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Town Board Meeting

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1 (On the record)

2 MR. THOMAS AUGOSTINI: So we have Ray and
3 Mike Tallon with us to talk about spring activities.
4 How about you take it away, Sandy?

5 MS. SANDRA BAUMAN: Yeah. I just asked Mike if
6 he could show up today and also if Ray was interested. I
7 know he's kind of excited about getting started with, you
8 know -- or at least some of our leagues. And I just
9 thought maybe we should discuss it a little bit before we
10 get into spring. And then Heather also had some ideas
11 about media coverage and stuff. But yeah, so Mike, go
12 ahead and share. Is that okay, if Mike shares his view?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. So after Mike, I'll call
14 on you, Ray, if you want.

15 MR. MIKE TALLON: So just to start, I mean we
16 have, we do have our own choir (sounds like). That will
17 be up on the website. And then also, right, we were
18 talking about maybe getting some major companies like
19 Frito-Lay. We will run to see if -- you know, we can get
20 two or three companies. We really haven't done that
21 before. So Julie and I were talking downstairs about them
22 and also the message board of Highland. We could, you
23 know, put it up. Everything's on the website or going to
24 be.

25 And then also from a social media standpoint,
26 maybe talking to the radio stations that we deal with,

1 maybe give them free entry into the league if they promote
2 it on the air and get the word out, you know, if that was
3 an option or not. But, you know, it wouldn't really hurt
4 us at all if we went to one radio station if they did a
5 lot of advertising for us. So it depends. It's just that
6 I'm talking to them to see what they would do and how much
7 people could talk about it and get it on the air for us.

8 So those are just a few things to help get our
9 leagues on. And this is more geared towards the adult
10 leagues. If the kids' leagues pretty much take care of
11 themselves, we're going to email all of the past coaches
12 and participants, send out an email list to get them so
13 they all know there's basketball and tee-ball and coach-
14 pitch and all that's going on. So I think we can get --
15 well, we get to the kids that way.

16 But with the adult leagues, I think we need to
17 win potential (indiscernible). I know I sent an email to
18 everybody last Friday because we got a chance to look over
19 it. But if we do this right, I think we can -- the 2019
20 number was just a small sampling of what I think we can
21 do.

22 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

23 MR. TALLON: And obviously the cost would be
24 more but then it would also bring more in. So, you know,
25 percentage is the same where I think many (sounds like) of
26 people, you know, hopefully people are excited to be a

1 part of these activities. So those were just a few
2 thoughts that I had.

3 And then Ray talked about the fields. I mean
4 there will be active work done on the fields any time this
5 week (sounds like) including the weekends. So I don't --
6 Ray's got to see issues there, but I just figured working
7 out now before he jumps in. I don't know if you had
8 agreed to take (sounds like) the last one?

9 MALE VOICE: Nothing over (sounds like).

10 (Interposing)

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. So we're just talking,
12 speaking on your behalf, and that's what prompted us. I
13 mean so we get some ideas that could really grow the
14 program. And that's what facilitated -- the question is
15 how do we do that. How is it possible? So what does it
16 need? If you put it in the night (indiscernible), what do
17 you envision, like for those things that you know we need
18 more field to really expand it.

19 MR. TALLON: Yes. Well, I think to start this
20 year with still somewhat unknown COVID, I mean it's still
21 somewhat unknown, but I think we could grow and use the
22 fields, encouraging them to full capacity because right
23 now they're not used every night. They're not used on the
24 weekends that much. So at least, for the fields that we
25 currently have, we need to see them full. Then my own
26 agent talked to him and he's going to have a nice field in

1 about a year that we could potentially have if things grow
2 or tournaments grow.

3 We get some modified softball leagues and I
4 think we could really increase that every month. It makes
5 sense. So it's really a matter of seeing that this is
6 going to be a good start. Then we can start maximizing
7 the use of our facilities. For now, I mean I think this
8 is going to be a tough year, I think we can still grow for
9 sure. But it's gradual growth.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: You're not looking at coming out
11 of the box --

12 (Interposing)

13 MR. TALLON: Correct. Well, if there was no
14 COVID restrictions, I would be more able to say, yeah, we
15 can grow quick. I'm just not sure, but I still think we
16 can grow this year. I just don't know how much. It might
17 just depend on how much we're going to advertise it. And
18 if we get on social media, I know that would work.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: So just looking at the numbers
20 you gave us, right, it was pretty simple. You have, (1)
21 revenue line and, (2) expenses on it. I don't see
22 salaries in there. I don't see what it costs to maintain
23 the field. I don't see insurance cost. I don't see
24 advertising cost. So when you have a bottom line of
25 42.20, you know, for me, I got to make sure there is
26 42.20. Because if that number in green (sounds like) it

1 fits -- if we're in the hole and you want to grow
2 something that starts in the hole, well, you dig a deeper
3 hole.

4 MR. TALLON: Right.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I got to know -- before you
6 say, you know, you're going to expand, I have to know are
7 you expanding a winner or a loser.

8 MR. TALLON: Right. You know, from the
9 insurance standpoint, I know what the fixed costs are. I
10 know what the expenses were. I mean I should have listed
11 them all clear as expenses. But fixed cost? I mean the
12 fields are going to get mowed, anyway. Right? They're
13 painting (sounds like) the fields. So that's going to
14 happen anyway. So that portion later on, I don't know
15 who's going do that. I guess there was no soft --

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. To me (audio glitch) that,
17 you know, you turn the lights on. So there's lighting
18 cost associated with it. And again things start losing
19 (indiscernible). I don't want to get into -- well, we
20 have those costs anyways. Build them into the model.

21 MR. TALLON: Okay.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Because those costs can't stay
23 the same if you're going to grow. So it's like, oh, the
24 grass gets mowed because we have to do that anyways.
25 Well, how many more times are we going to have to do it?
26 How much more maintenance does Ray have to find (sounds

1 like) to do it? So I just -- I have to know that going
2 into it.

3 MR. TALLON: Sure. I understand. I can work
4 with Ray on that. We can build some of those costs in.
5 I'm not sure what will work for the insurance, but I'll
6 take that up.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. I mean it stands for all.
8 I need just a simple percentage. You know, like say for
9 yourself, if you're spending - I'll just make something up
10 - if you're going to spend 20 percent of your time on
11 this, then you have to allocate 20 percent of what it
12 costs for you into this packet. That's how you would do
13 it if we would do anything else.

14 MR. TALLON: Understood. Understood.

15 MR. TALLON: Can we talk about utilization here
16 quick?

17 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

18 MR. TALLON: Last year we said we're not going
19 to talk about that.

20 MALE VOICE: Okay.

21 MR. TALLON: Well, back in '19, when we're
22 getting right into 2020, we were getting Highland ready.
23 We were getting Billy Hill ready. We're getting the
24 municipal field of Glendale ready in the hopes that we
25 would have a need of being able to keep (sounds like) it.

26 MALE VOICE: And see how it would work?

1 MALE VOICE: Yes. Yes.

2 (Interposing)

3 MR. TALLON: But we didn't use anything like
4 that for COVID. This year we proceeded with what we --
5 currently we're having the most of what we could bring in
6 with additional games. Would we still maximize all of our
7 fields or would we still be under-utilized? I'm not
8 certain. Okay? My feeling is this year we'd probably
9 still be just under.

10 MALE VOICE: Okay.

11 MR. TALLON: We do not know how yet.

12 (Interposing)

13 MR. TALLON: I don't think we would get there
14 yet this year.

15 MALE VOICE: Sure.

16 MR. RAY VANDERPOEL: I don't see a certainty
17 (sounds like) getting an increase. We don't know. It
18 wouldn't be at Highland. (Inaudible) it would be at the
19 most.

20 MR. TALLON: Right.

21 MR. VANDERPOEL: So it would be however you
22 like. Things like (indiscernible) two or three games,
23 there's plenty of room. We might be able to put something
24 there. There was one week that we used it one time on a
25 (indiscernible) there in 17 C. So I'd like to see
26 something come back in it.

1 MR. TALLON: We could get a map as well for a
2 better analysis specifically at Highland Park. When we
3 would start playing there with the league where people get
4 the ball just because of the proximity of the parking lot
5 to the field, like they have an overall cost. It will be
6 over. We're going to have perimeter nets -- balls from
7 going off, balls from getting collected. If that would be
8 there we could consider?

9 MR. VANDERPOEL: I haven't given it a lot of
10 thought, but really it wouldn't be bad given that costing.

11 MR. TALLON: Okay. I'm just wondering because
12 of, yeah, the parking lot is so close to the field --

13 MALE VOICE: That's true.

14 MR. TALLON: -- it means guys and girls get the
15 balls. So obviously there's a playground (inaudible).

16 MR. VANDERPOEL: The playground is quite in the
17 most recent (sounds like) news a lot.

18 MR. TALLON: Okay. I mean, that happens to mean
19 -- this is with the Appeals Commissions. It was, over the
20 last field review, it was really one person, one male
21 person.

22 MR. VANDERPOEL: Well, they put a lot of
23 improvements on Billy Hill. That might attract them to
24 have football (sounds like) in 30 days.

25 MR. TALLON: Yeah. That was what I was
26 thinking.

1 MR. VANDERPOEL: So that might get people in
2 that field.

3 MS. BAUMAN: Right now -- sorry. Go ahead.

4 MR. FRANK BERTONI: Go ahead, Sandy.

5 MS. BAUMAN: Right now how many all-male teams
6 do we have? How many mixed leagues do we have? And how
7 many nights a week do we utilize them?

8 MR. TALLON: So right now we've got a team,
9 we've got Monday nights which is mostly men. And then
10 there's our own co-ed (sounds like) league that would do
11 that Wednesday nights, probably just Wednesday nights for
12 that, unless we really grow. And then the Thursday night
13 is the men's bar (sounds like) league. Then the Fridays
14 you're going to start seeing new games (sounds like)
15 modified travelers. The previous things I mentioned are
16 also the pitch, like the Friday night modified league is a
17 new one that we're going to talk. You know, people here
18 really want to try to get going. I think for Sunday co-ed
19 (sounds like) is going on. We're trying to get some of
20 that again. That's the proper (indiscernible) as well.
21 So that's what we're looking at.

22 The other thing, too, is with lighting. To me,
23 the lighting is the greatest in 17 C. So really the use
24 of these other fields help because I can start working at
25 6:00 at night on more fields and maybe not even turn the
26 lights on. Thursday night bar we'll probably need the

1 light. But I could foresee that with half of these lights
2 on any other time we need them depending on
3 (indiscernible) I guess.

4 But in three fields at 17 C and the light at
5 Glendale, and with the light on Billy Hill, that's fine.
6 It means we could play at 6:00. And I could do it with
7 all the lights at 17 C as well. I'll just state that the
8 lights are something like -- the lights at 17 C we're
9 going to trust because they're about the greatest lights
10 at a time that I feel that the state could issue. So the
11 goal is not to use lights. We had mentioned that, the
12 goal is not to use the lights.

13 MR. BERTONI: Can I say something?

14 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah.

15 MR. BERTONI: Except for the lights, I think
16 every time we charge a team a fee, all of the costs should
17 have been incorporated into that fee. So in other words,
18 we should always be on the plus side for every team that
19 joins. Now, I don't know if the lights have never been
20 put into that equation. But it would seem like if they've
21 never been put in before, then I don't see why just
22 because we're adding some more teams that we should add in
23 the cost of the lights now because I mean that's always
24 been --

25 I'm not sure how much. I think it's, what, \$600
26 or something. But whatever that cost is should pay for

1 all of the officials. It should pay for, you know, help
2 pay for whatever materials we need or whatever. And it
3 would seem like more -- on the surface it seems like more
4 should be better.

5 MALE VOICE: I think that's the goal --

6 MR. BERTONI: If you're making \$50 dollars a
7 team, if you make \$50 for every entry, then the more teams
8 you make, the more \$50 you make.

9 MALE VOICE: That's it. We make \$50 per team
10 (sounds like).

11 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. (Audio glitch) either
12 somebody else or something like that. But, you know, like
13 the -- what's that called - the law of diminishing return
14 or something. So once you reach a certain point where you
15 don't want to add any additional cost, you know, like if
16 you have to hire somebody or buy two more tractors or
17 something like that, then that's a different story. But
18 as long as our guys and our equipment can maintain the
19 fields, then I would think the natural income ratio
20 (sounds like) would be more is better.

21 MALE VOICE: And we grow. This won't become
22 just a Town of Union, you know, outlet. So when you start
23 talking about adding more and more teams and turns, that's
24 where I get to -- we have to make sure we're not losing
25 money on this because it's very tough to say to residents,
26 yeah, can you help subsidize people from out of the area?

1 That's really just my concern. If it was like a summer
2 fun program where you say like, yeah, this is where kids
3 that live in the Town of Union (indiscernible), you can
4 reasonably say, it's good for the families. It's good for
5 the kids. It's great. It's a good quality of life.

6 So maybe it's okay to subsidize it with some
7 backdrops. And not somewhat requiring to subsidize
8 softball with taxes. So, I just want to make sure that,
9 when we start to grow, that we grow in a smart way and not
10 lean on anybody.

11 MR. TALLON: Yeah. And there are going to be
12 some rules a little bit to make sure that, you know, blue
13 into gray is on the floor. That we all have it accurate
14 and they will grow into it. And I don't know about summer
15 because I'd probably all the time walk in. This is the
16 first time I think that -- you know that I've been hearing
17 they were really trying to grow something more than what
18 we currently offer. So again it's just a matter of taking
19 what all the others might already have and make it yours.

20 It is their angle, but I don't think these
21 numbers have ever been involved. So I don't think you'll
22 ever figure out what's the fixed cost or what's the cost.
23 It's, you know, a daily cost. It's going to be a little
24 bit more to light the fuse (sounds like) on the weekends
25 and that type of thing. So I understand.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. Okay. So, guys, everyone

1 understands what the goal is then. It's do the best we
2 can so that we get accurate data so that we can make good
3 decisions going forward.

4 MALE VOICE: Okay.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay?

6 MALE VOICE: Sure.

7 MS. BAUMAN: In the meantime, what is Plan B? I
8 mean should we start advertising for the league?

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: The first thing that I will do
10 right is run up some projections.

11 MALE VOICE: Okay.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

13 MR. TALLON: I mean definitely we're going to do
14 our own town sponsorship for all the kids and our own co-
15 ed.

16 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

17 MR. TALLON: So I mean that's another matter,
18 right?

19 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

20 MR. TALLON: We will go off the bat on that.

21 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

22 MR. TALLON: I'll start working. You know, that
23 one is the first thing I was screaming right off. What
24 I'll do is I'll get Ray and Julie to make sure -- do
25 nothing (sounds like) else to make sure we get all the
26 numbers.

1 MALE VOICE: Yeah. Okay.

2 MS. BAUMAN: Before we start advertising or
3 doing anything media-wise, that we lower --

4 MR. TALLON: Right. We need to do it before
5 anything with the media, correct.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I think, Ray, just what you
7 said there, what you've done in the past is like geared
8 toward the Town of Union.

9 MR. VANDERPOEL: Right.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: To continue with that but with
11 expansion. You know, with that, you'll get a lot of
12 quotes.

13 MALE VOICE: Okay.

14 MALE VOICE: Produce some.

15 MS. HEATHER STALEY: Thank you.

16 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you. Any other comments,
17 Ray, about this?

18 MR. VANDERPOEL: No. I'm looking at this.
19 Right now I'm downstairs looking at some of the
20 applicants. So this is public.

21 MALE VOICE: You got to record it and show us.

22 MR. VANDERPOEL: Sorry. My only concern with
23 that right now, I was just downstairs looking at the
24 applicants for the summer. I have zero. I have one
25 person for a ranger. I have no lifeguard. I have none
26 for our field. I have nothing. Normally by now that room

1 is full and I'm starting to sum up dealing with this. So
2 I have none of that. We're going to have to seriously
3 think, but not yet. We're just normally spotting people
4 for working.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: So, Ray, can you give an email
6 to us saying like how many positions to get for each?
7 Like this is how many lifeguards we need. This is how
8 many rangers we need. Just break it down for us.

9 MR. VANDERPOEL: Do you want this to be as if it
10 was going to be all summer? Not like last year?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. I would say let's plan for
12 all the summer.

13 MR. VANDERPOEL: Yeah.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: And then if we have to scale
15 that further down.

16 MR. VANDERPOEL: Okay. All right. Yeah, we got
17 to do that.

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

19 MR. VANDERPOEL: Like that's what we want.

20 MR. LEONARD PERFETTI: So we have -- this is
21 what we have. We have people, 2000 (sounds like) people
22 signed up for (indiscernible). If you want us to send
23 something out that the Town is looking or hiring, we could
24 do that.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: For these summer positions.

26 MR. VANDERPOEL: Well, I like that. So tie it

1 with the list.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

3 MR. VANDERPOEL: And then probably we need it
4 for each of them.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

6 MR. VANDERPOEL: We need to break it down.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Very good.

8 MR. VANDERPOEL: I'd say that's a major concern.
9 We don't have anybody.

10 MALE VOICE: Well, I think you'll have --

11 MR. VANDERPOEL: We don't have a light.

12 MALE VOICE: I think that in 2020 there's a mass
13 -- everybody out. (Interposing) don't even consider we're
14 going to be over to get this.

15 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

16 (Interposing)

17 MALE VOICE: Or I'm going to be like I'm already
18 geared to that. I do think that some media release of
19 some sort or something for the website would be helpful so
20 a lot of folks will know that we plan to run our summer
21 program. So again it's all marketing because I don't
22 think a lot of folks are even considering this.

23 MALE VOICE: I don't think it's on any
24 (indiscernible). It doesn't seem like that.

25 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah.

26 MR. VANDERPOEL: Okay. Thank you. That's all I

1 need from all of you. I'll let you know. Okay?

2 MALE VOICE: Wait, Ray. How many did you have
3 last year on out here? Did you have 13 or 14?

4 MR. VANDERPOEL: Including the two rangers, we
5 had 13.

6 MALE VOICE: Thirteen, okay. That's all we
7 needed last year and that's all you've got.

8 MR. VANDERPOEL: That's all we need.

9 MALE VOICE: Okay. Thank you. So, Ray, before
10 you leave, John Molino (phonetic) now sent this
11 (indiscernible). John Molino has sent me some pictures of
12 stuff that people and the employees in the parks have been
13 working on, really just terrific results.

14 MR. VANDERPOEL: Thank you. I am sure you
15 looked at the carousel carriage (sounds like). They're
16 moved to the HRA now.

17 MALE VOICE: Great.

18 MR. VANDERPOEL: Yeah.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: And even the carousel stuff that
20 goes on the shelves there and not the horses but some of
21 the other --

22 (Interposing)

23 MR. VANDERPOEL: Well, thank you. I appreciate
24 that.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Very talented.

26 MR. VANDERPOEL: Yeah. And I will pass that

1 information to all gals and guys in the morning.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

3 MR. VANDERPOEL: I appreciate that a lot.

4 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you. But I didn't see
5 anything about that though.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: It's really incredible what they
7 needed to fix.

8 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you.

9 MR. VANDERPOEL: Will you excuse me?

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: If you want to.

11 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you so much.

12 MR. VANDERPOEL: Goodnight everyone.

13 MALE VOICE: See you guys.

14 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you.

15 MS. STALEY: Thanks a lot.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: So, Alan, can we go into
17 executive session? Is there an update now? I feel
18 obligated to (inaudible).

19 MR. ALAN POPE: I think -- okay. Well, I can't
20 hold you to go into an executive session. It's just if
21 you'll stay only (sounds like) on litigation.

22 MS. BAUMAN: I'll second.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: No, no. Who wants to make a
24 motion?

25 MS. BAUMAN: Oh, I'm sorry. I make a motion
26 that we go into executive session to talk litigation.

1 MS. STALEY: I'll second that.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: All in favor, say aye.

3 VOICES: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Well, I figure the time for that
5 is 5:55. All right. We will be back.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Somebody has to, you know, step
7 up.

8 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Lou, can you close that?

10 (Off the record)

11 (On the record)

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Does anyone have anything that
13 we want to discuss before we get into, before we get to
14 the agenda?

15 MALE VOICE: Right. I'd do it.

16 (Interposing)

17 MR. POPE: And I think you mentioned this maybe
18 in the last session. There's three or maybe four
19 different drafts on laws that we put together and we
20 circulated to the board. We might want to just, you know,
21 have a board session where we'll talk it out after about
22 45 minutes and just work our way through those. But the
23 most recent one, we saw staff waiting today about the
24 recovery of fees (sounds like).

25 When I received my email, I was trying to say
26 don't kill the messenger. I was just asked by the board

1 to put that together. But, you know, again we got input -
2 which is a good thing - from staff. And so when we get
3 around to, you know, looking at those drafts over the laws
4 where there's an alarming word or, you know, reimbursement
5 for any use or anything of that nature, you know, I want
6 to coordinate with them to see if they could show up at
7 the board session so that, you know, we got their input as
8 well.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Good point. So I know you
10 emailed and distributed that initial wording out to the
11 teams. That's why I did talk to (indiscernible). Should
12 we just plan on having Dee and Marina and Sara come in at
13 the last board session, I said?

14 MR. POPE: The only -- I think --

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: We're going to do it separate.

16 MR. POPE: No, no. I think it's subject to Rick
17 being here.

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

19 MR. POPE: Rick had an interest certainly on --
20 there's the Milani (phonetic) work and probably a couple
21 of others in the building. None of those are on fire, you
22 know. So it's the next four being -- or the one after
23 that.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I did have a conversation
25 with Dee. The words (sounds like), right, may be confused
26 or concerned about the fee (sounds like) one that you just

1 distributed. So I'm just trying to explain to her. But I
2 think she was under the impression that we didn't know
3 they were talking fees for the applications. I think when
4 I kind of initially brought it up to Alan (phonetic), the
5 point was that we get down the road and then the project
6 doesn't materialize. That it doesn't really have to do
7 with the application fee or the building permit fee. It's
8 taking us down the road and then not doing something
9 after, right, after we've committed our time, and
10 committed to -- like us voting and putting our necks on
11 the line to get something done.

12 So I think she -- I think that conversation I
13 had with Dee was, okay, just write down your concern.
14 Mark it up and then come on in. We'll all discuss like
15 where you're coming from and where we're coming from. And
16 specifically I told her it was like the CSI project where
17 people they're not probably coming in and saying, no, no,
18 I can't do this. Let me have a business saying, well, I'm
19 going to do a good job and bring a check (sounds like) to
20 pay a bill. You have a little bit of a clash and we stick
21 our necks out. Then he goes up to the top man.

22 And that was what I was trying to explain to Dee
23 that if that was a transaction on a house, you would lose
24 your down payment. So, right - lose. You should
25 something at risk. It then walks down the line. So I did
26 tell her that. Yeah. She just went, you would settle our

1 hits (sounds like) with this building. Why are you very
2 important (sounds like)? And so we will have them
3 acknowledge (sounds like) that.

4 Lou, do you have anything to add on it?

5 MR. LOU CAFORIO: No.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: No? Okay. Anything else? Put
7 words out here?

8 MR. BERTONI: I know I sound like a broken
9 record now for telling this. But anybody who's wearing a
10 mask, if you could stay close to the microphone and try to
11 speak up a little bit. It makes it a lot better for me
12 and I think for the residents who are listening in.

13 A lot of -- especially I think if anybody's
14 wearing a mask or is a little bit away from the mic, it
15 comes through very garbled and it's very difficult to
16 understand what you're saying. So, you know, just if you
17 could speak a little louder or just get a little closer to
18 the mic I think would help a lot.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: We can do that.

20 MR. BERTONI: Thank you.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: Right. Do you have any open
22 items that we can discuss before we get into or just go
23 through the agenda?

24 MR. BERTONI: Not that I came prepared to talk
25 about it, Tom. I apologize.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

1 MR. BERTONI: I think we do have some things
2 that have been lingering out there for quite a while that
3 we probably should try to refocus on. But, you know, with
4 the holidays and COVID and all, whatever things are, I
5 think we've kind of let some things slide to the
6 backburner. Certainly, at the next meeting I can bring
7 some stuff if you want.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Lou, just a quick question on
9 recycling. You know, we've taken our stuff to Broome
10 County for a while. How close is the calendar to
11 reopening this facility?

12 MR. CAFORIO: I don't know, Tom. We have not
13 heard from Bob. Four or five weeks ago I was at the site
14 and it's fully closed though they're beginning to
15 reinstall the equipment.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

17 MR. CAFORIO: So once they get it in, they have
18 to shake that down. I don't think it could ever be -- it
19 was so long ago. So I would see all this through. I will
20 say in reverse, I could see that's not -- I don't think by
21 the end of this court, you know, it's all -- based on what
22 really the people said, we're installing the equipment and
23 how they look through. It's progressing, but the
24 building's old.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: So maybe in April 1st?

26 MR. CAFORIO: I would think that that, you know,

1 is something crazy. But it popped up for him. But they
2 were putting it together, so it's all pretty good.

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: You know, that was really thumbs
4 up I guess.

5 MR. CAFORIO: Yes. Hopefully, we'll find out
6 what the -- this month (sounds like).

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Sandy, did you have --

8 MS. BAUMAN: Well, I just was going to ask did
9 we do anything with the handicap road (sounds like) fees?
10 There was that. There was that we never closed the alarm
11 for it (sounds like)?

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: There was. I don't think that
13 that's burglary. Maybe it was delayed one more time.
14 I'll double back. They said that they would get a
15 solution or a resolution at that (indiscernible).

16 MS. BAUMAN: Right. That was supposed to be
17 next week, yeah, after our last board meeting.

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: Correct.

19 MS. BAUMAN: So about a week ago.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: So, it could have. It could
21 have. I'll check that in a later date to see if that ends
22 well, if that pans out. And then going forward, I think I
23 mentioned that at the last meeting, I don't think they --
24 I think they like the idea that Frank had brought up to
25 them about coming to terms with just an annual number
26 rather than tracking hundreds and hundreds of -- Lou, what

1 are they called? Those dates.

2 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah, I did not (sounds like) know
3 that case.

4 (Interposing)

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Right. You know, we'll still
6 keep those. We got to keep those dates. They could swap
7 (sounds like). Come up with one number and then they pay
8 either quarterly or annually. Then after three years we
9 kind of review it to make sure that number's still
10 probably where it should be.

11 MR. BERTONI: You know, Tom, it's pretty
12 frustrating when they've been saying the same thing since
13 last June.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

15 MR. BERTONI: Yeah. Well, I'll just discuss it
16 at the next meeting. We're going to discuss it at the
17 next meeting. It should be resolved at the next meeting,
18 you know. It's been six or seven months now in addition
19 to a year or two that we talked to him about it before
20 that, you know. So at some point they need to just make a
21 decision and pay us. Otherwise, I think, you know, we
22 have to get Alan involved or something. I mean obviously
23 they say they're going to pay us, you know. And I think
24 we, you and I, certainly have a good relationship with
25 Anthony. But if they're not going to pay us -- you know
26 what I mean? We have to do something.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Well, let me reach back out with
2 Anthony one more time.

3 MR. BERTONI: All right.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: And just be able to -- we can
5 get it cancelled. Drop that date. Or you're right. I
6 think, Alan -- that we put it on Alan's plate to pursue.
7 You were right. I think, Frank, the times when we met
8 with him, right, we had good conversations. Very
9 flexible. The discussions had been at least productive in
10 terms of, hey, let's not let this happen. Once we get
11 this year's late advice, let's not, you know, get into the
12 same routine. Which, you're right, I think we do drop
13 that date and then we go to Alan to see if he can figure
14 it out legally.

15 MR. BERTONI: I agree.

16 MS. BAUMAN: Anybody know where are we with the
17 (indiscernible) person? Did the person start? Had he
18 actually started?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes. So I did check with Dee
20 today. Yeah. So he started on Monday. So Dee's been
21 slowly integrating him into the different aspects of it.
22 She's going to - she'd gone to Town Court to file some
23 stuff and introduced him to the court personnel. How
24 things work when it gets to a court matter. She showed
25 him around the town in terms of -- I think like a little
26 tour in terms of like where some of the problem areas are

1 for what he's going to be doing. Tomorrow they're going
2 to go up to the shelter. So he has to get familiar with
3 the personnel and the operation up at the shelter. So she
4 said she, you know, just had to carve out the time to get
5 where they were going. But she'll be back this week.

6 MALE VOICE: At the end of the day today I think
7 he's set up crowd (sounds like) control perfectly down the
8 middle of the field (sounds like).

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Right. She did say that, yeah.

10 MS. BAUMAN: Now I'm not sure about this. Is he
11 the deputy or is he going to take over?

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: He's the deputy right now.

13 MS. BAUMAN: Okay. But we're still going to
14 need a fulltime person. Also are we advertising for that
15 yet?

16 MALE VOICE: Yes.

17 MALE VOICE: Lou, she, Mary Paclava (phonetic)
18 officially resigned. Correct?

19 MR. CAFORIO: Yes.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Right. So --

21 MR. CAFORIO: It's already posted. They posted
22 about it at the building to navigate for her --

23 MALE VOICE: For Mary's.

24 MR. CAFORIO: So they got to work for two weeks,
25 to see if there's anybody internal. If not, then we go to
26 the outside.

1 MS. BAUMAN: There's special training you have
2 to do over that?

3 FEMALE VOICE: With the staff.

4 (Interposing)

5 MR. CAFORIO: You can figure it and answer.
6 It's the kind of job, right, you know, to figure things
7 out. Like they said, you can't (indiscernible).

8 MS. STALEY: It's so inverted, but we got to
9 catch that.

10 MR. POPE: My father's got the nuts and bolts of
11 our operation. He got to work, he got to come here and
12 spend time.

13 MALE VOICE: Right, it's how we think we are
14 right because that there's not like -- you got to ask how
15 many years of experience they've got on something.

16 FEMALE VOICE: Yeah. I got it when they called.
17 But they do want to tap the position and like to leave
18 (audio glitch).

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. So just keep us posted.
20 Is anyone receiving complaints?

21 MALE VOICE: No. That's positive.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: So at least we got back 50
23 percent staff.

24 MS. BAUMAN: Right. It's better than zero.

25 (Interposing)

26 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

1 MS. BAUMAN: Exactly.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: And then, let's see, Lenny has
3 interviews scheduled for Friday morning. So originally,
4 right, Rick and Sandy were going to go. But others
5 replaced them.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Yes.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: And you have three scheduled.
8 And you'll just keep us informed after that.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: So your goal is to conduct those
11 three and so we can have (interposing) how it goes.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Yes. So on paper, if I wasn't
13 able to meet with them, I would say all three candidates
14 are very qualified for the position. So now, when we meet
15 with them and we'll ask them questions and hopefully,
16 they'll be fit to come to a conclusion. Hopefully, we get
17 a good candidate who we'd like to offer a job as soon as
18 possible.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

20 MS. BAUMAN: Lenny, would you like us to be
21 there like, you know, 15 to 20 minutes early to go over
22 the questions?

23 (Interposing)

24 MR. PERFETTI: Yes, to read their résumés. Or I
25 could send them all through the mail to keep it
26 confidential.

1 MS. BAUMAN: All right. I'll look forward to
2 reading them.

3 MS. STALEY: Yeah, definitely.

4 MR. BERTONI: Do we have a meeting we have to go
5 to?

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: I didn't hear you. You broke up
7 a little bit.

8 MR. BERTONI: What?

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: You broke up a little bit. I
10 didn't hear what you asked.

11 MR. BERTONI: Oh. Do we have a meeting we have
12 to go to?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: For?

14 MR. BERTONI: I don't know. I missed that
15 conversation back and forth.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh, no. Lenny is holding
17 interviews on Friday for the deputy clerk in the clerk's
18 office.

19 MR. BERTONI: Oh, okay. Okay. Thank you.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any other? Anything else?

21 MR. BERTONI: Tom, can we ask a question about
22 the agenda?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I was going to -- anyone
24 else wanted to discuss any other work session item before
25 we get into the agenda?

26 MS. STALEY: Oh, I did have a quick question.

1 Maybe I missed it. Sandy, remember we were talking about
2 possibly we're getting an ice rink at West Endicott Park.
3 Whatever happened with that or it just didn't go anywhere?

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: I don't -- Lou, remember we had
5 the discussion we were going to look into it. I know
6 Binghamton has set one up. I don't know how that works
7 with co --

8 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah. And Ray is just going
9 through the motion to see if we could effectively try to
10 create ice on that park. A lot of times that's a skating
11 pond (sounds like).

12 MR. AUGOSTINO: Right.

13 MS. STALEY: Right.

14 MR. CAFORIO: I don't think it ever got off the
15 ground. To be quite honest to goodness, people can't just
16 pop here to make ice. Again, even outdoors only because
17 of the fluctuating temperatures and, sure, with the amount
18 of snow we got, you know.

19 MR. BERTONI: It can't be different than an
20 outdoor basketball or tennis. Right? I mean, it's the
21 same. You have this big and wide space and you put people
22 on it. Maybe limit the number of people. But I can't
23 imagine it's any different than outdoor basketball.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I'm not sure. I think
25 Lou is talking about the mechanics, yeah, weather-wise.

26 MR. CAFORIO: I don't know about how many youths

1 can skate, Frank. I don't know whether there's even
2 guidance on it.

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: I don't know either.

4 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah.

5 MS. STALEY: No idea.

6 MR. BERTONI: This is probably the best winter
7 we've had for ice in ten years. It's been cold almost
8 every day for two months.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: You want me to double back with
10 Ray?

11 MR. CAFORIO: I don't know any further about
12 having Ray --

13 MS. STALEY: Yeah. I think it's --

14 MR. CAFORIO: I'm not sure what we're going to
15 do now.

16 MS. STALEY: Yeah. I think it's kind of late
17 now.

18 MR. CAFORIO: (Interposing) -- it seems at the
19 point where we're at right now.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. All right.

21 MS. STALEY: Start to look at it maybe next year
22 again.

23 MR. CAFORIO: Possibly. Yeah.

24 MS. STALEY: Start looking at it sooner.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Anything else before we through
26 the agenda? So we have a public hearing tonight. We're

1 having the 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance and
2 Evaluation Report. Lenny, is it with Sara?

3 MR. PERFETTI: We have Sara. (Indiscernible)

4 MR. BERTONI: Please.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'm sorry, Frank. I think Sara
6 is not in the meeting. Right? Is that her out there?

7 MR. PERFETTI: Probably didn't or still trying
8 to connect.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh, okay.

10 MR. PERFETTI: They never connected. Yeah, this
11 person, it is Sara. She tried connecting and it, you
12 know, it's disconnecting.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

14 MR. PERFETTI: It just never would stay
15 connected. Sara is probably -- I think, rather, we'll
16 call her again or --

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Do you want to do that?

18 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah. We can probably confirm
19 whether she's up there and see what has happened too.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Okay. I see she's right there.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Say that again.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Call out to her.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Sara?

25 MR. PERFETTI: Hold on. Yes, she's there. Hold
26 on.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

2 MALE VOICE: I don't think we have a problem.

3 MS. STALEY: I'll probably ask whether she
4 wants --

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Could you ask her if she's
6 trying to get in or wants to get in? Unless that's just
7 not good.

8 So just quickly, just two minutes I'll take,
9 before we get into the agenda. I have to bring this up
10 because I want to thank Lou and whoever Lou worked with at
11 the Town Hall on the elevator issue. It was down, not
12 working, complaints. So the original estimate was, if we
13 replace the elevator, it's \$150,000.

14 Then there was a -- Lou, I am not exactly sure
15 what they were proposing. But Dan Schofield had said to
16 me, yeah, there is an alternative and it's \$97,000.
17 That's basically a technology update, removing all of the
18 old, you know, whatever, 30 or 40-year-old technology.
19 Replacing the circuit boards, et cetera. And it's a
20 modification. So, refreshing the existing but not a total
21 replacement.

22 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: So then on an afternoon Lou and
24 I reached out to some local people, local companies. Just
25 some manufacturing companies saying, hey, here's our
26 problem. We're not expecting you to fix it, but maybe you

1 know people who can look at this board. So we made some
2 phone calls and it led us to these other phone calls.
3 Then finally we found a company who said, yeah, why don't
4 we take a look at it?

5 So we started at \$150,000 to replace it versus
6 doing a technology upgrade for \$97,000. We sent out the
7 circuit board. It comes back. It works right now and the
8 cost was \$60.

9 MS. STALEY: Wow.

10 MS. BAUMAN: \$60.

11 MR. CAFORIO: We'll keep our fingers crossed it
12 works.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: And still it goes.

14 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah, it's working.

15 MS. BAUMAN: But it's the old circuitry, yes.

16 MR. CAFORIO: It was the board. We sent out re-
17 threads (sounds like). We sent out the board and it
18 refreshed. They've gone through it. They replaced the
19 resistors on a clean board. Steve and I went to get it
20 back basically to take the board (sounds like). But it
21 was, you know, it's just a working thing. It's working
22 properly now. We have not fine-tuned the door opening
23 times because they got so way out of kilter with the
24 companies here that messed around with it that there was
25 some lingering delays that we want to take care of. But
26 we want to let it run a little bit longer to make sure

1 it's spot on like it's good.

2 MALE VOICE: It's still out there, the epiphany
3 (sounds like) on this really --

4 (Interposing)

5 MR. CAFORIO: -- it's working functionally.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: And, Lou, what was that company?

7 MR. CAFORIO: They are -- that is their
8 business. Repairing components. I mean they repair
9 components for all types of elevators and circuitry, et
10 cetera. That's what they do. They turned it around in
11 less than a week from when we sent it out. We had the
12 board back here.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: When we had that conversation
14 with that guy, he knew, yeah, this is what you got. He
15 said, man, that is really old.

16 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah, yeah. He was familiar with
17 it.

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: I mean he was really dialed into
19 it.

20 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: Like very familiar with just a
22 conversation. Not even us showing him.

23 MR. CAFORIO: Right.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: He was just like -- he guessed
25 that board. Well, you know, worst case scenario, we now
26 get what the circuit cost us.

1 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: We can't do anything.

3 MR. CAFORIO: We started to look around at that
4 name. In fact, there is a whole bunch of those elevators
5 in our region from Syracuse to Scranton and to Elmira,
6 Buffalo, and then in Jamestown. Because if you look at
7 some of the components, that's what it's saying.

8 (Indiscernible) There's no worry. So we're hopeful. At
9 least we found the source of these circuit boards to get
10 us back online.

11 MS. BAUMAN: Can I ask about that? Is there a
12 telephone in there so if it were to stop, there's a phone?

13 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah, there's a phone in there.
14 Right? No, he knows if it stops running (indiscernible).

15 MS. BAUMAN: I just want to know, if I get stuck
16 in it, will there be a telephone that I can at least
17 pretend that I'm talking to somebody for a while? Do you
18 know? I don't know.

19 MR. CAFORIO: There is a phone and it has a
20 phone number assigned to it as well.

21 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

22 MALE VOICE: It's a chamber, not a PM (sounds
23 like). It makes you feel good that there is a phone in
24 there.

25 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah, it makes me feel good.
26 That's all.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. But, Lou, thanks to you
2 and everyone else.

3 MR. CAFORIO: I'm glad we can get it up. Like,
4 I said this before, it's a circuit board. If we can't get
5 that repaired in this world, with all that we can do
6 today, you know it's --

7 MS. BAUMAN: Right.

8 (Interposing)

9 MR. CAFORIO: And the company was great to work
10 with.

11 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

12 MS. BAUMAN: Great.

13 MR. CAFORIO: It took us some calls to get to
14 that. As a matter of fact, just real quick if you don't
15 mind, you know, we told the elevator company and the
16 repair people, if you guys came suddenly with the board
17 out, we're going to. And that got them being back, you
18 know. So, you know what, we'll send a tech down. We'll
19 take care of it. We'll send it out. We waited five more
20 days for them to show up, but they didn't. So we sent it,
21 and the guy was here the next day. They said, where's the
22 board? We said you couldn't wait. You know, it's gone
23 already. We just can't wait.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: No. Right.

25 MR. CAFORIO: It worked out well, yeah.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. But really the

1 progression was incredible. They tried to get us in the
2 mindset that, no, you just got to replace this.

3 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: So thanks again, Lou. So we'll
5 go to the agenda. We have the Public Hearing and now the
6 CAPER.

7 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah. I think Heather --

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Maybe it just wasn't her.
9 And then the minutes. Frank, are you going to read those?

10 MR. BERTONI: If you want me to.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah, that would be good. And
12 then any questions on the Communications for Filing? No
13 question? Communications for Action, we just have one.

14 MR. BERTONI: Right. What about the filing,
15 each time do I have to --

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. Just 1 through 3 to
17 accept and place it on file.

18 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: And then Communications for
20 Action. There is just the one and that should go to
21 Public Works.

22 MR. BERTONI: Check that one?

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: Lou, do you want that, to go and
24 check as well?

25 MR. CAFORIO: Yeah. Sure.

26 MR. BERTONI: Right.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. We will send it to Lou.
2 He'll communicate it with the staff.

3 MR. BERTONI: What about Alan. Does he get one?

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: No, not him.

5 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: So then we'll get into Committee
7 Reports. Frank, you're the first one. The resolution
8 dealing with the Public Employer Health Emergency Plan
9 which was held over from last meeting.

10 MR. BERTONI: Right.

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Alan, did you hear back from
12 Joanne (phonetic)?

13 MR. POPE: Joanne said it was good. She sent
14 her approval.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: She approved?

16 MR. POPE: Yeah.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Because I think we have a Friday
18 deadline for -- it's either tomorrow or Friday because the
19 state said you have to adopt this by, you know.

20 MR. POPE: Yeah. Of course she did. She sent
21 an email to me.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay.

23 MR. POPE: And I built that -- it's not here,
24 but I built it into the language resolution in case
25 anybody asked.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. All right. Frank, did

1 you hear that?

2 MR. BERTONI: No.

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: It was held over so we could
4 send it to the CSEA for review. And they were fine with
5 the plan.

6 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Thank you. So we'd do it
7 this time, right?

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. She's in?

9 MR. PERFETTI: Sara's in.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Sara, do you have
11 anything on the Public Hearing tonight that you wanted to
12 advise us of or --

13 MR. PERFETTI: Oh, a different Sara. It's Sarah
14 Campbell.

15 MALE VOICE: No. Sara is not here.

16 MS. SARA ZUBALSKY-PEER: No. I'm good. There
17 is really nothing, nothing new to report on the Public
18 Hearing tonight.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Sarah's iPad Pro is also
20 trying to get in.

21 MR. PERFETTI: That's the other Sarah.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh, that's Sarah Campbell.

23 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Got it.

25 MR. BERTONI: Nice picture, Sara.

26 MALE VOICE: That's Sara.

1 MR. PERFETTI: The real Sara.

2 MS. ZUBALSKY-PEER: Thank you.

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: So then we have a few items
4 under Finance and Public Works, right? Any questions on
5 those two resolutions?

6 MR. BERTONI: Yes.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes, Frank.

8 MR. BERTONI: Yeah, I want to ask Heather. Do
9 you know what work on the building we're going to not do
10 so that we can move the bonds over?

11 MS. STALEY: What work -- wait a minute.

12 MR. BERTONI: It says \$100,000 in bonds
13 previously authorized for town building improvements. Do
14 you know what improvements those were and what --

15 MS. STALEY: No, Frank. I don't know which,
16 what work that we will not be doing for those.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: So, Laura, I think --

18 MS. LAURA LINDSLEY: That was the 2020 serial
19 bond where we added up the money to cover it, the over
20 (indiscernible) on the refuse garage.

21 MS. STALEY: Okay.

22 MS. LINDSLEY: So there is extra money from that
23 that we'll move over.

24 MS. STALEY: Okay. So we're just moving money
25 over. Okay.

26 MR. BERTONI: I'm sorry. I didn't hear what

1 Laura said.

2 MS. LINDSLEY: It's the 2020 bond.

3 MS. STALEY: It's from 2020.

4 MR. BERTONI: Yeah?

5 MS. STALEY: And it was moving money over.

6 Laura said it was extra money from the refuse garage that
7 wasn't needed. Correct?

8 MS. LINDSLEY: Yeah.

9 MR. BERTONI: Okay. All right. Thank you.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Who is going to second those?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Frank, can you second those?

12 MR. BERTONI: What?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Can you second the --

14 MR. BERTONI: Yeah.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. Type in the words. And
16 then, Frank, do you want to read in the Planning, Zoning,
17 and Economic Development those two resolutions?

18 MR. BERTONI: Yes, I will.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. So, the first one is the
20 call for a Public Hearing at the next meeting, the 17th,
21 for public input on the Homestead Village Preliminary PUD.
22 And I forget -- Alan, do you remember the name of the
23 project on Robinson Hill Road? I can't remember the name
24 of that company.

25 MR. POPE: Was that GlidePath?

26 MS. STALEY: Is that GlidePath?

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: It is.

2 MR. POPE: Yeah.

3 MR. BERTONI: I can hear the whistling pretty
4 good. Tom?

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes?

6 MR. BERTONI: So if we're going to have a public
7 hearing on this PUD --

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes.

9 MR. BERTONI: -- do we wait until after the
10 public hearing to discuss it?

11 MR. AUGOSTINI: Correct. So we'll set the
12 public hearing to the 17th. When we open up the public
13 hearing on the 17th, we'll take public input. And then
14 the board will discuss after the public has had a chance
15 to comment.

16 MR. BERTONI: Okay. So that should go on the
17 first week of March agenda, right?

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: We'll have the public hearing at
19 the next -- well, you mean like when the Town go on the
20 17th. It doesn't. Traditionally it could or it can, but
21 we wait until the first March meeting to vote.

22 MR. BERTONI: The public hearing is held on the
23 17th.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes.

25 MR. BERTONI: We keep it open usually until the
26 next meeting. Right?

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Correct.

2 MR. BERTONI: And then on the first week, in
3 March, then we will vote on it. So we would talk about it
4 that night or before.

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Correct.

6 MR. BERTONI: Okay. So that needs to be on that
7 agenda, right, for March?

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes. So then, Frank, the second
9 resolution, after the word supervisor, if you could put
10 deputy supervisor. Insert that so that it says
11 supervisor, deputy supervisor, and planning director -
12 because I'm not sure of Rick's status for the next few
13 days.

14 MR. BERTONI: So I'll say it once more. So
15 that's supervisor, deputy supervisor, and planning
16 director.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes.

18 MR. BERTONI: Okay. Yeah. That usually is.

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. That's all I have.

20 MS. BAUMAN: Okay.

21 MR. PERFETTI: Alan, is that the public hearing
22 one that I sent to the press or is that one that Sara sent
23 to the press for review (sounds like)?

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: That's not yours, Sara --

25 MR. POPE: I gave them to you. I don't know
26 what happens after that. I think that Sara publishes this

1 and give to the staff. I do the rest.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Okay. Are we on adjournment?

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I think we're all set.

4 We'll just wait four more minute and then that's it.

5 MR. BERTONI: Can we take a break, Tom?

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. Take a four-minute break.

7 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Thanks, Lou. Thanks, Laura.

9 MR. CAFORIO: Thank you.

10 (Break)

11 MR. BERTONI: Tom?

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Frank, do you have a question?

13 MALE VOICE: I figured he had some complaint
14 that's why he came in.

15 MS. BAUMAN: How was the Village meeting
16 yesterday?

17 MALE VOICE: Not good. They went over the sewer
18 line.

19 MS. BAUMAN: Oh.

20 MALE VOICE: I suppose it was not good at all.

21 MS. BAUMAN: We're all having -- we're all going
22 to have problems.

23 MALE VOICE: They're going to raise it. I mean
24 raise the rent, 3:2.

25 MR. BERTONI: Tom?

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Frank.

1 MR. BERTONI: Under department reports, what do
2 I have to do there?

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: Just make a motion to accept and
4 place on file Department Report #1. Place it on file at
5 the clerk's office. Capital sewer rents will make another
6 tax cut. Dee called me today on it. She said, did you
7 see what your sewer rents are going to be? And she ran me
8 through the calculation. I was like holy cow.

9 MR. POPE: Yeah. They didn't -- they don't like
10 it when I ask them. They're working on, well, what it
11 currently was, what it's going to be, you know. They got
12 (sounds like) it around at an awful time.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: It just got raised in July, last
14 July.

15 MALE VOICE: Does it all pass through from the
16 plant?

17 MR. POPE: Not officially. Not yet.

18 MALE VOICE: Yeah. I'm not 100 percent sure
19 about it.

20 MALE VOICE: So they're getting on ahead with
21 us. Is that what you mean?

22 MR. POPE: Yeah.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: I think they have such a deficit
24 then that they're behind tracking it.

25 MR. POPE: Their latest complaint is they don't
26 have enough funds in the sewer department.

1 MALE VOICE: Yeah. I don't know if I can attest
2 to that.

3 MR. POPE: At least that's what Trustee Giblin
4 was bringing to the table last night. But we didn't have
5 the proper -- that department did not have the proper
6 funds.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: But did you say, yeah, I gave
8 you the last water bill. So I looked at it -- I mean I
9 saw the Town of Binghamton press release so that we know
10 what they're doing. I was like I'll take 37 percent.
11 Like that's not pretty good compared to --

12 MALE VOICE: Yeah. The Town of Binghamton was -
13 - they had a deficit and they're trying to get on ahead of
14 it, you know. Nobody came to the public hearing?

15 MALE VOICE: No one did.

16 MS. STALEY: They're complaining on Facebook.
17 That's usually where I hear the complaints about the
18 water.

19 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah, it's afterwards.

20 (Interposing)

21 MALE VOICE: It's easier if they got a computer
22 going.

23 MS. BAUMAN: Oh, yeah.

24 MR. AUGOSTINI: Frank, are you all set?

25 MR. BERTONI: Yeah.

26 MR. AUGOSTINI: Okay. So I'm going to call the

1 meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Please stand for the Pledge
2 of Allegiance.

3 ALL: I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the
4 United States of America and to the Republic for which it
5 stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty
6 and justice for all.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: I will ask the Town Clerk to
8 read the meeting notice.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Please take notice that, in
10 accordance with the emergency order of the Governor of the
11 State of New York, notice is hereby given that the Town
12 Board Meeting & Public Hearing is scheduled for Wednesday,
13 February 3, 2021, at 7:00 or thereafter in the evening.
14 In person attendance shall not exceed 50 percent capacity
15 of the Town Hall Board Room, less Town board members and
16 Town employees.

17 It is anticipated the maximum number of the
18 public who can be in attendance in the meeting will be 17
19 persons. All persons must wear a face mask covering to
20 include their mouth and nose region. They must hand
21 sanitize upon entry of the meeting at the hand sanitizing
22 stations provided by the Town.

23 They must adhere to the social distancing
24 guidelines and remain six feet apart at all times.
25 Alternatively or in the event that in-person public
26 attendance has met the maximum capacity, the public

1 hearing will be accessible to the public via the Zoom
2 virtual meeting software which is listed on our agenda on
3 our website.

4 I will start with the roll call this evening?

5 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes, please.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

7 MS. STALEY: Present.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

9 MS. BAUMAN: Present.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

11 MR. BERTONI: Present.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Present.

14 MR. PERFETTI: Materese is absent.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'll ask the clerk to read the
16 public hearing tonight.

17 MR. PERFETTI: A public hearing is called for on
18 Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. to consider the
19 draft version of the FFY 2019 Consolidated Annual
20 Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER), published and
21 posted on January 19, 2021.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Thank you, Lenny. Does anyone
23 have any comments on this public hearing? I just ask that
24 you keep your comments specific to the subject of the
25 Federal Fiscal Year 2019 Consolidated Annual Performance
26 and Evaluation Report. Lenny, is there anyone wishing to

1 speak on Zoom?

2 MR. PERFETTI: If you wish to speak on Zoom,
3 unmute yourself and speak.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'm not hearing any. I will
5 close the public hearing. Any bids tonight, Mr. Bertoni?

6 MR. BERTONI: No bids.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: No bids tonight. Approval of
8 Minutes, Mr. Bertoni.

9 MR. BERTONI: I have a motion to approve the
10 minutes of the regular Town of Union board meeting held on
11 Wednesday, January 20, 2021.

12 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a motion and a second to
14 approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 board meeting.
15 All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

16 ALL: Aye.

17 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? The minutes are
18 approved. We've come to the portion of the meeting
19 Hearing of Visitors. I'll ask anyone wishing to speak to
20 keep their comments to Town business. Try to keep it
21 within five minutes so that everyone has an opportunity.
22 And if you could please state your name and address for
23 the record. Thank you. Anyone, Lenny?

24 MR. PERFETTI: Just give it another second.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Sure. If you'd like to speak,
26 please unmute your mic. I'm going to close this portion,

1 this first version of the Hearing of Visitors. You'll
2 have an opportunity at the end as well. We go back to
3 Communications for Filing. Mr. Bertoni.

4 MR. BERTONI: I make a motion we place
5 Communications for Filing 1, 2, and 3 be placed on file.

6 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a motion from Mr.
8 Bertoni and a second from Ms. Bauman to accept and place
9 on file Communications for Filing 1, 2, and 3. All those
10 in favor, signify by saying aye.

11 ALL: Aye.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? It is carried.
13 Communications for Action. Mr. Bertoni.

14 MR. BERTONI: Yes. Do I need to make a motion,
15 Tom?

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Please.

17 MR. BERTONI: Okay. I make a motion that
18 Communications for Action number 1 be sent to the
19 Commissioner for Public Works.

20 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

21 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a motion from Mr.
22 Bertoni and a second from Ms. Bauman to refer
23 Communications for Action #1 to the Commissioner of Public
24 Works. Any further discussion? Hearing none, all those
25 in favor, signify by saying aye.

26 ALL: Aye.

1 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? It is carried.
2 Any petitions tonight, Mr. Bertoni?

3 MR. BERTONI: No. No petitions tonight.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: No petitions tonight. We've
5 come to the portion of the meeting on our Committee
6 Reports, Recommendations and Resolutions. First
7 Committee, Environmental/Laws and
8 Legislation/Intergovernmental Committee. Mr. Bertoni.

9 MR. BERTONI: I have a resolution to approve the
10 Public Employer Health Emergency Plan for the Town of
11 Union. This resolution was held over from the 1/20/21
12 meeting.

13 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: So we have a motion from Mr.
15 Bertoni and a second by Ms. Bauman to approve the
16 resolution stating that the Town will adopt the Public
17 Employer Health Emergency Plan. Is there any further
18 discussion? Just a note, our attorney, he has forwarded
19 this to both employee associations. Response has been
20 positive. So I think we're ready for a vote on this.
21 I'll ask the Town Clerk to poll the board.

22 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

23 MS. STALEY: Aye.

24 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

25 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

26 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

1 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye. The resolution is
4 approved. We've come to Finance/Capital Projects & Public
5 Works Committee. Ms. Staley.

6 MS. STALEY: I have a motion to approve the
7 following 2021 budget transfers. Decrease overtime
8 \$593.89. Increase capital improvement \$593.89.

9 MR. BERTONI: I second.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a motion and a second to
11 approve the 2021 budget transfer. Is there any
12 discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
13 saying aye.

14 ALL: Aye.

15 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? The motion is
16 carried. Ms. Staley.

17 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution to adopt the
18 public interest order relating to sewer improvements
19 consisting of the West Corners Sanitary Sewer Pump Station
20 upgrade as well as incidental expenses in connection
21 therewith in the Town of Union, Broome County, New York.
22 The method of financing said cost shall be the issuance of
23 \$75,000 serial bonds of the Town of Union and/or bond
24 anticipation notes issued in anticipation of said bonds
25 and by reallocating \$100,000 bonds previously authorized
26 for Town building improvements therefor.

1 MR. BERTONI: I second.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a resolution offered by
3 Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr. Bertoni. Is there any
4 further discussion? Hearing none, I'll ask the clerk to
5 poll the board.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

7 MS. STALEY: Aye.

8 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

9 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

10 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

11 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

12 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

13 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye. The resolution carries.
14 Ms. Staley.

15 MS. STALEY: I have a resolution authorizing the
16 issuance of \$75,000 serial bonds of the Town of Union,
17 Broome County, New York, to pay part of the cost of sewer
18 system improvements in and for the part town area.

19 MR. BERTONI: I second.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Did Frank second that?

21 MALE VOICE: Yeah.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Thanks, Frank. So we have a
23 resolution offered by Ms. Staley and seconded by Mr.
24 Bertoni. Any further discussion? Hearing none, I'll ask
25 the Town Clerk to poll the board.

26 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

1 MS. STALEY: Aye.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

3 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

5 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye. The resolution carries.

8 Thank you. Those are two very important resolutions that
9 I am sure the West Corner residents will appreciate when
10 those pump stations get upgraded.

11 Employees/Safety/Parks & Recreation Committee.
12 Ms. Bauman.

13 MS. BAUMAN: Nothing tonight.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Planning, Zoning & Economic
15 Development Committee. Mr. Bertoni.

16 MR. BERTONI: I have a resolution to call for a
17 public hearing to be held on February 17, 2021 to consider
18 input concerning a new Homestead Village preliminary PUD
19 development plan incorporating the battery storage project
20 into the previously approved PUD development plan. The
21 new PUD includes the following mixed uses: a townhouse
22 residential development, a hotel and conference center
23 including a golf course, office use, and a public utility
24 facility. And the addition of 12 Beech Street, attachment
25 #142.07-1-6.2, into the Homestead Village preliminary PUD
26 development plan as it should have been originally been

1 included.

2 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

3 MR. AUGOSTINI: So we have a resolution offered
4 by Mr. Bertoni and seconded by Ms. Bauman. Any further
5 discussion? Hearing none, I'll ask the clerk to poll the
6 board.

7 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

8 MS. STALEY: Aye.

9 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

10 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

11 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

12 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

13 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye. The resolution is
15 approved. Mr. Bertoni.

16 MR. BERTONI: I have a resolution authorizing
17 the supervisor, deputy supervisor, and planning director
18 to execute all documentation required for the submission
19 of the Federal Emergency Management Agency 2020-2021
20 Community Rating System program.

21 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a resolution offered by
23 Mr. Bertoni and seconded by Ms. Bauman. Any further
24 discussion? Hearing none, I'll ask the Town Clerk to poll
25 the board.

26 MR. PERFETTI: Staley?

1 MS. STALEY: Aye.

2 MR. PERFETTI: Bauman?

3 MS. BAUMAN: Aye.

4 MR. PERFETTI: Bertoni?

5 MR. BERTONI: Aye.

6 MR. PERFETTI: Augostini?

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: Aye. Thank you, Mr. Bertoni.

8 We've come to the second Hearing of Visitors. If you'd
9 like -- yes, Frank?

10 MR. BERTONI: I have a motion to appoint a
11 Planning Board alternate.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh. Sorry.

13 MR. PERFETTI: There is one more.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Got it. I didn't have that on
15 this version. Yes. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

16 MR. BERTONI: I have a motion to appoint Kirsten
17 Rose to the Planning Board as an alternate member to fill
18 the now expired term of Surya Yalamanchili.

19 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: So we have a motion from Mr.
21 Bertoni and a second by Ms. Bauman. Is there any further
22 discussion? Hearing none, all those in favor, signify by
23 saying aye.

24 ALL: Aye.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? The motion
26 carries. So now we're at the second Hearing of Visitors.

1 I'll ask anyone wishing to speak to try to limit yourself
2 to five minutes. And please state your name and address
3 for the record. Do you have any, Lenny?

4 MR. PERFETTI: Yeah. Give it a few minutes.
5 Nope.

6 MR. AUGOSTINI: I'll close this portion of the
7 Hearing of Visitors. Department reports on file in the
8 Town Clerk's office. Mr. Bertoni.

9 MR. BERTONI: I make a motion we accept and
10 place on file Report #1 in the Town Clerk's office.

11 MS. BAUMAN: I second.

12 MR. AUGOSTINI: So we have a motion from Mr.
13 Bertoni and a second by Ms. Bauman. All those in favor,
14 signify by saying aye.

15 ALL: Aye.

16 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? That report or
17 that document will be placed on file in the Town Clerk's
18 office. Board Comments tonight. Ms. Staley.

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

20 MR. AUGOSTINI: Ms. Bauman.

21 MS. BAUMAN: I just like to recognize the life
22 of Father Thomas Hobbes who passed away just this past
23 weekend. I saw Father Hobbes a lot because he was
24 ordained into the priesthood in 1956 in Syracuse. He
25 served in many parishes, but one of the places that he
26 worked for a while was Catholic Central. He worked a lot

1 in the Catholic school districts and I got to know him
2 there. He was always, you know, always somebody who was
3 willing to show up for any of our events. Whenever you
4 had a class reunion, you could count on him. He'd be the
5 faculty member that would be there. Say the mass for you,
6 do whatever. Besides he was a great supporter of Catholic
7 schools. He was an avid fan of all their athletic
8 departments.

9 MR. AUGOSTINI: Oh, yeah.

10 MS. BAUMAN: He loved the opera. You'd see him
11 at every function at the Tri-Cities Opera. He also
12 enjoyed going to New York City. Anyway, I'm sure when he
13 passed, he was considered a good faithful servant.

14 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. I was just a little
15 surprised that they didn't have his stint at Blessed
16 Sacrament Church.

17 MS. BAUMAN: I know. Because he was there too.

18 MR. AUGOSTINI: They listed everything else
19 but --

20 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah. Christ the King for quite a
21 while - from '94 to 2008.

22 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah.

23 MS. BAUMAN: Then he came over and helped on at
24 Holy Family, and OLA and Holy Family too.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. Probably back in the '80s
26 he was at the Blessed Sacrament for a period of time.

1 MS. BAUMAN: Yeah. A good man.

2 MR. AUGOSTINI: A really good guy. Yeah. Thank
3 you for mentioning that. Mr. Bertoni?

4 MR. BERTONI: Yes. I'd like to thank Surya
5 Yalamanchili for his service on the Planning Board, and
6 the good work that he did, and just for being a great
7 community member.

8 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yes. Thank you for mentioning
9 that. You know, with Surya, you'd like to think like wow.
10 His shoes would be so costly to fill. I think we're lucky
11 enough that we got, right, just a very good community
12 person that's willing to step in and be an alternate and
13 wants to contribute and give back to the Town in some
14 capacity. The Planning Board is a good way of doing that.
15 Any other comments?

16 MR. BERTONI: Tom, is there a way you can get us
17 -- so that we can get in touch with her? Just kind of
18 welcome her aboard?

19 MR. AUGOSTINI: Yeah. So I'll send out an email
20 to everybody tomorrow with her number that she gave me and
21 her email address.

22 MR. BERTONI: Okay.

23 MR. AUGOSTINI: All right. Yup, I can do that.

24 MR. BERTONI: Yeah.

25 MR. AUGOSTINI: So I'll make the last comment.
26 I enjoyed the Super Bowl last Sunday. I'll entertain a

1 motion to adjourn. Mr. Bertoni.

2 MR. BERTONI: Yes. I make a motion to adjourn.

3 MR. PERFETTI: 7:18.

4 MR. AUGOSTINI: 7:18, yes. Thanks, Lenny. I
5 need a second.

6 MS. BAUMAN: I will second that.

7 MR. AUGOSTINI: We have a motion to adjourn and
8 a second. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

9 ALL: Aye.

10 MR. AUGOSTINI: Any opposed? We are adjourned.
11 Our next meeting is February 17th. Thanks for everyone's
12 participation.

13 MS. BAUMAN: Thank you, Mr. Augostini.

14 (Off the record)

15 C E R T I F I C A T E

16 I, Ria Jara, certify that the foregoing transcript of
17 proceedings in the Town of Union Board Work Session and
18 Meeting, Broome County, State of New York, was prepared using
19 digital transcription software and is a true and accurate
20 record of the proceedings.

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