 outdoor seating for this calendar year  
3 only to those establishments under a  
4 permit system so that the emergency order  
5 power doesn't -- isn't the basis for the  
6 authority of granting the ability to have  
7 outdoor seating. The establishments can  
8 apply for and obtain a permit from the  
9 Code Compliance Department for the outdoor  
10 seating. If they've already obtained  
11 approvals from the Code Compliance  
12 Department for outdoor seating, they will  
13 be issuing the permit under the grant that  
14 already occurred.

15 So essentially we're extending  
16 the period for one year to afford relief  
17 to restaurants and other establishments  
18 that were hard hit by the pandemic to have  
19 outdoor seating for all of this calendar  
20 year.

21 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.  
22 Very good. So with that we'll open to the  
23 public. Anyone who has a comment on this  
24 outdoor dining, we'll entertain your  
25 comments. Anyone?

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Bill Fetter. We can unmute Bill Fetter.

MR. FETTER: Bill Fetter, Rockwood Drive. A question here is that if an owner invests money into upgrading his facility to accommodate the outdoor dining, at the end of this period -- at the end of the year, we're not going to have the owner come say well I invested so much money, I'd like to keep it and be blanketly approved without going through a planning procedure to make it a permanent outdoor configuration. I don't want to see somebody say I spent thousands so that's enough for me to make this a permanent situation. I understand these people need to make their money back. I'm not denying that in the least. This is not going to turn into a permanent situation without a planning review is my question or input?

MR. TAYLOR: Mr. Fetter, I'll respond to that. The local law does not authorize the installation of permanent

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improvements. In order to make permanent improvements to the site, the establishment would have to apply to the Planning Board for site plan approval. This essentially allows them to set up seating in parking areas or similar areas that will accommodate the seating.

MR. FETTER: Okay. I know there are a select few that have, you know, taken good advantage of this. I don't want to see it be a permanent situation without a planning review. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Bill.

Anyone else on this topic?

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Betty, do you have anything?

MS. GREENE: No, sir.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul?

MR. RUGGIERO: Nothing, Gil.

Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Scott?

MR. MANLEY: No. I'm good.



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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anthony?

MR. LOBIONDO: No, thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.

So with that, we'll make -- does someone want to make a motion to close this public hearing?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and seconded to close the public hearing at 7:21 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.

MR. PEDI: Next we go to our third public hearing of the evening. This is Chadwick Lake resiliency improvements

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project cost increase.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Joe, are we good on time here with this one?

MR. PEDI: Yes. This public hearing starts at 7:20 p.m.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We're right on schedule.

MR. PEDI: Yeah, we're on schedule.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Has this been properly advertised?

MR. PEDI: This was posted on the Town's website since May 27, 2021. It was posted in Town Hall also on May 27, 2021. It was advertised in The Mid-Hudson Times on May 27, 2021 and in The Orange County Post on May 28, 2021.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Very good. So with that I'll look for a motion to open this public hearing.

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MS. GREENE: I'll second your

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motion.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and  
seconded to open the public hearing at  
7:22 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.

If I can give a brief description  
on this one. So we authorized \$1,800,000  
for improvements to the Chadwick Lake  
Filter Plant project. This public  
interest order allows the Town to expend  
up to \$2,209,229. New York City will  
reimburse us, as a grant, the \$1,800,000  
of that expense.

So what we're doing is -- New  
York City says we'll give you 1.8, and it  
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we're over that. We're at the tune of 2.2. So this is a public interest order that says hey, we need this done regardless. And we really need it done to make sure we have the proper amount of water supply during the shutdown of the aqueduct which is going to occur in 2022.

So with that, we'll open to the public. Does anyone have questions on this topic, the Chadwick Lake Filter Plant?

Shorton does. We can unmute.

You have to unmute on your side.

Okay, we're good.

We can't hear you.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: She's going to have to unmute. Maybe come out and come back in. That's on her end.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: You're suggesting she sign off and sign back in again?

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Yeah.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If you sign out and sign back in. Make sure you

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say join with live audio. We'll wait for you.

MR. ROBERT PIAQUADIO: Bill Fetter I saw.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Bill, we'll hear from you. Unmute Bill.

MR. FETTER: Bill Fetter, Rockwood Drive. I'm curious how many bidders there were and is it not practical to rebid?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I know Pat Hines is there. Pat, can you -- can we unmute Pat Hines and he can answer that question, our engineer?

MR. HINES: So there were four separate prime contact -- you guys can hear me?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. HINES: There were four separate prime contracts, a general contract, an HVAC, a plumbing and an electrical contract. For the general there was three bids, for the HVAC there was two bids, for the plumbing there were

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three bids and for the electrical there was a single bid. They totaled at 2.2 million dollars for the apparent low bidders.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We also have an interest in time going here, we have a weather thing, so it's done in time.

MR. HINES: There's a deadline. Everything has to be in service prior to the anticipated shutdown, the earliest date being October 2022.

MR. FETTER: Another six months to rebid it, I'm sure. Okay. Thank you.

MR. HINES: There's no saying that the bids will come -- right now we're seeing bids escalating as time is going by.

MR. FETTER: Yeah. Material is only going to get more expensive. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Bill.

We can unmute iPhone Terri.

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MS. BLANCATO: Can you hear me now?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We can hear you now.

MS. BLANCATO: Now my dog is going to bark.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We can hear him, too.

MS. BLANCATO: Senator -- I'm sorry. Congressman Maloney had gotten money for other places like Kiryas Joel, the City of Newburgh to pay for projects like this. I was wondering why the Town of Newburgh didn't get any money to do anything like this. Couldn't we have gotten that from him?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We got 1.8 million from New York City.

MS. BLANCATO: And how much does it cost?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: 2.2.

MS. BLANCATO: So could we have put in for the other amount and not had to pay for anything?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: New York City would not give us more than that. They said that's it.

MS. BLANCATO: Have we applied for anything for that money?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Pat -- again we can unmute Pat. I know I sat down personally with the deputy commissioner and really wanted some money towards it. I asked for \$2,000,000. He said the most I can give you is 1.8.

MS. BLANCATO: We couldn't have offset the cost with the money -- the bill that was passed this fall, that Congressman Maloney got passed? I mean I know Kiryas Joel got 2.5 million for a project, the City of Newburgh got millions of dollars. We couldn't have applied for --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay, okay. You're talking about the stimulus money from the Federal Government. We have a fair share. We have 3.7 million coming on that. We did not earmark it to



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make this payment on that if you would.  
That might happen yet with the money we're  
going to receive.

MS. BLANCATO: We did apply?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We got it  
already.

MS. BLANCATO: We did? Because I  
saw --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I'm sorry.

MS. BLANCATO: -- on the  
congressman's website there's nothing for  
the Town of Newburgh listed. I see the  
other places, Kiryas Joel, City of  
Newburgh, other places, but nothing for  
us. This is the CPF?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: When they  
originally listed it they showed Town and  
City of Newburgh together, actually, and  
it was separated. I got the e-mail from  
Schumer's office. We will receive the  
3.7.

Mark, you had a comment?

MR. TAYLOR: Yes, Mr. Supervisor.  
The Town has only been aware that it would

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2 have to expend more than it originally  
3 authorized since it opened bids, which was  
4 approximately sixty days ago or so. So  
5 certainly it can investigate other  
6 financing opportunities. Prior to this --  
7 the opening of the bids it didn't know  
8 that its costs would exceed the original  
9 engineer's estimate, so -- which was the  
10 1.8 that the city is funding.

11 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.  
12 Thank you.

13 MR. TAYLOR: Certainly there may  
14 be opportunities out there that the Town  
15 can investigate for the additional  
16 expense.

17 MR. HINES: In addition, we have  
18 notified the New York City DEP of the  
19 increase in costs. They have not offered  
20 to underwrite those costs yet, but those  
21 discussions will also be held.

22 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: What we're  
23 approving tonight is to spend up to that  
24 \$2,209,229.

25 MR. TAYLOR: That authorization

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has to be in place no matter where the funds are drawn from, whether they're from the Town, from the City, from the Federal Government. It doesn't matter. The authorization still has to take place.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Any other questions from the public?

Bill. We're going to unmute Bill.

MR. FETTER: Somebody is watching for those raised hands.

What happens when it comes to extras during the work? Is money funded --

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: There would have to be another public hearing.

Is that right, Mark, if we exceeded that amount?

MR. TAYLOR: If the cost of the project exceeds the 2.2 million dollar figure, yes, a third public hearing would have to be held.

MR. HINES: There are allowances in the bid for certain change order items.

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There has been a cost in each of the bids for allowances.

MR. FETTER: Okay. And they're not -- they have to be documented prior to payment?

MR. HINES: Correct. They would be processed only with authorization of the Town.

MR. FETTER: Right. Is there an incentive for early completion?

MR. HINES: We do not have that. That's typically a New York State bidding process where they give incentives for early. We have scheduled so that we meet the timeframes, which is one of the reasons why we need to authorize this sooner than later.

MR. FETTER: Right. Okay. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: No one else from the public?

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Betty, comments on this topic?

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MS. GREENE: No, sir.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul?

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

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Scott?

MR. MANLEY: No. I'm good.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anthony?

MR. LOBIONDO: No, sir. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: We're going to go back to Bill Fetter again. Donette has her hand up, too. Okay. Let's go with Donette.

MS. SMITH: Hi. You might have answered already but I just want to make sure. The 3.7 million that you got from the Federal Government, so then if the estimated costs for this project go higher than what's estimated right now, potentially you could use some of that 3.7 million dollars towards this project?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes. Which we don't really have.

MS. SMITH: You don't have?

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: When I say we don't have, the cash is not in the bank. We can't spend it. We haven't received it. There are certain criteria, and one is the public utilities and whatnot that you can spend that money on. The short answer to your question is yes.

MS. SMITH: You know for sure that we're getting it?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Senator Schumer's office says we're getting it. Absolutely. I don't think there's any doubt about that. It was in The Times Herald Record also. Chris McKenna done a whole column on it.

MS. SMITH: I heard the Sean Patrick Maloney. That's all. I watched the Town Hall actually that Terri was talking about and I did hear him listing off all of the places, you know, and what they were getting. Actually, it was me that asked. I asked him, you know, what about the Town of Newburgh, if Town of Newburgh was in it.

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SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: If you want, shoot off an e-mail to Schumer's office and they'll definitely answer it for you.

MS. SMITH: All right. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Bill had another question, too, I think.

MR. FETTER: I guess instead of incentives for early completion, I meant to ask is there a penalty for delayed conclusion? Is there incentive on the contractor's part to get this thing done?

MR. HINES: There's a liquidated damages provision in the bids that would require payment if they were late.

MR. FETTER: Okay. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So we heard from the Board. We heard from the public. Does someone want to make a motion to close this public hearing?

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

MS. GREENE: I'll second your

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motion.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and  
seconded to close this public hearing at  
7:33 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.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item  
9 for the Fleet Department, approval to  
create and post position for automotive  
mechanic.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.  
So we did have a retirement out of Fleet  
Maintenance. We actually have Mark Hall  
asking permission to post the fleet  
mechanic position. So this will be create  
and post for the fleet mechanic position.  
Does someone want to make that motion?



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MR. LOBIONDO: 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.

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 Code Compliance. The first item is the approval to conduct a carnival at the Newburgh Mall.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So I guess this is Dreamland Amusements. They're looking to conduct a carnival on the grounds of the Newburgh Mall from Friday, June 17, 2021 to Sunday, June 27th

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of this year. The Police Department and Code Compliance have approved Dreamland's carnival application and contract with the Orange County Department of Health. They must adhere to all the current pandemic protocols for outside gatherings, and they must have in place insurance listing the Town as also insured.

So with all that in place, I think someone will make a motion to approve this carnival and get things back to normal a little bit?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second that.

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.

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MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we have item B for Code Compliance, approval for electrical inspector, a company called Inspections On Time.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So Inspections On Time has submitted an application to be an electrical inspector within the Town. We have a number of them now. I want to say maybe thirteen. Jerry Canfield has checked on this company and they do have the proper licensing in place to do such inspections. Again, these companies have to recertify every year with Code Compliance to make sure they keep up with the latest electrical codes.

Does someone want to make a motion for Inspections On Time out of Middletown, New York to be an inspector within the Town?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

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MR. PEDI: I'm sorry. Who made that second, please?

MR. MANLEY: I did.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: I want to make one comment. Being we had the first and second, I should've said it from the start. These inspectors are not paid by the Town. They're paid by electrical contractors who have work done or whatever in the Town. They pick someone off a list. So it's paid for by the contractor. The Town does not pay these electrical inspectors.

We can vote it now. Thank you.

MR. PEDI: Okay. The motion was made and seconded. Any discussion?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item C, approval for road name. The name of the road is Matt's Lane.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Here again, we have a two-lot subdivision and the developer wants to use the name Matt's Lane, M-A-T-T-'-S Lane. Code Compliance and 911 have checked it out.

Does someone want to make a motion for Matt's Lane?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: 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?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay.

Charlene Black and Ron Clum are suggesting the hire of Christine Furey as a principal payroll clerk. It's a full-time position with an hourly rate of 19.975 with a start date of 6/21 or 6/28. Let's say it's 6/21 or after. I think we have it covered. It's from account 81010.500. This is a tested position through the County. There was no one on the list that would take the job, so we're hiring Christine right now. She's provisional and would have to take the County test and score in the top three to keep the job. This is based on the background and physical.

Does someone want to make that motion?

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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.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to the  
items for the Recreation Department. The  
first item is approval to hire two  
replacement seasonal camp counselors.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So  
Jim Presutti, our Commissioner, is  
requesting approval to hire Marisa Fagan  
and Allen Mirabel to the position of  
seasonal recreation aides at the rate of

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\$15.31. These two hires are to replace two that were previously approved and then declined the position.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: With that, we better say the rate of pay is 15.31. I guess the starting date is as soon as possible. It's usually starting on Monday.

MR. MANLEY: It says June 21st on there.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: June 21st. Absolutely. So a week from today.

You can vote it now.

MR. PEDI: Okay. Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?



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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item B for the Recreation Department, approval to modify salary of one camp counselor.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So we are requesting \$1 an hour increase for Kerry O'Connell. Upon the agreement her salary will increase from the previous rate of \$15.31 per hour to \$16.31 per hour. Ms. O'Connell will be acting as the COVID compliance coordinator for the camp, which I guess is a necessary position.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll 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 C for the Recreation Department, approval to hire a seasonal recreation aide.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So again, Mr. Presutti is looking to hire Bridget DeSantis to the position of seasonal recreation aide at the rate of \$15.31 per hour. Her proposed hire date is June 21st. The funds for this position are available, it's Recreation Code 7140-5100.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any 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: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Lastly, item D,  
approval to begin process to hire full-  
time recreation leader.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.  
So again, Commissioner Presutti again is  
looking -- at this time he's requesting  
the Board's approval to begin the process  
to hire the position of a full-time  
recreation leader. The position became  
vacant upon the resignation of Lisa  
Mercantonio on April 13th.

Does someone want to make that  
motion to start the process?

MS. GREENE: Since they're my  
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Presutti, I so make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: 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  
13. The first item, a T-94 withdrawal for  
Flannery Animal Hospital.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Tracey  
Carvell, our Animal Control Officer, is  
requesting to expend \$358.96 from the T-94  
account, which is a donation account.  
That would go to Flannery Animal Hospital.

Does someone want to make that  
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MR. LOBIONDO: I'll make the motion.

MR. MANLEY: 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 B for Animal Control, approval to hire two part-time shelter helpers.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So here, Joe, I think that 13-B, we're really hiring two.

MR. PEDI: Correct.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Pierce and Kane. We'll do a motion to vote on each

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one of them separately.

MR. PEDI: That would be fine.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: These are part-time shelter helpers. Chief Campbell has interviewed them and he's saying let's hire. The first one is Rayna Pierce, part-time animal shelter helper, effective June 28, 2021 at the rate of \$15.31 per hour. And that again is in accordance with the background and physical.

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?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

The next one will be Chief Campbell is also suggesting we hire Linda Kane as a part-time shelter helper, effective date January 28, 2021, rate of pay \$15.31 per hour. That's based on the background and physical.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: 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.

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MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: The last time for Animal Control is approval to hire a part-time animal control officer.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So again, Chief Campbell is suggesting Lisa Rodriguez as a part-time animal control officer, effective June 28th of this year, at a rate of \$15.31. Again, that's based on the background and physical.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the motion, but I have a question.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Paul, it's your department. If you've got a question --

MR. RUGGIERO: The question I have is the rate for animal shelter helper and animal control officer is the same amount, \$15.31 per hour? I thought the animal control officer was a little higher than that.



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MR. MANLEY: Not the part-timer.

MR. RUGGIERO: They're all the same then. Okay.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: You know what, part time is part time. 15.31 right now. Yes.

MR. RUGGIERO: Okay.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you.

MR. RUGGIERO: Thank you.

MR. PEDI: I need a second, please.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second the motion.

MS. GREENE: Go ahead.

MR. PEDI: Councilman Manley, did you second that, please?

MR. MANLEY: Yes, I did.

MR. PEDI: Thank you. 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 14 for the Highway Department, resolution requesting New York State Department of Transportation traffic study for the intersection of Route 32 and Chestnut Lane.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: So here this is a resolution that we're going to ask New York State Department of Transportation to look at that intersection of 32 and Chestnut Lane. It affects some of the viewers here tonight, that intersection. Let's see if they can make improvements to it, a turning lane or whatever it might be. That's basically what this resolution is about.

Does someone want to make a motion to approve this resolution?

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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

15. It's another resolution, approval of revised public employer health emergency plan.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right.

Back in March of this year we put in place a health emergency plan. It does include things such as pandemics and all. This may not be the last one we ever have. I hope it is. I pray it is. We put it in place

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on March 22nd. The new plan shows whatever revisions were made based on State recommendations. So this new plan will be revised and it will be on the home page. People can view it there under policies.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MR. MANLEY: I'll make the motion.

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

MR. MANLEY: Yes, Joe. I just want to add it was a very small amount of revisions. It was basically -- I don't know how to describe it -- the prioritization of essential personnel and how we do it.

MR. PEDI: Thank you.

Any other 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: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item  
16 for the Town Supervisor, purchase of  
HVAC for Town Hall Meeting Room.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

Before I really go into that, a little bit  
I want to say that this may be our last  
Zoom meeting because our next meeting on  
the 28th might be full in the Town Hall.  
We get to see everybody again, which is  
nice. But we have no air conditioning in  
that room. If it's a hot night we might  
have to go to the courthouse or another  
location within the Town to accommodate  
the public.

So let me read this off real  
quick, and there will be a motion at the  
end. The 40-year old air conditioning

1 system in the Town Hall Meeting Room needs  
2 to be replaced. Sustaining a public works  
3 procurement with an estimated cost which  
4 is less than \$35,000 threshold for  
5 required competitive bidding under New  
6 York State Law. The Town's procurement  
7 policy authorizes the override of the  
8 quote and bid procedures not subject to  
9 mandatory bidding of the State Law by the  
10 Supervisor or the Town Board. This has  
11 been done in the past. It's general  
12 knowledge. It's been done in past history  
13 or under emergency when the health, safety  
14 of the public or property of the Town or  
15 its residents would be endangered.  
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17 So this would be the real motion  
18 here. Be it moved that the Town Board  
19 hereby authorizes the Supervisor to  
20 override the Town's procurement policy in  
21 the interest of time and efficiency due to  
22 the urgent need for the repair of the Town  
23 Hall air conditioning system so that the  
24 health of all of our residents are being  
25 looked after and no one is endangered or

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2 put in an unhealthy indoor temperatures  
3 while the affairs of Town Government are  
4 conducted before the public. Be it  
5 further moved that a contract for the  
6 repair of the air conditioner system is  
7 hereby awarded to Armistead Mechanical at  
8 a cost of \$21,450 with change orders, if  
9 necessary, not to exceed a total cost of  
10 \$30,000. This will also get this air  
11 conditioning system in place a lot quicker  
12 than a full bid would. We would never  
13 have it this summer. So I think it's  
14 absolutely necessary if we can get a  
15 motion to approve.

16 MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the  
17 motion.

18 MS. GREENE: I'll second your  
19 motion.

20 MR. PEDI: Any discussion?

21 (No response.)

22 MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

23 MS. GREENE: Yes.

24 MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

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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 17 for the Engineering Department. The first item A is Gardnertown Road/Gidney Avenue culvert replacement. This is change order 1.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. This will be a change order.

Pat, can you just fill us in a little bit on the reason for this change order and the project in general?

Can we unmute Pat Hines?

MR. HINES: Am I there?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. HINES: So during the pre-construction meeting for this project the Water Department personnel identified that what was shown as an 8-inch main on the design plans prepared for the project is



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in fact a 12-inch main which they were aware of due to a recent water main break in that area. So there was a need to redesign the 8-inch main to a 12-inch main, increase the size of the casing pipe under Gidneytown Creek, and, in addition, install a manhole with some additional valving. So the total change order would be in the amount of \$55,045.13 for the upgrade in that size of pipe and casing and the manhole. But it was caught prior to construction, fortunately, but after bid.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So what we have to do is authorize change order 1 in the amount of \$55,045.13, and this is for the larger size pipe at Gidneytown Creek.

Would someone make that motion?

MS. GREENE: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any 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: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Next we go on to item B, North Fletcher Drive water main extension, change order 1.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. Again Pat, do you want to explain this one a little bit to us?

MR. HINES: This has to do with the replacement of the water main in North Fletcher Drive. Currently there are, I believe, eighteen houses that are served off the 16-inch main. A new smaller diameter 8-inch main has been put parallel to that. There was a need to switch those houses over to the smaller diameter main which will provide higher pressure along

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2 North Fletcher Drive in the Amber Fields  
3 area. The design contract is a change in  
4 scope of work. The services that were on  
5 the 16-inch main were proposed to be  
6 disconnected but the copper pipe and the  
7 curb boxes were proposed to be left in  
8 place. It was determined that that could  
9 cause future potential leaks during any  
10 excavation during the construction, so  
11 we've asked the contractor for a change  
12 order to remove the existing laterals back  
13 to the 16-inch main, disconnect it and  
14 turn off those corporations in order to  
15 eliminate those potential issues with  
16 leaks and/or future escalation in that  
17 project corridor which could grab on to  
18 one of those. So it's a change in the  
19 scope of work.

20 To remove those, we had the  
21 engineers on that project, Collier's  
22 Design, negotiate a cost with the  
23 contractor, and that will be \$29,700 total  
24 for that additional work.

25 SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Do Board

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Members have a question for Pat at all?

MR. RUGGIERO: Good catch,  
though, Pat. Good catch.

MS. GREENE: Very good.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. So  
with that, does someone want to make a  
motion to approve this change order in the  
amount of \$29,700?

MR. RUGGIERO: I'll make the  
motion.

MR. LOBIONDO: I'll second the  
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.

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MR. PEDI: The last item for the Engineering Department is the release of the stormwater management and erosion security for Ready Coffee.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: All right. So with this one, based on the above action, no exception to the -- McGoey, Hauser & Edsall has no exception to the Town Board releasing the stormwater security posted for the project, which is Ready Coffee, in the amount of \$34,500.

Does someone want to make that motion?

MS. GREENE: I'll move.

MR. MANLEY: I'll second it.

MR. PEDI: Any comments?

(No response.)

MR. PEDI: Mrs. Greene?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Ruggiero?

MR. RUGGIERO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. Manley?

MR. MANLEY: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Mr. LoBiondo?

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MR. LOBIONDO: Yes.

MR. PEDI: And Mr. Piaquadio?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Yes.

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

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Betty, do you have any announcements?

MS. GREENE: Yes. I just want to say thank you to all the public out there that, on such a nasty, rainy day, they participated in our Memorial Day service here at Town Hall. We had a packed house. And also came out in the rain to watch the parade. I think everyone was thrilled to have the pandemic opening up and cheering us on, even holding their umbrellas. So thank you to the public that came out that day.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Betty.

Paul, do you have anything?

MR. RUGGIERO: I've got a few things. First, the hotel/motel tax. You know, just to make sure everybody

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understands, we're only getting 5 percent out of the 18, first of all.

Secondly, God rest George's soul, and for you Gil, thank you for seeing this through because it could have been just dropped and all these other towns are getting it and we're not. It's kind of silly not to join in and get it. And also, you know, Skoufis and Jacobsen, thank you for pushing it through the assembly and everything.

Secondly, June 17th the Saint's bands this Thursday at 6 p.m.

And Scott, thank you for working on the health emergency plan with Jerry. Good job, man. I know that took a lot of time for you guys.

Just one more little thing. On the change orders, people say geeze, 29 grand here, 50 grand here. These are things that you can't anticipate when you're doing these types of big projects. We're lucky that we have engineers and honest contractors that catch these things

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and bring it to our attention so we can do the right thing so we don't have problems later on down the line. Just for people who don't understand what these change orders are about. You know, it's hard to swallow, 50 grand, 30 grand, but we can just overlook it and in five years down the line we're going to have another issue or we're going to get shoddy work out of it. We're lucky we catch these things and do the right thing by it.

Thank you, Pat.

That's it, Gil.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Paul.

With that; Scott, do you have any comments?

MR. MANLEY: Betty already said what I wanted to say about Memorial Day weekend.

MS. GREENE: Sorry.

MR. MANLEY: That's fine. It's great.

Paul started one of mine, on the



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17th the concert. But we also have a postponed one the week after, the 24th. Really looking forward to that, too.

Thank you, everybody.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Scott.

Anthony, anything?

MR. LOBIONDO: I just want to go along with what Betty said and thank the public for coming out. It was 45 degrees and rainy. It was my first parade. It was a great experience seeing the enthusiasm. I thought the ceremony at Town Hall was very, very well done. I think everyone who came felt the same way. So thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Thank you, Anthony.

All right. Let's go to comments on any topic from the public. Anyone who has a comment, suggestion, do you want to tell us how good we're doing.

Donette has her hand up.

MS. SMITH: I have a question.

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Is community day still happening this year?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: The short answer would be no right now. It's certainly not going to be in July. We may have something in September. That's to be seen.

MS. SMITH: And I have another question. I can't remember the developer's name but the one who was going to build a project on 17K by Colden Hill. Gosh, is it Colden Hill? Yeah. And 17K.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Is that the mixed use one, retail and residential?

MS. SMITH: Yes. Okay. Is there any updates on that one? He was approved or wasn't approved? I can't remember.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: It was approved.

Mark, do you want to give us an update on that one?

MR. TAYLOR: We are in the process of drafting a proposed zoning amendment which would allow to have a

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mixed use zone. It's for the Board to review and ultimately schedule a public hearing.

MS. SMITH: So the Town is still going to get the 13 acres, though; right?

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Part of the deal was the Town will get parkland in the back. Yes.

MS. SMITH: Parkland. That's wonderful. Thank you.

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Anyone else in the public? Put your hand up with all your fingers at the same time.

(No response.)

SUPERVISOR PIAQUADIO: Okay. I guess we're good.

Hearing no more, does someone want to make a motion to adjourn?

MS. LOBIONDO: So moved.

MR. MANLEY: Second.

MR. PEDI: Who made that motion, please?

MR. LOBIONDO: Anthony LoBiondo.

MR. PEDI: Thank you, Councilman.

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Councilwoman Greene, you seconded  
it?

MS. GREENE: Yes.

MR. PEDI: Motion made and  
seconded to adjourn at 8:04 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.

Good night, everybody. Remember  
our next meeting may be in person here on  
the 28th. We'll let you know. It will be  
published.

Thank you. Good night.

(Time noted: 8:04 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 set my hand this 24th day of June  
2021.

*Michelle Conero*

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