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1 (On the record)

2 MR. RICHARD MATERESE: Okay. Let's start the
3 work session. I might jump on a page a little bit here.
4 Let's go to something I don't even know if I have it now.
5 I don't think I have it in here. I have Dee and Sara here
6 about the chicken ranch.

7 FEMALE VOICE: Chicken ranch?

8 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. So that's not the nice
9 couple that was in here with the little girl?

10 MR. MATERESE: Well, not necessarily. This is
11 something different.

12 (Interposing)

13 MR. MATERESE: I asked them to be here. So you
14 guys can probably speak to this because that also has to
15 do with Paul. Right? Paul --

16 FEMALE VOICE: This is Paul (indiscernible),
17 right.

18 FEMALE VOICE: Do we have the parent
19 (inaudible)?

20 MR. MATERESE: She hasn't run away.

21 (Interposing)

22 MR. MATERESE: Should we wait for Brian
23 (phonetic) then to get in?

24 FEMALE VOICE: No.

25 MALE VOICE: Because they're powerful
26 (indiscernible) this is not.

1 MR. MATERESE: Somebody accidentally met
2 (indiscernible) to salvage.

3 MR. POPE: Which we have to?

4 MR. MATERESE: Yeah, I know. I'm just trying to
5 highlight what I'm doing, you know.

6 (Interposing)

7 FEMALE VOICE: I had wanted to see them because
8 they're right there. You saw them.

9 FEMALE VOICE: Oh, I know. Me too. Did they
10 actually mean it?

11 FEMALE VOICE: There's a lot of water down
12 there.

13 MR. MATERESE: All right. So did you ever get
14 to see these? Yeah. right. While we're waiting for
15 Marina, Lou, do you just want to make a quick explanation
16 of the problems they were just looking at?

17 MR. LOU CAFORIO: I believe that's the features
18 of the new (inaudible), right?

19 MR. MALTERESE: Yes.

20 MR. CAFORIO: The one closest to -- yeah, I got
21 it. Well, that was our first time of putting it out onto
22 some pasture (sounds like) just based on the river levels.
23 So, I need the update. It falls for the other, it's like
24 it was abrupt. They decided to go really quick. There's
25 a lot to prepare (indiscernible) in order to move it
26 along. But the original time was to come in at 5:00

1 Christmas morning and start on the western end of the
2 south lot (sounds like) closure. And then you got Dave
3 (phonetic) who's supposed to be there, getting those off
4 in place. Then we will go do our other work with people.

5 I don't know if it will happen at all.
6 Certainly not, it would be very hard if it rains. It
7 continued to rain. So I left my house around 2:15 and
8 just to spot check. I stopped and looked at the river
9 forecast. We decided we're going to, I decided that we're
10 to go over here. So I called Chad (phonetic)
11 (indiscernible). I said bring him in and let's go. So by
12 4:30 they were probably already working at the south lot
13 closure which is the west. Then they went over and they
14 got this one off.

15 This one took about three hours roughly. First
16 time it really bit (sounds like) for you. It's not bad.
17 It's labor intensive, but they got out everything. It
18 went well. We left that up maybe just the following
19 morning.

20 So the river though it crested at points, it's
21 going to happen. The water started to fill up. There's
22 lots of (indiscernible) outside where that water is. That
23 was under water. Our low lying areas in Endwell had water
24 as well. But it did not get at the south lot closure
25 itself for that one. We weren't going to take any
26 chances. But based on what's going on, it wouldn't wise

1 (sounds like) to go back in the rain. With the forecast,
2 well, not bad as the previous snow forecast. So we're
3 battling toward that.

4 So we were very lucky, we were very fortunate we
5 didn't have -- we're not going to have severe flooding.
6 But it went well. I lost track of time, but I think we
7 worked on Christmas Eve, on Christmas day. I think they
8 probably did. They started in Endwell around 1:00 and
9 then just gotten off. They already did it before the
10 snow. A lot of guys were dragging --

11 (Interposing)

12 MR. CAFORIO:-- really happy with the turnout.
13 (Indiscernible).

14 MR. MATERESE: That's the rear end.

15 MR. CAFORIO: We've got a very good craftsman on
16 that too.

17 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. Right.

18 MR. CAFORIO: So we made some modification, did
19 some welding right at the field to try it out, you know.

20 MR. MALTERESE: Made some changes.

21 MR. CAFORIO: Everyone's thinking outside the
22 box (inaudible). Every one that helped out has got a
23 great and positive attitude. Very good. So, okay, that's
24 it on the weather for this year.

25 MR. MALTERESE: All right. So I guess, I bet
26 you guys would be interested in the efficiency and the --

1 oh, I'm sorry, I interrupted. Over here, could you tell
2 them that you guys drove over past (indiscernible)?

3 MR. CAFORIO: No. But there have an
4 understanding that we had -- there's just one piece of
5 this wall that gave us a lot of issues when we were
6 putting it back, so that you could drive over it. We
7 didn't have an appropriate tool to work with this. They
8 just wanted a screw (sounds like).

9 That was what they started doing. They started
10 welding and fabricating based on the capability of the
11 automatic driver and then of course technology stuff.
12 They got a rhythm. So the last 20 of them, they really
13 were not properly fashioned. They had different parts.
14 So it was just good. And with the guys, of course, there
15 was just a lot of camaraderie with all those guys. So
16 once they got that they would put it out, you know,
17 whatever it is they would churn them off. It's nice to
18 see that they got it. They figured it out and hammered it
19 out so. Again, just a great response from everybody. The
20 Sewer Department, those guys worked -- I think the first
21 two guys worked 36 hours straight before they got
22 relieved.

23 So they, everyone thereafter they're there as
24 well, were working around the clock from start to finish.
25 Actually, the highway people finished up last. It's the
26 pumps. So that's when they could go home and get some

1 rest because they've been working way too long. The
2 highway guys covered the sewer and vice versa. So it's
3 working pretty good.

4 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Lou.

5 MR. CAFORIO: You're welcome.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Let's get to the town
7 changing zoning (inaudible). So ladies?

8 MS. SARA ZUBALSKY-PEER: So basically Julio
9 (phonetic) transmitted the things on his end. Good
10 morning, Dan (phonetic).

11 MALE VOICE: Good morning.

12 MR. MATERESE: Excuse me, Sara. I'm sorry. Can
13 you move up a little bit to the mic, please? Thank you,
14 Sara.

15 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: No problem. All right.
16 Julio submitted rezoning applications moving up. These
17 are (indiscernible) on the main highway beside
18 (indiscernible). It's an all commercial and residential.
19 He wants the zoning changed throughout residential because
20 he wants some chickens and eventually, of course, organic
21 animals. We've been going back and forth internally about
22 if this is appropriate or not. It's not helping to spot
23 the building because the carousel is behind him. Far
24 right is residential, but it's fairly low very much
25 they'll spot the building along lots up into general
26 commercial.

1 We went back, Marina and I, to look at how the
2 west side is split zoning. This side used to be. For a
3 number of reasons, they're in the last comprehensive plan
4 that they changed it all to commercial. So we've just
5 been kind of going back and forth internally about the
6 right way to move forward with this. I don't know if
7 Marina wants to add on this. She spoke with Julio
8 directly. She'd be working with him pretty closely.

9 MS. MARINA LANE: So let me just jump in quickly
10 and let the board members know that you've got a series of
11 different zoning maps there. So first I have -- well,
12 first, you can see the map where he drew in where he would
13 like his chicken enclosure. But then the next map shows
14 that existing zoning as of 2011. The next map shows what
15 the zoning would look like as he applied for. Then the
16 next map shows an alternate pattern of zoning which is
17 similar to what is on the very last page, what the zoning
18 used to be prior to when the Town went through the entire
19 unified zoning ordinance and passed a whole new zoning
20 code in 2011. So there are some issues. And I believe
21 Dee is there with you today. I really can't see her.

22 MALE VOICE: She's here.

23 MS. LANE: So Dee can explain her concerns,
24 which Alan echoed, about the split zoning which is how to
25 enforce split zoning without -- you know, code enforcement
26 can't take the time and doesn't have the right to enter

1 properties to ensure that certain activities are being
2 carried out. But, as Sara was saying, on the west side of
3 the road there is split zoning. Meaning parcels are zoned
4 for the first on average about 300 feet as the commercial
5 zoning, and then to the rear as rural residential which
6 used to be agricultural.

7 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Dee, you're up.

8 MS. DARIA GOLAZESKI: So the reason we looked at
9 the east side, the reason of rezoning, before going to the
10 creek, it's because we have probably north and south
11 (inaudible). Without them there's the floodplain and the
12 floodway along the creek. Other uses of the long
13 (indiscernible) were encroaching into the old ag district
14 split zone. So for consistency we said, since the last
15 time we worked for the most part into the creek, it makes
16 sense.

17 On the west side, some of those lots are pretty
18 big long lots that touch into the residential district.
19 So we left that one alone because there's also a hill
20 there which is kind of the natural bearing.

21 The code doesn't mention sport zones, but some
22 codes do. So we don't have language that talks about it.
23 In some zoning codes we can encroach on the less
24 restricted. This is the more restricted, in this case you
25 could encroach the use of the commercial into the rural
26 residential and the old ag.

1 I have no preference either way. I'm just
2 explaining there would be other restrictions that we have
3 to worry about because, depending on what he does, not
4 playing nice, if they ever redo the floodplain maps, a lot
5 of the property would be going to the floodplain. So it's
6 whatever you desire. I won't be here to worry about it.

7 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Dee. Alan, do you
8 want to speak on that?

9 MR. POPE: If I could just echo what Sara said
10 on the comprehensive plan. So this is the map that
11 concerns me the most. So here you got commercial on both
12 sides. It is well thought out, I think, and implemented.
13 Now the proposal from this particular resident is to
14 rezone something right in the middle of it.

15 We looked long on that. To me, that looks a lot
16 like bad zoning. So what I said the other day on the call
17 was this is not a rezone. It's not whether you like
18 chickens or dogs. It's not whether you think this is a
19 nice guy or not a nice guy. It's not really where he says
20 he's going to put his chickens, or his cows, or his
21 horses. It's really a rezoning issue.

22 So this is subject to challenge. I think it
23 would be. You can't really say, well, I don't know if
24 anybody is going to challenge it, let's take the risk
25 because we are also looking to the future. What happens
26 when the next guy comes along and wants to do something

1 but he's not a nice person? It's not about chickens that
2 everybody loves. Well, almost everybody. Then what do
3 you do? You kind of set a precedence at least in this
4 corridor (sounds like). So that's my legal concern.
5 Think of it without regarding whether it's chickens.
6 Think of it without regarding whether you like this guy or
7 even the other gentleman that came in with his nice dog.
8 That's not how we should look at resolving this.

9 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

10 MS. LANE: And I agree with Alan in that.
11 That's the main reason that I didn't just simply submit it
12 to you as an application. I really wanted everybody to
13 have time to think about it and decide whether you think
14 it's a good idea to even accept the application to rezone.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. POPE: You know, for a rezone application
17 that comes to the town hall, that's legislative in nature.
18 So because it's legislative in nature, the Town Board
19 doesn't have to entertain it. But if somebody comes in to
20 the Planning Board or comes to the DBA (phonetic), we
21 can't really say, well, I don't like it, I'm not going to
22 entertain it. This is one of the few instances where you
23 could say thank you but no thanks. I'm not even going to
24 entertain the application. Or you could accept it, go
25 through the process, and then vote on it. But it's
26 entirely up to you. Just like Marina is saying, you don't

1 have to even accept it.

2 MR. MATERESE: So it's not something we have to
3 act on tonight. It is one that I will explain to you.
4 You guys will have time to think about it, to understand
5 it, what you thought of it. Is everybody good with that?

6 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

7 FEMALE VOICE: Yes.

8 FEMALE VOICE: What's on the other side of this
9 property?

10 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: On which side?

11 FEMALE VOICE: Either side. I'm trying to
12 figure out where this is exactly.

13 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: It's a really nice house.
14 Yeah. The house is there. The residence is there around
15 the side of a trucking company.

16 MS. GOLAZESKI: Yes, the Jason Miller (phonetic)
17 Trucking Company. It's that building that sits down.

18 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. Okay. I think I know
19 where you mean now.

20 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: It's just that you need to
21 kind of go to this situation in the Town wherein it's a
22 mix of commercial and residential.

23 FEMALE VOICE: Okay. I do, do run there. I've
24 been there.

25 MS. GOLAZESKI: It's a nice house.

26 FEMALE VOICE: So the blue denotes the flooding

1 area?

2 MS. GOLAZESKI: That's the current flood map.

3 FEMALE VOICE: The flood map, okay.

4 MS. GOLAZESKI: It's not 100 percent accurate on
5 the overlay because this was actually done in the '70s and
6 the '80s. The new a map that was pulled back shows it
7 differently. But this is what we have to go by. And we
8 don't know when the feds will be introducing new maps yet.
9 It could be another five years.

10 FEMALE VOICE: Does that have any bearing on
11 changing the zoning code of the flooded area?

12 MS. GOLAZESKI: Depending on where on the
13 property he's proposing to do anything. It will depend on
14 whether or not there is an extra layer of approvals,
15 whether it's zoned the way it is now or changed. It has
16 to go through a floodplain development. That's important.

17 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

18 MS. GOLAZESKI: Commercial properties require
19 some kind of approval or a special permit depending on the
20 use. A rural residential depends on the use whether or
21 not it's a special permit or not.

22 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

23 MALE VOICE: Okay. It's to be done by such a
24 permit?

25 MS. GOLAZESKI: Not in a general commercial zone
26 unless you totally want to really like rewrite where

1 animal husbandry and chickens are permitted.

2 MALE VOICE: Does it have to be general?

3 MS. GOLAZESKI: Well, you could do it in a
4 couple of different ways. You could say they're allowed
5 in any zone with a special permit or with certain
6 guidelines, certain sized lots, single-family owner-
7 occupied only house. You could put a lot of restrictions
8 on it. I have a file about most of this. It's about this
9 stuff. Just assuming they're under a code a few years ago
10 to allow for a special permit on this kind of suburban
11 lot, owner-occupied no more than four chickens and no
12 roosters. Certain limits for the pens, certain limits for
13 the work to be on the lot. And it backfired and they
14 repealed the law. I have it though if you want to look at
15 it or discuss it. Somehow I need a code because we could
16 have a problem with chickens.

17 MS. LANE: Dee, what was the last thing you
18 said?

19 MS. GOLAZESKI: I have the old Johnson City
20 code. I have a very thick file on chicken laws that I
21 researched several years. If you want to look at it, if
22 you want to look it, make some kind of amendment. But we
23 may have problems with chickens. One lady tried to say
24 they were emotional support animals. On a lot on Wayne
25 Street, she tried to get a use variance because it's not a
26 permitted use. It's a single-family zoning district and

1 she was denied. Then they get loose. They go around the
2 neighborhood. They stop traffic. They come barring the
3 road.

4 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: My chickens never fly in the
5 road.

6 MS. GOLAZESKI: Okay. Most of your chickens are
7 roosters and you live on some (indiscernible). It's
8 different when you're talking about a small residential
9 lot.

10 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: Yeah. You're right.

11 MS. LANE: I think we have to wait until Dee
12 retires, Sara.

13 MR. MATERESE: All right. So why don't we mull
14 this over and then we can bring it up again in the next
15 session. You might think it's something you want to
16 entertain or not. Is that okay with everybody?

17 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah. Okay with me.

18 MS. LANE: Yeah. There is no rush.

19 MR. MATERESE: All right. Thank you.

20 FEMALE VOICE: Thank you.

21 MR. MATERESE: Marina, do you want make mention
22 of the GlidePath before we move on?

23 MS. LANE: I'm sorry. I couldn't understand
24 you.

25 MR. MATERESE: Do you want to quickly mention
26 about GlidePath before we move on?

1 MS. LANE: Well, I will tell you a couple of
2 things. You've already seen their presentation. I left
3 one full-sized plan on the table. Where? I think in the
4 corner by the water cooler. If you would like, I can send
5 it to you by email. In some of the things, the details
6 are so small, you have to expand it on your computer
7 screen to really read anything. But I think that it -- I
8 was going to confirm with Dee, so Dee, you could answer
9 now, that this would be a public utility facility. Right,
10 Dee?

11 MS. GOLAZESKI: That's correct.

12 MS. LANE: And those are permitted in any zoning
13 district. I mean it does serve a very useful purpose, as
14 I'm sure you're all aware, of stabilizing the grid. the
15 electric grid. And I will say that the firm that they
16 hired for doing the environmental review appears to have
17 done a very, very thorough job. They have been very
18 willing to work with us on the different things that we've
19 requested that either they change or add. In addition,
20 Erin Hazen, who made her presentation to you previously,
21 does plan to attend the meeting tonight via Zoom - she
22 could be there - in case anybody has any questions.

23 What I'm going to do today and didn't have a
24 chance is to let you know a rough schedule. If you can
25 accept that application today and then I could forward it
26 to the County tomorrow, that will give the 30-day review

1 period before the Planning Board makes their
2 recommendation to you on whether to accept the preliminary
3 PUD plan. In my memo to you, you'll see that I explained
4 that the Planning Board will be voiding the PUD that was
5 approved in September at Homestead Village PUD Development
6 Plan because CSI, which triggered that whole process we
7 went through in the fall, decided not to build on 16 Beech
8 Street. So we must waive that PUD that was approved. We
9 would go through the same process now for this
10 development.

11 My expectations are that, in the first meeting
12 in February, you could call for a public hearing to be
13 held at the second meeting in February at which time the
14 Planning Board will have already met and be able to
15 provide their recommendation. The County will have
16 completed their review and then you could either vote at
17 that second February meeting or you could hold it over, if
18 you felt you needed to, into the first March meeting.
19 Then the Planning Board could potentially do a site plan
20 review at their meeting in March, which is the second
21 Tuesday of March.

22 MR. MATERESE: I'm good with that. Is everybody
23 else okay with that or does anyone have a concern?

24 MR. THOMAS AUGOSTINI: Last time we had talked
25 about projects just similar to a CSI.

26 MR. MATERESE: Right.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: They come in. They go through
2 the process and then they don't follow through with their
3 analysts. Is there a way to like concurrently do a code
4 change, kind of what we talked about in terms of just
5 something simple that says on your approvals if that's
6 received by whatever at the Town level, but if you don't
7 go through it, then there's a penalty or something that
8 you have to forfeit. So that by the time it comes to that
9 second meeting in February that we have something in place
10 that says you really have to be serious about what you
11 want to do.

12 MR. POPE: Yeah. We're going to do that. We'll
13 probably be able to do it sooner than later.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

15 MR. MATERESE: Does that change anything on your
16 statement? Can we just do that?

17 MR. POPE: No. That would be the modification
18 that would go on, that we're allowed to do that.

19 MR. MATERESE: So we can do it at the next
20 meeting?

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: The next --

22 MR. POPE: We have a lot of time.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. So next meeting, if we
24 call for a public hearing for the first meeting in
25 February, we'll hold the public hearing and then either
26 vote or not. Or did it at the second meeting, would it

1 apply to this?

2 MR. POPE: Their application is already in. I
3 think they got a pretty argument that, you know, they
4 (interposing) the law based upon when they filed the
5 application.

6 MALE VOICE: Okay.

7 MR. POPE: But I think the bigger and broader
8 change or thinking is, you know, we don't want to get
9 stuck in this situation. So given (indiscernible) I'm not
10 sure we can do it as fast as we'd like.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

12 MS. LANE: I'm sorry because I cannot understand
13 what Alan is saying. Are you talking about a general
14 procedure or are you talking about the GlidePath
15 specifically?

16 MR. MATERESE: It's a general procedure for
17 going forward so that our department doesn't do all the
18 work that we did and everything else and then have a
19 person walk away from it. That (inaudible).

20 MS. LANE: So would that apply just to projects
21 that you get as a Town Board?

22 MR. POPE: No.

23 MR. MATERESE: That's a no.

24 MS. LANE: So just to keep timelines - and again
25 I apologize, I could not understand the conversation very
26 well - you're talking about changing the zoning code which

1 would require a 239 Review and a recommendation by the
2 Planning Board?

3 MS. GOLAZESKI: And a referral to the County.

4 MR. MATERESE: I'm sorry. What, Dee?

5 MS. GOLAZESKI: And a referral to the County.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

7 MS. LANE: Right. A 239 Review.

8 MS. GOLAZESKI: Yeah.

9 MR. MATERESE: All right. So, generally, you're
10 just saying that it will take a little time to get this in
11 place?

12 MS. LANE: Yes.

13 MR. MATERESE: Right.

14 MR. POPE: The other thing, if you remember we
15 talked about how it would be accessed, is it upfront?
16 That they put a deposit in they don't get back. Is it
17 some kind of an hourly rate? What is a withdrawal? What
18 does it mean? They have a legitimate reason. They're
19 real estate contractors in those parts. If they can no
20 longer move forward with the project, do they get
21 penalized? I think when we talk about (inaudible), maybe
22 we need a little more thinking to go with it. We need to
23 figure out exactly what the law should state.

24 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

25 MR. POPE: But I think the concept is that --

26 MR. MATERESE: Okay. All right. So we'll work

1 on that during our next meeting.

2 MR. POPE: Okay.

3 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. All right. Very
4 quickly, I'm jumping around again, just so you're updated,
5 the Rec Center at Highland Park, the roof in a unit is
6 going to fall (sounds like). So that's it. You have -- I
7 placed it on your desks. It came from Lou and from Ray, I
8 should think, which gives us costs. Lou, do you want to
9 speak to this at all?

10 MR. CAFORIO Actually, I have.

11 MR. MATERESE: Oh.

12 (Interposing)

13 FEMALE VOICE: I think that was what he was
14 referring to.

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah. I didn't realize he had it
16 fully packed. I know I asked him to give me quotes. So
17 go ahead then.

18 MR. MATERESE: Well, no. Didn't you want to
19 explain the situation better that I did?

20 MR. CAFORIO: The rooftop unit is not repairable
21 with realistic dollars and cents. So I believe the cost
22 of repair was just right of \$20,000. For the past four
23 years we've spent \$8,000 on it on various repairs. As you
24 can see, for the price for a new one, it doesn't make
25 sense to throw that kind of money yet. But I think this
26 is going to be the third replacement for it.

1 So Ray, so I asked him to go out and get quotes
2 to replace it exactly with what's there. So that involves
3 a crane. It involves taking it down and placing a brand
4 new net (sounds like) there. Then that, throughout the
5 (indiscernible), I didn't see this yet. So first of all
6 you don't need to act on this.

7 MR. MATERESE: No. No. I just wanted to inform
8 the board. I don't want to keep this, hiding it from the
9 board.

10 MR. CAFORIO: No, no, no. But I would assume
11 it's essential to have that discussion.

12 MR. MATERESE: That's what it is. And there are
13 several --

14 MR. CAFORIO: At least we talked, I don't know
15 what it says on there relative to Endwell (phonetic). So
16 we have a portable big one, a very large 300,000 feet
17 portable unit. You can use it in the Rec Center and in
18 the gym so you don't need a sprinkler system or anything
19 like that. So it's not usable to residents right now.
20 But I'll run ahead (inaudible).

21 MR. MATERESE: And this new unit will have
22 nothing to do with the air-conditioning unit that they
23 were talking about before. This is just to keep it cool.

24 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah. I don't know how we'd do
25 what he's asking. It's within the procuring cost
26 guidelines. I spoke with Laura several weeks ago when

1 I first met with (inaudible). It looked like this was
2 going to go south quickly. And there's a couple of
3 different options to pay for that repair. But it
4 wouldn't be probably allowed (sounds like).

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. I mean like how do you
6 not know when to go with it?

7 MR. CAFORIO: I don't know. I haven't seen
8 that law.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: So you'll cover (sounds like)
10 it?

11 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah. I don't know what --
12 yeah. I don't -- I'm not sure what (inaudible) yeah.

13 MR. POPE: Can I just raise -- I was going to
14 raise that same issue. It has to be -- I don't know,
15 maybe even ten years ago, I'm not sure you even knew
16 it all before. But I proposed, you know, a local law
17 that will allow you to pick the best value. So not
18 necessarily the lowest price but the best value makes
19 the plan (sounds like), you know, being local
20 merchants, you know, time, response time to repair,
21 things of that nature.

22 And then the Board back then decided not to
23 do that. They didn't think that was a good idea. And
24 I remember they had some legitimate reasons, you know,
25 because it does allow some gray area to creep in that
26 way. So it could allow for people to litigate over

1 whether that's the right thing as opposed to black and
2 white as to where it was going.

3 So they might do something on the third day,
4 that we want to bring it back to the Board saying is
5 it worthwhile looking at changing the law to be best
6 value so you have some flexibility to look at
7 something than downgrade it (sounds like).

8 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Any other questions
9 about that?

10 MR. CAFORIO: You've a point, Alan. You've a
11 point.

12 MR. MATERESE: We can talk about that.

13 MR. CAFORIO: A low bid is always not the
14 best bid.

15 MR. MATERESE: Right.

16 MR. CAFORIO: Right? And a lot of times,
17 you want to average your dollars. Just to give an
18 example, contactor A comes back in the past two years
19 with a the low bid. The second year they've got a
20 project. Then the third year, with a low bid again.
21 They had nothing but issues for the prior two years.
22 It's not in our best interest to award them again if
23 you go through those problems. And that was part of
24 it. You can read these posts, you know --

25 MALE VOICE: Right.

26 MR. CAFORIO: -- based on their past poor

1 performance, et cetera, too. And there's a lot better
2 than that, we get offers. And some of the contractors
3 that even work with us maybe even once every couple of
4 years, you get to know these people. And you develop
5 a relationship with other people that they're either
6 spot on and you don't have to worry about them or you
7 got guys who got the last 20 percent, you know. So, a
8 lot is to be said sometimes for that for a reputable
9 person that's doing the work that you talk to instead
10 of \$400,000.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: And I would agree with that
12 if you have a history around issues. You know, on
13 this memo, there's no history of issues.

14 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah. And again, I apologize,
15 I did not see that memo before. I just saw it
16 upstairs right now.

17 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Thanks, though. Again,
18 that's something we can bring up at the next meeting,
19 find out what's going on. Okay. So, two more issues.
20 I think you guys are hanging around tomorrow. One
21 issue that's like -- okay, so, just you know, the
22 elevator has not been functioning. Lou is in the
23 process of trying to -- what he's described (audio
24 glitch).

25 MR. CAFORIO: (Indiscernible) got some
26 properties having another company (inaudible) one of

1 those things because there's a specific circuit board,
2 they say a relay, that they cannot obtain. That relay
3 controlled the doors opening and closing. So after
4 having spoken with these guys again, and in my certain
5 thinking (sounds like) that they're saying that
6 absolutely, I cannot believe you can't process a relay
7 to a different vendor or something else that have a
8 relay that will operate these doors.

9 So, they haven't had the vessel along with
10 the elevator company that's been here. Also, we're
11 soliciting another opinion on that specific relay and
12 see if that relay is available or not. If you look at
13 it, you know, physically look at it, it doesn't look
14 like anything off of a spaceship or anything. It was
15 a very generic contact relay. So I don't know.

16 Dan is working with getting that other
17 company to come in here and assess this and see if
18 they can come up with a relay or someone else to look
19 at the doors if they're properly on (sounds like).

20 MR. MATERESE: So we're giving them an
21 opportunity try to get this thing fixed as rapidly as
22 possible. Other way, the cost of replacement is going
23 to be \$150,000.

24 MR. CAFORIO: All right. You know, between
25 \$130,00 to 150,000.

26 MR. MATERESE: And it will take six months

1 more than likely.

2 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah.

3 MR. MATERESE: So, we're trying to see -
4 we're just trying to see if we can pick the breakdown.
5 Then we can investigate, depending on what this new
6 company says also what the status of the elevator is.
7 Is that fair to say?

8 FEMALE VOICE: How old is the elevator?

9 MR. CAFORIO: We got to assume that the
10 original permit to run date of that elevator is still
11 the same. It's going to be a long time. I couldn't
12 tell you exactly what year it is. But it's not
13 current by any means. I got to tell you it's probably
14 30 to 40 years old. Okay?

15 FEMALE VOICE: Okay.

16 MR. CAFORIO: But one thing I can say,
17 though, is, you know, some people had concerns because
18 sometimes the elevator stopped working like when
19 you're in it. That's nothing to worry about because I
20 got stuck in here last weekend on a Saturday morning,
21 I got stuck in the elevator. Because chat distracted
22 me. When I came in and I took a phone call, I got in
23 the elevator. And as I pushed the button, I'm like,
24 Jesus, it's not a good idea being here by myself.

25 It was freaking long. And there I sat till
26 they had to come rescue me and lower them in to get me

1 out of this. I wasn't nervous or anything. But
2 things started going through your head. Like, it's
3 just when the elevator shaft is on fire and I'm stuck
4 in the car and I can't get out, you know. Crazy stuff
5 like that. But I'm hoping that the (indiscernible)
6 Company at least can give us their opinion.

7 MR. MATERESE: Right.

8 MR. CAFORIO: Again, I understand that the
9 company's working on it. I understand their position
10 as well. So, if we can't get out there
11 (indiscernible) it looks like they're alerting us that
12 the board will somehow have to find a way to finance a
13 new elevator and we'll have to hire this (inaudible).
14 I don't think Sara would ever be able to come up with
15 any help. Right, Sara? I know you have to stop
16 yourself in the past for elevator projects.

17 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: Yeah. It's a super messy
18 process with how long we're dealing with this, the
19 general conduct development. They do have a clause
20 that allows for ADA access but it's (audio glitch) to
21 the age of the building. But they can understand the
22 elevator, the maintenance thing, check on if it can be
23 repaired not for replacement. Then they also brought
24 the whole issue then again justifying because it is
25 not only used by people with disabilities. It's used
26 by, you know, people. We can't be strict.

1 So, I'm still going back and forth. But I
2 don't think there's going to be any help. I don't
3 think they have developed the tool. Everything.
4 First, there's no funds for (indiscernible) and
5 development. But I don't think something will even be
6 (inaudible).

7 MR. MATARESE: Okay. So again, keeping you
8 up to date. All right, next issue, opening the
9 building or reopening the building. We directed Dan
10 Schofield to try to see and come up with a plan. He
11 came up with a plan to furnish, install three
12 storefront handles. This is to replace the existing
13 one exterior and two interior doors. Each were 42-
14 inch. So, everything was in the end acceptable. They
15 had automatic openers and so on. And then the
16 interior hallway with the sidelight and trim, ten
17 electronic, electric spring and standard door closer,
18 and then some other costs. That plan is a \$17,808.
19 To me, that's kind of a lot. I don't know that we
20 need to do that. But that's, again, it's up to the
21 Board to decide whether to spend that big money.

22 However, I did inform staff today that we
23 would be discussing reopening the building today. I
24 placed in front of you responses that I got back from
25 staff. I hope you got a chance to look at it. If
26 not, please look at it now. And then we can discuss

1 it. Then I'm guessing that's where you're staying
2 (sounds like) so -- okay. So, just give them a chance
3 to read what you guys wrote. And then we should
4 (inaudible). So, we can check those signatures.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: So, which one is it? Are
6 people standing outside or they're not standing
7 outside? Because there's two different statements
8 here.

9 MR. MATERESE: That's a good question.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: And my only point to the
11 response to Gretchen was these people are outside
12 waiting for lengths of time. That's an issue.

13 MR. MATERESE: Right. That's the issue. I
14 talked about that before.

15 FEMALE VOICE: I responded to two people.
16 One lady, was just standing staring at the door. And
17 I came up and said can I help you? She goes, "What am
18 I supposed to do? I don't have a cell phone. I've
19 been standing here." I said, well, what do you need?
20 And she said (inaudible). And I said, "You have to
21 wait outside, you have to come out first." I don't
22 know if she waited. I think she walked away.

23 Another one was an elderly gentleman. He had
24 paperwork for the Assessor's Office. And it was a
25 really cold day. And he had been banging at the door,
26 nobody answered. I went down. And he was so cold, he

1 was shaking. And again, I took the paperwork I had to
2 make copies of, you know, one of their
3 (indiscernible).

4 MR. CAFORIO: So, I've mentioned it about
5 million times, that the current system does not work.
6 Lenny's camera system is temperamental at best. When
7 he's not there, if no one else is there, there's
8 nobody coming. That is not a good system for us.
9 Something moderate (sounds like), something like a
10 central stage or something, where they are there all
11 the time, I could say, yeah, that could probably work.

12 But you can't depend on Lenny to be there at
13 8:00 in the morning until 4:00 or in his office. The
14 personnel in that office could be constantly out of
15 here that they couldn't respond to the people waiting.
16 They have no ways to communicate. And I don't know
17 what the solution is. You know, we thought that was a
18 solution. And it's really not a good solution.

19 MR. LEONARD PERFETTI: Part of the problem is
20 that camera system sometimes work with frequent
21 (sounds like) flaws. It is delayed. It's so bad,
22 it's delayed 1 to 30 seconds. When we finally
23 answered the door - somebody pushed the button -
24 they'd probably walk away because nobody answered
25 them. So I don't know if I have to use the Internet
26 or how it works. Sometimes it works and sometimes it

1 doesn't. But if it works properly, if I had that from
2 my computer, anybody in the office would hear the
3 doorbell. And they could answer.

4 MR. MATERESE: Let me ask this. Well, it
5 only seems to be a couple of people. Wouldn't it be
6 faster to let them in the front door and put a latch
7 in the vestibule door? There's a button there, so
8 they're not out in the cold?

9 FEMALE VOICE: (Interposing) They walk into
10 the vestibule?

11 MR. MATERESE: Right. But that's a large
12 vestibule. But ours is a smaller one. But wouldn't
13 that work? Couldn't that work?

14 MR. CAFORIO: I don't know what the solution
15 is.

16 MR. MATERESE: Right.

17 MR. CAFORIO: I'm just kind of saying that
18 what we're doing now doesn't work. And we tried to
19 look at alternatives and that was \$17,000 to totally
20 redesign it, bringing people in to the different areas
21 and being able to access. I don't want to use the
22 word chain (inaudible). They have the whole area,
23 they have enough room to social distance, I think, in
24 or out, whatever they needed, but we were looking at
25 that option. But it's taking much, much higher than
26 we thought. But we had to reconfigure the doors to be

1 ADA compliant (interposing).

2 MR. MATERESE: Right.

3 MR. CAFORIO: That's, you know, a random
4 option, but, we couldn't do it any other way.

5 MR. MATERESE: So, not offering enough
6 (sounds like). Does anybody see a problem with trying
7 that? If we just put a lock on the inside door or a
8 handle with a lock latch so -- and chains where the
9 button is so somebody can come in out of the cold.

10 MR. CAFORIO: Well, that system is not
11 horrible (sounds like). We got to reconfigure it had
12 the double camera units on this. It's kind of
13 hardwired and fixed to the building.

14 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

15 MR. CAFORIO: That's what we wanted to do.
16 We wanted if we could simple have, maybe just go with
17 the buzzer.

18 MR. MATERESE: How about a doorbell?

19 FEMALE VOICE: But again, who's answering it?
20 Because people don't answer it. And Gretchen runs up
21 and down the stairs because in our office, we could
22 hear people banging on the door.

23 (Interposing)

24 MR. PERFETTI: -- banging on the door without
25 access (audio glitch). But we serve hundreds and
26 hundreds people. They always want to do drop off, to

1 telephone, or through the mail. You know, you can
2 give the info to people they just don't read the
3 notice they're getting from this other document that
4 says do not come to this building in a pandemic
5 (sounds like), go to the hall (sounds like). You
6 don't have to bring the stuff, it's (indiscernible),
7 you know. We're already calling --

8 MR. MATERESE: The Star?

9 MR. PERFETTI: The Star program, we're not
10 doing it this year. Some people just don't read.

11 MR. CAFORIO: Well, some people can't compute
12 that as well then.

13 MR. MATERESE: Right, that's true.

14 MR. CAFORIO: Not everybody is. You know, we
15 have elderly people that come here, some that don't
16 have phones. A lot of times, when you go by, they're
17 just -- you know, they're fixed on trying. We have
18 too much clutter on the door, I'm thinking.

19 MR. MATERESE: I agree with that.

20 (Interposing) And they're not reading.

21 FEMALE VOICE: We don't have enough detail on
22 that sign.

23 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

24 FEMALE VOICE: Permits does not mean
25 handicapped parking permits. Dog control doesn't
26 handle dog licenses. We need a little bit more detail

1 on that sign and a better phone tree on the main
2 system.

3 MR. CAFORIO: We tried that. It didn't work,
4 the phone tree. We had it on and we pulled it off,
5 right? It didn't work.

6 MR. PERFETTI: No. That's been a problem.
7 The phone tree gets all (indiscernible) and it's got
8 to be reset by the month a week (sounds like).

9 MR. CAFORIO: Well, I don't think they set it
10 being -- okay, unless you did something different. He
11 told me that the lines had messed up (audio glitch).

12 MR. PERFETTI: We're going to get --

13 MR. CAFORIO: Okay. Maybe he did something
14 different.

15 (Interposing)

16 MR. CAFORIO: We're losing phone service
17 until someone realizes that we're down. So --

18 MR. MATERESE: Which I am hearing it was
19 months (sounds like) ago.

20 MR. CAFORIO: It's happening. It happens
21 about once a week.

22 MR. PERFETTI: It happens once a week.

23 MR. CAFORIO: It happened, it all started
24 after we loaded that phone tree in there so people
25 would have options.

26 MR. PERFETTI: So the guy says, it's all that

1 we have (sounds like). You update it, upgrade it.

2 MR. MATERESE: Do you know if (audio glitch)?

3 MR. CAFORIO: He's reaching out to somebody.
4 But again, these things, you know, this isn't like
5 planned stuff that you typically do so all that it's
6 been unfolded throughout this whole pandemic. We keep
7 running it (inaudible), you know. It's not perfect.
8 And we can only do what works. It's in front of us at
9 the time. I thought we had some sort of a solution on
10 the phones at least for now. So they won't continue
11 to drop to voicemail.

12 MR. PERFETTI: We keep going. That's what
13 happens.

14 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. So, Lenny, let me ask
15 you this. If there's a doorbell, how many hours or
16 how many minutes during the day would somebody not be
17 in your office?

18 MR. PERFETTI: There's always someone.

19 MR. MATERESE: To at least hear the doorbell
20 and respond?

21 MR. PERFETTI: We're trying to do it on the
22 phone. If somebody else already -- door bell ringing.
23 They have to wait a second to often fill out a log
24 (sounds like) and talk to somebody. Like I said I
25 think you said the signage is not (interposing).

26 FEMALE VOICE: Yes.

1 MR. PERFETTI: People would see the sign all
2 that, forgot what the sign was for what I think the
3 people should do or shouldn't do. There's a lot of
4 stuff on the door. They just don't read it though.

5 MR. MATERESE: Is there -- again, just going
6 back, just speak while we're in here. Let's go on an
7 intercom.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Yes, let me just go back. The
9 system that I have, if I see somebody come up to the
10 door, they don't even push the button. They're
11 looking at the phone. I can't activate it when he
12 started talking until they push the button. A simple
13 intercom system is not really the camera alone. It's
14 a simple intercom system. Somebody will push the
15 button so they can ask, what will I do. Unless the
16 speaker's on, it's not going to be possible. It's not
17 a two-way phone, you know.

18 MR. CAFORIO: So again, the original tech
19 behind the camera system was so that this board,
20 people could be in here. And somebody could come to
21 the door. It wasn't designed for what we're doing.

22 MR. MATERESE: Right.

23 MR. CAFORIO: So if we leave them alone, the
24 only other thing is that there's going to have to be
25 an attendant to the door every time the doorbell
26 rings. Okay. All right?

1 MR. PERFETTI: Or at least be able to talk to
2 them.

3 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah, you can.

4 (Interposing)

5 MR. CAFORIO: Right. I would have to say you
6 lose that ability to see who's there, you know,
7 because I was part of it before (interposing).

8 MR. PERFETTI: So, I can see them through it
9 now. The camera will follow through (sounds like).
10 It's the voice part that doesn't communicate properly.
11 If somebody rang the doorbell, you can talk. You say,
12 hi, how may I help you? "I need to see
13 (indiscernible)?" You have to pick up the call, if
14 he's on the call and go. Or I want to talk with
15 assessor. Yeah, you have to walk (sounds like) to the
16 Assessor's Office. (Inaudible)

17 You have three main people are trying to get
18 to: it's (indiscernible), the assessor, and the
19 (indiscernible). Those are the three main things that
20 people do want (inaudible). I mean you know, it's a
21 simple here process. Well, can I actually talk to
22 somebody. Push a button instead of waiting for them
23 to hit the button, how long is the waiting on it?

24 MR. MATERESE: And again, use the idea of
25 getting people out of the cold (inaudible). Best to
26 do that. I think your capacity is warmth (sounds

1 like).

2 FEMALE VOICE: I can't handle both though
3 (sounds like). I don't know if it's (indiscernible).
4 It's out of question. I went to see to hire somebody
5 part-time, just sit down. I mean even after this
6 pandemic, to kind of screen people that come into the
7 building so they don't have situations where we have
8 people wandering around the building, you know, after
9 hours or something, to try to avoid any issues that
10 might affect (inaudible).

11 We wouldn't have to be able to do part-time
12 and not have to do benefits and all that. I don't
13 know (inaudible). Lenny told me (indiscernible)
14 possibility but versus spending \$17,000 to amend the
15 building.

16 MR. MATERESE: I don't know about you, guys.
17 I think \$17,000 is out of the question. But does
18 anybody have any thoughts on that?

19 FEMALE VOICE: Will the intercom system,
20 Lenny, will you be able to see the person from your
21 office?

22 MR. PERFETTI: I can see the person.

23 FEMALE VOICE: And you would say to them, can
24 I help you?

25 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah.

26 FEMALE VOICE: And then they would respond.

1 And then you --

2 MR. PERFETTI: You say, hey, you can put that
3 form in the drop box or you can take your time to call
4 up that person (inaudible) to help you. It is how it
5 was working when the camera worked properly.

6 FEMALE VOICE: But somebody still gets to the
7 door and let them in. They're standing out in the
8 cold during that time. Correct?

9 FEMALE VOICE: Sometimes, they left when the
10 person will leave them out there while they go do what
11 they need to do.

12 MR. MATERESE: So that's why --

13 FEMALE VOICE: So they remain outside while
14 they're waiting for more paperwork or whatever.

15 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. That's what I'm
16 thinking about the best to deal with the situation.

17 FEMALE VOICE: Right. There's no way that we
18 can let them in.

19 MR. PERFETTI: You know, like what we said,
20 if there was a lock (sounds like) like a similar wall
21 on the other side, you know. But when losing the one
22 person, the effect is little bit frustrating (sounds
23 like).

24 MR. MATERESE: So, after all these months,
25 how many times do we get more than one person?

26 MR. PERFETTI: I think it's small

1 (inaudible). Now, we see the effect. But we have to
2 do something with all the people if they need to
3 (audio glitch).

4 FEMALE VOICE: (Inaudible)

5 FEMALE VOICE: Have you ever priced out on
6 the intercom system, see what it will cost? Are you
7 talking about an intercom system and changing the
8 locks on those doors to handle that? You would do it
9 that way?

10 MR. PERFETTI: We'll have to do probably what
11 will be the pricing for that but that (inaudible).

12 FEMALE VOICE: But it's still going to be
13 several thousands.

14 MR. MATERESE: For intercom? You can go
15 to -- we had intercoms at my house so we could talk to
16 people in the basement from the second floor. It
17 costs \$15 (sounds like).

18 FEMALE VOICE: Really?

19 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

20 MR. CAFORIO: We actually want something a
21 little higher quality than that.

22 MR. MATERESE: Well, that's still -- I
23 understand that. But we're not talking of thousands
24 of dollars here. Also, you could consider the dates
25 and how long before you get this new thing up and
26 running. And that's part two. So, I think that we

1 are being -- is to be able to get people, the elderly,
2 not elderly or whatever off the front stoop. Yeah,
3 absolutely. Has everybody read the second page?
4 There are all the pros or they've seen the cons?

5 FEMALE VOICE: Yes.

6 MALE VOICE: Yes. When people will come in
7 there's a center box (indiscernible) lending us
8 Plexiglas and the appearance of (indiscernible). Why
9 couldn't they sit at that side instead of the front
10 door?

11 FEMALE VOICE: That's a good idea. Just sit
12 and wait.

13 MALE VOICE: Why can't they can sit there
14 until they proceed through?

15 FEMALE VOICE: Would the hiring of a person
16 who did this because it's COVID-related? Would that
17 be something that we could get monies for? I mean why
18 would we need it for if it wasn't COVID? That's why
19 we got one of the other (indiscernible).

20 MALE VOICE: You know, where is this Karen
21 (phonetic)? We hear so much about -- (interposing)

22 MALE VOICE: That person has the right to be
23 out of it.

24 FEMALE VOICE: Somebody the other day just
25 wandered into the other floor. Somebody let them in
26 the front door. They didn't have an appointment. We

1 didn't know they were coming. (Interposing)

2 MALE VOICE: I'm going to tell you though,
3 people are smart. So, I saw one scurried in the other
4 day. Somebody went out and they ran right in. They
5 were there waiting, you know. The timing was perfect
6 so, you know, and that's the last thing it really
7 doesn't -- that can happen now and it did happen.
8 They just walked in (interposing).

9 MALE VOICE: It can happen then, Leonard.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Yes.

11 MALE VOICE: We can at least get them
12 somewhere where they're not in somebody's face and
13 that if they need to wait for somebody, they can do
14 that.

15 MALE VOICE: That's what we're doing right
16 now.

17 MALE VOICE: We have them on the bench or
18 somewhere where they're not standing out at the front
19 door. At least get them -- find a better way to get
20 to them.

21 MR. MATERESE: So, basically, from that
22 description, you got two people, one in the vestibule
23 and one in the bench (inaudible).

24 MALE VOICE: Plus your family member, right?
25 If you come with your family, so it would be nice.

26 MR. MATERESE: Yeah, right. So --

1 FEMALE VOICE: Which I'm good. The
2 difficulty, because some of us we have -- we're there
3 in person (sounds like). But my (indiscernible) they
4 madly followed me down the hallway they didn't give it
5 up even if they know we close it down (indiscernible).
6 Is it running offices down since they know they need
7 to wait here? I think these are the things that we
8 said no.

9 MALE VOICE: It is okay for us to do that. I
10 asked you about the steps. Is it okay to use an open
11 clasp (sounds like) the one they'd like to use in the
12 movie theatre, velvet-type stops? It doesn't
13 necessarily impede your -- things off of your grasp.
14 But just as something that people see then saying you
15 got to wait here. Because we talked about staff
16 coming up here just to have more people. We're
17 talking about trying to hold people in that different
18 area. Is that a problem?

19 FEMALE VOICE: I have to look and see.

20 (Interposing)

21 FEMALE VOICE: Right in front of the second
22 floor. We can't go up when we go look at the library.

23 MALE VOICE: At least if we had those two
24 there.

25 FEMALE VOICE: It doesn't mean that we use
26 velvet (sounds like).

1 FEMALE VOICE: Sure.

2 MALE VOICE: It would be helpful so that they
3 know that they could, your point.

4 (Interposing)

5 FEMALE VOICE: You know, like a stop, don't
6 bypass this point, authorized personnel or something.

7 (Interposing)

8 MR. MATERESE:: So, ladies, everybody's sort
9 of managing something else while reading the paper.
10 Everybody sort of had a chance. Would you like to say
11 something on it?

12 MS. GOLAZESKI: It's just we would appreciate
13 being consulted. Dan's plan was never run through
14 code. Hey, what do we care? It's code laws, New York
15 State code. We just like to be consulted. We're not
16 being consulted. And that's hurtful to the staff.
17 But we think -- our staff don't think we're
18 appreciated, that you care about our safety. This
19 building has always had safety problems. So the
20 consultants were brought in. What happened with that
21 report?

22 MALE VOICE: What report?

23 MS. GOLAZESKI: Three years ago, that safety
24 consultant that was brought in.

25 MALE VOICE: Oh, the assessment. Well, they
26 started replacing doors and doing that stuff as part

1 of it, of the project. I spent \$15,000 on doors.
2 Then, there's other things discussed. And then I just
3 couldn't exactly remember, it's in March as you said.
4 We're not doing anything right now because the
5 building is locked.

6 MALE VOICE: Right.

7 MALE VOICE: And that whole thing was set
8 aside.

9 MS. GOLAZESKI: But nothing was discussed.
10 No results where ever brought back to the staff. We
11 hear about things in the hallway, at the water cooler.
12 We feel we're not appreciated. That's the bottom
13 line. Nobody asked really truly our opinion. For
14 Sara's staff - for that assessment - was never
15 consulted because Paul (phonetic) never cared. He
16 never asked the staff to participate.

17 MALE VOICE: That's not our fault.

18 MS. GOLAZESKI: That's not your fault. But
19 we just want to be appreciated. And we don't feel we
20 are. How many of you have spent time in any of our
21 offices? See what shit we go through with some of
22 these people. I'm sorry. It's just you don't
23 understand what we go through. And you're making the
24 decisions that affect our life and our family.

25 MR. PERFETTI: I think that intercom thing
26 you keep it going (indiscernible) and see if it works

1 (indiscernible) so we're not standing up. We can talk
2 on the line (indiscernible). We got calls on this
3 number where somebody's trying to find out how to get
4 here or whatever. I think that's right.

5 MALE VOICE: I mean an intercom, some sort of
6 a two-way or maybe a three-way intercom. Maybe a dual
7 wireless. But we'll take little baby steps here. And
8 we can still -- until we told we can't do it.

9 MR. PERFETTI: The phone (sounds like).

10 MALE VOICE: Well, that's my thought in short
11 order. At least we can get people to set up --

12 (Interposing)

13 MALE VOICE: Okay. And then lastly, to your
14 point and I realize, you guys aren't always, always
15 there. I mean, stuff happens. I'm just not
16 criticizing you. But there's times when only Karen's
17 there. She has to go to the bank. There will be
18 nobody there should she happen to be gone, you know, a
19 half hour or whatever. So, we have a little bit of a
20 lag. And then once in a while, we will need something
21 to cover that, whether it's a half hour or 40 minutes
22 when nobody's in there so that somebody else is at
23 least watching this so we don't drop the ball. You
24 got a retirement coming up and some other stuff. Who
25 knows would it be full staff or not. I'm just saying
26 what they want.

1 MR. PERFETTI: We mean that's what we've been
2 mulling, access to the camera. I mean, just a
3 thought.

4 MR. MATERESE:: Well, just communication
5 between your office and somebody else saying, hey,
6 let's cover this group. It might just be building
7 maintenance. We'll check with this group, will come out
8 and (audio glitch).

9 MR. MATERESE: How does that sound to you,
10 ladies?

11 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: I mean, I'll have to wait,
12 but I think right now I'll just look around how we're
13 ready though. But added to that, it's affected me to feel
14 like there isn't enough communication. So then when I
15 sometimes I'm getting less (sounds like), I try to
16 communicate with other staff. I try talking, hey, I'm
17 part of the meeting. But I do feel like what they said, a
18 lot of times we'll hear about things walking through
19 hallway. Everyone is being involved in the decision
20 making process, saying, hey, this is going to affect how
21 your department is run, let's talk about the best possible
22 solution.

23 Sometimes, we create mountains out of molehills
24 and we won't need to figure elaborate solutions that if we
25 just sit and talk like all departments, all of us working
26 on as a management team for the Town discussing and

1 communicating, then we could face them a lot quicker where
2 they can call (sounds like) me on huge issues that we'll
3 already get so emotional to help. But that we need to be
4 a part of this. All this is happening. We're hearing all
5 this is going to happen.

6 So this one especially, I think, is very
7 emotional for people because it's all of the people and
8 people don't feel comfortable and considered all the time.
9 So that's why I wanted to make sure, I wanted to ask that.
10 I asked for a different (inaudible). I will allow permit
11 everybody just to talk about it and what is the best
12 solution for this and not just, you know, do one way for
13 this (inaudible). I think we can even talk about it and
14 sit down, focusing on the way of meeting everybody's
15 needs.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay, Dee?

17 MS. GOLAZESKI: I had my turn (sounds like).

18 MR. MATERESE: I think that your point is well
19 taken, I respect it (inaudible). So can we look to be
20 operational on a small level by Monday? I mean --

21 MALE VOICE: Certainly. How are we going to do
22 all this by Monday?

23 MR. MATERESE: I'm just talking about putting
24 ropes up and letting people in the door in case.

25 MALE VOICE: So that's what you want, is to put
26 the ropes up and let people in, that's fine.

1 MR. MATERESE: Well, I mean for now. It's going
2 to be cold out and we're going to have somebody out there,
3 trying to look (sounds like) at the intercom. Again, I
4 don't think that's a heck of a big plan. Instead of, you
5 know, at least we can form the people up with ropes.

6 MALE VOICE: If that's what you want, we can
7 procure these and put them up, if you want to just do
8 that, and then if you come up with other things, just say
9 the word then.

10 MR. PERFETTI: But we can hear about that
11 wireless, that is one thing. Remote (indiscernible) --

12 MALE VOICE: Yeah. That's going to take a
13 little bit actually. We might need another. If we can
14 simply find something to attach, not permanently attach,
15 something that can be removed in those two areas as
16 something in this side to go to that, pass this area, or
17 whatever, so something - that's a start. At least you get
18 them out of the cold.

19 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. I mean, really, the only
20 exposure is your office with your doors open, but you got
21 glass. So, as long as you're not out in the hallway, it's
22 better (inaudible). Laura, what do you think?

23 MS. LAURA LINDSLEY: That's not opening the
24 building. That's just a different way of getting people
25 inside one at a time.

26 MR. MATERESE: You're right. We have people who

1 are being harassed (audio glitch) or if you want to open
2 the building. But if you want to open the building, then
3 that's your role.

4 MS. LINDSLEY: I don't think we're ready for it
5 right now. I don't think we have enough things in place.

6 MR. MATERESE: Tom?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: As long as they're not standing
8 outside, and they can come into do not pass this point,
9 until someone, preferably Lenny, someone in his office can
10 then either help them right then and there, or lead them
11 to where they, you know, direct them.

12 MR. MATERESE: Okay. (Inaudible) Somebody even
13 sell their (indiscernible). Okay. Thank you.

14 Okay. Yeah. At least let's get them out of the
15 cold.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: I mean to me it's like you're
17 opening the building but only to this spot.

18 MR. MATERESE: Yes.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: And then someone says, hey, you
20 need someone, you came in, you have an appointment, or
21 whatever, and he can't argue.

22 MR. MATERESE: And they can still -- we'll still
23 have better signage so that they know if they need to call
24 code and then, again, what they're looking for in code, or
25 what they're looking for in the clerk's office, or what
26 they're looking for in assessment or whatever. We'll get

1 a better sign up. We'll allow people in so they're out of
2 the cold, and we'll try to get the intercom quickly set up
3 so that we can limit (inaudible), if that's okay with you.
4 And we're not spending thousands of dollars to get it out
5 now. Things are going to cost a ton of money for the
6 Internet. Yeah.

7 MR. PERFETTI: Inside that office building,
8 their door (sounds like) they have a glass up as well. So
9 if our door is open, we let people in, they're not going
10 to come to our office and not going to the (indiscernible)
11 into the office building. We'll have them all near the
12 (indiscernible).

13 MR. MATERESE: Well, no, they're going to -- I
14 think, the first thing was looking to have you guys answer
15 the intercom and then if it's --

16 MR. PERFETTI: I see. Yeah. Preferably (sounds
17 like) comes back.

18 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. And have somebody come and
19 get them for that purpose. Does that sound okay to you,
20 Dee?

21 MS. GOLAZESKI: If it's going to work --

22 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. This way we're --

23 MS. GOLAZESKI: I'll just tell my staff. In the
24 meantime if you're going to write down something and come
25 back with it, I guess, I would stand in the doorway. Stay
26 there. Go back and forth. We do that when it rains.

1 MR. MATERESE: Sara, does that work for you?

2 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: (Indiscernible)

3 MR. MATERESE: Right. But, again, we do have
4 some elderly people who don't get it. We don't want them
5 standing in the cold. We'll see if we can pop them in.
6 Again, I don't think it happens that often. But it does
7 happen and then in case of other people who are --

8 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: You know I don't want to
9 create -- that my staff would drop (sounds like) it. I
10 mean, it's hard to bring out (sounds like). Everybody is
11 still short staffed and already taking on so much effort
12 in the department because of COVID, that I don't want to
13 put more on these guys.

14 MR. MATERESE: But this really doesn't change
15 what's going in his office right now.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Now, they pick up the phone. If
17 they call, they get the phone through and pass it on
18 (audio glitch). We're trying to do it now.

19 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

20 MR. PERFETTI: But it's not always working
21 either. It's amazing but most of the other ones would
22 talk to their (indiscernible) cameras with long faces. I
23 would say (indiscernible). You don't have a mask on. You
24 can call another day (sounds like) which is crazy. We
25 don't have clerks I know, but we don't (indiscernible).

26 MR. MATERESE: Yeah.

1 MS. GOLAZESKI: We don't want people in the
2 building.

3 MR. MATERESE: That's it. It's going on.

4 MS. GOLAZESKI: In fact, we carry that (audio
5 glitch). We would like someone now to buy masks for the
6 department people. We asked them about that long ago.

7 MR. MATERESE: No luck with that?

8 MS. GOLAZESKI: No.

9 MR. MATERESE: No? I'll try to read here,
10 reiterate that request. Okay. Is everybody sort of okay
11 with what we're talking about now? Or is there more that
12 you want to discuss? Sandy?

13 MS. SANDRA BAUMAN: I'm okay.

14 MR. MATERESE: Heather?

15 MR. HEATHER STALEY: I'm good.

16 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Everybody knows, you
17 understand what we're asking for, I'm supposed to pass the
18 ball?

19 MALE VOICE: I think so.

20 MR. MATERESE: And ladies, you're okay with
21 that? Laura, has it affected your office? What do you
22 think about what we're trying to do?

23 MS. LINDSLEY: Yeah. Like I said, I just feel
24 bad when we hear people banging on the door, and they're
25 left outside. Yeah.

26 MR. MATERESE: Okay. So we are (interposing).

1 All right, let's move on then. Thank you, everybody.

2 FEMALE VOICE: I see that the intercoms on
3 Amazon, I checked a minute ago, all sorts of like you can
4 have them by Friday.

5 MR. MATERESE: Yeah, that you can go online for
6 a uniform and check out uniforms. You know, deal locally
7 which is a nice idea. We can do something there. Thank
8 you for this. I appreciate your input.

9 FEMALE VOICE: Let me know what you want to do
10 and I'll check it (sounds like). Okay?

11 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Rose Pope, are you still
12 there?

13 MS. ROSEMARIE POPE: I am here, Rick.

14 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Let's go to you. Let's
15 have your report on solar law amendments.

16 MS. POPE: Okay. A couple of things, before I
17 talk about the solar law amendments, we realized today
18 that after the public hearing on the local law for the tax
19 exemption PILOT, the board never voted to adopt it. So we
20 have a resolution on tonight for the board to adopt it, so
21 Lenny can then send it up to Albany and put the local law
22 on the books.

23 MALE VOICE: Yeah. That was in addition, the
24 late edition.

25 MS. POPE: Yeah. As far as solar law
26 amendments, Dee had requested that the solar law that's

1 currently in place be amended to put an appeals process in
2 which we did not do for large scale solar when we made the
3 law, so we need to correct that. Also, when we're doing
4 that, I'm going to take a look at the solar law and see if
5 there is anything else that needs to be amended since
6 we're doing this amendment. Might as well catch anything
7 else. So what I'm going to do is send the solar law back
8 to the committee to review and see if now that we've had
9 it in place for a while and you look at it with fresh
10 eyes, you might see something else that needs to be
11 amended and we'll take care of it at this time.

12 The last part of the amendment is going to be
13 adding the wind energy law into it. We structured the
14 solar law as alternative energy so that we could
15 eventually just make one law that encompasses solar and
16 wind. I've made revisions to the wind energy law that now
17 I'm going to send back to the committee to look at one
18 more time. And then once we make changes to that or have
19 it in what we feel is our final draft, we will send it out
20 for a 239 Review and then call for a public hearing in
21 February, once we get it back from 239, to then hear
22 public input. And then the board will decide if they're
23 going to adopt it and vote at that meeting after the
24 public hearing. Then we can get that one on the books as
25 well.

26 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Any questions for Rose?

1 So, we're looking to do this all at the next meeting,
2 Rose?

3 MS. POPE: No. I want to get the amended laws
4 out, the wind energy law, then the amended solar law. I
5 want to try and get that out to everyone to the committee
6 to review next week. I'll have that out by next week.
7 And then if we can get that in final, we'll send it out
8 for a 239 Review. So it may not be until the second
9 meeting in February that you can do the public hearing.

10 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

11 MS. POPE: But we have a little time before
12 that, but I really would like to try and get this wrapped
13 up before March or early March, and get it on the books
14 and finish it up.

15 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Thank you, Rose.

16 MR. PERFETTI: (Indiscernible) we'll send it to
17 Albany tomorrow after tonight?

18 MS. POPE: Say that again, Lenny?

19 MR. PERFETTI: So we send the law to Albany
20 tomorrow, the one you sent me today, after tonight?
21 Right?

22 MS. POPE: Right. After they vote on it
23 tonight, then yes, please send it to Albany so we get that
24 one in place.

25 MR. MATERESE: Do I have to sign that, or can
26 they just send it?

1 MS. POPE: I don't know. Lenny, there's usually
2 a top sheet. I don't prepare that. I think you do.

3 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Good. All right. Any
4 other questions for Rose? Okay. Thank you, Rose.

5 MS. POPE: Thanks.

6 MR. MATERESE: Going back up to the top here,
7 have we had any new (indiscernible)? Has anybody heard
8 anything?

9 MALE VOICE: I'll follow it up.

10 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Contact discussion. That
11 is taken care of tonight because we passed the resolution.
12 Correct?

13 MALE VOICE: Based on what we're (indiscernible)
14 as a group.

15 MR. MATERESE: Oh, they haven't voted yet?

16 MALE VOICE: Last week, but everyone signed on
17 it and everybody (inaudible).

18 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Sara through their
19 (indiscernible) found out about that. Zoning, budgeting,
20 code - we just talked about. Deputy dog, we're still
21 looking.

22 MALE VOICE: She has a candidate. They will
23 meet tomorrow. And (indiscernible) to hire.

24 MR. MATERESE: Oh, the last time I talked to
25 her, I thought she was interviewing one and had another
26 one possibility. I didn't know that she decided to make a

1 recommendation.

2 MALE VOICE: She did that this afternoon. She
3 asked for tomorrow morning.

4 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Good. The Rec Center, we
5 talked about. Anything going? Anybody have any questions
6 about the agenda?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Just a quick one. This is just
8 a real good question. Don't we usually vote after the
9 CSEA vote?

10 MR. POPE: (Inaudible) in case they don't ratify
11 it, but I combined the two into a single resolution.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

13 MR. POPE: It will allow us to (indiscernible).
14 It's for one year. It's not like there's a lot of issues
15 out there. We feel pretty comfortable it's going to pass.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

17 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. That's what I was confused
18 of. That's what I thought.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

20 MR. POPE: Yeah. I just wrapped it all in one
21 resolution, so that (inaudible). We just don't have the
22 authority to sign (indiscernible).

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

24 MR. POPE: We can break it apart if you wanted.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: No, no. That's okay. I mean
26 you're right. It's not (indiscernible). It's just for a

1 year. If we say something goofy, it happens that they
2 voted now. They say no we can (indiscernible) it.

3 MR. POPE: Then they're not going to sign it.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Then nobody is going to sign it.

5 MR. POPE: You can't sign it (indiscernible)
6 now.

7 MR. MATERESE: All right. Let's quickly - we
8 may have another minute for executive session. Anybody
9 have a question about the amendment (sounds like)? It
10 seems to be pretty straightforward.

11 MS. BAUMAN: Can I just ask, is Frank on the
12 Zoom with us?

13 MR. MATERESE: No.

14 MS. BAUMAN: Okay. He's absent tonight, so am I
15 reading on environmental laws and legislation?

16 MR. PERFETTI: The first law probably you are,
17 the board resolution on page 22 (sounds like) which will
18 be filed (indiscernible), right? The authorization to
19 file (indiscernible).

20 MS. BAUMAN: That will be Tom, right?

21 MR. MATERESE: Yeah. Tom does that and then you
22 can second.

23 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

24 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

25 MS. BAUMAN: On the regular agenda for tonight,
26 am I supposed to --

1 MR. MATERESE: If you're second in line, you
2 take over.

3 MS. BAUMAN: All right. Just asking.

4 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Any other questions here?
5 Right. So then, will somebody call for executive session
6 of personnel, please?

7 MS. BAUMAN: I make a motion that we go to
8 executive session regarding our personnel matter, past
9 6:51.

10 MS. STALEY: Second.

11 MR. MATERESE: We're good. Thank you, Laura.

12 MS. LINDSLEY: Thanks.

13 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, Dee and Sara.

14 FEMALE VOICE: Thank you.

15 MR. MATERESE: Did we get a second?

16 MS. STALEY: I did.

17 MR. MATERESE: Heather second. So --

18 MR. PERFETTI: Stop the recording?

19 MR. MATERESE: Yeah, stop the recording.

20 (Off the record)

21 (On the record)

22 MR. MATERESE: Okay.

23 MALE VOICE: All right. Please stand for the
24 Pledge of Allegiance.

25 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
26 United States of America and to the Republic for which it

1 stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
2 and justice for all.

3 MR. MATERESE: I'd like to welcome everyone to
4 the re-organization meeting of the Town of Union, January
5 6, 2021. Copies for our agenda are online so that you may
6 follow along with us. Will you read the statement and do
7 a roll call for the meeting, please, Mr. Perfetti?

8 MR. PERFETTI: The Town of Union Re-Organization
9 and Regular Board Meeting will be held in the Town Hall on
10 Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with a work
11 session starting at 5:30 p.m. in the 2nd floor boardroom.
12 COVID-19 guidelines will be in place with social
13 distancing and masks worn at all times. There will be
14 limited seating. Please call to register. Please let us
15 know for advisement if you will not show up. We have
16 several people on Zoom. I will do a roll call. Staley?

17 MS. STALEY: Here.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

19 MS. BAUMAN: Present.

20 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni? Not present.

21 Augostini?

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Present.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

24 MR. MATERESE: Present. You have to read the
25 statement.

26 MR. PERFETTI: Please take notice that in

1 accordance with an Emergency Order of the Governor of the
2 State of New York, notice is hereby given that a Town
3 Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 6, 2021
4 at 7:00 or thereafter in the evening. In person
5 attendance shall not exceed 50 percent capacity of the
6 Town Hall Boardroom, less Town Board Members and Town
7 employees. It is anticipated that the maximum number of
8 the public who can be in attendance at the Town Hall for
9 this Town Board Meeting will be 17 persons. All persons
10 must wear a face covering to include your mouth and nose
11 region. You must hand sanitize upon entry of the meeting
12 at the hand sanitize stations provided by the Town. You
13 must adhere to social distancing guidelines and remain six
14 feet apart at all times. Alternatively, or in the event
15 that in-person public attendance has met the maximum
16 capacity, the public hearing will be accessible to the
17 public via Zoom virtual meeting software. Any members of
18 the public wishing to observe the meeting remotely are
19 advised to follow the Zoom information.

20 MR. MATERESE: Thank you, thanks. As you know,
21 this is a reorganization meeting. Mr. Augostini, you have
22 a resolution.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes. I'll make a motion or a
24 resolution?

25 MR. POPE: It's what is indicated here.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: What's that?

1 MR. MATERESE: It's a resolution.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. A resolution authorizing
3 that the following policies, procedures, practices and
4 appointments are established, adopted and approved. And
5 they are spelled out in agenda items 1 through 13, and
6 also committee assignments and boards and commissions.

7 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

8 MR. MATERESE: You've heard the resolution as
9 presented by Mr. Augostini, seconded by Ms. Bauman. Are
10 there any questions? Hearing none, we'll have a roll call
11 vote please, Mr. Perfetti.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

13 MS. STALEY: Aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

15 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni, absent. Augostini?

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

18 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

19 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that we adjourn
21 the reorganizational meeting at 7:04 p.m.

22 MS. STALEY: I'll second. Sorry.

23 MR. MATERESE: You heard the resolution by Mr.
24 Augostini to adjourn the reorganizational meeting.
25 Seconded by Ms. Staley. Are there any questions or
26 concerns? Hearing none, we'll have a roll call vote.

1 Please, Mr. Perfetti. Oh, no, this is just a vote. All
2 in favor, say aye.

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None.

5 (Off the record)

6 (On the record)

7 MR. MATERESE: All right. So I'm ready to
8 dispense with the Pledge of Allegiance, but we'd like to
9 welcome you, everyone, to this regular meeting of the Town
10 of Union on January 6, 2021. Again, copies of our agenda
11 are provided online so you may follow along. Mr.
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4 wishing to observe the meeting remotely are advised to
5 check our agenda.

6 MR. MATERESE: Okay. Will you do a roll call?

7 MR. PERFETTI: Roll call. Staley?

8 MS. STALEY: Here.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

10 MS. BAUMAN: Present.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni? (Indiscernible)
12 Augustini?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Present.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

15 MR. MATERESE: Present.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Can you call Sara that we
17 changed, the link changed? We got another (indiscernible)
18 on our website at the bottom, under New Meeting Events.

19 MR. POPE: Do we have it? So I can just --

20 MR. MATERESE: Is it this?

21 MR. POPE: That's the old one. Just announce it
22 and then I'll (inaudible).

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Where is Alan? Do you want the
24 meeting ID number?

25 MR. POPE: Yeah.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: You have New York?

1 MR. POPE: Yeah.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. We have 824-1333-8074.

3 MR. POPE: Okay.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: And the passcode?

5 MR. POPE: Yeah.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: 043-478.

7 MR. POPE: Okay. Thanks, Tom.

8 MR. MATERESE: Mr. Perfetti, public hearings?

9 MR. PERFETTI: No public hearings.

10 MR. MATERESE: No public hearings tonight. Mr.
11 Augostini, bids?

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: No bids tonight.

13 MR. MATERESE: No bids tonight. Thank you.

14 Approval of minutes, Mr. Augostini?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to approve the minutes of
16 the regular Town of Union Board meeting held on Wednesday,
17 December 16, 2020.

18 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

19 MR. MATERESE: Motion made by Mr. Augostini,
20 seconded by Ms. Bauman to approve the minutes of the
21 regular Town Board meeting held on Wednesday, December 16,
22 2020. Are there any additions, deletions or corrections?
23 Hearing none, we'll call for a vote. All those in favor
24 say aye.

25 ALL: Aye.

26 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The minutes are

1 approved. Okay. Hearing of visitors. We come to the
2 part of our agenda where we have our first of two hearings
3 of visitors. We ask that you limit your comments to three
4 minutes. Speak only once in each hearing. Please do not
5 repeat information that has already been presented.

6 Most importantly, please remember that this time
7 is not set aside to get with the Town Board, but rather
8 we're offering you an opportunity to respectfully share
9 your concerns with us. That said, we encourage anyone
10 wishing to speak regarding the Town of Union to please
11 come forward and clearly state your name and address for
12 the record. Is there anyone wishing to speak? Okay.
13 Hearing that no one wants to speak, we'll call this
14 hearing of visitors to a close. Communications for
15 filing, Mr. Augostini?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: None tonight.

17 MR. MATERESE: None tonight. Thank you.

18 Communications for action, Mr. Augostini?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: There are none tonight.

20 MR. MATERESE: There are none tonight.

21 Petitions?

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: No petitions.

23 MR. MATERESE: No petitions tonight. Okay. The
24 following committee reports, recommendations and
25 resolutions, to file committee items, records of motion,
26 resolutions. (Indiscernible) potential items after due

1 consideration. Environmental/Laws and Legislation
2 Intergovernmental Committee. Mr. Bertoni is not here.
3 Ms. Bauman, would you take over please?

4 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you. I have a resolution for
5 the board to approve and adopt the Town of Union
6 Alternative Energy Tax Exemption PILOT Law that was the
7 subject of a public hearing on December 2nd, 2020, and
8 authorize the Town Clerk and Town Attorney to attend to
9 all necessary filings.

10 MS. STALEY: Second.

11 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
12 as presented by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms. Staley.
13 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll
14 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

15 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

16 MS. STALEY: Aye.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

18 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

22 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
23 Finance/Capital projects and Public Works. Ms. Staley?

24 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to approve the
25 retention of GAR Associates for the professional services
26 in the amount of \$3,000 to assist the Assessor and Town

1 Attorney.

2 MR. MATERESE: You heard the resolution as
3 presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by --

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

5 MR. MATERESE: -- Mr. Augostini. Sorry about
6 that.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: That's all right.

8 MR. MATERESE: Are there any comments? Hearing
9 none, we'll have a roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

11 MS. STALEY: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

13 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

17 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
18 Ms. Staley.

19 MS. STALEY: I still have one. A resolution to
20 approve the Supplemental Agreement #2 with New York State
21 Department of Transportation for the intersection
22 improvements of Hooper Road at Watson Boulevard project.
23 This is a locally-administered project. The estimated
24 cost for the construction and construction support and
25 construction inspection work is \$472,768. The Town will
26 be reimbursed 80 percent or \$378,214 with federal funds.

1 In addition, the Town will be reimbursed \$43,800 with
2 State Marchiselli funds. Authorization includes the
3 Supervisor to execute all such project-related documents
4 subject to review and approval of the Town Attorney.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

6 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
7 as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini.
8 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll call for a
9 roll call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

11 MS. STALEY: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

13 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

16 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

17 MR. MATERESE: Aye. Resolution is adopted. Ms.
18 Staley.

19 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution authorizing the
20 increase in the Town of Chenango sewer fee to \$303.16 per
21 user for the Lewis Road Sewer District as per paragraph 4
22 of the Sewer User Agreement, and increase the flat sewer
23 billing fee to \$132.83 per quarter for non-metered Town of
24 Union sewer accounts.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

26 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution

1 from Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini. Are there
2 any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll call vote.
3 Please, Mr. Perfetti.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

5 MS. STALEY: Aye.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

7 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

11 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is approved.

12 Ms. Staley.

13 MS. STALEY: I have a motion to approve the
14 following 2020 Budget Transfers: Decrease diesel \$22,500
15 and increase contractual \$22,500.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

17 MR. MATERESE: You heard the motion as presented
18 by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini. Are there
19 any comments? Hearing none, we'll set a vote. All those
20 in favor say aye.

21 ALL: Aye.

22 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The motion is
23 approved. Ms. Staley.

24 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to declare A-95
25 which is a 2007 Ford Taurus, as surplus to be sold at
26 auction at a date and time to be determined.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Second.

2 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
3 as presented by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Augostini.
4 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll do a roll
5 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

7 MS. STALEY: Aye.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

9 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

13 MR. MATERESE: Aye. Resolution is adopted.
14 Employees/Safety/Parks and Recreation. Ms. Bauman.

15 MS. BAUMAN: I have a motion to retroactively
16 approve the hiring of Kimberly Durgala as a fulltime
17 Assessor's Aide with an anticipated start date of January
18 4, 2021, or as soon as possible after she completes and
19 passes her employment testing. The starting salary will
20 be consistent with the terms of the Collective Bargaining
21 Agreement.

22 MS. STALEY: Second.

23 MS. MATERESE: You heard the motion as presented
24 by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms. Staley. Are there any
25 comments? Hearing none, we'll vote. All those in favor,
26 say aye.

1 ALL: Aye.

2 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The motion is
3 approved. Planning, Zoning and Economic Development
4 Committee. Mr. Augustini.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: There's one more.

6 MS. BAUMAN: Just one more.

7 MR. MATERESE: Oh, I'm sorry. I apologize.
8 Let's go back to Employees/Safety/Parks and Recreation.
9 Ms. Bauman.

10 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you. I have a resolution to
11 approve the 2021 one-year Tentative Agreement with the
12 CSEA Blue Collar Union workers, and if ratified by the
13 CSEA Blue Collar Union workers, to approve the formal one-
14 year Collective Bargaining Agreement for year 2021 with
15 the CSEA Blue Collar Union workers and to authorize the
16 Supervisor, Town Attorney and Commissioner of Public Works
17 to execute the same in final form as approved by the Town
18 Attorney.

19 MS. STALEY: Second.

20 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
21 as presented by Ms. Bauman and seconded by Ms. Staley.
22 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll
23 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

24 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

25 MS. STALEY: Aye.

26 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

1 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

5 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.

6 Okay. Now, Planning, Zoning and Economic Development

7 Committee. Mr. Augostini.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Resolution authorizing
9 signatures from Richard A. Materese, Laura J. Lindsley,
10 Gretchen Uhler, and Sara Zubalsky-Peer for the purposes of
11 executing any required documents for the Housing Trust
12 Fund Corporation and implementation of the New York State
13 Community Development Block Grant - Disaster Recovery
14 Program, through the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery
15 on behalf of the Town for the calendar year.

16 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

17 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
18 as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Ms. Bauman.
19 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll
20 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

22 MS. STALEY: Aye.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

24 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

2 MR. MATERESE: Aye. The resolution is adopted.
3 Mr. Augostini.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: Resolution authorizing the
5 Planning Director to issue bids and/or Requests for
6 Proposals for projects identified in the Community
7 Development Block Grant Federal Fiscal Year 2020 annual
8 plan approved at the October 21st, 2020 meeting, revised
9 at the December 2nd, 2020 meeting. Said bids and/or RFPs
10 shall be returnable at dates and times established by the
11 Planning Director.

12 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

13 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
14 as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Ms. Bauman.
15 Are there any comments? Hearing none, roll call vote.
16 Please, Mr. Perfetti.

17 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

18 MS. STALEY: Aye.

19 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

20 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

24 MR. MATERESE: Aye. Resolution is adopted. Mr.
25 Augostini.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Motion to accept the Homestead

1 Village Preliminary Planned Unit Development Plan, and to
2 refer it to the Planning Department to make all necessary
3 referrals under Section 239-1 and -m, and to forward the
4 Preliminary PUD Development Plan to the Planning Board for
5 an advisory opinion.

6 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

7 MR. MATERESE: You heard the motion as presented
8 by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Ms. Bauman. Are there
9 any comments? Hearing none, call for a vote. All those
10 in favor, say aye.

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. The motion is
13 approved. Mr. Augostini.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: A resolution to declare Lead
15 Agency for the application for the Homestead Village
16 Preliminary PUD Development Plan, and to declare the
17 project a Type 1 Action under SEQRA.

18 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

19 MR. MATERESE: You heard the proposed resolution
20 as presented by Mr. Augostini and seconded by Ms. Bauman.
21 Are there any comments? Hearing none, we call for a roll
22 call vote. Please, Mr. Perfetti.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

24 MS. STALEY: Aye.

25 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

26 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

1 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye.

3 MR. PERFETTI: Materese?

4 MR. MATERESE: Aye. Resolution is adopted. All
5 right. Now, the part of our meeting, the hearing of
6 visitors, second hearing of visitors. The same rules
7 apply. We ask that you be respectful. Confine your
8 comments to three minutes. One time only on the
9 microphone, or at your computer, and no repetition please.
10 Are there any wishing to speak at this hearing of
11 visitors? If so, unmute yourself. Begin speaking. Sara,
12 do you want to speak?

13 FEMALE VOICE: No, thank you.

14 MR. MATERESE: Thank you.

15 FEMALE VOICE: Happy New Year.

16 MR. MATERESE: Happy New Year to you. Okay.
17 Since there's no one wishing to speak, we'll call for the
18 hearing of visitors to a close. Department Reports on
19 file in the Town Clerk's Office. Mr. Augostini.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion that Department
21 Reports 1 and 2 be accepted and placed on file in the Town
22 Clerk's Office.

23 MS. BAUMAN: Second.

24 MR. MATERESE: You heard the motion by Mr.
25 Augostini, seconded by Ms. Bauman, to receive and file
26 Department Reports 1 and 2. Are there any comments?

1 Hearing none, we call for a vote. All those in favor, say
2 aye.

3 ALL: Aye.

4 MR. MATERESE: Opposed? Okay. The motion is
5 approved. Council comments? Anyone?

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Just one thing. I'd like to
7 recognize the life of Matt Cunningham, longtime employee
8 at NYSEG, coached many teams for Johnson City, died
9 Christmas Eve, taken prematurely at the age of 59. Lenny,
10 you must have known him from NYSEG?

11 MR. PERFETTI: Very well.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Brilliant, terrific, terrific
13 person. So condolences to his wife, Candice, their two
14 kids. Really, everybody, Matt, a really great guy.

15 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Anyone else?

16 MS. BAUMAN: I'd also like to recognize the life
17 of Peg Pichura, who most of her life, was a lifetime
18 resident of Johnson City. She moved here from out of town
19 as a little girl. But I knew her because she worked in
20 Johnson City for 20-some plus years. And she worked in
21 different administrative roles, but mostly in the library
22 and I had a lot of interaction with her. My students went
23 to her specifically for help, and she were an advocate for
24 students. She was always a person who was there for the
25 teachers and she was one of the first people to be in the
26 hall when fights broke out at the water fountain or at the

1 boys' room or girls' room, and I remember her for that. A
2 lovely, lovely woman and my condolences to her family.

3 MR. MATERESE: Thank you. Heather?

4 MS. STALEY: Nothing for me. Thank you.

5 MR. MATERESE: Can I just make a comment? Thank
6 you and a job well done to our workers who went out during
7 that snowstorm. Some worked 30 hours in a row, at least
8 in my house, there's 44 inches of snow. I'm not sure
9 where, if anybody was any place. It took me 40 or 39
10 hours, my wife and I, to reach my house. So the amount of
11 snow they had to move and then the help from New York
12 State and Broome County and getting us through the
13 emergency - that was outstanding. Then, again, the next
14 week we had the flood. Our workers just did a tremendous
15 job. I want to thank them and congratulate them on a job
16 well done. Happy New Year everyone.

17 ALL: Happy New Year.

18 MR. MATERESE: Mr. Augustini.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: I make a motion to adjourn at
20 7:26 p.m.

21 MS. BAUMAN: I will second.

22 MR. MATERESE: You heard the motion of Mr.
23 Augustini, seconded by Ms. Bauman to adjourn. Any
24 comments? Hearing none, we'll have a roll call vote.
25 Excuse me. Not a roll call vote. We just vote. All
26 those in favor?

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ALL: Aye.

MR. MATERESE: Opposed? None. We are
adjourned.

(Off the record)

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