

Minutes of a Regular Town Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

James R. Stark,	Deputy Supervisor and Councilman
Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
Frank Creighton,	Councilman
Harriet Gilliam,	Councilwoman

Also Present:

Robert J. Kozakiewicz,	Town Attorney
Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk

Deputy Supervisor Stark called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Tonight-- I've got to find my notes-- we have with us Pack 133 and Troop 467 in Riverhead, and I would ask them to present their colors and then they will lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance."

(Colors were presented and the Pledge was recited.)

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "If the Board would join us down front. We have a proclamation and Councilwoman Harriet Gilliam will present it."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Good evening. I'd like to read Resolution 88 of the Riverhead Town Board.

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Town Board acknowledges the many lasting and positive affects that Boy Scouting has had and continues to have providing a nuturing environment for the development of the youth in the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic Bay District of the Suffolk County Boy Scout Council Incorporated continues to advance the principles of Scouting in the Town and surrounding areas; and

WHEREAS, the Peconic Bay District has increased its efforts to reach under represented populations in the community; and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Town Board wishes to recognize and encourage the youth who participate in Scouting and the adult volunteers, 75% of whom have undergone Scout training in order to better serve their unit; and

WHEREAS, the Riverhead Town Board wishes to promote and support the efforts of the Peconic Bay District to build character in our youth and to instill in them a sense of responsibility to self and others in the community; and

WHEREAS, the month of February is recognized as National Boy Scout month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that February 7, 1995, is hereby declared Boy Scouting Day in the Town of Riverhead in recognition of the Boy Scouts of America, Suffolk County Boy Scout Council, and the Peconic Bay District.

WHEREAS, the great seal of the Town of Riverhead has hereunto been set by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, the 7th day of February, 1995.

And it is signed by all the Town Board members, James R. Stark, Deputy Supervisor; Victor Prusinowski, Councilman; Frank Creighton, Councilman; Harriet Gilliam, Councilwoman.

I'd like to move this Resolution at this time."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded. Call the roll, please."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. A nice round of applause for the youth of our community. Who would like to-- Phil Kenter is District Chairman. Would you like to say a few words, Phil?"

Phil Kenter: "Thank you very much. On behalf of the Suffolk County Council, Peconic Bay District Boy Scouts of America, I'd like to thank the Town Board for this proclamation. I'd like to at this time recognize all the volunteer Scout leaders that we have here in the community that give of their time, take the training, put the uniform on, and help the boys and the youth of our community. So very quickly I'd like to recognize Harriet Gilliam as our membership chairperson; Andrea Lohneiss from the Town is our nominating chairperson; our District Commissioner is Bill Olsen. We also have our Assistant District Commissioner here tonight and that's Walter McGhan (phonetic). Scoutmaster Len Mikowski (phonetic). Our publicity and unit Commissioner [inaudible] (inaudible). Our cub leader person is Paulette Sherman and, of course, we have all the boys here.

And one of the big things that we're really pushing for in this community is to get more of our youth off the streets and give them something positive to do which is Scouting and we can't think of a better thing than Scouting to give our community and keep the boys out of trouble, off the streets, and teach them about God, country, and citizenship. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Phil. Good luck. Also, once a quarter it's our privilege through the Labor Management Committee to recognize one of our employees as the Employee of the Quarter. And I would ask those members of the Labor Management Committee to please come up, that are present. I would also ask Gary Pendzick and Stanley Carey. Is Stanley here? Here he comes.

Stanley is the Employee of the Quarter. He works in the Water District and grew up with his father and we had a lot of good times together-- but it is my pleasure to introduce Madelyn-- I think you're the Chairman of the Labor Relations? If you would do the pleasures."

Madelyn Sendlewski: "WHEREAS, it is both proper and fitting that the Town of Riverhead recognize the outstanding service of its employees;

WHEREAS, in order to provide a mechanism to recognize these employees and the recommendation of the Labor Management Committee, the Employee of the Quarter program has been established; and

WHEREAS, Stanley Carey has dedicated himself to the service of

his government and its citizens in the Riverhead Water District; and

WHEREAS, his service, courtesy and attitude has exemplified the highest ideal in the expression of public duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James R. Stark, as Deputy Supervisor of the Town of Riverhead, do hereby proclaim February 7, 1995, as Stanley Carey Day in recognition of his being named Employee of the Quarter, and I call upon my fellow citizens to join me in recognizing his service to the Town of Riverhead.

Stanley, congratulations on behalf of the Labor Management Committee. I should let Deputy Supervisor present this to you. Thank you. Okay. And we just congratulate you additionally. Jim Divan who is the co-chair has something to present you with."

Jim Divan: "On behalf of the Labor Management and your co-workers, I'd like to congratulate you and present you with a gift certificate to (inaudible) Guesthouse on the Main Road, Aquebogue, and I'd like to thank (inaudible) Guesthouse for that generous donation, and also a 100 savings bond. Congratulations."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Gary, would you-- we have to rush this because Gary and (inaudible) have to get out because we've had a water main break. So we are going to make this quick."

Gary Pendzick: "Very quick. Stanley, thank you so much for being as good as you are. Keep up the good work. You're a fine example of what this Town and its people to save both the taxpayers and the rate-payers money while providing the best of services. Thanks again. I appreciate it. So does everyone that works with you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I do believe we have mom with us and hope mom will stand up. Carol, the mother of Stanley."

Stanley Carey: "Thank you. I'm very honored to be recognized as Employee of the Quarter for the Town of Riverhead. I enjoy working for the Water District and I think if you enjoy what you do, you try to do a little bit more and work a little harder. I'd like to thank Gary for nominating me. I think a lot of the things that he and Mark do go unrecognized. I'd also like to thank the Labor Management Committee and also the Town Board. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Also on the Labor Management Committee and Tax Receiver, Diane Koroleski, and Maureen Fagan and who else? Jimmy Divan who is our Bay Constable, and Harriet Gilliam represents the Town Board. Thank you very much."

Is there a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Town Board meeting of January 14th and the Special Board Meeting of January 20th?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes.
Minutes are approved.

REPORTS:

Riverhead Town Clerk	Monthly report for January of 1995 \$18,426.40
Receiver of Taxes	Report to the County Treasurer as of February 6, 1995, was \$25,679,214.57
Receiver of Taxes	Collections report for 1/95 Water District, Landfill, Scavenger Waste total collected was \$188,024.55
Riverhead Sewer District	Scavenger waste gallonage breakdown for 1994
Riverhead Sewer District	Discharge monitoring report for December of 1994
Open Bid Report	For abandoned junk vehicles which was opened on January 25, 1995 at 11:00. Outpost Automotive, Inc. \$31.52 a vehicle; Gershow Recycling \$35.68; Fred J. Gallo, \$44.75; from Michael Majsce, Inc., \$50.00

Open Bid Report

Sports equipment and supplies which was opened on January 30, 1995 at 11:00. Nine bids were received. The file can be seen in the Town Clerk's Office

Open Bid Report

For annual townwide drainage opened on January 30th at 11:00. Two bids were received. Patrick Bistrain, Jr., \$114,006.00; and from Riverhead Cement Block, \$136,885.00

Open Bid Report

1995 rear loading refuse collection truck. Opened 1/30/95 at 11:05. Gabriello Truck Sales, \$49,815.00 and Cassel GMC Truck Sales, \$52,705.00

Open Bid Report

Traffic signs and related items & guide rails and posts. Opened on January 30, 1995. Can be seen in the Town Clerk's Office

APPLICATIONS:

Site Plan

Riverhead Medical Office Building for a building addition at 1333 East Main Street, Riverhead

Site Plan

Riverhead Convenience Mart to renovate former gas station for use as a gas station and convenience store, 626 West Main Street

CORRESPONDENCE:

Bernadette Troyan

Submitting a letter of resignation from the Board of Assessment Review

Martha Sullivan

Submitting a letter of resignation from her position as Outreach worker with the Senior Citizens Program

- Ann Clinton, Senior
Cook, Nutrition Center
- Thanking the Riverhead Senior Site Council for their donation of silverware, service for 96, to the Riverhead Nutrition Center
- Andrew G. Cangemi
- Writing on behalf of the Nassau County Council, Boy Scouts of America, regarding the inclusion of the Boy Scouts' property in the Central Pine Barrens area
- Eric Weisner
- Thanking the Riverhead Water District for their help
- Dominick Pantaleo
- Requesting a leave of absence effective January 23, 1995
- Petition
- 59 people signed a petition supporting the enactment of a local law to increase the maximum income eligibility levels for senior citizens to apply for the partial exemption from Riverhead Town Real Property Taxes
- W. Bruce Stuke
- Thanking the Town Board for his appointment as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals and resigning from his position on the Board of Assessment Review
- Vince Artale
- Thanking the Town Board for his appointment as a member of the Planning Board
- Riverhead Fire District
- Requesting the Town Board to appoint a Fire Marshal as soon as possible
- Great Peconic Bay
Shellfish Farms
- Proposing a Clam-Transplant project in the Town of Riverhead
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- for change of zone by Stanley Tanger
- Jack Bagshaw Writing urging the Town Board to pass the Resolution to float a bond to buy the Riverhead Building Supply property and lease it to Okeanos
- East End Arts Council Offering support to bring Okeanos to Riverhead
- Philip Steiner and Saul Steiner Offering support to bring Okeanos to Riverhead
- Town of Southampton 7 notices of adoption of Local Laws 1 through 7. And notices of a Public Hearing

Public Hearing Opened 7:17 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:17 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, 7:05 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding an amendment of a Local Law, Section 103-40(8) entitled, Solid Waste Management Law, to provide for the continued issuance of business permits until December 31, 1995."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes. I would ask Councilman Vic Prusinowski to explain this as he is the Solid Waste Chairman of our committee in the Town of Riverhead."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We passed a local law many years ago, a solid waste law. In that law, we envisioned to eliminate businesses bringing up garbage, their own recyclables and garbage up to the transfer station or to the private plant that was to be built in Swerton. We have continued to allow businesses to bring up their own recyclables to the landfill as an economic incentive as a way of-- so

that they can control their cost of solid waste disposal, because we encourage recycling in the Town and actually it is the law.

So what we're doing here is on an annual basis, we're just extending the law to allow businesses to continue to receive business permits in the Town of Riverhead."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody in the audience who would like to make any comment on this particular Public Hearing? I declare the Hearing closed."

Public Hearing closed: 7:19 p.m.

Public Hearing opened: 7:19 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let the record show that the time of 7:19 has arrived. Would the Clerk please read the notice of Public Hearing for the second Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 1995, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the granting of the right to use streets, highways and public places by community organizations and individuals as required by Town Law Section 64(7)."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "This is a Resolution which is done so that individuals do not have to come to us or we don't have a Public Hearing reach and every individual application for use of the public streets and public improvements. The Town law section that's cited, 64(7) authorizes the Town to let private individuals use their streets. And what this does, it does it in one Public Hearing and then we address applications on an individual basis without the need for a Public Hearing and, hopefully, that was clear."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody in the audience who would like to make comment on this particular Public Hearing? Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. The only thing that I would like to inquire is how much lead time you've got to give in case you

want to use some of these facilities like parks, by the ballpark, or the sporting field or anything as far as that goes. I belong to an organization and we might take a notion to strike up a ballgame. And to use it, so how much lead time you've got to give?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "If you're using it as an organization or a group or a family picnic, what we require is that you go to the Recreation Department and fill out an application so that if it's being used in non-use time. In other words on a weekend or something like that."

Steve Hailzip: "Yeah, right."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "That simply is filled out and as soon as the Recreation people can get over here and have three Town Board members sign off on it, that's how quickly the lead time is."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay. Good enough. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody else who would like to did you explain this like country fair--?"

Robert Kozakiewicz: "No, I didn't."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "It basically covers the Polish Town Civic Association street fair and the Riverhead country fair. We have had in this past year a couple of block parties, one right back on the street behind us here where the neighbors got together and they requested that the street be closed off and they had a good old family or neighborhood street-- block party, which turned out very well. This is really basically what we're doing."

If there is nobody else that wishes to speak on this topic, I would declare the meeting closed."

Public Hearing closed: 7:22 p.m.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Before we open the podium to the general public, there is one important topic of business here tonight and that is the enticing and getting the reality of Okeanos

er to Riverhead. We have with us tonight our bond counsel, Tom Rothman out of New York City who I would ask come to the podium and explain the process that we are going through."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Who just got a new law partner today."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Who just got a new law partner today?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Mario Cuomo."

Barbara Grattan: "Mario Cuomo."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Where is he?"

Tom Rothman: "He sends his apologies. He couldn't make it."

Councilman Creighton: "What does that do to our rates, Tom?"

Tom Rothman: "You get a free bag of Doritos with every visit from me. Thank you Mr. Stark."

As you know, in August of last year, this Town Board adopted several Resolutions, one of which was a Resolution pursuant to which you would guarantee the issuance of not exceeding \$10,000,000 in indebtedness of the Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency which was going to be issued as part of an approximately \$58,000,000 issue to pay the cost of the acquisition of land and the construction on that land of a facility to be known as the Okeanos Aquarium of Long Island.

Due to market conditions and several other functions-- factors, that issue was not sold and we are here tonight to consider what I think could be characterized as phase one of the construction of the Okeanos Aquarium of Long Island which is the acquisition of the land and the buildings located thereon and the reconstruction of those what we believe are characterized as butler buildings into a temporary headquarters for Okeanos and the moving of the existing facilities and tanks of Okeanos in Hampton Bays into Riverhead.

The cost of that transaction is approximately \$1,750,000. The Community Development Agency will issue that debt on behalf of Okeanos. It will acquire that parcel of land in its name. It will reconstruct the building in accordance with the Okeanos specifications. It will then

lease that parcel of land to Okeanos. At the time that Okeanos issues the remaining-- or the CDA issues the remaining amount of the debt for the Okeanos Aquarium, that obligation will be terminated and in effect converted into the longer term bonds.

The Resolution you have before you is to guarantee the debt of the CDA in the maximum principal amount of \$1,750,000 plus the interest to be borne on that debt of the CDA for this first stage project. This resolution is subject to permissive referendum as was the last one in accordance with procedures set forth in State statute.

We're here tonight at this early date because of the 30 day permissive referendum period. After that expires, and only after that expires, can this transaction close. However, there will be a second vote. It will be a vote of the Community Development Agency which is necessary in order to approve the lease by and between the Community Development Agency and Okeanos. The lease will provide all the various business terms pursuant to which Okeanos will pay the lease payments and will-- the lease payments will make sure or certain if they're paid in a timely manner that the guarantee will not have to be (inaudible).

In a certain sense this transaction is different than the other one. In this transaction, you are the only debt holder and in the event of a worse case scenario, and we all know that lawyers think in a worse case scenario, in the event that Okeanos were to default on the lease and move out, you will have an asset, namely, the real property, the buildings, and whatever is in them other than the equipment of Okeanos which has been-- is being moved to the site. You could sell that real property and realize an amount to reduce the debt obligation to the CDA and the Town.

The property I am told has been appraised for \$2,100,000. The amount of the acquisition of the land is \$1,300,000. The amount of the construction of the buildings on the land is approximately \$450,000."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Mr. Chairman?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Tom, could you explain more specifically

What the debt service on a yearly basis will be paid by whom?"

Tom Rothman: "The lease will be structured so that the leasehold payments that Okeanos will be paying to the CDA will be an amount equal to the amount of the debt service that the CDA will have to pay to the lending institution. The lease payments and the CDA's debt payments are much more flexible than the Town itself could do if the Town, for example, were borrowing for a new Town Hall. The Town is encumbered by a very strict set of amortization regulations set forth in State law; the CDA is not.

So we have the flexibility of meeting with Okeanos and your Financial Administrator is currently doing that, reviewing that financial condition as it is today, reviewing the proposed visitorship at the site and the revenues to be generated therefrom, and the revenues which will be available to pay debt service. Around that we can structure the debt and the lease payments so that the two are equal with a certain margin of safety."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And there will be special district taxes that will be paid to the special districts?"

Tom Rothman: "It is proposed under the lease, Okeanos will pay as an additional rent component the special district assessments, yes. Just like they had agreed to pay in the first transaction. Of course it will be in a lower amount because the value of the property will be significantly lower."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Tom. What I would ask to retire just for a few minutes. I think we'll go to Doug next and ask him to come up. DeFeo, from the Okeanos Board and then we'll go to Michael for a presentation on the site plan and then we'll open it up for questions from any one of the three that may want to be heard. I guess this is an unofficial Public Hearing."

Doug DeFeo: "Good evening. My name is Douglas DeFeo and I'm a member of the Board of Trustees of the Okeanos Foundation and I'm also Vice-President. I'm here tonight with my fellow Board members and I like to take a couple of seconds here to introduce who we have here. My left is Mr. George (inaudible). He's our President. Robert Mc Staff (phonetic). Dr. Carol Hause (phonetic) our secretary. Robert

area (phonetic), our Chairman. Mr. Antonio DeGras (phonetic). James asset (phonetic), Jillian (inaudible), and behind Mr. Sadove is (inaudible.) And of course we have our Research Director, Mr. Sadove."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Doug, you've got to speak a little closer to the microphone."

Doug DeFeo: "First of all, we'd like to thank the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead and the Town staff and also the people of the Town of Riverhead for the tremendous amount of support and effort which we have all put towards making Okeanos Aquarium in Riverhead a reality.

Sometime ago after considerable research and discussion we selected Riverhead as the (inaudible) location for the Okeanos Aquarium. Constantly thereafter, our decision has been reinforced by your support and ideas and the efforts of your residents, many of whom are involved in one or more of the many fundraising event committees which have formed and are still forming throughout the Town.

We are proud of our decision to locate in Riverhead and become a part of this community. We are determined to bring our organization to Riverhead and the action before your Board tonight will make that a reality. It will allow us to locate here a full two years before we originally anticipated. It will give us much needed space to continue our stranding rehabilitation and research program and allow us to better meet the growing demand for educational tours and programs, provide an excellent revenue source and be the new focus for funding activities for the aquarium project as a whole.

We are confident that this project will be a great success and we stand behind the proposed action of the Town. In anticipation of that action, we have amended our bylaws and created two new seats on our Board of Trustees, one for the Town's financial administrator and one for the Director of the Community Development Agency. It is our hope that this action on our part will further demonstrate our support and interest in coming to Riverhead and (inaudible) you the Board in voting favorably in reference to the proposed action. Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Mr. Chairman?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Those two Board members from the Town Government are going to have full voting rights on the Board of Directors, is that correct?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're thinking, George."

Doug DeFeo: "We will have to verify that."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Doug DeFeo: "At this time, if we may, we'd like to have our architect, Michael Tortorice come up and make a presentation."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I was going to call on him next."

Doug DeFeo: "Okay."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Mike, why don't we move this easel up and you can actually face that towards the audience. You gave us a nice view the other day and I think we all have it fresh in our minds. Maybe put it the audience-- or posture it so that our good friend can-- how about right there?"

The Town Board has experienced this site plan review so we don't mind-- if you can take that microphone, can we pick him up in recording enough?"

Barbara Grattan: "Yes."

Michael Tortorice: "This one?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes."

Michael Tortorice: "My name is Michael Tortorice. I'm with the (inaudible) architectural group, and like Mr. Stark says, we had gone through this with the Town at a work session. And what I'd like to do is just give you an overview of what the proposed phase one-- which we're calling phase one of this project, will encompass."

Basically, the site here, which is the Riverhead Building Supply site, these are the three existing buildings that are on the site right now, this is the Peconic River, and here is Main Street, and the fourth

all residential like structure up front. And what we're anticipating in this project, this phase one, is using this portion of the site for rehabilitation and for visitors and for administration. Again, to keep in spirit with how we spoke with the Town of Riverhead and the merchants, initially we are not putting any parking on the site for visitors for this phase one. We will still encourage people to park in the Town of Riverhead and walk and work their way through the Town to get to the Okeanos phase one project.

And what we'll be doing is there will be some bus-- school bus access and Okeanos access, you know, staff access through the site. What we want to do right now because the Town isn't set up to deal with the school buses is get the kids into the site and as close to the facility as possible without them having to walk across the street and walk around. That might become a safety hazard.

So the buses and Okeanos access will be through here. This, eventually in phase two, will be the drop off for bus access and particular drop off for visitors to the aquarium. So this is in keeping with the spirit and trying to get people used to the idea of coming this way. Unfortunately it won't look as nice as it's going to look in phase two, but for now that's what we're going to do.

The general public will come through the site through here. We're basically just going to spiff up this building here, paint it, make it look a little nicer. We'll be removing the parking lot that's in front of there right now and revegetating it and landscaping it and creating a basic walkway to get back to where the visitor's center will be. The paved area here, we're just going to keep but it's not going to have access for vehicles.

What we're doing is this part of the facility-- let me-- I'm going to take another plan out and show you a blow up here. To clarify to everybody how this fits in, this was thought-- using this existing building-- was thought of prior to this idea of moving up to Riverhead earlier and what we'll do, this just shows the outline of the proposed phase two, the aquarium, and it fits in with us using this front upper building, (inaudible) building now. We will operate this right through construction until we open, until this part where the rehab will be eventually, where Okeanos can move in and then finish this out, which is going to be the book store and a gift shop later on. This allows us to use the construction as part of the exhibit. So people will be able

to view the construction of the aquarium as it's going on.

This is a blow up of the area-- this is really the area that's going to be concentrated for visitors. This large tank here is the (audible) tank which is whales and dolphins when they are being rehab and people will be able to viewing them. This is a large seal tank, people will be able to be viewing the animals in there. This is the basic area of visitors. It's roughly 1,800 square feet which is probably three or four times the size of Okeanos' present visitor space in Hampton Bays.

The back area in here is where Okeanos will deal with the strandings and its rehabilitation of the seals. This part of the building here eventually will come off during phase two and that's why we're really showing this as the basic area to be used. There will be some office area in here but this area here-- I'll show you a very crude sketch of what we're talking about. We're not just talking about raising just the seals. There will be an area to view the seals while they are being rehab. We are also trying to get this to a level where it will be like a very small aquarium and our visitor center. There will be touch tanks in there, there will be dry touch tanks, wet touch tanks, and there will be some tanks that people will be able to see representing what's going to be in phase two in a smaller scale.

Just to go back. This area here-- what we're trying to do is we're trying to create more of an open public space for people to come in and experience. It gives us exposure here in Riverhead, there will be a sign up here to let people know what's going on. Back here is a grass area, we're calling it the bone yard. There will be large whale bones and whale jaw bones and people can walk around and play with and really touch and feel and try to see what it's all about.

This, again, will be some kind of wall, you know, will be a mural something just to try to screen off what's going on with the construction. Eventually we'll put some holes in it so people can look over and see what's going on during the construction.

Basically, that's the plan. Let me just quickly go over the schedule here. Again, Mr. Rothman went over the numbers. The total project cost is \$1.75 million, maximum \$1.75 million. The anticipated date for us to get on the site to open is Memorial Day weekend of this year. And that means that we close the bond sometime March 13th-- March

with contract, we'll be on the site working. It will be finished by the end of April and Okeanos will start setting up in the facility between May and May 26th-- 27th, Memorial Day weekend for them to operate. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "If you can drop that down so we can see everybody, Mike, I'd appreciate it. Thank you, Michael."

At this time, the Chair will open the floor to anybody that would like to make any comment on any given subject. Barry?"

Barry Barth: "My name is Barry Barth."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I think you have to push the button up, Barry. Thank you."

Barry Barth: "My name is Barry Barth, President of the Riverhead Business Improvement District Management Association. In our three and half year history we have never called upon the members of the business community as we have this evening. Members of the BID Board have sent out fliers informing the business community as to the scope of what is before the Town Board this evening. And I think you can clearly see by the number of people that are with us tonight, the business community is fully in support of the Town Board's approval of this Resolution to support the Okeanos project coming to Riverhead."

I think you clearly know how I feel about this project. I delivered to the Board in September almost 2,000 petitions signed by residents of the Town of Riverhead in support of the Okeanos project. What I'd like to do is I'd like to applaud you lady and gentlemen for having the initiative and the gumption to stand up through adverse conditions, not having a Supervisor to be with you for a whole year, and for having the courage when the bonds weren't sold the first time, to find an alternative way to bring Okeanos to Riverhead. It shows insight, it shows courage and I think that we're all very, very proud of the work that's been done by this Town Board and by the members of Town government. So thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Barry. Joan? Jack, would you just flip that door shut? I think they're discussing something out the hallway. Thank you."

Joan Marshall: "Ladies and gentlemen. We, the Riverhead Chamber, and our support to the Town Board for the Resolution to secure bonding for the Okeanos foundation. We realize it's beneficial to the business community and to Okeanos and we urge all of you to say yes to this bonding. And we want-- we're all in your corner and we know you've been for the Okeanos from the beginning. And as the President of the Riverhead Chamber, I salute you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Joan, would you just state your name for the record so that we-- "

Joan Marshall: "Joan Marshall."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Joan. Is there anybody else who would like to make a comment? Yes, Gary?"

Gary Jacquemin: "My name is Gary Jacquemin, an architect for the Business Improvement District. And I lost my voice, so I'd like to ask the Town Clerk to please read my comment."

Barbara Grattan: "This letter is from Gary."

Good evening Deputy Supervisor Stark, members of the Town Board and concerned citizens. It is again a pleasure to speak in support of the future of the Riverhead.

Now is the time to act. Riverhead is facing a decisive moment for its future well-being. Opportunities for a revitalized downtown business district are within reach. Riverhead is poised to once again become the thriving vital activity center for the region that it once was. Preparations have already been started. New master plans have been outlined and necessary improvements have been identified.

We have learned that business and retail activities no longer lead the growth of downtown. Now it is the educational and entertainment activities which form the necessary nucleus of renewal. The Okeanos project is precisely such an activity. Providing Okeanos with an interim home in Riverhead during the development of their facility brings credibility to our revitalization. As relocated in Riverhead, Okeanos joins such institutions as the East End Arts Council, the Suffolk County Historical Society, the Riverhead Free Library, the Eastern Suffolk School of Music, the Vail-Leavitt Music Hall, and the to be

renovated Suffolk Theatre in forming a major array of regional attractions. Our favorable invitation to Okeanos will help to assure this future for Riverhead.

Now is the time to act. Thank you, Gary Jacquemin."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Gary."

Deborah Brehm: "Hello. My name is Deborah Brehm. I own a business on East Main Street, Brehm's Deli, and I'm also a homeowner. I have a home in South Jamesport. And I just want to say I'm, of course, behind this thing 100% and I feel so thrilled to be living in Riverhead at this time. I'm so proud to have a Town Board like you folks that have taken this thing and seen it from cradle to grave. And I'm just proud to be living in Riverhead and be a citizen in Riverhead at this time. Thank you. Keep going. Great."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Deborah. Doctor?"

Dr. Al Scherzer: "Good evening members of the Town Board. I'm Dr. Al Scherzer, a resident of Riverhead and former member of the Board of Education, a concerned citizen of Riverhead. I bring to you in addition to the concerns, the interest, of the people in the Conservation movement, particularly the Moriches Bay Audubon Society. They want you to know that this is a major important undertaking, not only for the business community, for the educational community, but as a basis for preserving the natural heritage that we have for which we are so proud and which we in Riverhead have an important part in maintaining the continuity of all the natural history, the bays, in our area. This is a chance to bring together for all time and to preserve all of the important natural features of our environment, we applaud the Board in considering this move. We feel it is vital for not only our community's business, but the preservation of the future of our nature. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Al."

Bill Talmage: "Bill Talmage from Riverhead. I think tonight is one of the most important votes we've ever had in this Town. And as usual, I'm speaking with multiple hats. Speaking as the Chair of the Okeanos Capital Steering Committee, we've been charged with finding revenues and contacts to use in developing the \$5,000,000 in equity necessary to go forward with the next stage of the bond."

At our meeting the week before last, our Committee voted unanimously to recommend this move to Riverhead as being very, very important, if it is essential to the completion of our Committee's mission. It's very important that momentum be maintained and excitement be maintained in terms of fundraising. And if we're going to be going out and making contacts endeavoring to raise this money, this is a very important step in helping us achieve the ultimate goal of the large aquarium in Riverhead.

We must not delay this also because as you know the silly political season will soon be upon us. Projects tend to get stale if they don't keep moving forward and we've had a setback. The vultures will be circling if this project gets stale and pretty soon we'll start to hear people saying this whole renaissance of Riverhead has been a bad idea and I knew it all along and I just didn't tell anybody. And we'll start to see that I predict if we don't maintain some forward momentum. This is very, very important to us.

Speaking as the head of the Riverhead Trolley Corp., this will be very important to helping us finally get these trolleys into Town and starting that service which means a lot to our downtown.

And speaking as a real estate person, there are a lot of businesses circling around the boat looking at Riverhead right now. We need to show them something in concrete and steel to have them come in and start their restaurants and bring their other attractions into Town. And I've talked to an awful lot of people in the last year who think Riverhead's going to be a big place but they're not ready to commit. Everybody's waiting for something to trigger it. And I predict that this will be a big help in getting some of these things to start to come. It's like a snowball. Once we get enough restaurants, enough people will be downtown in the evening and a lot of good things will start to happen. So I'm encouraging you not to delay it and to vote for it tonight and let's make this happen. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Bill. Jack?"

Jack Van DeWettering: "I'm Jack Van DeWettering with Ivy Acres. We've seen this Town grow in the last 24, 30 years, because I came here about 30 years ago. And this is probably the most important thing that we've seen happening in this Town. My company who grows flowers and gives some of the flowers to the Town, will be supportive of this because

means so much to this Town and I can see what you're doing is in the right direction. I just feel real proud to be here and my kids feel proud also. And that's why they're coming back to live in this Town. And usually you don't hear that. You hear of people leaving. I think you're turning this Town around in the right direction.

The other thing that I just wanted to mention on this is, this is a big project. When you are talking about \$58,000,000 for this Town that is a very poor Town, that is something for this Town to take upon themselves. I hope that Okeanos will take the townspeople and help build this facility and not just take outside contractors. Get some of the people from the Town area and help build it, buy the material from the Town, get the contractors local if they can. Anyway, I support it and my company will work with them. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Jack."

Marty Ehrenreich: (phonetic) Good evening. My name is Marty Ehrenreich and I have a building on Main Street that is currently being used by the Okeanos foundation as a PR office or information center. I personally think it's significant that this evening you had the Boy Scouts here and they-- their motto is Be Prepared. And I think to the ward and to the Boy Scouts they should add another badge, and that is don't give up. You're at the breaking point of something that will be a heritage for those Scouts, for my grandchildren. It is of a larger dimension than the Tanger project. It will live on beyond the Tanger project. I used to set traps up on the Sound. There's nothing there any more. We need the young people to be aware.

It looks like I'm going to lose a tenant but there is world interest in what is going on down here. I know because I've traveled around the country until this evening, just got back, talking to environmental (inaudible), people who are very, very interested in being a part of this. I know how much effort has gone into it and, again, don't give up and my compliments to the Board for hanging in there and the idea that this still has a chance, it is so important that the Scouts have another badge. And thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Marty. Dan?"

Dan Frickie: "I'm Dan Frickie, President of Riverhead Townscape. Riverhead Townscape as you members of the Town Board know, has been a

operator with Town government in making things happen that are good for Riverhead. We stand ready to be a partner and try to help make the Oceanos Aquarium happy. We encourage you to support this bond issue to make it a first step.

On a personal note, my wife and I have been lucky enough to visit aquariums in a number of different places in the United States and outside the United States in the last couple of years and everytime we visited one of those, I personally have marveled and how wonderful a facility they've been and how they draw people. Visitors from far away and visitors from within the community. They are a fabulous facility and we really must not miss the opportunity to make it happen here. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Dan. Joe?"

Joe Ingegno: "My name is Joe Ingegno. Several years back when Ed Cleary (phonetic) planned to build Splish-Splash people said, why here? No one is going to come out here. And he said if we build it they will come. Mr. Tanger, the same thing. Who's going to shop at a 90 store mall in Riverhead? He said if we build it, they will come. We have succeeded in bringing millions of tourists to the western end of Riverhead and now with this, we can bring a good percentage of those downtown to help them spend their money there and come to this new facility. I think the Town has a lot of courage and foresight in planning this and helping it be seen through to the end because I think without this downtown many of the tourists and people who we have attracted to the outskirts of Town, will take the bypasses and go out to Southold and Southampton without coming to Town. I think this is one of the major keys in the revitalization of downtown and I fully support it. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Joe. Shelly?"

Shelly Gordon: "Good evening. My name is Shelly Gordon. I'm a property owner in Riverhead. I own a number of buildings downtown. We purchased these buildings about eight years ago and during that period of time, the real estate taxes have just about doubled. Rents have remained low. Our vacancies are high. We have a lot of confidence in Riverhead. We think that this project will really turn the downtown around. The Tanger Factory Outlet Mall has hurt us very badly, has lost some of our retail tenants. We think that this is the right

project, at the right time, and we're at the crossroads of turning
Riverhead around. And I want to commend the Board for their foresight
and they are to be congratulated for bringing this motion to us. And I
just hope that everyone supports us. And thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Shelly."

Bob Gammon: "My name is Bob Gammon and I'm a property owner. I
have a couple of properties in Riverhead Town and being the Rush
Limoough Conservative that I am, when people talk about 5800 or
\$2,000,000 right out of the box, that makes me very nervous. And
quite frankly, I had very serious reservations about this project
initially. Because I thought it was too much, too soon, and very
little capital backing on the part of the participants. But since that
time, my mind has been changed appreciatively because I think this is
the intelligent way to go. A million seven hundred and fifty thousand
doesn't scare me because I think what it will do is go a long way to
introducing people to the facility and it also will help us who are
involved at this business, particularly if you have the opportunity
which I'm sure just about everybody in this room has to go down to
Disneyworld and see what an enterprise that is. Can you imagine
Riverhead Town taking on Disneyworld overnight? I for one can't. But
as can be seen as was presented here this evening, the present perception of
things, I'm 100% for it because I think this way we have the skills,
we can handle it, we can gradually grow into this thing.

So I think-- I'm very happy with it now and quite frankly, in the
beginning I was very unhappy with it. Because of the very serious
commitments, it could have been presented with being too progressive
and quickly. But by being a little bit conservative this way, you know,
at the age now where I don't jump in the water head first anymore.
I put my feet in first to test the water. So I think right now,
gentlemen and ladies, you are doing the right thing. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Yes, sir?"

Larry Oxman: "Good evening. My name is Larry Oxman. I manage the
commercial division of Riverhead Real Estate. Currently I'm working
with quite a number of customers who have expressed interest in wanting
to come to the downtown area. But it seems time and time again there's
a little hesitancy and the same question keeps on coming up. And that's
basically when is Okeanos coming to Riverhead. And is it definite?"

Tonight, members of the Board, you have that power to make this a reality. You have the power to change the tide. Basically restore confidence in investing in the downtown area. This is one of the most important issues facing the Town, I think, at this point in time. It will certainly aid in the recovery and the revitalization of Riverhead. It will make the area-- the downtown a very strong and viable place to do business.

Okeanos has chosen Riverhead to locate to call it its home and I hope that we can welcome them. Again, you have the power tonight to do that, make it a definite."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Andy, if you will start speaking out, you'll come up right after this one. Save you a little time."

Chuck Rogers: "Gentlemen, good evening. I'm Chuck Rogers. I'm from Riverhead. I sort of wish I were. I'm from Bay Shore. Unfortunately, Bay Shore does not have the wisdom and the fine people that you have here with courage enough to ask you to go forward. Bay Shore has stagnated, I've seen their real estate-- I am a real estate agent. I've seen their real estate values sink to a deplorable level. I hope that within my lifetime they'll see the wisdom of rejuvenating Bay Shore. Bay Shore is really a lovely town with a lot of fine people.

There's more to Riverhead downtown than just the real estate that we've been talking about. That's all very important. It is important to everybody. But it's also important to everybody to say I am from Riverhead with pride. It's just more than money. It's a feeling and we are going to have that feeling if you can bring your Main Street back. Okeanos is going to help do it. I applaud all of you. Thank you very much."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Andy?"

Andrew Acard: "Good evening. My name is Andrew Acard. I'm the Riverhead Merchants Association President and I'm here-- I also own a store on Main Street in Riverhead. When I first learned that the Okeanos might be coming to Riverhead, I thought what a great thing this would be for me. I didn't realize not too much later, that this would be a great thing for all of Riverhead. As far as I was concerned, it didn't happen fast enough."

Then we slowly started to learn more about what was to happen in order to build this aquarium. We learned that the approximate price at which we've all heard about 20,000 times tonight is \$58,000,000. We learned that it will take two years to build. We were told the funding would be there so we encouraged our esteemed Town Board last August to approve the DEIS and FEIS studies and to approve the arrival of such an aquarium, which they did.

Now, we learn that the funding is not all in place primarily due to a bad bond market. I am not an expert at bonds, however, I do know that the investors interested in the Okeanos bond issue need to know that Okeanos is financially stable. This brings us up to the here and now.

What we need to do is-- the Town is clear, perhaps clearer than it has ever been. Tonight you have an opportunity to pass a Resolution that would pave the way to tomorrow's financial security for all of Riverhead. Not just the merchants, not just the residents, but all of Riverhead. Some may say that the property is coming off the tax rolls. I ask how this is going to benefit the already overburdened taxpayer. I say that if we do not do this, if we do not pass this Resolution allowing Okeanos to set up shop here in downtown Riverhead, we are condemning ourselves to a bleak future. Stores will continue to close and go off the tax rolls. Residents and remaining merchants' taxes will continue to rise at an alarming rate.

I'm told that Okeanos will be making payments into the special districts, such as the BID and the Lighting and the Parking districts. The only real loss is approximately \$20,000 a year by my calculations. Considering that Tanger and the new K-Mart plazas are generating money never before seen in Riverhead, at this point is moot.

In conclusion and on a personal note, I am not a resident of Riverhead. However, I and my father before me have been a part of this community for 37 years. I remember coming into Riverhead as a little boy, eating at Charlie's Beehive, shopping at all the filled stores on Main Street. Granted, times were different back then and we have before us the opportunity to surpass those good times.

On behalf of the Riverhead Merchants Association and myself, I strongly urge the Board to vote yes to Resolution 89. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. At this particular time, sorry, I'll call on you in just a second. Much of the work that has been done in bringing this Town to this particular point, and I think at this time, it's only fitting to point out the staff members who have been working along with our counsel-- bond counsel, Tom Rothman, and Jack McCarthy over here. Way in the back of the room is Rick Hanley, Planning Director-- Planning Director. Over here on our left is our Community Development Agency Director-- Executive Director I guess we call her now because it sounds better, Andrea Lohneiss. The whiz behind the pencil who keeps us all honest, Jack Hansen. And our own Town Attorney, Bob Kozakiewicz who has been-- many, many trips to New York City.

These are the ladies and gentlemen who have, in fact, brought the ideas and the workings to this Town Board. It's our decision as policy makers elected by the public of the Town of Riverhead to bring those workings to fertility. So I just wanted to bring that out. Kenny?"

Ken Tuthill: "My name is Ken Tuthill. I'm a Calverton resident and a businessman. I ask the people of this Town to look around and see the changes that have taken place over the past 20 years. In the good old days, we were predominantly a farming community. There was a time when you could walk down Main Street and not pass a person that you didn't know. Growing up in this Town under those conditions was the best that anyone could ask for.

We entertained ourselves in ways rural farming communities across America always have. If we could afford at that time to go on vacations we would take our families to special places to create memories for our children to grow on. That special place could have been anywhere on the island because an island is so diverse and what it has to offer.

For others, it was points of other interest elsewhere in the country. With progress, we've changed the scope of our Town for the better. And most of that change has come in recent years. Now instead of having to entertain ourselves, we as the host Town, have the opportunity to entertain others. People used to drive through Riverhead to get to the popular points east. Now, because of some anchor projects, Riverhead is-- can be recognized as the playground of the masses. Maybe not as much for the rich and wealthy as for the everyday middle class workers who keep this country great. And if they help pay the way, by leaving dollars behind, all the better.

You won't get a cleaner industry than tourism and recreation. The economic spinoffs created by those are limitless which means that most ordinary creative people can cash in. You can't complain about tourist traffic though and in the next breath complain about high real estate taxes. If you want taxes lowered, one sure fire way to do this is to create an economic tax base that pays its own way and creates jobs.

Look at the big picture. Riverhead, Calverton and Calverton's privately owned site offer the most potential for job and economic creation. Riverhead will become the largest landowner in Calverton soon and I believe it is organized-- very well organized to turn that property into an economic generator.

The Okeanos project is just one more (inaudible) in the Town's road based development. There are not many sure things in life and you know the saying except for death and taxes, and the best one can do I think at this point is make an informed educated decision on projects that are put forth and minimize risk. The question shouldn't be can we afford to do this Okeanos? But can we afford not to? Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Ken. Somebody had their hand up. Paul? Is there anybody else that would like to speak, you could start heading up and we will start saving some time."

Paul Podlas: "I think I'll stand sideways because what I'm going to say is going to be fairly unpopular with this wonderful audience, with the Town Board, but I've been here since 1930. I see my real estate taxes go up all the time. It seems to me the town of Riverhead is going to be the largest property owner and they don't pay any taxes. The Okeanos is going to be a private funded organization and now to me it sounds like it's going to be public funded. It's going to be public funded through bond issuance. I'm not familiar with all the details on

Most of the speakers I hear today are property owners, business owners, in the village of Riverhead. I live in what you would call maybe Aquebogue, right on the dividing line for voting district. What about Aquebogue? You people represent Aquebogue. You represent Jamesport. You represent Calverton. You represent Wading River. There are a lot more people than the 500 merchants, if there's 500 merchants, 200,000. There's 20,000 people in Riverhead. I'm one of them. I'm a homeowner, a property owner. I don't own any business on Main Street.

I like the idea of revitalization of downtown Riverhead. I'm all for it. But can we afford it? I mean we had a 5% tax increase just went into effect, real estate property, 4.9 I read. I haven't figured out the tax bill, 5% I think is close enough. Social Security went up 2.8. We have a high population of retired people. Now 2.8 to 5%. There's a little loss in there someplace. Where do people get the money to make this up?

You are going to revitalize Riverhead, you are going to take \$10,000 off the tax roll by buying Riverhead Building Supply and the Okeanos Foundation from what I can understand, is going to pay some type of special use taxes. They're not going to pay for everything.

We have the Chief's wife sitting here. How about a couple extra policemen we were going to hire, \$50,000, \$60,000 a year. You are going to have more people. What about fire protection? You are going to have to increase that a little bit. I mean, there seems to me there's a lot of things hidden that aren't brought out except the glory of Okeanos and, again, I'm all for revitalizing Riverhead because I've been here since 1930. I predate a lot of people. I'm not that old, but I'm not a young fellow anymore either. But by the same token, I can remember walking down there on a Friday night and it was peaceful and everything and now, forget it. I mean you drive through. That's all. But can't we do something with private money instead of the Town putting into everything? I may be wrong. You fellows and Ms. Gilliam or Mrs. Gilliam or whatever, you can correct me. Didn't we pay 1.3 million for the Suffolk Theatre? And did I read in the newspaper that we're going to have to kick in \$300,000 a year to help subsidize it if it becomes a performing arts theatre? I mean I quote my figures from what I read in the paper because I have no connection with the Town. I am not a member of the Planning Board or of anything else.

But my big concern is our property taxes are never going down. We can't even hold them at 2.8 if this is our rate of inflation and I'll quote what I read in the paper about Bay Shore. A few people said, do you want this type of problem that it may attract by bringing in a high number of tourists? Now I understand Tangler or Tanger Mall, there's been a few thefts up there already. I mean it's the name of the game. You have more business, more activity. But I am trying to point out that it's going to entail extra expense for the Town. You're talking about 1.75, 1.7 million dollars, and what did you pay for the theatre?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "\$1,750,000."

Paul Podlas: "Okay. What did you pay for the theatre?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "\$425,000."

Paul Podlas: "All right."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "\$400,000."

Paul Podlas: "We're getting up over \$2,000,000 already, right?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "If you want to keep adding it up, yes are."

Paul Podlas: "You-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Unfortunately, sometimes the papers don't correctly report it or report it correctly. They get things out of whack, but we're working on them every day, Paul."

Paul Podlas: "What is our Town budget yearly? Roughly?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "\$17,000,000."

Paul Podlas: "\$17,000,000."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "\$18,000,000."

Councilman Creighton: "Not counting the school."

Paul Podlas: "\$18,000,000. We spent \$2,000,000 already on projects. It's a pretty high percentage in my mind."

Councilman Creighton: "There's a fundamental difference between the money that went to buy the theatre and what's going on here. The town, if this works, what was described here, will not pay a cent for the bond. That's our intent. Okeanos is paying for this bond. All we're doing is guaranteeing it. And the whole project has to fail for it to cost the Riverhead taxpayer a cent."

Paul Podlas: "But in the meantime, the Town has to issue the

needs to pay the-- three quarters of a million to pay the contractor."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "No, Paul. We're going to borrow the money. We're going to bond it. By the Town guaranteeing the debts or the bond, we will get more favorable interest rates."

Paul Podlas: "Okay, Jim. I can understand-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "And we have a rating of the debt service which we estimate right now, and correct me if I'm wrong Tom and Rick, is somewhere around \$116,000 a year. Okeanos will be paying back to the Town \$116,000 plus any special district tax, which could be water, lighting, sewer, water."

Paul Podlas: "They anticipate that revenue from-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Parking district."

Paul Podlas: "-- from ticket sales?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Pardon?"

Paul Podlas: "They anticipate getting that revenue from ticket sales?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "They anticipate their revenue to come from several sources."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Including admission sales-- ticket sales to go view the site. There's a report that was prepared. I want to point out one thing. You can't live in the past. The reality is the Town of Riverhead did nothing last January, next February we'd be having conservatively, Leroy tells me, a 35% tax increase across the board. Grumman is leaving. They're gone. They're out of here. They're paying us this year, that's 1.4 million dollars gone. In the meantime, the Town of Riverhead with the cooperation of the former Congressman who got a bill through Congress, is able to start this whole planning commission to get economic activity back on the Calverton site."

This is a gamble, Paul, but you know what? I've been here 14 years and we spent a lot of money on a lot of things that haven't brought back one nickel to the Town of Riverhead, and trust me, I've

looked at this thing inside and out. And, personally, from my standpoint, why I'm so in favor of it. Because unfortunately I voted for the raspberry Hilton, Judge Belford's Inn. Taxpayers have spent millions of dollars cleaning up this Town. And you know what we've got to show for it? A big fat part in the budget that pay back these bonds over 20 years.

This thing, and all due respect to the Suffolk Theatre. It's a wonderful thing. I saw Abbott and Costello there and the Blob and all that. It's a wonderful thing. But when it's renovated, the economic benefit to the Town of Riverhead, commercial tax base which is what we need to keep the school taxes stabilized, will far outweigh the risk that is involved here for the Town. Because when I watch television at night, and I open up the papers and when I see Sam saving the seals and this is Hampton Bays, Long Island, it's going to say Riverhead, Long Island. And for all the years I've been on this Board, we've been the highstock of the east end. And I'm sorry Southampton you're upset because we're taking business away from you. Tough. Because when we were being overrun by the Social Service Department, I didn't hear anybody come to the rescue of Riverhead. I hear people laughing at us. I'd never invest in this Town. I wouldn't walk down Riverhead. Well, you know what? We're turning it around. I work hard in this Town, too. I was born in this Town. It's very emotional with me because we've tried so hard here to turn this thing around. It is a risk. You're absolutely right. So the question is for me and for my people on behalf of my constituents is, is it worth the risk compared to what we've done in the past. And I think we've got this thing organized in a sense that it's a minimal risk to the taxpayers and a big benefit in return.

Some of the things we've done haven't paid off. And I agree with you that we're overtaxed and the only way I think we can stabilize ourselves is commercial tax base and no more residential development. Because that will give us more bang for the buck. The wild card in this thing is when Grumman merged with another company and they left the Island and they took their 1.4 million dollars, that's why we got Bobby Redale's commission trying to get American Coach and Car and ITPM. We're desperately trying to get that type of business back to Calverton and the government is only giving us five years. Because if we don't get it in five years, that property goes back to the federal government. And we're going to do the best we can."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Vic."

Paul Podlas: "Okay, I appreciate your comments, Vic, and I hope you take into consideration--"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, yes."

Paul Podlas: "-- where I come from and the fact that you four people represent more than downtown Riverhead."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You're absolutely right."

Paul Podlas: "And I'll repeat the same thing and I'm for re-stabilizing Riverhead, but I'm concerned about our taxes and I don't see where we're going to gain a significant tax increase in our tax base with this aquarium for the next 10 years. I just went last evening to my granddaughter's 11th birthday and I would hope that the two young granddaughters relocate in Riverhead and stay here, but if we keep taxing them, I mean all you people up there are aware I'm three-quarters retired from construction. I can rattle off a half a dozen names because I have people who want to build in Riverhead and they did the hell with it, taxes are too high. We're up Southold and places."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We're trying to change that image."

Paul Podlas: "Thank you for your time."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you."

Pat Frankenbach: "Pat Frankenbach. I own a home and a business here. I just want to address something that's been said over and over again and how much this is going to help the business people. My store is one-third the size of my house and my landlord pays three times the taxes and he doesn't have a son in school and we don't use as much water, so if the businesses take care of the Town as far as taxes, I think it's time that the Town take care of the downtown business district."

As far as-- I've been up here so many times speaking about this and I'm-- I never wavered in my support for it, but I think we've all gotten too serious so in that nature, I've written you a little poem instead of a speech. And this is an ode to the Riverhead Town Board on Resolution No. 89.

The vote that you're taking has set my knees quaking
Could this really be a reality?
They come with their seals to a child's happy squeals
As soon as this June I think I'll just swoon.
My fingers are itching
My nose is atwitching
So let's get on to it
As they say, just do it.

Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, Pat. And we're anxiously looking forward to you renaming Riverhead Uniform Shop. Is there anybody else in the audience? Jerry?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Before Jerry-- Jerry, keep coming up. I know I want to mention one other thing that people forget. Sam and I were talking about this week. Sam is a Riverhead resident. He lives in Jamesport."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "South Jamesport."

Councilman Prusinowski: "South Jamesport. Jimmy and I when we campaigned a few times we went by your house, you have a very interesting neighbor down there by the way with that road, but he's a Riverhead resident. He's one of our own. He's a taxpayer. He's worked in this town for over 20 years and he's got his family here. He's in the school system and, you know, it's a great story that we can do this and thrive within and I think it's something that the Town should celebrate."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Jerry?"

Jerry DiChecco: "Thank you. My name is Jerry DiChecco. I own Jerry and the Mermaid restaurant right here at Treasure Cove Marina. I would like to say that 11 years ago I started a restaurant business in Port Jefferson and back then Port Jefferson was as far as I am concerned the way Riverhead is today. I think I had insight as well as the Board here to see that Riverhead has a future. I would also like to say right now I am proud to be in Riverhead. I think the growth that is going to take place is going to be tremendous. I believe it's going to be a place like Port Jeff is today, if not (inaudible). It will pass it. I think that Riverhead is going in the right direction,

and if you pass this I think everybody will find Riverhead to go on for many years just like Port Jeff is doing right now. And I'd like to thank everybody and say I'm proud to be in Riverhead right now.

People also thought I was crazy when they said where are you going to open a new restaurant. And I said Riverhead. Right away, why are you going to Riverhead? And I think with the right insight, I feel that I made the right move, and I think everybody in this room feels the same way I do. And I just want to see it keep growing."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Jerry often serves on Okeanos fund raising committee. Sam?"

Sam Sadove: "I'm going to come up as a Riverhead resident because the Board frequently doesn't want me to do anything for Okeanos anyway and they'd like to kill me frequently anyhow. As Vic said before, I am a Riverhead resident. I've been a Riverhead resident for a long time. I have the same concern about taxes. I sit and talk to some of my friends that are colleagues of mine that are in England and in other parts of the United States and we talk about taxes just like everybody else. And I tell them what my tax bill is and they almost fall off their chairs.

I'd like to reduce that. And I believe as a Riverhead resident and I know it's not going to be easy to accept that I'm also on Okeanos it's almost somewhat self-serving, but I've seen what facilities such as what we're planning have done in other communities throughout the world and it is going to benefit the tax base, not just in the downtown area, it's going to be the whole area. As a Riverhead resident, I support this.

I'm also going to add one other salient fact that a lot of people don't know that Vic did learn the other day. And that is Okeanos got its start in Riverhead. It did not get started on the south shore."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Kenny? Did you have a special Board meeting tonight?"

Ken Zahler: "I did."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're doing much better than we are."

Ken Zahler: "We wrapped up early."

Councilman Prusinowski: "So you could get down here."

Ken Zahler: "Just so I could get down here. I do want you to know, and I know you already do, but I'm saying this also for the benefit of those here tonight, that the School Board is unanimous in its support of the project. We had passed such a resolution prior to this. At some other occasion, we presented the Town Board with that. For both the School Board and for myself, personally, as a resident, as a local business owner, I can't think of anything that would come anywhere nearer the Okeanos aquarium project that could do so much for this Town. I think everybody feels this same way. If you think about it, you consider what's the upside, what's the downside. It's just so skewed in one direction I can't imagine not supporting it. And I just wanted to come down here again tonight and say that. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Is there anybody else that would like to make a comment? Clete? I saw another hand over here. Any, you want to start backing them up a little?"

Clete Galasso: "My name is Clete Galasso and I live on Meeting House Creek Road in Aquebogue."

Dear Town Board Members:

As a long time resident of Riverhead, I share the hopes and aspirations of all citizens that the future of our Town will provide opportunities for our children, good paying jobs for our neighbors, a place to live. A Town that in the future its citizens will not be forced to relocate because of escalating taxes, insurance and utility costs.

Town Hall must be lead by example. Town Hall must do more with less. Small business, in an effort to control costs are not giving substantial raises to even their best employees. Most businesses are asking employees to do the job of more than one person. The proposed Okeanos Aquarium has created much excitement and a tremendous amount of speculation. Many people have pointed to the Okeanos Aquarium as the anchor to the redevelopment of downtown Riverhead.

A recent article in the New York Times regarding the newly built

Camden (phonetic) Aquarium in New Jersey, across the river from the city of Philadelphia, tells of a different story."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Camden."

Clete Galasso: "Camden. The Camden Aquarium cost 53 million to build and projected a million visitors a year. Very similar to the proposed Okeanos Aquarium. The article made mention of several reasons why the aquarium is not drawing the crowds and is not able to meet its 1.5 million a year operating expenses.

In particular, the article brought out that the aquarium lacks a support system of other activities, such as restaurants, retail stores, and specialty shops. Mr. Lewis Garibaldi (phonetic) a consultant who helped plan the Camden Aquarium and is Director of the aquarium in Coney Island, stated in the New York Times article Robert Moses put the aquarium in Coney Island in 1957. And only now, 37 years later, are we beginning to fulfill the promise for anchoring redevelopment.

In order for the Okeanos Aquarium to be successful, it must be surrounded by a support system of other activities and must be accessible to persons from the west and Connecticut. We need to develop Riverhead along with the aquarium.

The question is how best can the Town expedite the process of creating a support system for the Okeanos Aquarium. In my opinion, it is not by taking title to more properties and thus removing them from the tax bill-- tax rolls. There needs to be a spark of enthusiasm in cooperation in Town Hall. The local small business person should feel welcomed at Town Hall and be helped through the permit system, not frustrated by it. It should be exciting for a local entrepreneur to invest in an idea in Riverhead. Profits from local small businesses stay here in Riverhead and are not shipped off to corporate headquarters elsewhere.

There needs to be a relaxation of building codes and site plan requirements for projects that are not the size of K-Mart or Tanger Outlet. The proposed aquarium as nearby competition and this competition is not getting still. The Mystic Aquarium has teamed up with the people who sank the Titanic and have recently committed \$35,000,000 towards a new project at the Aquarium. Downtown Mystic has various specialty shops and accommodations for tourists. Also, Mystic is easily accessible via

Interstate 95.

In order for the Okeanos Aquarium to be successful, it must be surrounded by a similar support system and by ease of access. Visitors will not come if there are no accommodations, activities, and easier access to Riverhead. We must draw people from Connecticut. In order to do so, we must support efforts for a new high speed ferry in Shoreham. As a small business person that understands the frustration of dealing with the DEC, I encourage our Town Board to stand up to the DEC and say enough to their procrastination. We need a boat ramp at Iron Pier. We need to repair the bulkhead and expand parking in downtown Riverhead and we need to develop the properties along the Peconic River.

These areas are our assets and we must be allowed to develop these assets because they are another part of the support system that the Okeanos Aquarium will need to succeed. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Timmy?"

Tim Yousik: "Hi. My name is Tim Yousik. I have two businesses in this Town. I think the Okeanos project coming into Riverhead is wonderful. Certainly, I own a business on each side of it. What I'm really concerned about is how are we going to handle the parking initially. We're talking about something that is going to start this summer. I can't even park behind my restaurant without a ticket. Where are people going to park? It's a question. Maybe you have an answer for it. I mean-- as you all know, I'm very frustrated with the parking situation in Riverhead. We have a situation where business owners are paying-- help paying for the parking lot through taxes. I have-- I employ 40 people between the two businesses. I have no place to park any of them.

I pay all the parking tickets for my employees and for some of my customers. It's-- I'm asking for a little help here. Where do we park and where is the Okeanos customers going to park? Initially, I know we have plans of parking lots and everything else and I'm sure we can work all of that out. But what are we going to do this summer? I can't work tomorrow without getting a ticket because of our yellow zones and white zones. I don't pretend to have the right answers either. But what are we going to do about it right now? What are we going to do about it this summer?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We have a Parking District liaison committee and I think you've been conversing with them. We also have plenty of parking spaces and without getting into a direct debate with you, Timmy, you know damn well that your employees want to park directly behind your restaurant, in that area. And we've had this discussion many, many times. And you've told me your answers why they want to park there. One, because of New York Tel gets there earlier than you do. Such are problems we are going to have to address. I don't have the answers for you right now. You continue to ask me. I don't have them. I ask you if you have some suggestions and I asked you to take your suggestions to the committee. That's the best answer I can give you tonight."

Tim Yousik: "It's not a good one, Jim."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Well, that's the best I can give you. Thank you, Tim. Yes, sir?"

Mr. Arleano: "Good evening. My name is Mr. Arleano. My family has a business on Main Street. We own a building on Main Street. I think what's happening with Okeanos is great. We applaud the committee for doing what they're doing. No matter what happens, no matter how much money I personally feel is put into a project, we still have to deal with the people that are on the street. And the people that are on the street have a lot of different things to say.

People are afraid to come into Riverhead. I experience the people on both sides of the fence. I just happen to be at a location where I can see a lot of different things. I personally feel that no matter how much money is put out into a project, you have to take the element that scares people away from the streets first. One of those things is the people hanging out and so much idle time and as a gentleman said before where people would laugh at one time because Riverhead was the dumping ground for Social Services. I think a concentration should be placed upon taking the people that are idle and on the street now in Riverhead and putting those folks to work. Because a lot of the people are good people, they just have a lot of idle time on their hands. And I think by setting up some kind of committee to help with this project, it's going to help everybody all the way around. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there anybody else who would like to

make a comment at this particular time? Yes, ma'am?"

Adrienne Bucholtz: "My name is Adrienne Bucholtz, and I live in South Jamesport. And I'd like to simply state as a member of the Jamesport, Aquebogue, Laurel Business Association and the South Jamesport, Jamesport Civic Association, but mostly as a very proud educator of Riverhead's children. That I'm very enthusiastic and excited about this project and I urge you to go for it. I think this is a tremendous lift of pride and source of boundless educational opportunities for our children and I think that they need that here. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Mr. Biset?"

James Biset: "Good evening. My name is James Biset from Treasure Cove Marina, also Okeanos. When I decided to come to Port Jefferson, I was interested in developing a marina in Port Jefferson. When I heard that Okeanos was doing and what Riverhead was doing to push the aquarium through out here, I changed my mind and came to Riverhead and purchased a marina that was already built. Looking at dollars and cents, when I purchased that from the bank, that was on the tax rolls for \$40,000 a year because it was a problem property. I guess the taxes were reduced. When I got not even there a year, my taxes have gone up \$12,000. I'm not complaining at this point, I'm showing in dollars and cents what the aquarium or just the thought of an aquarium going in has done as far as revenue for the Town of Riverhead. A \$12,000 increase with one purchase on one piece of real estate. Thank you."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "They do much more. Is there anybody else who would like to speak? If not, let us take up the Resolutions."

Barbara Grattan: "Resolution #89."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Hold on one second. George, please." "I tried to slip by you, George."

George Schmelzer: "I almost let it slip myself. So, as long as my pants don't slip down."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "That's true."

George Schmelzer: "Talking about Okeanos, I'll talk about something else. Enough of this. Everybody knows more about that than I do."

about the Town of Riverhead and the DEC and the Pine Barrens. As you know, the river side of River Road for over a mile from the corner where the inn is to the westerly crossing, there's between 40 and 50 houses here, all in the core area. Not the in between area, the core area. Some of those houses have been there since before the turn of the century. Is the Town Board doing anything to try to stop that?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "We're-- the Town Board is currently in the process of reviewing the plan that was sent to us by the Pine Barrens Commission. We'll be having a Public Hearing at which time the public will give us their input."

George Schmelzer: "That's all you're doing, huh?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Well, what else would you expect us to do?"

George Schmelzer: "Tell them to take it out. You know it's here."

Councilman Creighton: "George, at the request of people like myself and people here, an amendment was made to that plan before it was delivered to us a couple of weeks ago and it specifically excludes single and separate building lots like you're talking about."

George Schmelzer: "This isn't lots, it's houses and buildings."

Councilman Creighton: "They've been excluded is what I'm telling you. If they're on an existing road and they exist, they've been deleted from the plan. The plan, the restrictions of the core area does not apply to them. That was a change that was put into the plan specifically in recognition of the problem that you're talking about."

George Schmelzer: "You have a map of that? Not right now, but do you have a map?"

Councilman Creighton: "Our planner is at this-- right as we speak, not literally, but right now, we're working on exactly mapping specifically what lots this applies to and that's a condition of our approval of it. We've made it clear to the Pine Barrens Commission people who want to approve this, and we have to-- every town has to or it fails completely. We are submitting a specific list identifying each one of

these lots that we expect to be excluded from that plan."

George Schmelzer: "Could I see that? Not right now, but sometime?"

Councilman Creighton: "Absolutely. And Mr. Hanley who is in the back of the room, is the one who will have that and until we're satisfied with it, we won't approve the plan. It's as simple as that."

George Schmelzer: "You mean Hanley is going to handle it?"

Councilman Creighton: "Hanley will handle it."

George Schmelzer: "Okay."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you, George."

George Schmelzer: "Okay, good enough. You are very welcome."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "All right. Let's go to the Resolutions, please."

Resolution #89

Councilman Prusinowski: "This authorizes the guarantee by the Town of Riverhead of the payment of the principal and interest on certain indebtedness of the Town of Riverhead Community Development Agency. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'm very pleased to vote yes on this resolution. Last year the Town made a commitment to enter into a partnership with the Okeanos Foundation recognizing that this was something that would benefit the entire Town. And although we encountered some obstacles or roadblocks, we didn't abandon that commitment. We went back. Through our staff we rethought how to still make this a viable solution and make this a reality for our Town. And I think as Stark has said a lot of credit goes to our staff who had the

fortitude and the imagination to come up with an alternative way of making this a reality, but I think I also commend my fellow Board members for creating an atmosphere that would be receptive to coming up with an alternative solution. So I'm very pleased to vote yes, and I'm voting yes for the future of the Town."

Councilman Creighton: "I totally agree with that and I feel this clearly marks the first day of a new future for Riverhead. I vote yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I want to thank Harriet's comments because like I said, I've been here probably too long for some people and by 15 votes almost the last time-- "

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Try it again and you'll find out."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I don't intend do, but, she's right and a lot of people should be thanked. The business community, our staff, Peanos Foundation for the confidence in Riverhead and for the Riverhead taxpayers who really over-- although they've had a lot of concern expressed to me and I know I see my barber out there-- he keeps me informed of what people are saying at Peconic Avenue, hey, it's a gamble. Do you know what? We've spent a lot of money in this Town and other than the Farmland Preservation Program which I know keeps taxes down because we don't develop the farmland and the farmers continue to farm, we've spent a lot of money buying things and tearing it down, and probably I've been so adamant about this project is because this is the time we can actually-- we will actually see the results."

We will see the results in commercial development, which we desperately need when Northrup stops paying us next February, because I know there's a lot of people including Marty out here who is looking at the Rimlands building that will buy this commercial property and our commercial tax base is what's going to save the Town and the foresight of the Planning Board and the Town Board, to keep the residential development to a minimum. And it will create an atmosphere for those people that are hanging around your store on the corner of Peconic Avenue. Everytime we have activity in Town, I know a few years ago we had the boat show and the Town for the weekend was filled with people. Those people go away and it's like Frank said. It's a start. I'm proud to be part of the Town Board, a bipartisan Town Board. We need four votes tonight. Well, we have-- we're going to have three in about a

minute. And I'm pretty sure we're going to have four. And a bipartisan Town Board has put everything aside to do what's right for the Town, and that's the great part about being in Riverhead, a small Town that both parties, both sides, all factions, we can do the right thing. And I'm proud to vote yes."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "This procedure that we're starting here tonight and voting on is a-- starts the procedure for the 30 day permissive referendum. Vic said this is a gamble. It's not a gamble and I will promise you that within this next 30 days, our staff, especially Jack Hansen, with Sam Sadove, his Board, the President, their accountants will make this the best solid business deal that Riverhead has ever made. I vote yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And we'll say Riverhead, Long Island in my right, when you're on World News Tonight with Ted Koppel. Okay."

Barbara Grattan: "That Resolution is adopted."

Resolution #90

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "This is a resolution making certain terminations regarding a proposed Water District Extension in the Town of Riverhead, Ex. 45. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Without objection, I would ask the Board maybe we will take a three or four or five minute recess."

(Recess.)

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Let us call the meeting back to order. Let the record show that it is 9:02. Would the Clerk please continue the Resolutions."

Resolution #91

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post a notice to bidders re contractors for rehabilitation/home improvements in the Community Development program. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #92

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the attendance of assessor at a seminar. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #93

Councilman Prusinowski: "Releases bond of Central Suffolk Hospital. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #94

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post public notice of proposed local law to consider replacing the existing chapter 65 of the Riverhead Town Code with a new Chapter 65"

(flood Damage Prevention). So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #95

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes the Supervisor to execute change order to the East Main Street parking improvements contract. Moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #96

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for furnishing heat fused preformed pavement markings. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #97

Councilman Prusinowski: "Amends site plan of Bilt-Rite Automotive. Moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #98

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Approves the site plan of Riverhead Medical office building - building addition. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #99

Councilman Creighton: "This amends the site plan of East Wind Entry Inn. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #100

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Amends site plan of REJ Corporation. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'm going to abstain on this one."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #101

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorization to publish bid. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #102

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Promotes water treatment plant operator. This is Stanley Carey who, in fact, tonight we recognize as our employee of the Quarter. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #103

Councilman Creighton: "This awards the bid for demolition, site clearance and site improvements to property located on the corner of Thorn Avenue and Court Street, commonly referred to as Judge Belford's and the Cortland House. This is for demolition. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, abstain. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #104

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes the attendance of Calverton Learning Commission Chairman and CDA Director at meeting in Washington."

is is regarding the Calverton Air Facility Joint Planning and Re-
development Commission and the plans to acquire that property. So
oved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes;
ark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #105

Councilman Prusinowski: "Accepts resignation of Bruce Stuke and
appoints member to the Board of Assessment Review. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I have a motion to amend."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Yes?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "The Resolution and in the same Resolution
accepts the resignation and also makes an appointment to the Board of
Assessment Review. There was no discussion at the work session regard-
ing the making of an appointment to the Board of Assessment Review, and
I'm not sure there were applications solicited from individuals who may
want to be considered, and while I certainly see the need for Mr. Stuke
to resign in light of his other position-- his other appointment, I
can't think that this Resolution has to accomplish the appointment of
replacement in the same Resolution without it having been fully dis-
cussed by the Board and without the public having had an opportunity if
there are individuals who wish to be considered for this appointment.

And I think this appointment is very important in terms of the
action that it serves with regard to property taxes and that there
could be full discussion with the Board before any appointment is made."

Councilman Prusinowski: "You want to divide the-- "

Councilwoman Gilliam: "So I want to divide-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "Divide the question."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "-- the question, yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay. I'll second the motion to divide the question."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded on dividing the question. Call the roll."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton?

Councilman Creighton: "I understand that this is on the Resolution to accept the resignation tendered by Bruce Stuke from the Board of Assessment Review only. Is that correct? That we're voting on?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "I believe she's voting to create Resolution 105 which accepts the resignation of Bruce Stuke and create Resolution 105A which is a Resolution calling for the appointment of--"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "No. That's not-- that was not my intent, and I'm sorry--"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Well, that's the way I interpreted it."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Okay. But that's the way Councilman Prusinowski--"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "What would you like to do?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'm asking that the portion of the Resolution making an appointment be tabled for full Board discussion."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're making that motion?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Yes."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "You're making a motion-- an amendment to this that the appointment portion be tabled for full Board discussion?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Correct."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Okay. There is an amendment to it. Is there a second?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'll make a motion to second it for the table."

Barbara Grattan: "Okay. This is for the table."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski?

Councilman Prusinowski: "As a courtesy to Councilwoman Gilliam, I will make a motion to table this Resolution. I'm voting yes, right."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Stark, no. Motion carried to table.

Councilman Prusinowski: "105 is tabled."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Okay. On the Resolution 105, with the exception of the resignation of Bruce Stuke, I so move."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Well, no, it has been moved and seconded. Would you call the roll? As amended."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #106

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Accepts resignation of Bernadette Ryan and appoints member to the Board of Assessment Review. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I have a motion to amend."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Is there a second to the motion to amend?"

Councilman Creighton: "I'll second it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "And on the motion to move to amend, would the Clerk please call the roll?"

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, no. Motion to amend is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Will the Clerk please call the roll as to the Resolution as amended?"

The Vote: Gilliam?

Councilwoman Gilliam: "For the record, the Resolution as amended only pertains to accepting the resignation of Bernadette Troyan. That's on the record. So, I'm voting yes to that."

Councilman Creighton: "From the Board of Assessment Review, I'll vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes, on the acceptance of the resignation. Yes.

Resolution #107

Councilman Creighton: "This appoints Bingo inspector. Reappoints actually. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #108

Councilwoman Gilliam: "This is an authorization to publish a bid for a 1995 Senior Citizen transportation bus. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #109

Councilman Prusinowski: "Awards bid for a collection truck. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #110

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Without objection from the Board, I would move Resolution 110 and 111 which appoint Recreation Aides to our Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'll second it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolutions are adopted.

Resolution #112

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes Town Clerk to publish and post help wanted ad for seasonal softball/field coordinator in the Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #113

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'd like to move Resolutions 113, 114, awarding bids for various items. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolutions are adopted.

Resolution #116

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes Supervisor to execute change order No. 1 regarding Oliver Street sewer main installation. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #117

Councilman Prusinowski: "Appoints part time senior citizen assistant to the Senior Citizen Program. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #118

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Amends Resolution #62 appointing a Planning Board member."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yeah, we made a mistake in paying him."

Councilman Creighton: "We're going to reduce it?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes. I'll second it."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #119

Councilman Creighton: "Appoints a part time police officer with the Riverhead Police Department, Joseph Wysocki. So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #120

Councilwoman Gilliam: "This is a Recreation program budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Resolution #121

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'd like to move 121, 122, 123, one is a budget adjustment for the general fund; one's budget adjustment for the Garbage and Refuse District, and one is a budget adjustment for our Economic Development Task Force. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolutions are adopted.

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'll make a motion to pay the bills."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. Resolution to pay bills.

Councilman Prusinowski: "And I'd like to add Resolution 124, establishes a Cablevision Citizens Advisory Committee. And it would appoint Bill Roberts, Bill (inaudible), and Sandy Sachek (phonetic) initially and if any other Board member has any other people that would like to serve on this thing, we could use the help. So moved."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Seconded."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes. The Resolution is adopted.

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Are you asking to be recognized, Dean?"

Dean Terchunian: "Yes, Jim. For the record, my name is Dean Terchunian. And I live at Bear Estates in Riverhead. I'm coming to the Board 16 months after this Board called the bond of Bear Estates. I'm here 11 months after the judge threw the case out of Court and asked the Town and the builder to do the right thing, which is according to the contract that you both signed, go to arbitration. I'm here to tell you tonight what progress has been made and why there hasn't been formal communication between the Town government and the homeowners at Bear Estates?"

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Bobby, can you enlighten Mr. Terchunian?"

Robert Kozakiewicz: "That's part of the problem. This is a matter that's subject to litigation so I don't want to comment on it to a great of an extent. As you pointed out, the judge threw it out of

and directed the parties to take it to arbitration. Mr. Allen Smith was retained for purposes of doing that. I understand he has spoken with Mr. Raynor for purposes of engineering aspect and to prepare the case for arbitration. I understand that they have done that in anticipation of going to the arbitrator and that's approximately where we are at this point in time."

Dean Terchunian: "So you're telling me that in 11 months since the judge has told you to go to arbitration, that you have had some discussions to prepare for arbitration."

Robert Kozakiewicz: "As I've indicated, I am not the attorney handling it. This is what I've been told. Yes."

Dean Terchunian: "I, myself, personally, find the answer inadequate."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "That's your privilege."

Dean Terchunian: "That's right. I said personally. But you do have an obligation to these homeowners. I have remained silent for the last 16 months expecting this Town Board, and I have spoken to every member on it, to do the right thing here. Not to put it on the back burner. Now you put it on the back burner. I'm letting you know that I don't want it on the back burner. I'd like some progress. And that, what I was just told were hiding behind the disguise of litigation is not right. I have offered my services to the Town to assist in preparing for this arbitration and what I've hit is a blank wall. I've spoken to the-- I finally got a return call from Allen Smith after calling him 25 times because I asked Vic what's going on and he said speak to Allen Smith. Well, I told him Allen Smith doesn't return my phone calls, not once."

Victor spoke to him. I spoke to Allen Smith last August. You're giving me the exact same report Allen Smith gave me last August. It's inadequate; it's unprofessional and you ought to take it off the back burner."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Thank you. Without any objection-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "I think Steve wants to talk to us."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. Mr. Deputy Supervisor and the Town Board members. I've been reading in the paper where some of these people that Gov. Pataki appointed, like the Port Authority and the Motor Vehicle Bureau and so forth, that the press is saying, or they are the ones that's playing it up. They're the ones that maybe playing is up, and they claim that the qualifications of these people is somewhat shady. Well, like I said here today, at our Senior Citizens East End Council meeting, of all the department heads that we've got throughout this state and Suffolk County, and even as far as that's going, the federal government, it's been a female secretary that carried these people. And has promoted them and got them where they are. And you want me to give you a case at point, is the Greek that's head of the Long Island Lighting. If it isn't for Suzie Halpern, he wouldn't be doing nothing."

So, now, to iterate on that a little bit, I got a piece that I took out of a paper. All right, George, I can't speak the English too good-- where a mental patient went to a community service board and he's trying to get his records. And he has an order from the new doctor and normally the mental service board-- community service board don't want to give up these records. They want to retain them because that's money coming into them. So he's putting up a little bit of a heated discussion."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Steve, is this something about a state official?"

Steve Haizlip: "Yup."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Tell you what I'll do. Hold that story if you come here Friday at 12:00, Sen. LaValle is going to be sitting right here and he wants to talk to the Town Board about all these state issues, and I will guarantee you that you will have your say to him. If you want to do that."

Steve Haizlip: "I've heard that it's a closed session."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I'm guaranteeing you admission to this session and you can sit right next to me right up there and I'm going to insist that you speak because you know what? He's our state Senator."

much as I'd like to hear the story, he could actually look into
is for you."

Steve Haizlip: "Yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And I know sometimes they don't like to
lk to you."

Steve Haizlip: "No, they don't."

Councilman Prusinowski: "But I have to make sure that he hears
u."

Steve Haizlip: "No. He's my Senator in name only."

Councilman Prusinowski: "But I'm your Councilman."

Councilman Creighton: "Hey, Steve. Where did you hear that it
s a closed meeting?"

Steve Haizlip: "Where did I hear it was a closed meeting?
ght here today at the Senior Citizens East End Council meeting."

Councilman Prusinowski: "They said it was closed?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I indicated that it was-- "

Steve Haizlip: "It would be a closed meeting."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "-- meeting for Supervisors and Town Boards."

Steve Haizlip: "And it's for all the Town Supervisors."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes."

Steve Haizlip: "Now, let's get it straight. Can I come or not?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "As your Town Councilman, I'd be more than
ppy for you to come to this meeting and talk to our State Senator."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. I'll tell you what. I guess I'll
nish up. But I just want to make one little funny statement."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Okay."

Steve Haizlip: "I spent 10 days in the hospital up in Stony Brook, and when I went out of there and when my mail started to come in, I found out that the Mafia is not the only crooks in this country."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, the hospital."

Councilman Creighton: "I make a motion that we adjourn-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "And we're adjourned."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "We're adjourned. Thank you."

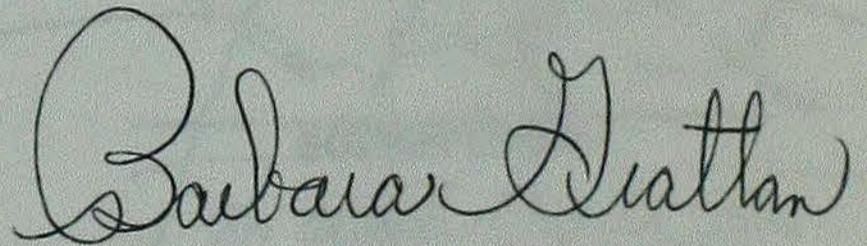
Suzanne Moosmueller: "Excuse me. I would just also like to voice my concern about the Two Bears problem. Every winter my pipes freeze. I just had my pipes freeze again two days ago and I would just like to be on the record voicing my concern with everything Dean says, I feel the same way. Thank you."

Barbara Grattan: "Could I have your name though?"

Suzanne Moosmueller: "My name is Suzanne Moosmueller. And I live in Two Bears Estates."

Deputy Supervisor Stark: "Without objection, adjourned."

Meeting adjourned: 9:25 p.m.



Town Clerk