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Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead, held at the Riverhead Town Hall, Riverhead, New York, on Tuesday, November 2, 1992, at 7:00 p.m.

Present:

Joseph F. Janoski,	Supervisor
James Stark,	Councilman
Victor Prusinowski,	Councilman
Frank Creighton,	Councilman
Harriet Gilliam	Councilwoman

Also Present:

Patricia Moore,	Town Attorney
Barbara Grattan,	Town Clerk

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

Supervisor Janoski: "We have some pleasant duties to take care of before we get into the business of the Town Board meeting. The Town Board and I wish to recognize the winners of the annual Halloween Poster Contest."

(At this time the winners were announced and awards were given out.)

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay. Now, back to the normal business. Reports."

REPORTS:

SEWER DISTRICT

Riverhead Sewer District - Discharge Monitoring Report for September, 1992

CORRESPONDENCE:

County Civil Service Employees - they offer their political views

Riverhead Lions Club - They are extending an invitation to officials and all who wish to participate in their annual Christmas parade

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Southold Board of Town Trustees -  
Notifying the Town of Riverhead  
that the upper glacial aquifer of  
groundwater in Southold Town shall  
be officially known as the Andros  
Aquifer within Southold Town.

APPLICATIONS:

SITE PLAN

Amendment for Mill Pond Commons

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. We have a Public Hearing which is scheduled for 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 1992, Let the record show that the hour of 7:17 has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the Notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have Affidavits of Publishing and Posting of a Public Notice for a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 1992, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the leasing of property owned by the Riverhead Water District."

Patricia Moore: "Just to give a little bit of background on this. Back in 1945, when I was researching the records, the Water District acquired for about \$2,000 all of what is known today as Stotsky Park. In 1963 or thereabouts, Mr. Stotsky passed away and the park was dedicated to his name. Since that time and actually before then, the park is owned by the Water District but has been used as a recreational area by the Town. In our goals on the antenna, the Supervisor mentioned the antenna, we have the child care center and various other enterprises that we're conducting there at Stotsky Park, we felt that at this point, it would be advisable to have a formal relationship between the Water District and the Town so that it would be clearer for liability and insurance purposes that the Water District still maintains the ability to use the water underneath the ground and it's still used for all intents and purposes by the Water District. But the surface land will be used for the recreational purposes, the child care center, and other uses that the Town feels is appropriate. So at this time, we're having a Public Hearing to consider the lease between the Town of Riverhead and the Water District which then can be sub-leased to the

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different entities that are using the surface land."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Town Board on this proposed lease arrangement? That being the case, without objection, I declare the Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing Closed: 7:20 p.m.

Supervisor Janoski: "Let the record show that the hour of 7:20 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the Notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have Affidavits of Publishing and Posting of a Public Notice of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:20 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 1992, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the construction of lateral sewer in Madison Street pursuant to Section 199 of the Town Law."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Are you representing the applicant here?"

Thomas Wulfret: "I'm representing my father (inaudible)".

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Wulfret, why don't you come up and give an overview of the proposed project and then Mr. Peterson can tell us how they're paying for it."

Thomas Wulfret: "My name is Thomas Wulfret. I'm a licensed professional engineer with the firm Young & Young, Land Surveyors, in Riverhead. We prepared a plan for the installation of a lateral sewer in Madison Street. The estimated expenses of \$9,000 which includes the cost of construction together with the legal and engineering fees to be borne by the applicant, Mr. Peterson. What we're proposing is to replace the existing clean out in Madison Street with a four foot diameter pre-cast concrete manhole. This is very standard sewer construction, extending the main approximately 85 feet to the east along the center of Madison Street, and terminating with a second four foot diameter pre-cast manhole. There will be a stub, a three foot stub, in the easterly side of this manhole which will be installed for future expansion if necessary. I have this plan dated September

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29th, I believe it's part of the public record. Anyone who has any questions about the design or construction, you can direct them to either me or Mr. Peterson."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you, Tom. Mr. Peterson, do you have anything that you wanted to add to that?"

Mr. Peterson: "No, but I'll answer questions if anybody has any."

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay. Thank you. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Town Board regarding the lateral sewer on Maidson Street? Mr. Kasperovich."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. Although this is a rather small job, the procedure and the method of handling sewer laterals and any other sub-surface installations. The gentleman spoke before me. He did not explicitly say that it was his engineering seal and signature that we are considering the work by. At the last meeting, I spoke about using specific designation or documents and this, going one step further. This morning, the Highway Department knew nothing of this drawing or this installation. I saw nothing from the Town engineer in the Town Clerk's file. Consequently, the judgment and opinions of the Town engineer and the Highway Department have not come into play. And I feel that is improper, incorrect, and to the disadvantage of the Township. It is not to be expected that in Riverhead, you will have another professional engineer stand up here and talk about the man's licensed work. We should have the Highway Department Superintendent, if not his comments, opinion or judgment, at least to show that he's aware of this job and has seen the drawing. The same thing with the Town engineer. Not too long ago, you corrected me when I was saying that the Town engineer is costing the Town some six figure money, which is now shown six figures in the preliminary budget, we're not using the talent, ability and judgment of this man that is costing the Town six figure money. And I said before the Public Hearing comes to be, that this job, this works, and this document should have made the route of the people that are knowledgeable and should be concerned with such work. No. I'm not opposed to having this lateral installed. I'm not opposed to use of the manholes in the way that it's designed. What I am opposed to doing work of this sort without a written specification

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for the works and not having the fine point details on the drawing. As an example, in the cross-section showing a width of 10 feet plus or minus, there indicates four inches recycled concrete. I assume this is crushed concrete, dry, compacted. But there is no way to know. It could be recycled crushed concrete used as an aggregate for making wet concrete. And four inches is something I would recommend somebody to use for their driveway. Not a suburban street. Now if they said eight inches, ten inches of compacted, crushed concrete, I would not have a word to say here in this respect. Now, this is the area of the Highway Superintendent. They dig it up and they rebuild it. He should be in the scene certainly before the Public Hearing. And as of this morning, he tells me on the telephone, neither aware of it nor has he seen the drawings. And this, I say, makes this Public Hearing a rather weird arrangement, for the seal on the drawing is from an organization that is not listed in the resolution as a group or/and associates. We see that the designation of the organization that we are referring to in the resolution is improper. And I bring this to the attention of the Town Board because certainly after ten years or so Mr. Janoski when you didn't want to listen about the shortcomings of using New York State licensed personnel, you must have learned something in those ten years. But apparently it is not true. If you do know it, you are permitting your people in the Town Hall to stay apart from this type of work, and I say when we get into the expense of a Town engineer, six figures, we have intelligent, well qualified Highway Superintendent, and we don't use them. We come for a Public Hearing from the public. Now what can the public give you more than the people that you're paying all this money for to work for the Town."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you, Mr. Kasperovich. Let me just say for the record that the indication was given that the Town engineer of the Town of Riverhead is paid in six figures as salary, that is not the case."

William Kasperovich: "I did not say salary. The cost to the Town."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, I said the indication was given that the engineer was being paid six figures as a salary. You very vaguely refer to what the Town engineer is costing. He does not receive a salary in six figures, but the

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engineering costs toll, all toll, all consultants, all engineers engaged by the Town, certainly do. I just want to make that clear for the record because there could have been a very serious misunderstanding in the way that you phrase that reference to the six figures that the Town engineer is costing us, and that's the way you put it. Thank you, Mr. Kasperovich, for your comments. Mr. Wulfret, would you please take the microphone and perhaps address some of these issues that Mr. Kasperovich has raised."

Thomas Wulfret: "Had I known what I was in for, I would have brought my partner, Mr. Alden W. Young, who has about 60 years experience in this Town with quite a bit of experience with sanitary sewer design. With regard to the concern about the Highway Superintendent and his concurrence with this plan and specifically the construction details, before the contractor can go to work he has to obtain a road opening permit from the Highway Superintendent. In fact, we've called the contractor's attention to this plan specifically with a note under the typical pavement restoration section which reads: All work on Town highway to be in accordance with and to the satisfaction of the Superintendent of Highways. There certainly was no intent to bypass the Superintendent of Highways in securing the road opening permit. I specifically did not notify the Town engineer of this plan because it's my understanding that the Town Board as governing body of the Riverhead Sewer District, it would be at their discretion to do so. With regard to the pavement specs, certainly if Mr. Charlie Bloss has a problem with what we're proposing here, this could be amended at any time prior to construction."

Supervisor Janoski: "Was there any dialogue with the Town consulting engineers on the Sewer District?"

Thomas Wulfret: "I'm sorry, say that again."

Supervisor Janoski: "Was there any contact, any dialogue, with the consulting engineers of the Town of Riverhead Sewer District?"

Thomas Wulfret: "No, I did not have any direct dialogue. As a matter of fact, I'm sorry, I did. Because this goes back awhile. I forgot. Originally the Town's consulting engineers were asked to look at this extension and they referred this to me, this application. I believe it was a little bit too small for

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them to truck down from White Plains to look at this. As far as construction details, my plan does show in quite a bit of detail, a manhole, the appropriate casting, etc. The licensed drain layer of Riverhead Cement Block has been installing sewers in this Town for many years, and I really don't anticipate any problems with the construction."

Supervisor Janoski: "The New York State license and seal affixed to that plan, in whose name is it?"

Thomas Wulfret: "It's in my name. I prepared this plan together with Mr. Alden Young, but it could just have well been his seal on the plan. It happened to be mine. He's 84 years old and doesn't go out after six or seven o'clock at night. So he couldn't be here. I think he would have liked-- "

Supervisor Janoski: "And was involved in the original construction of the original sewer district and mains in the Town of Riverhead?"

Thomas Wulfret: "Yes, extensively."

Supervisor Janoski: "In 1936?"

Thomas Wulfret: "Yes, he's 84 years old. That would have been within his time."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you, Tom. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Town Board with the matter of the lateral sewer in Madison Street? That being the case, without objection, I declare the Hearing to be closed."

Public Hearing Closed: 7:36 p.m.

Supervisor Janoski: "Let the record show that the hour of 7:36 p.m. has arrived. The Town Clerk will please read the Notice of Public Hearing."

Barbara Grattan: "I have Affidavits of Publishing and Posting of a Public Hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:25 p.m., on Tuesday, November 2, 1992, to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding the adoption of the 1993 annual budget."

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Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Who wants to go first? Somebody's got to be first. Mrs. McElroy."

Maryann McElroy: "Lady and gentlemen of the Board. My name is Maryann McElroy. I am a 19 year resident of the Riverhead Township. I am also a private entrepreneur approximately 18 years. I am the minister of music at the Baptist Church, a concerned citizen as to the cultural welfare of our community, and a proud member of the Board of the East End Arts Council of which I come to speak on their behalf tonight asking that you will support the Art Council. Not so much the Art Council in and of itself, but the Art Council as to what it stands for, and what it offers our community. I believe that man is much more than his or her physical appearance, but rather man is spiritual and intellectual. And as such, someone or some agency, must fill a dedication to the nurture of that part of us that makes us truly human, that makes us different from the animal kingdom of which we belong. And I believe that the Arts Council offers us that service. I dread to think what I would be like if I had been reared in a community whereby I did not have access to the Arts, theater, dance, symphony, opera, religious music. And I think that any community suffers drastically if we began to think of culture as fluff. Because I think that culture truly humanizes us. As I came to the community approximately 19 years ago, I had a concern that I would be able to find within the local parameter, those cultural activities that I had become accustomed to because I am a performing artist, and I was also interested that my children would have this exposure as a part of their continuing education. And I was very happy to find a very small but struggling Arts Council in the heart of Riverhead. And the Arts Council has continued to struggle, but to offer this very valuable service over the time that I have been here. It has been my experience to benefit greatly from the services that the Arts Council has offered. When I came, I was interested in introducing myself to this community as an artist and the Arts Council was very strategic in helping me to do that. I also was interested in various outlets such as opera and symphony and theater and they were very instrumental in directing me toward that, without the hassle of going all the way to the city to enjoy that. I am presently the director of the Harvest Gospel Concert which has become an annual concert in this community. In the past, we have been able to give these concerts free of charge, and I think that the Council is to be commended for that in that they are a service

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group that gives to the community. This particular concert is unique in that it calls together volunteers from the church community and the choir itself consists cross-culturally of persons of different ethnic groups. And I think we can agree in a time where divisiveness would be nurtured, that this is an occasion for people of different cultural backgrounds, different ethnic backgrounds, to come together and in a common goal learn of each other. This is rich. This is a rich experience and I think that we cannot afford to lose this kind of experience in our community. I have also worked with my church as a director of the youth ministry and, as such, we have been able to obtain from the Council free tickets for young people who perhaps because of financial difficulty in their families, would never be able to take advantage of some of the childrens programing that goes on and some of the dance programs that go on. The Friendship Baptist Church is predominately an African-American congregation and our children need to see expressions that mirror themselves and often the Arts Council has brought to our community dance companies such as the Alvin Ailey Dance Company, which can be instrumental in creating an awareness and importance of good self-esteem and because our children could not afford these concerts, the Arts Council was very generous in giving those tickets to our children. I would hate to see such a vital part of our community in the environment of economic problems cut from that which we support. I trust each and every one of you of the Council as I believe you to be sagacious persons, and as I have voted for many of you, I have entrusted in your hand a complete overview of our community and as such, I trust that in your considerations of what you will do with that money that has been allotted to the budget, that the East End Arts Council will certainly be considered. We ask for \$15,000 for this year's budget. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Janoski: "Outstanding presentation, Mrs. McElroy, and some of our regulars could take a lesson from that. Yes sir."

Rolph Kestling: "My name is Rolph Kestling. I'm a resident of varied degrees in Riverhead since 1938. I am a taxpayer and a senior citizen. I am not here to deliver a sermon. All I can say as I read in the paper, you've got a very tight budget. You have my support, the Board has my support of my family. Stick to it. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Goodale?"

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Robert Goodale: "Good evening. I'm here also in support of the application of the East End Arts Council. It will be a long while, I suspect, before the President of the Riverhead Chamber of Commerce will again be here to urge the Board to spend money that in turn will increase taxes upon the citizens and businesses in the Town. We realize that when, if you so choose to support East End Arts, that this indeed will increase the amount of money that you need to raise from our citizens and the businesses in this Town. If I may say that of all the political bodies that are involved in spending our money that almost entirely come from property taxes, it is my opinion that the Riverhead Town Board has been the most responsible and responsive to the present economic situation that we find ourselves. And that in formulating a budget, it seems to me that you have taken the position that every expense needs, a case needs to be made, a very good case needs to be made for every expense, for every request of funding. And that tough choices are always made that with a given set amount of money that you think that the Town can afford, there's only so much that you can do. Having said that, I believe that the case can be made for the East End Arts, particularly from an economic point of view. The major problem of Riverhead businesses is that we need more reasons for people in Riverhead and from outside Riverhead, to stay in Riverhead. We need draws. We need reasons for people to say, today I'm going to go downtown, for example, and do something, or see something, or participate in something. I may be coming, staying in Town, or I may be coming from outside the Town. We don't have many such draws. We need every one that we have. And in the past, I believe that East End Arts has been one of the few draws that the Town does have. And that it is, I believe, a good investment for the Town to make sure that this draw, which we hope will grow down the line as a draw, can continue to exist and perhaps expand its activities. It does give Riverhead something distinctive, something we can call ours. Now, that's a general statement. In particularly this year, the case I believe for the Arts Council is stronger than ever. Just as this Board has had to face difficult financial choices, so has the County and the State and one of the choices that they've had to make is a great reduction in support of culture institutions such as East End Arts. This year was especially difficult for East End Arts in terms of what they hope to have raised from certain of their activities, which were not raised, and put them in a very difficult financial circumstances, has been well reported. Now, that's happened to a lot of culture institutions.

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But what I think makes East End Arts special in that regard, is the extensive steps that the County has already taken to overcome them. As soon as it became clear that they were in such financial difficulty, the Council took very serious steps to control expenses, they went out into the community, I'm well aware of this. They went out into the community and to Riverhead businesses to say we know you've given what you generally give to the Council this year, you have to do something more this year because of the circumstances. A lot of us responded. A lot of us responded because we believe others in the community were going to respond to this special need this time. And they've been operating under the idea that if they get a little bit from everybody, and if everybody thinks that everyone else is giving that little extra to overcome this special difficulty this year, that in the end they will find enough funds to see them through this difficult period. And speaking for Riverhead businesses that have given a little more this year because of this circumstance, I would ask that in the spirit of partnership, to salvage and strengthen this Riverhead institution, that the Town Board sees fit to support the request of the East End Arts Council. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Campbell."

Colin Campbell: "Good evening. My name is Colin Campbell. I am a resident of Riverhead. I've come to speak in behalf of the Alternatives Counseling Center. Since I have lived in Riverhead almost two decades now, I've always been involved in trying to help young people with their alcohol and drug problems. I was a co-founder along with Sis Stark and Gwen Branch who is here this evening, and Ed Curven of the Cap Program, which is a real model and Riverhead has done well with that. And also of Alternatives which was founded initially to replace a BOCES program back in the middle '70's and that was a model community outreach program in alcohol and drug abuse for young people and adults. Over the years, I must have referred three or four hundred people in Riverhead Town for counseling at Alternatives. I have never ever once been disappointed in the service that they have been given. And in every case, every case, these are people who could not afford counseling in any other venue. I recognize that there is Lighthouse Support Services on Main Street. I also recognize that George Benedict may be coming up and opening up an out-patient treatment center, but both of those are proprietary centers, for profit centers, and even though they do have a sliding

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scale, their lowest fees are generally above the level that many people are able to pay. At the same time, Alternatives has consistently developed a unique and very powerful outreach program directly to our young people in the schools. This is something really not doable by a proprietary center, but certainly by Alternatives, it has been very successful in intervening in and helping young people before the problems became so great that there was really no other way to get around it. One of the things that I think is very important here, is that Alternatives does not seek funds simply from the Town. The County pays a portion of the bill. BOCES pays a portion of the bill. State pays a portion of the bill. That would all be lost if the Town portion is gone. So that there's a greater loss there, not only in finances, but that one resource for young people. And I don't know how I can make it any more immediate then I had to make a referral of a young lady today who is in very great danger of dying if she doesn't receive the proper help. And I mean seriously, not dramatically. Very great danger of dying. There was no place else that she could go. So I'm just begging of you please, to consider not losing that resource in this Town for our adults and for our young people. It is not an overlap service, it cannot be made up in any other way. And it's extremely important, and the difficulty of course here is that it also has to be very quiet because of the respect for confidentiality. We can't make as much noise as some of the other programs in Town, but it is no less important. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Way in the back."

Debbie Sabo: "Hi, my name is Debbie Sabo, and let's see, I'm a homeowner. I live right here on Howell Avenue for two years now, over two years. But most of all, I am an artist. And again, I'd like to speak on behalf of the East End Arts. I make my living as a craftsperson. I make jewelry, picture frames, jewelry boxes, and I'm afraid that I don't sell in Riverhead, but I do sell across the country and the way the East End Arts has benefited me directly is I was involved in a program, a grant program, called SOS. And this program has \$18,000 a year to be given out, I believe it's new government money from the state, to be given out in stipends, grants of \$50 to \$500, three times a year. And this is a direct handing you money, handing other artists money, like me, to help further my career. And the way I used it was, I went to a class and learned how to use a

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specific machine to expedite my hand making of everything, so that I could actually be a mother of two, and still pay my taxes and my bills. Now, the East End Arts, I think, is very important in this community. This community has gotten stuck with a lot of things that the surrounding areas don't want, a lot of services, a lot of County things. But the East End Arts helps to balance that scale, helps to bring in people from the surrounding towns for entertainment, for human enrichment and education. And I think it's a really important thing for us here in Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Barry?"

Barry Barth: "My name is Barry Barth. I am, as you know, very concerned with the perception of Riverhead, and specifically downtown Riverhead. I am also a member of your Riverhead Merchants Association, your Riverhead Chamber of Commerce, and the Business Improvement District, all of whom have been working very hard, both independently and cooperatively with the Town in trying to improve our community. More specifically, the perception of our community, downtown Riverhead. One organization who has been a steadfast proponent of changing the image and perception of Riverhead has been the East End Arts Council. The East End Arts Council has brought Riverhead to a new form of entertainment. There seems to be a group out there, a very small group, who entertain themselves by vandalism, graffiti, and destroying that which is positive in this Town. When we are able to have Crystal Gale, Dizzy Gillespie, and people like Lionel Hampton come to our Town, when we can have programs of dance, children's theaters, gallery exhibitions, we must remember the group that made it possible. The East End Arts Council. As a resident and taxpayer I would appreciate seeing my tax dollars go for the continued support of an organization that cares enough to provide the residents with quality entertainment. As a business person, I would appreciate seeing my tax dollars go for programs that will put shoppers on our streets and give us positive visibility. I am asking that the Town Board continue to support the East End Arts Council with a 1993 budget item of \$15,000. I know that with our budget restraints in all departments this might be difficult. But in order for us to change the image and to perpetuate the economic redevelopment of Riverhead, we need more organizations like the East End Arts Council. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Chip?"

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Chip Cleary: "Hello, good evening. My name is Chip Cleary and I'm vice-president and one of the owners of Splish-Splash. I'm here just quickly to tell you that first off, we really appreciate Riverhead. We've come here, we've learned a lot of things. We've learned that there's a great bunch of people. We have 350 kids that work for us that are 350 probably 349 of the best kids we've ever met. We've learned from our guests that they really love the rural aspect of Riverhead. They like the farmstands. They like to go to the wineries. They like the area a lot. And I think from our surveys this year, we found out that a great many of our guests now stayed overnight. The Holiday Inn had a much better year thanks to our attendance. Some of the other motels and campgrounds in the areas did well. One of the things we've also found though is that besides these things, there's a whole aura of this area that our people like. And we feel from a business standpoint, the East End Arts Council is part of that. There are a lot of people who came to Splish-Splash this summer. It was a tough year weatherwise, it was a tough year for the East End Arts Council. They were amazed to hear that in the Town of Riverhead, Crystal Gale was performing or some of the other shows and some of the other events that were on there. I realize in this year, it's a very, very tough year, there's tough decisions to be made, there's a lot of very, very worthwhile organizations that you must find, but from our perspective, the East End Arts Council has brought another little diamond that's put into the crown of Riverhead, and I think if we all keep polishing this crown, then shortly we will become known as the tourism town of the east end, which is I think what everybody would like to see. So on behalf of Splish-Splash and our employees, we would like to ask you if you can, we know it's tough, to do what you can for the East End Arts Council this year. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you, Chip. Is anyone else present wishing to address the Board?"

Linda Fleming: "I'm Linda Fleming, Executive Director of Alternatives. I'm here obviously to ask you to support Alternatives again this year. Last year when I was here, you may remember, you had asked me could I come up with any dollars kinds of information on why it makes sense to support drug abuse prevention and treatment. And I didn't have it at my fingertips but I said I would get back to you with it. What I've done is attach at the end of our proposal on the lavender piece of paper, some figures that I've

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gathered from a variety of different sources, and what I've tried to do is pull together some figures that relate to the dollars cost to business and industry of drug and alcohol abuse, and I've also on the other side, put together some data on basically the cost, that have both human cost, but also dollars and cents in terms of death, violence and crimes statistics and also some figures on families. And just briefly you can look at it. But you're talking about cost to business nationally, that has been estimated over two hundred billion dollars a year. Something like a thousand dollars an hour. And what you're talking about, the cost comes in absenteeism, in cost in medical cost in terms of accidents on the job, by worker's comp claims, all that add up. The addicted person compared to the non-addicted, it just multiplies in terms of those kind of costs. Drugs are very prevalent. Just to summarize some of it. In 1988, almost 80% of the CEO's at Fortune Thousand Companies said that they knew that drug abuse was a very significant problem in their own companies. Somewhere, people calling hot lines have said it's easy to get drugs in the workplace. So there is a cost. And everytime you either prevent somebody from using drugs or you're able to treat them, you certainly are saving money. If you figure and I've heard in the past that maybe it costs \$30,000 to keep a person in jail or prison, and I've tried to figure what the cost is of treating one person for a year at Alternatives outpatient, and figure maybe \$1,200. So, you think of the difference in cost and that's just once a person is in jail, not to mention the cost of police, the courts, and so on. So there is a dollar reason to the taxpayer. I've also put in, in terms of murders, deaths by fire, accidents, violence in the family, incest, rape, drug and/or alcohol are attributed in all these cases over 50%, sometimes going higher. I'd also say, Colin had said it, and I would say this, Alternatives really does treat that person who does not have Medicaid or health insurance. I was at a meeting recently in which when Seafield was making its application to the County to open up outpatient, and the other agencies that do take Medicaid and health insurance said at this time, they had no waiting list. We do have a waiting list. We do not take either of those and yet both our sites are continually waiting for people who just cannot afford to go anyplace else. We not only slide to one dollar or zero, many of our clients are paying that amount, and these are people that cannot afford to go someplace else. We are able as a non-profit, as a public agency, to provide the treatment less expensively than either a public, the County cannot provide it as cheaply because of their built in costs in terms of

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unions, higher salaries and so on, and certainly private can't do it. We're truly accessible to everybody in the area and those are the people we've been seeing year in, year out. I also know in my own sense, every time you put somebody on Medicaid and you pay an agency \$60.00 a visit, that's still coming out of my pocket as a taxpayer at some level to do that, and what you're really starting to do is to take people and force them into that Medicaid system and keep them there, whereas Alternatives will take that same person and they can afford that one dollar for us. I had also mentioned last year at your funding was, it's my understanding, was in part to support our addicted mothers program. And so far this is the end of October, to date, in the Riverhead office, we've served 45 addicted mothers, whether in individual, in family therapy, with support services and prevention services. And during that time, we strengthened our ties with Social Services, with Probation, with BOCES Adult Ed, and all the support services that are going to serve that population. We do appreciate the constraints you're under. On the other hand, so are we. Just during this contract year, as we've been cut at the County level for two of our programs, and we have been cut at the State level, plus not have seen a raise in our base State funding, which is our largest, since 1988. So we are working with that pie that is getting smaller. Our staff is sort of shrinking in hours as our other costs go up, and yet through that all, we are serving 45 to 50% more clients in treatment than we were a year ago."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Linda, two questions. Number one, is this what you're asking us for this year, is \$15,000?"

Linda Fleming: "Yes."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Because I see last time, last year we authorized \$3,500."

Linda Fleming: "Last year was \$6,000, I believe."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Oh, for both of them, yes, \$7,500. You're including New Directions? I think we authorized \$3,500 last year."

Linda Fleming: "I think you gave us six, I could be wrong. I'm pretty sure that I asked for more--"

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Councilman Prusinowski: "We're just checking in the budget here. We had two programs last year we funded after the Public Hearing. One was the New Directions for \$4,000, the other was Alternatives Counseling for \$3,500, and East End Arts."

Linda Fleming: "(Inaudible) afterwards it had been in the paper that it was funded for \$6,000."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I noticed on TV since I've been watching all weekend long, the famous budget hearing in Southampton Town, you were there, did they cut you at all, the Southampton Town Board?"

Linda Fleming: "What had happened in Southampton, two years ago we had been cut. We had been funded pretty good for a few years, but we then got community development money the next year, and that was community development hearing that I was speaking before. I don't know yet what's happened."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, Mr. Prusinowski raises a question which is a bit on my mind and that I was going to raise. Is there any indication as to the Town of Southampton, or any other east end Town?"

Linda Fleming: "The three towns we really serve is Southampton, Riverhead, and we have some clients in Greenport. So Southampton I am hoping we will get some community development money. And I am hoping that next year now that Southampton is getting its budget under control, I have every intention of asking for regular Town money next year."

Supervisor Janoski: "Very good answer, but how about answering the question which is, is the Town of Southampton giving any money in its budget?"

Linda Fleming: "In the Town budget itself, no."

Supervisor Janoski: "That's what I wanted to know. Thank you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We'll have to investigate whether we gave you \$3,500 or \$6,000. I remember \$3,500 though. But I could be wrong."

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Linda Fleming: "But whatever you can, we would certainly appreciate it and it really helps."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone else present wishing to address the Board on the proposed budget for 1993?  
Yes sir, Mr. Johnson."

Mike Johnson: "Good evening Supervisor Janoski, Town Board. I have a couple of things to pass out for you. My name is Mike Johnson. I'm one of the owners of (inaudible) Shop on Main Street. I also own a personalized management company in which we are developers and we've done quite a bit of building in affordable housing. Unfortunately (inaudible) in Riverhead, but we'll keep trying. Right now (inaudible). Also we're slated to do 100 houses in Bellport which is the revitalization of Bellport. We like to specialize in hard hit areas and make a difference. We've, I'm also co-chairman of the African American Leadership Council. We've worked with BOCES and other different agencies from time to time, and just to highlight on that Bellport project, we plan to put people to work. We will train them, which we have already trained several people in the BOCES in Riverhead. I believe it was a total of 39 graduates between carpentry and electrical. We did the same thing in Bellport. When we start working on those houses in Bellport, they will work on the houses, they will help us revitalize the area, they will learn a skill, get some money, be able to buy the homes with rental with option to buy, or buy them outright. So we will take people who have not been working and have been off the tax rolls and have been just taking let's say in Social Services manner, we will give them the full 360. They will be on the tax rolls, they will be homeowners, they will be skilled, and they will be adding to the community which is what we want. And that's the same proposal I have in other areas here. Before we get into this program that I just put on your desk there, I have a couple of questions. This is my first time at a budget hearing, so please bear with me. I notice here with the police item number 31200, it's approximately a \$5,000,000 expenditure. Is the overtime built into that number? I couldn't find where it was split out at on."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Overtime is budgeted around \$250,000 this year."

Mike Johnson: "This year. Last year?"

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Councilman Prusinowski: "About \$300,000."

Mike Johnson: "And the year before, so it's going downward is what you're demonstrating?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes, that's correct."

Mike Johnson: "Okay. Now. Moving into Narcotics Guidance Counseling which is very important. You've had the Alternative Agency group come up and that's very important. That's going backwards also."

Councilman Prusinowski: "What item are you looking at?"

Mike Johnson: "This is item number 42100. See what I'm getting at, Mr. Janoski, is that these are programs that are vital to the fabric of society. All right. And when we start losing people, well we have two approaches on it. Mike Hill, the other co-chairman of the African American Leadership Council, will give you the other approach on it. But I look at it as if we don't stop the slide of people going backwards, and there's a thing about working only with the sick, where we're only allocating money to help the sick, we're not allocating money to help the healthy. So we're doing two things that really affect the community. If we don't give them a hand, then all it does is perpetuate the problem. Let's see, your answer to your problem, and I got this from one of your-- this was a meeting from the Suffolk County Anti-Bias Task Force. Whereas, the police hired 12 new policemen on the force to curb the problem of downtown youth walking on the street and this is what the establishment, to use the exact words, what the establishment wanted, they wanted more police with bigger guns and firearms on the street. When you do that, if I'm not mistaken, it's an average cost of about \$50,000 per police person on the force, fluctuating up or down, you know, if I'm wrong, please correct me. Something in that neighborhood."

Supervisor Janoski: "How many officers? Twelve?"

Mike Johnson: "Was there a hiring of 12 new officers?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Not in my lifetime."

Mike Johnson: "Okay."

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Councilman Prusinowski: "Not recently."

Supervisor Janoski: "We never hired 12 new officers."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Not at one time, no."

Mike Johnson: "When was the last time-- over the past year?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Year? Two. Are you talking about special officers? Because we only have a few of them. Well, regardless. The concept is right. Yes, we do have police on patrol downtown."

Mike Johnson: "Okay. This is what I'm getting at, Joe. When you hire 12 or if you hire 10, I'm going to use 12 because that stuck in my head and I really want to-- I'll get down to the bottom and I'll get you facts for the next meeting."

Supervisor Janoski: "And the \$50,000 is about right."

Mike Johnson: "And the \$50,000, that's an expenditure of about \$600,000 a year on the police force in that area to watch the streets. Now, if each one of those policemen make a qualified, a good collar, where they're going to lock somebody up for about a year, you've locked up 144 potential perpetrators and people who are just down in their luck and they're doing different things to try to turn it around. That is costing the state, the county, approximately \$30,000 a person, which comes in at about \$4,320,000. Add that to your employees of \$600,000 for the year, you just spent \$5,000,000 to solve a problem, so called solve a problem. But if we take a look at the present results, today's results based on the hiring and the expenditures in the areas that the money is being spent at, the results don't warrant it. We are not getting the desired results. The desired results would be, would prefer to be, a decrease in crime, more people graduating from school, less drop outs, less people just hanging around. These are the desired results that I got from that meeting where the establishment said let's put more cops and more guns on the street, and we'll control it that way. That way we spend a lot of money. If we were to spend approximately \$250,000, we give them their \$15,000, we give them their whatever, or however it's worked out, we spend that quarter of a million dollars, we will be able to save the rest of that money because the people that we're going

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after, are the same ones you're going after at a higher cost and a higher ticket to keep them incarcerated. I would prefer to do the same thing that we're doing in the Bellport project, whereas we would take the same element of people, train them, put them to work in their own community, get them viable and back on the tax records, make them buyers and property owners, and have them as productive people in the market. That is a much more productive way and a more viable way to handle what you call a problem in the Town of Riverhead. And Riverhead does have a particular problem. And it's no different from anywhere else in the nation. But it's how we look at the problem, and how we go after solving the problem. And I have to use the scenario of results. Based on present results, and if things are still getting worse, drop outs are still going higher, you still have more guns going into the schools, you have more drugs circling around Riverhead than you've ever had before, then the money that we're spending, possibly, might not be being spent in a right manner. Now just to coin a phrase, we've all heard it for the last year, it's time for a change. And we need to do things a little bit differently. Think a little differently. That's why this program that we've outlined right here, Mike would you come up and read this, this program that we've outlined, is very, very good and it does address the change. The other question I have. The community bloc grant funds, how were they, let's say used and fused into, some of the youth organizations. I see the teen organization has "x" number of dollars, the teen center playground's recreation committee, youth programs, how are they tied in? Because if we have this type of money going into these youth programs, we have so many youth still moving around and have that lost feeling of we have no programs, how are we doing that? And the community bloc grant money, once again, we have situations that are coming up, you want to tear down a particular building on Main Street, maybe some of that community bloc grant money could be used to renovate that building, turn it into a viable center for the youth, and place for them to use as a cultural learning center, and there you will get rid of the eyesore, you would take tremendous square footage and turn it over to capable people who will put the programs out that will enhance the community and keep the youth busy and start perpetuating that youth into good working beings. Very important in that area. We have other buildings, too."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mike, what is it that you would like the Town Board to do? I can't disagree with anything you've said

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except that I have to say this last reference to that building just lost me, because one of the little things that you must deal with is the acquisition of the building."

Mike Johnson: "It can be done. I'm in real estate. I could go to work for you very easily."

Supervisor Janoski: "Why are you saying that you want us to reduce the amount of money allocated for police and police overtime and some of our programs? I am asking you this."

Mike Johnson: "Well, what I would like to see is if that is possible, the reduction, yes, because the reduction that we are talking about based on that, is five men. Based on what it can do can save over 100 men. I believe that outweighs the other. But it can do. Go ahead Mike."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Hill."

Michael Hill: "Good evening Mr. Janoski and the Board. This is just, I guess you might say a proposal for a partnership. My name is Michael Hill and I'm also the co-chairman of the African-American Leadership Council here in Riverhead, and in dealing with the problems that are affecting everyone in the Town of Riverhead, someone is going to have to come up with some type of program that has vision. Without a vision there is no direction, and if there is no direction, there can be no leadership because a leader cannot lead anybody if they don't have the direction. You can't say I'm leading you here, if you don't know the here exists. The problems that exist in the Town of Riverhead, the programs that exist to try to solve the problems, do not seem to incorporate a vision strong enough to grasp the imagination of the people who's in destruction. There's nobody that seems to be brave enough to go down into the greens and organize the greens. They have a plan to organize the greens, yet everybody is concerned about the greens and the people who come out of it. I would chance to say that nobody-- that very few people here in this room would chance to visit the greens. Walk through the greens. So what I'm saying, what I would like to read to you now, is just a proposal that the African-American Leadership Council would like to submit to the Town as to what maybe the Town could do and we could do with the Town to try to help solve some of the problems that nobody else seems to have the answers to. The AALC understanding the nature and complexities of the rising

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tide of criminal behavior and declining health, school drop-outs, drug use, etc., proposes to become the nucleus towards developing an effective program which seeks to empower Riverhead black residents and local organizations to be active participants in creating solutions to their own problems.

The African-American Leadership Council proposes the following steps towards solving the problems confronting the black community and ultimately, the whole community of Riverhead.

One, is to establish a leadership council whose function will be to critically analyze and identify the sources of our problems that's in our neighborhood, the actual streets, the houses, the people, and to then work towards their solution.

A The Council will be made up from the heads of all local black organizations that we can get to be on the Council. This is just not something that the African-American Leadership Council wants to assume themselves without everybody's participation who is willing to participate.

Two, to establish a community newsletter, whose purpose would be to inform the black community of everything of importance in the Town of Riverhead as relevant to their survival and well-being. We believe that information is the raw material for new ideas and the information is not getting in to the people who need it. They cannot articulate the information the way it's coming. There's brochures sitting around about AIDS. Nobody's going to pick up a brochure, read about AIDS, and abstain or do whatever. That's not practical. You got to have people that go into the community, sit down with the people, and make them listen. Make them listen not with a stick. Make them listen by encouraging their imagination so that they can see themselves in the future as a healthy viable human being. We would also like to establish a cultural learning center here in Riverhead. There does not exist even one building in the Town of Riverhead, that the black community can look at and say that belongs to us. The AALC views such a center as vital in raising the political consciousness and cultural consciousness of the black community. From such a center, a multitude of programs and community activities can take place. We believe that the AALC in alliance with other black groups, churches, and organizations can become the most effective element in the Town of Riverhead towards changing the attitude and behavior of both black youths and adults.

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With this in mind, the AALC sets forth the following request:

That federal, state and local funds be requisite and set aside by the Town of Riverhead, I'm speaking of any black grants or anything that's coming down, for the said purpose of establishing a cultural learning center for the black community easily accessible to the black community.

In the absence of a cultural center, we request funds to establish a multiple meeting center to be accessed by all black organizations participating on the Council. We believe that this type of center saves money by allowing one rent, one overall utility bill, multiple access and use of office machines, etc. And provides a central location for the black community newsletter and meetings by the Council.

We stress access by the Council as an encouragement for all black organizations to join the Council. The African-American Leadership requests a grant of \$25,000 to carry out these programs and a serious research and to organize neighborhood committees from which our work force will be requisite to fill these programs.

In closing, we would like to stress these points. The problem that you have in Riverhead is a serious problem. It costs you money. It's going to cost you more money, more money, more money. The way you're going about trying to solve the problem with a stick is not about nothing. Them nine millimeters that you just requisited to the police ain't about nothing. Anybody can get a nine and ain't nobody afraid to use it. The problem that you see now is but a child incubated a few years ago. But now it's growing up. You got people from all over coming to Riverhead because a market is being established in Riverhead for drugs. Only thing you have to do to have a drug problem is to have a market base. As any business man can tell you, if you've got a market, you are going to get product. If you got product, you going to have people to sell it, you are going to risk their lives and your lives and everybody else's lives in order to make that dollar. There has to be alternatives. The responsible people in the Town of Riverhead has to be willing to accept the responsibility of creating these alternatives and all this divisionism that's going on, the business community which is predominantly white, that sits down and discusses the problem of the roughnecks that intimidate them, there's another way of

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dealing with the problem. There does not exist anything of substance in the black community to justify the Town of Riverhead to continue to accept any federal or state grants earmarked for the black community or the native American communities. This now is an opportunity not only to change that reality but to begin to build a new reality. The African-American Leadership has the vision to capture the imagination of the black community. We have an overall strategy to realize that vision, thereby providing a framework for all future programs that can be successful. We have the best plan. Our objectives is to establish, I'm almost finished. Our objectives is to establish the cultural awareness, self-awareness, economic growth to integrate moral responsibility into our programs to raise the health consciousness of our people and to establish the responsibility of the black man. In other words, we believe that we can encourage the black men in Riverhead to assume the responsibility of man, which is what is lacking. All of these objectives will save every level of government millions of dollars in the long run. To bring these objectives into reality we must begin by changing the way we think. By changing the way we think, we will change the things that we do. We ask the Board tonight, to change the way you think. Join us in bringing to reality the vision of a new black man in the Town of Riverhead. A healthy black man, a vibrant black man, and a responsible black man. Include us in your budget. Give us a chance to bring about a positive change and it will be for all the people of Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Let me point out just for the heck of it, that you are supposed to use five minutes to make your presentation."

Mike Johnson: "What I would like to know from the Town Board is that will they entertain any of these ideas that we have?"

Supervisor Janoski: "I can't answer that question."

Mike Johnson: "Okay. With the current real estate auction coming up, and there are homes, I'm not sure, there might be some homes in Riverhead listed on that sheet, it's November 17th, would it be possible if I can talk to the, Robert Gaffney, which I'm working on some homes down in the Coram, Medford area, to ask to have those homes pulled, donated to the Town, the Town donates them to the agency, where we would like to establish a center in the

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greens, one in Flanders, and/or go back to the big building on Main Street, do something with that, utilizing some of the funds that we get from the applications that are sent in from the Town which are earmarked for, where this money is earmarked for, minority and disadvantaged. How many thousands of dollars are coming into the Town based on that criteria? We would like to take that group of money, portions of that group of money, put it into the community, and start seeing it come out. Because if, not to be naive, but I don't know where it all goes and I know we are going to have more discussions on this."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, you know, I would like for you some day to take the time to look at the record of the Community Development office here, to look at the Riverhead program, (inaudible) which is a program that's involved in the rebuilding of homes they've acquired over the years and we are doing that already. We have probably in the Town of Riverhead, the most outstanding record with regard to housing then any town in Suffolk County, including those big ones to the west. The Community Development Bloc Grant program recently has been committed in large part to the daycare center which is under construction at Stotsky Park, which is going to serve the entire community. Beyond that, we are right now considering proposals for the Bloc Grant program to come and you will certainly have the opportunity to give us, the Town Board, your input and your suggestions as to what those monies should be used for."

Mike Johnson: "Well, on that note, I would like to set up a meeting with you so we can make sure we do that properly, the same way we attempted to do our parade and the other things that you've helped guide us through. Just for instance, in the budget here, it shows for volleyball, \$6,620. For softball programs, \$17,040. Total monies spent culture and recreation, \$102,000."

Councilman Stark: Michael, you're getting that wrong. Those are all self-sustaining programs."

Mike Johnson: "These are all self-sustaining?"

Councilman Stark: "Self-sustaining."

Mike Johnson: "What I'm looking for is something for the young, black youth. We don't play as much basketball, I mean

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volleyball and softball, but we get a basketball tournament going to the volume that you do with your volleyball tournament, no, baseball, softball, we get them busy again. I don't see any money allocated for that. I don't see any program in the Town for that."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, what Mr. Stark has pointed out is that the, what you're looking at is the expenditure part of the budget. You're not looking at the revenue side of it. The revenue comes from the fees that are paid by people who participate in that softball program. To participate and to perhaps do what you are talking about, all you have to do is organize it and create some sort of fee structure so it does somehow support itself. We could do these things. One of the things that has bothered me throughout your entire presentation as a former school teacher, is the school district in this Town doing anything? Because more than what you're saying, I think should be taking place within the walls of the buildings which is very heavily (inaudible)."

Michael Hill: "Well, I would like to answer that. I would like to say yes, the school district recently has brought about a lot of change in comparison to years past in the Town of Riverhead. Change is very slow for us. Very slow for us. When we speak about something for the black community, we're not really speaking about the utilization of existing institutions. What we are talking about is something for black people where black people live to be used by them, that can be used to bring them together and raise the consciousness of the people. These institutions have always existed. The opportunity to play basketball in the school gym has always existed. A black child I would imagine could join the baseball team if he so desired. But the reality is they don't. Is that the reality? The reality is that the children that the business community are afraid of, are the same little children that could have been on the baseball team or whatever kind of team if they had black men bringing their children to these activities and encouraging them to participate. What's missing in the whole process of participation is the black man. What I'm saying to you is that we're trying to bring about an environment where, that would encourage the black man to stand up and to assume the responsibility of his community. We're not talking about just that these things exist. These things have always existed. Libraries have always existed. How many black men do you see sitting in the Library reading a book? For that

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matter, how many do you see sitting in church? Mostly black women. With our program, our vision, is directly at the black man which seems to be the business community's biggest fear right now outside of collapse."

Councilman Creighton: "Mr. Supervisor. It was mentioned a little earlier the possibility of Community Development funds. You should be aware that the Public Hearing to work and develop our projects for the Bloc Grant Program for this year, is now scheduled for the 17th, which is the next Board Meeting. So between now and then, I know that the Community Development director in our planning office is looking for projects that are worthy to apply for. So it behooves you to come on in, sit down, with her and if you need assistance I'm sure any of us will help you to see how your request can fit into that program. Because I believe it's aimed at that kind of thing. And so it is a great opportunity. The timing's right and that is one source of funds that is open."

Michael Hill: "I might also add, and then I'm going to sit down, that we really, really truly want to see the community of Riverhead on a much higher human level. It does not make me proud to see grown black men standing around, drinking, on the streets. It doesn't make me proud to see people selling crack to children or to each other. That does not make me proud to see the Riverhead jail flowing with black men, so I just want to reiterate that our intention is not adversarial. Our intention is to take care of real business, to solve real problems with real solutions."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I just want to say one thing to follow up what you are saying. I agree with what you are saying. Just remember that since I've been on the Town Board, we have been the leader in this county for that type of action because we were one of the first Towns to institute the DARE program. We've had-- one of the first Towns to institute the Juvenile Aid Bureau, the Cap program. All these things we funded over the years. Now part of that police budget that you have seen, we spent probably about \$400,000 a year between Juvenile Aid, the teen center, these types of programs. And when the county funding has been reduced, we've always maintained the level of funding taking out of the general Town tax base. And I think that's what the Supervisor was alluding to because unfairly we've gotten a bad rap. The police department, we've had a very positive influence

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in the school district through our DARE Program, Juvenile Aid Program. Unfortunately, we need more minority representation on the police department. That's why last spring, I sent around that letter trying to recruit minorities to take that test, and I hope they did and we'll see because the list is coming out very shortly. That would go a big step in achieving your goal. So we'll take a look at your request and then we'll consider it."

Michael Johnson: "If you could just keep an open mind on the way that we would approach it."

Supervisor Janoski: "Michael, very honestly between you and I, very directly because that's the way I am, forget the building on Main Street. I have an engineer report on that building sitting on my desk. It would cost \$500,000 to make that building-- "

Michael Johnson: "Yes. I looked at it, too. I came in with about \$437,000."

Supervisor Janoski: "Ah, see. Gwen?"

Gwen Branch: "I'm Gwen Branch. I'm the Clinical Director for Alternatives Counseling and I just need to add a little bit since we seem to have left on a down note. It is true that Southampton does not have Alternatives in its budget at this point, but up until approximately two years ago, they were funding up to more than four times the amount that was requested in Linda's proposal. But I would just like to say that I think that even though there's not a request-- we don't have to do what Southampton is doing. And even though the Town is not funding out of their regular budget at this point-- "

Supervisor Janoski: "That's not what I meant. What I was saying was the reverse of that. Southampton should do what Riverhead is doing."

Gwen Branch: "Okay. I'll agree with that. But I think you should also be aware one of the things that was not mentioned too, was that along with the services, the comprehensive services that we do offer our many clients, we also offer an after care program that will follow up those clients for a year. We also have a vocational counselor that comes in and works directly with those clients, and has those clients involved in finding additional

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educational opportunities and involving them in various programs that might prepare them for the work force. We monitor the mandated clients very carefully, the Probation Department, and other agencies so that we can add support so that they will have a successful treatment experience. And, the many programs that we have in the school-- some of your police officers have their children in some of our third grade programs that are extensive self-esteem building programs so the children will not see us later on. And so I'm hoping that you will continue your support at least at the level it is now. And, the second thing I'd like to say. As a Director of the East End Arts Council, I think just about everything Mrs. McElroy and the others have spoken very kindly about the Council and said almost everything I want to say. The one thing that we did not mention is the arts and education program. That is being offered at the Phillips Avenue School and I can't say enough about the Arts Council. And we need to continue to support that program. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else who would like to address the Town Board? Mr. Kasperovich? This is on the budget, you understand. On the budget. Yes."

William Kasperovich: "William Kasperovich from Wading River. I've been in this Township back from the days when we only had one page to cover the entire budget of the Township. One single legal size piece of paper covered the entire budget. Now on the preliminary budget, we have 30 pages."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, you have the floor. Please give us your thoughts on the budget."

William Kasperovich: "I read the preliminary budget because the time consumed to go through that large volume is not, just not for me. So I tried to get a concept of the Town's finances from your short version. And I thought you might be interested in some of the things that jumped out at me. That we list all of the elected officials with their groups or departments, Town Board, Justice Court, Supervisor, Town Clerk, but we have a Superintendent of Highways that's an elected official. And they're not singled out as such and as Charlie Bloss informed me, that that's put in to transportation, the Highway administration. And I think the average citizen in the Township when they go to the polls, this doesn't give them the picture of what this area of money, this man

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is involved. And I think that not spelling it out in that sense is not to the best interest of the Township. I also look to see how much of a burden or cost to the Township does the Building Department have and I didn't find any Building Department here."

Concilman Prusinowski: "Public Safety."

William Kasperovich: "Ah, Public Safety. Well, the only safety I know about is a man we've engaged as the Town Ordinance Inspector and Public Safety. But for the average citizen to have a concept of the Building Department to put it in with Safety, doesn't present the picture of the extent in that the extent of money is also commensurate with the extent of activity. I took this point of interest and that last Friday I took a hard look at your Rimland Building and as hard as I could look, I could see no posting on the building. I was wondering what is happening. The papers that I got from filling out an information form, showed that this thing has been going on for quite a few years now. And the safety, so called inspection, didn't do very much. And now that it's deteriorated to the point that it's on the verge of not being salvageable, where was our safety money spent?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, you know I wanted to let you go, but you cross the line of being ridiculous at times."

William Kasperovich: "To you, this is nothing new."

Supervisor Janoski: "I would like to-- "

William Kasperovich: "For 12 years, you have been saying the same thing."

Supervisor Janoski: "This is ridiculous. Would you please give to us what you think should be added, detracted, what change--"

William Kasperovich: "Well, I gave you two items. One that the elected official should be shown specifically."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, elected officials salaries are required to be advertised in a notice."

William Kasperovich: "I'm not talking about their individual salaries as you so (inaudible) went through the Town Engineer."

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I don't talk about the man's income or the paycheck. I'm talking about the individual and the costs that go with the man and the department that he's in."

Supervisor Janoski: "That's there, Mr. Kasperovich. The Highway Department's total cost is there."

William Kasperovich: "Well, I looked for the elected official and his department and I had to get on the telephone and find out that it's hidden in the Transportation."

Supervisor Janoski: "What do you want to know about the elected official? His salary?"

William Kasperovich: "No."

Supervisor Janoski: "Then what?"

William Kasperovich: "He's not listed."

Supervisor Janoski: "He is listed, Mr. Kasperovich. Tell me what you want to know."

William Kasperovich: "Every other elected official is listed but not him."

Councilman Stark: "Who is him?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Charlie Bloss. He's in the budget. Mr. Kasperovich, make your point and please let's move forward."

William Kasperovich: "Well, I've talked here for a few minutes and apparently the point I've made evades you. As it has for the last decade."

Supervisor Janoski: "The point that you've made is absolutely ridiculous. Mr. Kasperovich--"

William Kasperovich: "I stand here and talk, you don't listen, and then you say you don't understand what I say or I am ridiculous."

Supervisor Janoski: "I understand exactly what's going on here."

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William Kasperovich: "Many things that you put forth there is ridiculous. But nobody gets up in the audience and shouts that you're being ridiculous."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, I happen to know that the Highway Superintendent is included in the budget, it's there."

William Kasperovich: "But you've published 30 pages of budget for the people to get a concept of what is happening in the Town."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, tell me what you want to know about the Highway Superintendent that is not contained in the budget."

William Kasperovich: "Why he's not listed the same way the other elected officials are."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Hansen, can I call on you please? because maybe I'm not making it clear."

John Hansen: "I think what Mr. Kasperovich is referencing is in Transportation Administration, which is part of the general fund, is the Highway Superintendent as is dictated by State law. There is another part in the budget that is the Highway Fund. That does not include any of his office administration staff. That is dictated by the State of New York. I think that's what he is referring to."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you."

William Kasperovich: "Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "You're welcome."

William Kasperovich: "Well, Mr. Janoski, you've certainly accomplished what you're after and that is to discourage me from any further comments because you made it quite clear that nobody is listening up there."

Supervisor Janoski: "That is not the case at all, Mr. Kasperovich. One of the things that I am observing-- "

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William Kasperovich: "I mean, I'm ridiculous to you, what I put forth is crap by Mr. Creighton and Mr. Prusinowski just walks out, he doesn't even listen-- "

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, if I might-- "

William Kasperovich: "And so you discourage a man from getting up here and making a point because you don't understand it so you're going to label it ridiculous."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, the person that doesn't understand is yourself."

William Kasperovich: "There you go, I'm not here-- I'm not being paid by the Town to conduct engineering or administer business."

Supervisor Janoski: "That's right."

William Kasperovich: "You are though. And so is everybody else up there."

Supervisor Janoski: "Absolutely correct."

William Kasperovich: "And when you're wrong, you don't want to hear it. And when you go into deception and concealment, you don't want to hear it either."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Kasperovich, that's what I call ridiculous. Now, I want you to listen to me."

William Kasperovich: "Why should I listen to you? You sit there, the high and the mighty potentate and you don't listen and you tell me to listen to you."

Supervisor Janoski: "This is a Hearing on the proposed budget for next year. So far, Mr. Kasperovich, you have-- "

William Kasperovich: "All right. I made two points, one on the Highway on the elected official and one on the department that is known as the Building Department. And has been for ever since this place was established back in the cellar of the old Odd Fellows building. What the hell's the point."

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Supervisor Janoski: "The point is, Mr. Kasperovich, that I'm not going to sit here and have you blame the Building Department for the condition of the Rimland building, which happens to be a privately owned structure. And if somebody wants to let a building run down, I guess they can. We have taken action over the years to have the building closed up, boarded up. That is the extent to which we can operate. We are now moving because it is deteriorated under the provisions of dangerous and hazardous building which is being carried out by the Building Department. For you to stand there and use the word deception as far as the Town Board's presentation of this budget, I have to take offense. Because you don't understand how the budget is put together. Because you don't comprehend it, you cannot get away with calling us deceivers. And I'm not going to accept that. If you would like to have a very thorough explanation of the budget, how it is put together, where the individuals who work for the Town are placed within the budget, we would be happy to do that. But Mr. Kasperovich, you can't call myself and the other members of this Board deceivers, use the word deception, because you don't understand how this is done. Now, I'm sorry if you take offense to that. This is a Public Hearing on the budget. I am not going to allow you to bring in extraneous matter which absolutely is ridiculous. The Rimlands building and what are they doing over there. They are doing their job, Mr. Kasperovich, and we're doing our job. And it is difficult enough without having people like you say the first thing that comes off the top of their head, including calling us dishonest. And, thank you, Mr. Kasperovich, for your input."

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip from Calverton. What I want to say here is when I was a youngster growing up, my father used to say government bodies spend money because it comes easy and it goes easy. And the people is a bottomless pit. Well, from what Mr. Kaliss, I think his name is from Wading River, I'm close to it, I'm just kind of bad on names, is-- "

Supervisor Janoski: "What was that Steve, I'm sorry."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The gentleman right there you are referring to."

Supervisor Janoski: "Oh, okay."

Steve Haizlip: "Mr. Kalor, McCallum, McCassum or something

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Like that. That I'm happy that you are concerned with being tight budgets and don't spend no more then what we have to because a lot of us in this Town don't have jobs, they're on welfare, they're on unemployment, they're looking for jobs and we are on retirement. And the raises go up faster then what we can get from Social Security. Now, you know when Jack spoke, I didn't hear him because he was way back and he talked very low, but if I can interpret what he said, the State of New York doesn't consider Mr. Bloss as an elected official?"

Supervisor Janoski: "No, that's not what he said at all."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, that's what I thought he said. That's what I want to get cleared up. But what I'm concerned with, why come the State of New York can dictate to us how we pay and handle our Highway Superintendent and his staff when he's elected from this Town and paid from this Town? You know, that worries me. That's a big principle there that I want cleared up. I don't think they should dictate to us at all with my money and our elections."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, in this case, the State of New York through Audit and Control, I think their role is a very good one. And they watch to make sure that we don't do anything dishonest with the budget. We are certainly required to adhere to certain procedures in preparation and proposal of the budget, which I am happy to say we do. We meet our deadline and, as a matter of fact, we go out of our way to make this budget very complete, because as somebody said, he remembered when this was one page, which I doubt. I saw yesterday, not yesterday but a few days ago, the Budget of the Town of Brookhaven, proposed budget. It was a third the size of this. Now what I pointed out was that that allows the Town of Brookhaven a great deal of latitude as to what they do with the money within a certain category. Because we are very specific with each line item, each item we can very carefully control the expenditure of money and make sure that what it is earmarked for, it goes for. So that someone within a Department which has a general allocation of money could spend money all over the place. With the case of this budget, is so specific that the money must be spent for what it is allocated for in the budget. Now, that's a great deal of trouble to go through that, and thank God we have a lack and we have computers to be able to compare this stuff for us. But we're kind of proud of this particular document and if

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you compare it to any other Town's presentation of the budget. I happen to think that we do one of the best jobs, including Suffolk County."

Steve Haizlip: "Okay, Joe. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Janoski: "Now, let me say that the Highway Department is divided into two things, and that's what Mr. Hansen was saying."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, I hate to see Mr. Bloss' name not in the budget record."

Supervisor Janoski: "Nobody's name is in there. It's just a listing of personnel. The number in Mr. Bloss' case is three. In the Highway Department, the personnel is three people. In the Supervisor's office, it's three people. The Town Board is six, I believe, and so on. Each Department simply has a number as to how many people are included in the personnel line for that Department. No one's name is listed anywhere within the budget, because by the time it's adopted, I could be someplace else. Mr. Prusinowski could have gone back to ABC TV. So we're just talking about number of people and the cost for their services."

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, you category the Department and then add the name in the final. All right, good enough."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Oh Lord. Well, I have to say in all the budgets that I have proposed, this has been one of the most interesting. As far as the Hearing. Is there any other comment on the preparation of budget? I did want to make some comments here. The Town Board is indeed in a very difficult and soul searching situation. The Town of Riverhead it should be said, has allocated some \$45,000 for the East End Arts and the Eastern Suffolk School of Music, and those are monies to take care of the operation and maintenance of those buildings. Another point which came up before which I cannot reiterate too strongly is that Eastern Suffolk School of Music and the East End Arts Council includes more than Riverhead. It includes Southampton, Easthampton, Shelter Island and Southold. And I would almost go out on a limb, but the Town Board would kill me, if I said to you that I pledge to donate to that East End Council exactly what the other Towns do. But I can't do that. Only the Town Board can

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that, of which I'm a member. But I think that we have to recognize that Riverhead is the least wealthy of all the Towns of Suffolk County. Certainly the least wealthy of the eastern Towns. Yet our record of doing this kind of thing is outstanding. Right now we're telling our employees that we're freezing their salaries next year. Now in this world, that's a very difficult thing for our employees to accept. And I don't know how I and the members of the Town Board can balance this problem of, in a time that we are cutting back on personnel and telling people that their salaries are frozen, to start allocating monies for other things. That's the dilemma that we have and I just wanted to say that, and I thank you for taking part in this budget process. The Town Board between now and the 15th of November must enact a budget for 1993. I'm sure that all of the suggestions that we've heard tonight, including Mr. Kasperovich, will be taken under consideration as we deliberate as to what the final product will be. It is very difficult. And things are not getting any better. If there's no further comment, I think that I should open the floor to anyone who wishes to comment on anything at all, including what is ever-- is there anyone else who wishes-- Sid, you want to talk about something else, right?"

Sid Bail: "Yes."

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay. Then, without objection, Steve on the budget? Okay. Without objection, the Hearing on the proposed budget for 1993 is closed. Mr. Bail?"

Sid Bail: "Thank you. Good evening everyone. I'll keep my comments mercifully short. This is in reference to Resolution 667, 668. I understand that's a mistake. There's only one Resolution, right? Correct. I made these points about a week ago so please bear with me. I'm concerned that we consider a negative declaration for the project that's mentioned. There's going to be a potential of over 600 parking spaces. As I said I counted that even in the Pergament, Waldbaum center there isn't that many. And when the Town was gracious enough to assist us in doing a hamlet study in Wading River, we hadn't envisioned an ocean of blacktop. We have a busy two lane road, 25A. It won't undergo any major improvements for the foreseeable future. We're concerned about possible erosion of not only our hamlet study but as I spoke last week, the hamlet studies that are in progress. And as I said, if necessary, we will be here to fight for our hamlet study. And I hoped and I still

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do that some sort of equitable accommodation can be made with our plan and vision for Wading River and Mr. Adel's interest. Thank you."

Supervsior Janoski: "Thank you, Sid. Is there any other comment on anything before the Town Board or anything at all? Steve, did you wish to speak?"

Steve Haizlip: "Steve Haizlip of Calverton. Mr. Janoski and the Town Board members. You always say you are welcome to speak on any subject, anything. Well, I hope that the subject that I have selected will be welcome and it won't bore you. I read the latest decision on the Long Island Lighting Company's tax over assessment this week. I think somewhere along the line, the lawyer that was representing Lilco, didn't speak up about all the many rate increases that they had gotten over those years. Didn't say a word about it in the paper. So now it appears to me that that outfit wants to take and take, but they don't want to put anything back. Now, I don't know if Judge Stark is aware of this, but I certainly hope he gets aware of it, because I'm going to give you an example. When I was building my house, the assessor come around and I had what you call CWIP, because they use that word so doggone much over there that they're trying to use it as an escape clause. But when I was building the house, the assessor come around, he didn't care where I had any rafters up or studs, there's a house going here. Well, okay, it will be assessed at so much. Whether I like it or not, I had to pay it. Then he comes by another time. Oh, the house has progressed along a little bit further. Oh, now it's worth so much more, he puts it on there. Well, that's just exactly what was going on over there as they progressed along, as assessor's are charging. And so now they want their rate increases back that they hit the people with, and they want to keep it and they want the taxes back that they paid. Now, I don't think that's a fair ruling and I don't think it's fair at all to this community and any other community. And I feel that if I don't speak about it, I'm derelict in my-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "I just want to say one thing."

Steve Haizlip: "Go ahead, Vic, cut in there."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Steve, when our Governor made this deal with Lilco, since he's an eloquent speaker and he's-- you

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know, very factual, the facts, he put this thing through. He should have put in the agreement with Lilco that forbade them from suing the Town for the back taxes on the overassessment. Because one of the things with the agreement, the 10 year phase-in, there's 10 years of rate increases to the Long Island Lighting Company to pay for that plant. And the very least-- and they also are phasing in-- phasing out, the tax situation, for example the people who live in Wading River and that school district, over a 10 year period, are going to get clobbered. Now, should this prevail in the Appellate Division all the way up to the Supreme Court, I foresee the people living in that school district and in Brookhaven Town, in about three or four years when this is done, it's going to be unbelievable, the tax charge back from the County portion of their tax bill. They're facing big bucks. But really when the Governor and the State Legislature voted the agreement with Lilco to shut Shoreham down, this should have been taken into consideration."

Steve Haizlip: "Well-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "And, unfortunately, it's too late. They have the right under the law to sue Brookhaven Town for the tax assessment as we face it every day in this Town, and that's it. So now, I think Brookhaven is appealing it, so it will be a few years yet."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, if I understand it correctly, maybe I've gotta be enlightened a little bit on the law, but if I understand it correctly, when I applied to get my assessment reduced, it was for the year that I grieved in. Not for all the years that I go back and built the house and said the over-assessment."

Councilman Prusinowski: "First of all, this \$55,000,000 is only for one year. They plan on going back seven years. I'm telling you, the Lilco spokesman was on News 12. She said well this settles the such and such year. We plan on going back seven years because this case is a threshold case and prove that we've been overassessed right along."

Steve Haizlip: "Well, as Joe once told me, don't get in a dialogue, so I won't get in a dialogue, Joe. So I would like to continue on something else which is still related to them. I'm

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going to try to stay within five minutes, as much as I can."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Ross Perot is coming on at ten, I want to get home and watch it."

Steve Haizlip: "Don't lose your vote. Not a Republican like you."

Councilman Prusinowski: "No, I said he's on at 10:00. I'd like to go home and watch him."

Steve Haizlip: "All right. Now, Mr. Wilmott published a piece in his paper where the Long Island Lighting put a cable out in Shelter Island and they wanted to renege on paying Shelter Island what they agreed to pay them. So I wrote a letter to Lilco and I told them that they're reneging and the State of New York had nothing to do with what the charge would be. I said the only thing you need from the New York State is maybe a PSE permission. Well, it wasn't too long, a Suzy Halpin called me up, says you have stirred up the top command. I said that's what I intended to do. I said because they're one way people. They want everything and take everything, but they don't want to reciprocate appportionately to what they agree. All right. So I called up the Supervisor, I don't even know his name for goodness sakes in Shelter Island, and I-- yes, enlighten who he is."

Supervisor Janoski: "Sherman."

Steve Haizlip: "Sherman. All right. So I called up the Supervisor's office. Secretary answered. So I gave her details of what I just said about Suzy Halpin and they were going to come out and talk and they're going to settle this thing and so forth. And so I said I want to talk with the Supervisor because I wanted to let him know I'm on his side. I'm trying to help him. Well, you know, he just stepped out. Well, you know, Joe, he still stepped out. He never come back in yet in there. So here it is you're tryingto help the man and he's not concerned, so I guess he-- . So that is about the size of my situation. Oh, pardon me, just one more little thing. I happen to be in receipt of a letter here that was dated November 9, 1989. And if you think Lilco is poor, I'm going to tell you something. Between them and a few other utilities, at that time, they had nineteen

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billion dollars in a fund with the Federal government. Now, that was three years ago. So now, I guess they've got about twenty-one billion in there. And one other thing, they don't do nothing for the community. As bad as Grumman is right now and laying off all the people that they are laying off, and as broke as they claim they are, and cutting back on our insurance benefits, at least I see a picture of (inaudible) in there donating \$20,000 to the community for some cause. And they donated to the Library. But you don't see Bill in there donating anything to the community. They're all taking, grab, grab, grab. Thanks Joe."

Supervisor Janoski: "You're on a first name basis with Mr. Catacasenos are you?"

Steve Haizlip: "Oh, the Greek? Well, I though I'd use Bill this time."

Supervisor Janoski: "This is the best show in town. Is there anyone else wishing to be recognized before we take up the Resolutions?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Thank you, Mr. Supervisor. Two points I'd like to make. First on behalf of the Riverhead Womens Issues Task Force, I'd like to thank the Supervisor and the Town for facilitating the presence of the Suffolk County Mammography Van which was out here today in the parking lot. We received some very flattering comments from the staff, this was our first effort at this activity and for a first time in engaging in this activity, we were complimented on how we had scheduled things and made the arrangements, and I'd like to thank Lauren Kratoville for helping to put this together. The second point I'd like to make, is to give a thanks to two people on our staff who have been working very hard, Andrea Lohneiss and Rick Hanley, who had worked very hard on putting together a proposal under the Jobs Bond Act for the extension of the Sewer District. And that proposal was recognized by the State and did make the first cut in terms of acceptable proposals and I have talked to many people in the State who marveled at the level of professionalism and detail that was shown in our proposal and I think they did a terrific job within a very short period of time, and many people said that Riverhead's proposal was right up there as one of the best, so I'd like to thank them for that fine job they did."

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Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Mr. Hanley and members of the Board. The first thing for us to take up of course is the tabled resolution. I don't know if it might not be profitable for Mr. Hanley to in a very quick way, tell us why the recommendation for a negative declaration."

Richard Hanley: "Good evening. Richard Hanley, Planning Director. We received a petition for a change of zone on this parcel, the Town did. Essentially it's a change of the zoning map of the Town. Part of the property, is presently within a commercial zone and part of it, roughly 50%, is in a residential zone. When we received the petition, we completed the Part 2 of the EAF and identified four areas of concern environmentally, dealt with excavation of the site, traffic, community character and wastewater were the four things. We asked the applicant to expand a little bit on his EAF, which he did, and once we received the expanded Part D, we felt comfortable in his explanation and I made the recommendation that the Town Board accept that expanded version of the Environmental Assessment Form and considered a neg dec on the petition. All that neg dec really does, is state that this Town Board thinks that it can make a zoning decision without an EIS. It doesn't mean that there's going to be less level of review. It just means that you don't need an Environmental Impact Statement to do it. That was the reason for the recommendation."

Supervisor Janoski: "Would you outline briefly, not briefly, would you just outline the process for this application to go through."

Richard Hanley: "It's going to be a long process but I'll briefly outline it. There will be a referral to the Planning Board of this Town for a report and recommendation to the Town Board prior to a decision. There will be a referral to the Suffolk County Planning Commission for a report and recommendation to the Board prior to a decision. There will be a referral to the Suffolk County Pine Barrens Review Commission, believe it or not, for a report and recommendation to this Board prior to a decision. So there will an extensive array of analysis on this zoning change prior to this Board acting legally on it."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you, Mr. Hanley."

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Richard Hanley: "As well as a Public Hearing that you will hold."

Supervisor Janoski: "Steve, why don't you come right up here and tell us what's on your mind."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I don't want to miss Ross Perot."

Steve Haizlip: "Vic, I'm glad you're looking at the best man. Okay. Steve Haizlip again. I want to read this line, how much money the Long Island Lighting has got in tax escrow. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 reduced the tax rate for telephone, gas and electrical utilities. As a result, these utilities are holding a total of nearly nineteen billion in excess tax payment from their customers. That's as far as I'm going to go."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. We are very much aware of what the State has done with those franchise taxes. Let us take up the resolutions. The first one of course being the one that was tabled. Does anyone wish to make a Motion to take the resolution from the table?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded to take from the table."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Take.

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there a Motion on the question?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Yes, so moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 649

Councilman Prusinowski: "We're doing a budget adjustment for

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the Sewer District, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 650

Councilman Stark: "Conditional order for extension to the Riverhead Sewer District to serve Casilen Corporation, Osborne Avenue Development, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 651

Councilman Creighton: "This adopts an amendment to Chapter 108 "Zoning" Section 108-56 "Signs" of the Riverhead Town Code regarding the time and temperature displays, so moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 652

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Classifies special permit petition of Suffolk County National Bank for State environmental quality review, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

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Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 653

Councilman Prusinowski: "We're doing a budget adjustment in the solid waste collection district, so moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 654

Councilman Stark: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute lease with NYNEX Meridian System, so moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 655

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes the publication of notice requesting a statement of qualifications for engineering services relative to the capping and closure of municipal landfills. Do you have an amendment you want to add to this?"

Supervisor Janoski: "No, just authorizes so we can place whatever (inaudible). You're talking about the engineering?"

Councilman Creighton: "All we were going to add-- "

Councilman Prusinowski: "All we have to do is where is says Suffolk Life Newspaper, and other publications."

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Supervisor Janoski: "Let's not go through that formality. Let's just have it understood that it's written that way."

Councilman Prusinowski: "So moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 656

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Waives sewer connection fee for 721 East Main Street Corp., so moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 657

Councilman Prusinowski: "Another budget adjustment, general fund, so moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 658

Councilman Stark: "This authorizes the publication of the display ad reference the attendance at the Suffolk County Police Academy, part time employees, so moved."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Seconded."

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Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 659

Councilman Creighton: "This amends the site plan of Mill Pond Commons, so moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 660

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Authorizes refund of monies to Mildreth Booker, based on a change of circumstances, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 661

Councilman Prusinowski: "Awards bids for four vehicles for use by the Riverhead Police Department, so moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes; Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Resolution No. 662

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Councilman Prusinowski: "Ratifies execution of Stipulation of Settlement, so moved."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

The Vote: "Gilliam?"

Councilwoman Gilliam: "I'd like to make a statement before I vote on this. First of all, my vote on this resolution this evening is not to denigrate the quality of the work or to impune the character of any of our Department heads. However, I do recognize as an elected official, that I have a fiduciary responsibility as a trustee of public funds and to ensure that those funds are spent properly. When I took office, I took an oath to uphold the constitution of the United States and the constitution of the State of New York. And the New York State constitution prohibits Towns from making unauthorized expenditures of public funds, and I'm concerned this evening that the facts have not been brought out in terms of whether this is definitely an authorized or unauthorized expenditure of public funds with regard to the issue of compensatory time for our Department heads. I cannot endorse this resolution because of the absence of a Hearing on this matter. Over the course of the past several months, the Grievance Board has spent more than three or four-- met on more than three or four occasions with regard to this matter and I submit within that same time frame, we could have had a Hearing on this to resolve whether or not this was a proper expenditure of funds. However, this was not the case, and there is case law which states that even if there has been a mistake or some misunderstanding, or a municipal officer or employee has made a misrepresentation as to the authorizing of expenditures, that that does not excuse the Town or municipality from seeking a recoupment of those monies. So absent a Hearing on the facts in this case, and a determination as to whether or not the compensatory time was authorized or whether it wasn't, I do not feel that I am in a position this evening to support this resolution because of the possibility that there may have been an unauthorized expenditure of funds. I'm not saying that there was, but I think that it would behoove the Town to explore this a little further in terms of a Hearing and perhaps there would have been some more detailed disclosure as to what actually

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did happen in the past. But that not being the case, I vote no on the resolution."

Councilman Creighton: "Over the last six or eight months, in addition to the meetings, the formal meetings that Harriet mentioned, one of which took place-- both took place in this room-- one of which alone involved three attorneys on both sides of the issue negotiating for in excess of five hours on a Stipulation which was subsequently modified as a result of another day of negotiations between at least two lawyers on either side of this case, and all through this period, there have been numerous negotiations, discussions, research done by attorneys on both sides. I don't know what it cost us in legal fees, that is the taxpayers of Riverhead, to get to the point where we are in this matter. I do know that in addition to the legal fees, we also have paid an outside accountant to go over all the pay records for the last five years or so, and in great detail, and a report dated 10, June has shown that yes, in fact, there were some miscalculations in pay not related to comp time but having to do with the rate at which vacation time was paid or sick time compensation was paid. A couple of these amounted to about \$11.00 and, in one case, amounted to \$700.00 on an individual. The Town has the authority to recover these monies and will do so as far as I understand. At no time has the accountant or anyone else provided any evidence or any substantial allegations that there was misconduct, that there was, in fact, the misuse of comp time, the misplayment for vacation time or leave time. The exhaustive report by the accountant, in fact, was based on payments made of fully authorized by the existing contract under which these employees have labored and labor now. So I think that the Town Board has exhausted its responsibilities in seeing that the obligation to the taxpayers and the people of Riverhead are being fulfilled, and to proceed beyond this would inevitably end up not only in an extensive Public Hearing, not Public but a Grievance Hearing, would also end up in court proceedings, and I've said several times would probably go on for at least two years, and I've not been challenged on that estimate, and at what cost to the Town. So I believe that we have, in fact, fulfilled out obligations and done so in an exhaustive manner. And, therefore, vote yes on this resolution."

The Vote: Stark, yes.

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Councilman Prusinowski: "For the same reasons that Frank eloquently stated, I vote yes."

Supervisor Janoski: "No."

Resolution No. 663

Councilman Stark: "Directs the Supervisor to execute Department Head contracts, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "So moved."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "As I stated back in the summer, I believe it was at the Wading River meeting, I am against the fundamental principle of Department Heads having individual contracts with the Town government. I think it's a costly item and that the same concerns can be addressed through resolutions setting forth the terms and conditions of employment for these Department Heads. And I believe by the Town Board adopting this resolution, this evening, that we are just getting further entrenched into the notion of contractual relationship between Town government and Department Heads and that this is, again, an added cost to the Town being locked into this sort of relationship. And, I must say, as a labor attorney who has worked with a number of municipalities and school districts, there are very few municipalities or governments that have individual contracts with their Department Head employees. Most times, those issues are addressed through resolutions which set forth the terms and conditions of employment. And although my colleagues this evening may state that these contracts have been revised and that there have been some cost saving measures implemented within them, I still have some concerns about the concept of having a contract and I still notice that there is still in these contracts, the provisions regarding a \$400 uniform allowance, and a \$250 cleaning allowance. Now, I count up that there are approximately maybe eight or nine Department Heads who do not use uniforms, and when I add this up it comes to about \$5,850 in terms of cleaning allowance and uniform allowances and I think this is, again, a clear example of an unnecessary provision to which the Town would be bound if they were to go ahead and execute these contracts. And as I said before, I

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think the concern about setting forth terms and conditions of employment can be stipulated or set forth in resolution rather than binding the Town to a contractual relationship with its Department Heads. So I vote no."

Councilman Creighton: "The Town has been in a contractual relationship with these employees for a number of years now, and you can't summarily walk away from that obligation. The employees in this case, in these contracts, have made substantial concessions in negotiations with the Town Board, and I commend them for doing so, among these being the acceptance of zero increase and not even covering cost of living for next year. And with that in mind, I vote yes."

The Vote: Stark, yes.

Councilman Prusinowski: "When I first got elected on the Town Board with Joe, 1980, many of these Department Heads had contracts and all the labor attorneys that I consulted over the years, were also being guided not only by-- were also being guided here by Civil Service Law. And I'm not convinced that past practice here and some of these stipulations can easily be removed by resolution. Yes, we can set the terms and I will point out to Harriet Gilliam that on January 1st all the Department Heads that do not voluntarily agree as these Department Heads have to a zero wage increase for next year as provided in the Supervisor's budget, I'm going to introduce a resolution setting the terms and conditions of those Department Heads. Because I think it's important to set the tone in the Town as these Department Heads have agreed to that we're in tough financial conditions right now and this is the first time I've ever been on a Town Board, I've seen in any levels on government other than what's going on in the County now, that we've ever achieved a wage freeze. We've done it with elected officials but never with contractual employees. So I think that we have corrected the language in there that led to some of the misunderstanding in the practices. We've eliminated some of the key clauses in there that our labor attorney has recommended. And if it were that simple to just pass a resolution and disregard past practice in the law, we're going to find out in some cases. So I vote yes for these contracts. I think they're fair. Also, to implement a wage freeze, the major part of the employees want it to be fair and what happened, when Jim Stark

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and I got elected two years ago, three years ago now, on the Town Board, these contracts were pending for over 18 months. They were left hanging around. The previous Town Board never settled with these Department Heads, and it was our burden to settle contracts that were 18 months past due. Even if we had to set them by a resolution-- so, I vote yes."

Supervisor Janoski: "Are you ready for me? No."

Resolution No. 664

Councilman Creighton: "This authorizes the Town Clerk to publish and post notice to bidders regarding equipment for the landfill, a payloader and a shredder, so moved."

Councilwoman Gilliam: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

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

Resolution No. 665

Councilwoman Gilliam: "Appoints Robert Brown as part time custodian at the Riverhead Nutrition Center, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

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

Resolution No. 666

Councilman Prusinowski: "Authorizes Supervisor to execute agreement with Suffolk County Water Authority, so moved."

Councilman Creighton: "And seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded."

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The Vote: "Gilliam?"

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

The Vote: Creighton, yes; Stark, no; Prusinowski, yes;  
Janoski, yes. Resolution is adopted.

Councilman Prusinowski: "I make a Motion to pay the bills."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well, then let's have that Motion."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I make a Motion to pay the bills  
aduit."

Councilman Stark: "Seconded."

Supervisor Janoski: "Moved and seconded to pay the bills."

The Vote: Gilliam, yes; Creighton, yes; Stark, yes;  
Prusinowski, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 Yes.

Supervisor Janoski: "Without objection, this meeting is  
adjourned."

(Meeting adourned: 9:40 P.M.)

*Barbara Guttan*

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