

Minutes of a Town of Riverhead Board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at the Riverhead town hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York 11901 on Wednesday, November 05, 2008 at 2:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Philip Cardinale,	Supervisor
Barbara Blass,	Councilwoman
James Wooten,	Councilman
Timothy Buckley,	Councilman
John Dunleavy,	Councilman

**ALSO PRESENT:**

Diane Wilhelm,	Deputy Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas,	Town Attorney

(At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Let's go down. Okay, we're going to come down for a presentation.

Okay. We have two presentations today and one of them is— both of them are special but one of them is especially special so I'd like to begin with that one.

We are about to— we have accepted the resignation at the last meeting of Barbara Grattan. Is there a member of her family present? Would you come up, please, Joe.

We— I know that we accepted the resignation of Barbara after 17 years of service to the town last meeting and will this meeting appoint a town clerk to succeed her. We have all the departments I think represented here in the room today because we realize that Barbara was suddenly and seriously taken ill so she's unable to attend but her son is here and we would like to as a board united and as a town united present to her son, Joe, and her daughter, Lori, a proclamation indicating how strongly we feel about Barbara and her service to the town and also a town seal which indicates her 17 years of service.

So on behalf of the board, I'll read this proclamation.

It is fitting and proper for the town of Riverhead to recognize the contributions of those who help better our community and Barbara Grattan, a valued elected official of the town of Riverhead has retired from her position as town clerk after 17 years of public service helping her community.

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And whereas Barbara has always served the town's taxpayers to the best of her ability; and

Whereas, Barbara has distinguished herself as a dedicated public servant; and

Whereas, Barbara has been an active member of the Handicapped Advisory Committee and the Labor Management Committee; and

Whereas, Barbara has been married to Joe, Jr. and together have two children, Tiger and Lori, and five grandchildren, Abby, Daniel, Matthew, Joseph and Allison.

This must be, which one, Daniel- Daniel is here.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that I, Phil Cardinale, Supervisor of the town celebrate her accomplishment and on behalf of our town express my deepest appreciation and the appreciation of the entire town board to Barbara and proclaim today, November 5<sup>th</sup>, as Barbara Grattan Day in this town of Riverhead.

Barbara was-- just won in November of last year, about a year ago now, a four year term and we wish that she were here to fulfill that term but we want to honor her for her years of service by acknowledging them with this town seal and inscription to Barbara Grattan, Town Clerk 1978- hey, that's wrong, that's more than 17 years.

Oh, she actually served the town for more. How- 1978 to 2008 serving the town, 17 years in her present position as town clerk.

So I'd like to give that to Lori to bring home and tell Barbara we send her our love and all our hopes for her.

And the Cablevision guy, if you can get the town- the whole town's- all of the town's departments I think are all represented here, a lot of friends. If you could pan around a little bit and, Barbara, who I hope will be able to see this on TV, channel 22 in a day or two, I hope gets a sense of how strongly everybody in this town feels about her and how everyone is wishing her well.

And I'd like to give the opportunity to Joe and Lori to say something and then any member of the town board that would like to."

Joe Grattan: "Thank you. I want to thank the Supervisor and the town board. I also want to thank her colleagues here in town hall for being here today. Also want to thank everyone for the food that comes to the house, the flowers. There's a tremendous amount of cards that come on a daily basis, all the letters. This does not go unnoticed, especially by her. We'd like to thank all of you,

send out thank you notes, but it's a little impossible with everything that's going on. But it means an awful lot to our family, you know, for the correspondence that comes and the visits and the phone calls and just everything that everyone has done for her.

Riverhead is really a great place and it's because of you people. Thank you all."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Lori, would you like to say anything?"

I know that there's a couple members of the town board who have known Barbara for a long time, so if anyone would like so say anything? Barbara perhaps?"

Councilwoman Blass: "The only thing I could really say right now is that BG, we spoke recently and you know how I feel and you know how everyone else feels."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. We thank everybody for attending today, too, all the town departments. The police are well represented here I guess in deference to former chief, Joe Grattan, and all the department heads are here and we wish you, Barbara, well and please take those- the seal and the proclamation home to her and tell her we wish her the very best.

I thank you. And thank you for that sign. That's really nice. We appreciate it."

Councilwoman Blass: "I think we could correct the proclamation to (inaudible), and actually have the entire town board sign it."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes. Joe- Joe, we are going to correct the time and also all the board members want to sign this and show their support. Okay? Thank you. And I'll take care of that with Trina and we'll get you- get it over to Barbara.

Thank you. Yeah, one more. Thank you very much for coming out to honor Barbara. Thank you, and we do miss and love Barbara. She was always a pleasure to work with and she was always very even handed.

Okay, we have one other thing we have to do before we get the meeting started and that is to honor the Employee of the Quarter. So if Jim Clarkin is here, please come up. He isn't here yet? Okay so then he's probably working as the Employee of the Quarter. Tell me when he does get here, Labor Management, and I'll break and I'll come down and handle this. Very good. Okay, we'll go up and get started with the other stuff.

All this other stuff. Okay, we would like to, Diane, approve the minutes of the October 21<sup>st</sup> meeting, please. Could I have somebody offer them from the board?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I offer."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Second, please."

Councilwoman Blass: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded to approve the October 21<sup>st</sup> board minutes."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Could you raise this just a little bit? Thank you, the volume. All right. Could you give us the Reports and the Reminders and the Applications, Special Events, Correspondence and Community Public Hearing Notices?"

**REPORTS:**

Receiver of Taxes	Utility collections report for October, 2008 - total \$603,618.09
Building Department	monthly report for October, 2008 - total monies collected \$214,727.25
Town Clerk	Monthly report for October, 2008 - \$8,290.38

**REMINDERS:**

The next regularly scheduled town board meeting will be Tuesday, November 18, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at town hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead.

You can also as usual visit our website at [www.riverheadli.com](http://www.riverheadli.com) for the agendas, resolutions, minutes and upcoming meeting."

Diane Wilhelm: "There are no applications, no special events."

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

14 letters re opposition to noise from

	Great Rock Golf Course catering facility
5 letters	Re opposition to special permit Beacon Wireless Management cell tower at N. Wading River Road, Wading River
2 letters	Re supporting special permit petition Beacon Wireless Management cell tower at N. Wading River Road, Wading River
Patricia and Nelson	re code changes Chapter 108 Shaw Zoning accessory building and catering facility
Charles Cuddy, Esq.	Re code changes Chapter 108 Zoning accessory building and catering facility
Albert Keillor	re Wading River historic district
June Scott - Fidelity	re T.A.G. program Bronx Zoo National Title
Antoinette Merenda	re Middle Road lower speed Cardone limit
Robert F. Kozakiewicz	re petition to name private road, Julia's Way
Nancy Binger - CAP Board of Directors	re counseling and prevention program

**COMMUNITY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICES**

Wading River Fire District - 2009 budget summary

Riverhead Fire District - 2009 budget summary

Jamesport Fire District - 2009 budget summary

Jamesport Fire District - notice of annual election

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Is Jim Clarkin here yet?  
Okay, then I think I'd like to move along to the first- first of  
all, any announcements or committee reports from the board? If

there are not, I'd like to move to the first hearing of four we have scheduled."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay, let me open the meeting before you do that."

Public hearing opened: 2:20 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. We have a hearing today to consider the 2009 annual budget which becomes— which must be approved not later than November 20<sup>th</sup>. We would like to take comment on that which has been available to the public since September 30<sup>th</sup> and I'd like to take the first comment. If you'd like to read a statement by Chrissy Sargent I think it's on the dispatcher issue. Go ahead, please."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, I took it because I thought we were going to give Mr. Sargent an award. I'm sorry, Mr. Clarkin, thank you."

Janice McKenna: "Hi. My name is Janice McKenna. I am the secretary of the CSEA union. And I'm reading this for member Christine Sargent, she cannot read it because she had dental work.

My name is Christine Sargent, 1082 West Main Street, Riverhead. I have been a public safety dispatcher for the town of Riverhead for over 30 years. I've been town supervisors, council persons and chiefs of police come and go. But I have never seen such disregard for the safety of our residents or the delayed response time to calls that this proposal would cause.

If SCPD starts answering our 911 calls, several delays can and will occur. When the county is busy, a recording comes on the line asking the caller to wait for the next available operator. When the call is answered, it is by a call taker, not a dispatcher - delay #1.

The call taker enters the information into the computer system and it is prioritized for dispatching. Priority calls are dispatched as soon as possible. However, all other non-emergency calls for service are held until the priority calls are completed or another priority call comes in. Delay #2.

For example, if there's one priority call being handled in town and one in Baiting Hollow, no calls in the Jamesport or Wading River areas would be dispatched. Some of these calls would include prior

larcenies, vehicle lock outs, an accident with no injuries or an assist for someone who has fallen.

Dispatching the ambulance has a different delay #2. After the call taker gets the information, the poor 911 caller is then transferred to Suffolk County Fire Control (which is also occasionally answered by a recording) and must repeat all the information over again for the ambulance to be dispatched.

Right now in Riverhead, a PSD answers an emergency call and dispatches a police officer and ambulance immediately if necessary, sometimes before it is entered into the computer system. Calls for routine and non-emergency incidents are dispatched as soon as possible to the sector car. If that car is busy, an extra unit, if available, or an adjacent sector car is sent. No delay!!!

In addition to 911 lines, the dispatcher also answers the emergency calls on the 727-4500 lines and retrieves associated paperwork for the police officers including criminal histories, license and registration data for arrests, and criminal investigations.

We also enter missing persons, information regarding crimes such as armed robberies, assaults, burglaries, larcenies, warrants, and stolen vehicles into the NYSPIN and NCIC, sometimes before the paperwork even gets into HDQ.

With no public safety dispatchers in Riverhead HDQ, who will answer all the 727-5400 lines and do the associated paperwork? As it stands now, a much needed, and more costly by far, police patrol officer will be in the radio room performing these tasks.

The supervisor and town board say the taxpayers are paying the county for the same service. We're not paying for the same service, we're paying for better service.

I'm also a taxpayer and I think those services are well worth the approximately \$50 person year I pay. Seconds save lives and I do not want to waste any time repeating information when a loved one of mine is in need or I've been a victim of a crime.

The supervisor and the town board say, well, it seems acceptable in Suffolk County. Well, it's not acceptable to me and apparently the over 800 plus people who signed these petitions agree, including the retired Riverhead chief of police and the present one.

And here are the petitions that were signed.

We, the undersigned, oppose the proposed funding cuts that would result in the complete elimination of the town's public safety dispatchers. They are on the front lines, providing Riverhead residents with critical emergency assistance every day. Because Riverhead Public Safety Dispatchers live here and work here, they are best able to swiftly provide help to local families."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you, Jan. Would you hand those up to Diane? Matt."

Matt Hattoff: "Matt Hattoff, President Town of Riverhead Employees. I'm also a taxpayer and I'm a resident."

We've had this discussion, Phil. Other than the fact that you've decided that you're going to push for this, have you taken into consideration the loss revenue that we're going to get from the county, because we're going to lose money. We're going to pay them more money than what we're currently paying."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The- this is a complicated issue but there is no- we have- we are entitled to the dispatching service from the county. That's the clear part of this issue, and we are already paying for that service. That's clear. We would not pay any more for the service except proportionally to whatever they added to I guess is their A budget, which- so if they added- which we hope they do, these nine dispatchers across the county."

The salaries of those nine dispatchers would be part of the A budget that the county residents across the county would pay, including the 20- including the 34,000 Riverhead residents and the enumerator and the denominator would be 1.3 million in the county. So it's 34,000 over 1.3 million. And I'd gladly pay that-- I've asked them to higher these nine dispatchers because I think they'll need them at the county level."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I-- Phil, I think we'll lose some E-911 money, too."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "They will be- as you know, Matt, on a preferred list. We are still working to get them a commitment for hire. Ann Marie Prudenti is working on that. I talked to her this morning. Could you ask if Ann Marie could come in because she may be able to add a comment."

Matt Hattoff: "The nine families that this affects, a preferred list does absolutely nothing for them. Nothing at all. There's no guarantee. You know as well as I do that the county exec has no intentions upon hiring these people. His- what he does is he

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leaves an opening, doesn't fill it, and then he shows that he has a surplus of money. And that's what his intentions are with this.

You're also aware of debt- your claim- let me rephrase this because now I'm starting to get emotional here.

Your- when you released the budget, you said it was \$750,000. Then in the paper a week later, two weeks later, it went up to \$910,000. Our nine dispatchers don't make \$100,000 a year. Even with their benefits and their buy outs, it's not \$100,000 a year. How do you come up with that number?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Bill Rothaar our finance director is here. Seven hundred fifty thousand is as I understand it, is the salary and benefits for the 10 dispatchers that are budgeted-- "

Unidentified: "Nine."

Supervisor Cardinale: "-- and a hundred and- there were nine now but there were 10, a gentleman just left, \$160,000 is the overtime we pay for the dispatching function. The total is 910 so that's how we got to the 910. And Bill is behind you if you want to- "

Bill Rothaar: "The salaries are 540 and benefits- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "You want to indicate the numbers?"

Bill Rothaar: "The salaries are 540 and the benefits are 210. That's how you came up with the 750."

Supervisor Cardinale: "And then the one- how did you calculate the balance of 160 for overtime?"

Bill Rothaar: "I have to look and see what that is. I don't know where the- if it was overtime?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah. I think it was police and dispatcher overtime for the dispatcher function."

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay, we've got to take everything- I think if you can get it to me later, I'll get it to them. Matt, you want to come forward?"

Matt Hattoff: "The money that we're saving, the county is supposed to pick this up?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "The way that— let me just get the context. The proposal— during the last year, it's come to the attention of me, and I brought it to the attention of the town board and Mr. Buckley and Miss Prudenti, who have assisted in this endeavor, that this function of dispatching is a function that the county is responsible for and must provide to this town and any other town that requests it.

In my proposed budget, I disclosed that fact and indicated that because it's a function the county is already mandated to provide by law, I asked the board to consider not including \$910,000 of expenditure in the budget for this purpose and let the county take it over.

I've also indicated— the board is considering that. Three of the people on the board have to agree to do that if it happens. The reason that they would consider doing that is that the \$910,000 represents approximately four and a half percent of the tax rate.

If we went forward with keeping the dispatchers at the town level and not accepting the service from the county, our tax rate would push up four and a half percent more than it already has.

Now that's the decision we're trying to make and we're trying to get information from where we can as to what to do."

Matt Hattoff: "The \$160,000 in overtime that we're looking for, what is that for?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Dispatchers that— who are out had to be filled in for on the 24 hour shifts by police officers or others at time and a half."

Councilwoman Blass: "I think there were some special circumstances that probably would not repeat themselves however in this particular instance."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The contention that it is more like 750 or 800 rather than 900 is— would be— there's an evaluation you would have to do as to whether there were not full staff. If there's not full staff, there's more overtime. That's correct. So that's what Barbara was just alluding to."

Councilwoman Blass: "Actually no. What I was alluding to was the fact that there were two personal FMLA leaves that— two— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, so they weren't at full staff. They didn't have 10."

Councilwoman Blass: "Well, yes, but what I'm saying is the FMLA situation would probably not repeat itself in that context."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So there might be less overtime but the experience last year was 110- "

Matt Hattoff: "Well, putting a cop into cover a dispatcher, now you know as well as I do that the chief of police, the lieutenant, they can mandate overtime. Because they elect not to and they'd rather give the overtime to a cop, doesn't constitute a problem with the dispatchers or my people, that's a management decision."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The instruction of the chief from this board has consistently been since I've been here, to use dispatchers for overtime because it's cheaper. He maintains that he only uses cops when he can't get dispatchers."

Councilman Dunleavy: "That's true."

(Inaudible comment)

Matt Hattoff: "And- "

(Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "We can't catch you unless it's on the recorder."

Matt Hattoff: "You have to come up to the mike."

The only other thing I wanted to ask you is it's four and a half percent. Is your wife, your grandchildren, your mother, your father and this isn't just for you, Phil. It's for the entire board including Barbara who couldn't stick around.

Is your family- is it worth four and a half cents on the dollar? I know mine is. What you're telling me by pushing this through is that the taxpayers of this town are not worth four and a half cents on the dollar and that truly is sad. It's not about putting Riverhead first. It's about putting you first."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, that- let me- on behalf of the board, let me respond that we would like nothing better than to continue to take this service. The- I've said from the outset and so did the entire board, that if we could see statistics that bore out that the county system is significantly less adept than the town, we would love to see those statistics."

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However, we have not seen any statistics and apparently they do not exist and if they are— if you have them, I'd like to see them.

I want to know what the measurement of time is between the call being made and the dispatch message being given out to the police or ambulance. Secondly, we need that stat, we don't have it. If you can provide it for me, I would be very, very delighted.

I've also asked the county on behalf of— with the board's instruction, to send us the requisite funds rather than taking over the function. They have refused to do that.

I've also asked them to commit to hire the nine people. They have declined to do that but they have said that they will place them on a priority list. Which means that if they're going to hire, they have to hire from that list first.

So if I believed— that's a very valid issue, I just haven't seen any statistics. And I point out one other thing.

Wading River is already serviced by the same county system that the board is contemplating going town-wide with. So if this system is as bad as you anecdotally say we should not have the rest of our town on it either.

And if we go up to Brookhaven to enjoy a play or something or an event, if we're in that much danger that their 911 system elsewhere in the county is so terrible, I think we as citizens of this county ought to be marching not here but on Mr. Levy. So I hope that helped a little and I'd like to take any other comments.

And we haven't make a decision yet incidentally, that's what these hearings are for."

Deborah McKee: "Thank you for this opportunity to speak. My name is Deborah McKee, I'm the second Vice-President of the Association of Municipal Employees, the largest independent union in Suffolk County.

And I'm here to speak today on behalf of Cheryl Felice and our membership.

The current worldwide financial crisis is unprecedented in our modern history. (I'm sorry, the glasses are in the car).

Government from top to bottom is faced with decisions that have never been an issue before to the extent that they are now.

However, we must not lose sight of the fact that when all else fails, it is the moral obligation of government to provide services

to the resident and taxpayers they serve, especially with regard to public safety.

Riverhead town is no exception and their dispatchers are a key component to the health and safety of the residents who rely on their services. These are highly trained professionals who as public servants are not only required to maintain their residence in the town of Riverhead in order to keep their jobs, but also they are Riverhead taxpayers as well.

To write them out of the budget and risk losing these safety sensitive positions in one of the fastest growing towns in Suffolk County, shortchanges all the residents and taxpayers of Riverhead.

Dispatchers save seconds; seconds save lives. These 10 dispatchers know every square mile of the town they serve. Now more than ever, Riverhead town residents should be able to expect that these 10 highly trained professionals will remain in place and continue to serve them in the same exceptional manner they have come to expect.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "What was your position with the CSEA? I'm sorry."

Deborah McKee: "I'm with AME, the Association of Municipal Employees. And we are the county union."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. You are the county union."

Deborah McKee: "That's correct."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Is there a different union for the county employees than there is in the town?"

Deborah McKee: "That's correct."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So that the positions if moved to the county would move to your union?"

Deborah McKee: "Is that- I would have to defer to my union president. I don't know how that would occur. It is my understanding that if you do not take a civil service list- test, excuse me, and you are not reachable on a list, you cannot be hired by- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, that would be on a priority list."

Deborah McKee: "I know of no such priority list available."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Ann Marie Prudenti has been working with county. When she comes in, I'll ask her to explain that.

Thank you."

Matt Hattoff: "Were you supposed to do the Employee of the Quarter today?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "We were. We are. He was out so we are waiting for him to come in. Is he here? Okay."

Matt Hattoff: "We have some employees that are here on their lunch hour."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I intended to complete this hearing and then do it in between the first and second hearing."

Matt Hattoff: "Can we close this hearing and reopen it after you- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "We could if you want me to."

Matt Hattoff: "We have some employees that are here on their lunch hour and I think this is going to take a little longer than that. It's about doing the right thing. This should have been done first before we even opened hearings."

Supervisor Cardinale: "He wasn't here."

Councilman Buckley: "We called him and he wasn't here."

Supervisor Cardinale: "But I'd like to do it now if you'd like me to. I mean I could stop the- he wasn't here and we started the first hearing but we could break for a moment. So let's do that."

Matt Hattoff: "This is not going to take long, right?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay, we're going to take a break from this hearing to present an award to the Employee of the Quarter so that some of the people can return to work."

Public hearing adjourned

Public hearing opened

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. I'd like to indicate that we're honoring today Jim Clarkin who was hired in August of 2002 as an AEO with the highway department transferred to sanitation under the supervision of John Reeve here in December of '06 and is honored today as Employee of the Quarter which is a determination made by vote of the Labor Management Committee who is here today as they are each quarter.

I'd like John to comment on the performance of Jim as his supervisor and then let the Labor Management representative to speak."

John Reeve: "On behalf of the sanitation department, just a few words. James is always courteous, on time. Regardless of any instances of health or illnesses, he's on time, ready to rock and roll. Thank you, James."

Supervisor Cardinale: "And thank you on behalf of the town board. The proclamation which I'm going to hand to you and then let the Labor Management speak for a moment states:

Whereas, it is fitting and proper the town recognizes the outstanding service of its employees; and

Whereas, in order to provide the mechanism to recognize said employees and at the recommendation of the Labor Management Committee the Employee of the Quarter program has been established; and

Whereas, James Clarkin has dedicated himself to the service of this government and its citizens; and

Whereas, his service has exemplified the highest levels of expression of public duty.

I, therefore, Phil Cardinale Supervisor of this town, do hereby proclaim today, November 5<sup>th</sup>, James Clarkin Day.

In witness to which I have signed my hand this day.

And we're going to thank you for all your service to this town.

I'll let somebody from Labor Management speak and then let you speak."

Maureen: "Hi. James came highly recommended for this award and it was very easy for us to decide on him. He's done a great job and we hope that he continues to and not only will he get that

proclamation, he gets a hundred dollar US savings bond and a day off with pay."

Supervisor Cardinale: "James please say a word."

James Clarkin: "I just want to say thank you to Johnny and Gina. I was worried that this whole thing was going to be one of those outstanding warrants. So I'm glad to actually get the plaque. Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "You're very welcome and the town board would like to congratulate you. Thanks a lot, Jim, for your effort. Okay, thank you the Labor Management Committee for another good selection and John for your masterful supervision. Here you go. Somebody stick that up, Bill, Bill, here you go."

Public hearing reconvened: 2:45 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay, it's 2:45. We're resuming the scheduled 2:00 p.m. hearing for consideration of the adoption of the 2009 annual budget.

I'd like to take any comment in regard to any aspect of the budget anybody wants to state. Yes, please."

Sandra Mott: "Hi, I'm going to make this brief. This is Sandra Mott, Riverhead.

The long and the short of it is I didn't even know that this was happening with the 911 callers- responders being eliminated until I was signing a petition.

Let me tell you personally on July 1 of '02 I was diagnosed- I had a gran mal seizure and was diagnosed with a benign (inaudible), brain tumor. Had these people not arrived at the door, because when you have a seizure you can have cardiac arrest and you can be dead.

Had they not been on the phone with my mother to accommodate my needs at the time, coupled with my parents' needs over the year, we've been here 15 years. They've been at our house more than once.

Thank God unfortunately however you want to read that, in Glenwood Village my relatives cannot find their way to our house if they have not been there more than once and normally they still get lost and I have to go find them at the rec hall.

These people are saving lives as the lady said before and as anyone who knows who's utilized their services, this has got to be one of the dumbest ideas in the 15 years that I've lived here in the town of Riverhead.

Honest to God, dumb is an understatement. Lives have to be saved. You're bringing more elderly people in. You are bringing people with all kinds of issues in. These people know what they're doing. They should not be dismissed and turned over to the county.

I don't need somebody from God knows where— where is the center? Is it in Hauppauge, the 911 or Yaphank? Same difference. They're not going to get to Glenwood by the time my mother or I put down the phone, we dial, we put down the phone into the receiver, we still have an old phone, and by the time I'm putting it down, they have a police officer at the door and they are at our house saving lives.

You must not do this. You must cut other areas. I am sure that someone somewhere can be retired out or something. These people are saving lives. I'd like the people to stand up to see how many people are actually serviced including yourself by these people over the years.

And if you don't want to do that, they saved me. That's good enough for me. Save these people. They deserve it. This is not a holiday season time that they should be contending with this kind of stuff. Please use your judgment wisely. I thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Thank you, next comment."

Roberta Morissey: "My name is Roberta Morissey and while I'm also a CSEA employee, I am a resident of the town.

I don't have a prepared speech but I want to let you know that I live in a small town. I moved here because I had to but I love my small town. If you take away this service, we're not longer a small town. We're just a part of the county.

I worked with these dispatchers for seven years. They're phenomenal people. They know their job. They save people who are choking on the phone. They give instructions to children on how to save someone who's choking or what to do.

They're caring, they're loving and they're residents of the town. Please don't do away with it. There has to be another way. Please find the way.

Thank you."

Janice McKenna: "Janice McKenna, Riverhead resident, secretary of the union.

Every morning I listen to WRIV. Around October 19<sup>th</sup>, Steve Levy was on talking to Bruce Tria, the disc jockey, and they were

talking about the article that was in the newspaper about the PFD's. And Bruce said well why don't you just give the town the money. And Steve Levy said he'd be more than willing to sit down and negotiate with the town supervisor. So, did that happen? Because you just said that they turned us down."

Supervisor Cardinale: "They did. And if he's more than willing to negotiate, I would be glad to sit down with him. He has not made that offer. I'll repeat my request that he send us the money.

I prefer to leave the service local. But I also feel that the definition of bad management in government is to pay for the same service twice and in the process spend four and a half percent of a tax rate."

Janice McKenna: "So who did you sit down with? I mean who said no?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Ann Marie Prudenti spoke with the commissioner of police. I've spoken with Jeff Salbo (phonetic) and with Jim Morgo (phonetic). Both are deputies."

Councilwoman Blass: "We do have an ongoing dialogue with Legislator Romaine and after a discussion that I had recently with two of the PFD's as promised, I did contact them and did receive an e-mail saying it's a complicated issue but I think they're willing to do what is necessary if that's our choice."

Supervisor Cardinale: "That would be wonderful and would be a solution that I would embrace and I think the board would embrace. But so far we haven't had a solid offer. We'll redouble our efforts. Tomorrow we'll be meeting as a board.

I certainly can commit to the dispatchers that we'll redouble our effort to retain them and to receive a payment back from the county. That certainly would be a solution everyone would prefer. And that's 5-0 on that.

Yes, next comment."

Keith Lewin: "Good afternoon, Supervisor and Town Board. My name is Keith Lewin. I'm a fourth generation resident of the town of Riverhead. I'm also a 30 year active member of Riverhead Ambulance Corps which means I've been on at least 4,000 ambulance calls as a volunteer, never paid, always as a volunteer.

I am a charger member, past chief, and currently president of the Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corps. I know you guys know that because we see each other on a regular basis.

For the audience's information, Riverhead Volunteer Ambulance Corps services the Riverhead ambulance district which is 55.7 square miles. It's the largest emergency ambulance district in Suffolk County and one of the largest in New York State.

Our service area encompasses approximately 30,000 permanent residents and we treat over 2,600 patients each year. Our corps volume is more than double of any neighboring district for fire or ambulance and our ambulance calls compose 10% of the calls handled by the public safety dispatchers.

We'll average seven calls every day. Our individual days maybe 10, 12, 15 calls in a 24 hour period and it's not unusual for us to have three ambulances and crews on the road at the same time.

The point of this is that we interact heavily with the public safety dispatchers. We rely on them. They are our contact with the police, with fire, with other responding agencies. If we need something, we have a single point of contact that we can go to.

If we have a problem, we have a solution. We get on the radio which all our members carry, we ask dispatch for help, and they provide it. We continue to serve the patient because that's our primary job.

It seems that the problem here is the cost and I think that that is an advantage to everyone to say what can we do to reduce cost. This if done would reduce the cost to Riverhead taxpayers. It may reduce liability to the town because they're getting rid of the public safety dispatch access point. Those are things that you are looking at and that's something you should be looking at.

The question is what other solutions are possible. The first one which has been mentioned and I'm sure you are working on is to negotiate with Suffolk County for them not to charge you for services that you or any town doesn't use. That seems to be unfair. That seems to be something the county objects on on a regular basis when the state does it to them.

The other is to decide that local dispatching is worth the expense, that it does provide a service that will not be duplicated by the county. And then to fund it sufficiently so that it works properly and meets all the requirements of (inaudible), of a public safety dispatch agency.

Our concerns as an ambulance corps and my concerns as a resident are that you will be eliminating the direct communications between the patients, the police and the ambulance. That does not

happen with Suffolk County and cannot happen with their size of an organization. A small dispatch service has that advantage.

When we have a police officer responding along with an ambulance, they're often at the scene before we are. They can update us with information, they can tell us the best route into the housing complex, they can tell us whether we should come to the back door or if the house is a flag lot with no visibility from the road, where to look to turn in. These things save time, they also make our job responding easier.

If there's hazards on the roads, black ice in the winter, freeze down during storms, they can let us know so we can adjust our response and adjust our route. If the patient is stable, they can tell us we can slow it down and drive safer. If they tell us the patient is critical, we know we can go as fast as we safely can to get there.

These are all functions that cannot happen with a segregated dispatch between police, fire and ambulance.

I know people in other districts. I cannot provide you with the stats unfortunately on the noticed time I had, but no one will claim that works with other districts that the county system is better than the town system. They are different. One is inherently designed for a large response area and population. The other is designed for a small area, a small population.

The other issue that we have as an ambulance corps is the time frame of getting this implemented. As of today, there's no money in either the 2008 or the 2009 budget for whatever the costs will be to convert over to the new system.

There's equipment that's necessary, there's contracts to other groups and the businesses and agencies that will have to be allotted. There's protocols that will have to be written and then there's testing of all this to make sure it works.

This is an emergency services issue. We have to make sure it works before we tell the public we're going to use it. This will take time and I don't believe we can do it by January 1. Maybe we could do it by June 1 but we don't know. We haven't started the process yet.

The reduced protection for the ambulance responders themselves is my final concern. We go out in the middle of the night and do the size of our district. We often go to the patient's home. There is nothing in the current plan that will provide direct communications between the ambulance members and the central dispatch until they reach an ambulance, a first responder vehicle

or headquarters.

Many corps who do this within the county have different protocols. They require the membership to respond to the house to establish a dispatcher, to establish communications prior to sending someone to the scene.

The reason for that is to protect your manpower, to make sure they have communications, to make sure if they have a problem, they have a solution in hand.

In our case, with our size district with only two headquarters, one in Jamesport and one right in town, people like me who live in Calverton would be driving five miles east to go to a call that's five miles west in Manorville. Our members out in Jamesport may be very close to the population centers but then have to back around to get an ambulance before they go. These are time delays that can't be avoided.

When I go out in the middle of the night I like to know that if something is out there that I don't know about, I'll get notified. If I foresee something that I want to notify the other responders of, notify the police of, I can do so directly. These things cannot be done with the county system and we can make amends, we can make do. We always will, we always have.

But these are losses that the system will have to endure and unfortunately there is no simple solution to that. It's a 30 year process. We've been using it since we first started. It's worked very well. There's often been hiccups that had to be ironed out, but to go in 50 days and take an entirely new system and get it up, running and tested, isn't realistic.

Maybe a study this year to see how to do it while we do these other negotiations would make it more realistic for the future.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Yes."

Roger Clayman: "Good afternoon, Mr. Supervisor, Members of the Council. My name is Roger Clayman. I'm Executive Director of the Long Island Federation of Labor. I feel like I'm starting to become a regular here in Riverhead but I think that's a good thing.

We stay in very close touch with Matt and I think it's a credit to Matt and the job that he's done for his members in his local union that he's shared his concerns here with the larger labor movement.

This is our second big budget discussion of the day, the first being at the Suffolk County Legislature with their budget deliberations and then previously with Steve Levy about some very difficult concerns we have with the way he was relating to funding services within the county and particularly with the Foley Nursing Home.

And I think it was clear from what we learned today and what has been accomplished in compromises at the Legislature and just from the discussions we had about services, there's not a great likelihood of the county picking up employees who are laid off because of this particular situation in your own budget.

So I think as we look across the county, we were all- and across Long Island really, we are all responding to an economic crisis and you know well and you know your own budget better than I do, but if there's a theme that emerges from one town to another across Long Island, it's that we have to do our best to justify as union members our jobs, what we provide to the county. That's an obligation we always have. But we also have to ask you to preserve- to balance the budget by not letting people off and costing people their jobs in a time of great economic uncertainty.

So we ask you to use your knowledge and your wisdom as best you can to find a way to keep these dispatchers on.

In talking to AME and talking to the county, we know that there's a shortage of dispatchers and 911 workers within the county. They're already overloaded. Response times are way too long throughout the county.

I think that the people who work here have given you pretty good detail about what the problems would be without this work force in terms of public safety.

So I urge you to do your best to work with this group. Keep these folks on for the good of the taxpayers. Keep them on because if we confront the problems from town to town across Long Island, the answer is to save jobs, keep people working, and that's really far more healthy for our economy and our economic climate today than trying to lay them off and hope the service will be provided in another way.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Roger Clayman: "C-L-A-Y-M-A-N."

Diane Wilhelm: "Thank you."

Nick LaMort: "Good afternoon Supervisor Cardinale and Members of the Town Board. My name is Nick LaMort. I am the Long Island President for CSEA. And I represent 50,000 members from the tip of Montauk Point all the way in to the Nassau/Queens border.

I'm here today because what you might be doing is certainly of concern to CSEA and it's of a concern because, yes, as Roger Clayman just eloquently spoke about balancing budgets on the back of public employees.

These public safety dispatchers are highly trained professionals who are skilled at answering and assisting residents during times of crises, illness, and emergencies of all kinds. And I think that their work is paramount to the safety of the residents that you also have to serve.

Balancing budgets are not an easy task anymore especially when we realize all of us as taxpayers and you as the Supervisor and Town Board Members, where the economy is in a tank. But who's going to pay the mortgages and the bills of these nine dispatchers should they be laid off? And it is a lay off.

We can rationalize it and come up with all different kinds of numbers, but the true reality for these nine families is that they will be lacking income and that's a travesty.

I mean we just witnessed a very good thing that the town has done where they thank an employee, a member of our union, for the services and good work that he did and does every day. And let's not get lost in that feeling because when you lay people off and throw them out of the street, it really does disrupt their life to no end and they know better than me who would actually feel that pain.

So what we're saying is, what I'm saying is, if you need some help with Steve Levy, who's a tough nut and I don't mean that in a derogatory way, especially after all the ads going back and forth on the radio, we'd be more than willing to try to help and sit down and do anything we can to try to help convince him that he shouldn't be billing you for the services that these nine dispatchers provide to this great town.

So anything that CSEA could do on a much higher level, where I am, I have no problem with that at all. I don't have a problem with making those phone calls, double checking numbers. We do have a research department in Albany if we could help crunch some numbers for you. So you don't have to take this drastic measure of laying people off. We'd be more than happy to do that.

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So on behalf of CSEA, we want to partner with you. We don't necessarily want to be adversarial but when we have to be, we have to be, and we know that you understand that."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I will take you up on that because as I said earlier the solution to this problem is obvious. We like the service. We don't like the double cost.

But I think Mr. Clayman said earlier and you did just now, that Steve is difficult and the likelihood of getting him to do what I think is the right thing here which is to support the service, that they are avoiding the necessity of fulfilling because we're producing at the local level. If we could get some help on that, I'm sure the board would be grateful."

Nick LaMort: "And we realize it's a very complicated issue, you know. But we've got to try to help these nine families. I mean this is just unacceptable to us.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I'll be in contact with you, Nick. Thank you."

Nick LaMort: "Thank you."

Candy Ulmet: "My name is Candy Ulmet. I'm a public safety dispatcher as well as a resident of Riverhead. I moved into Riverhead in 1979 to join the Riverhead Town Ambulance Corps with Mr. Dunleavy. I babysat Mr. Dunleavy's children. I've worked with three of you town board members. I voted you all in as good faith that you were going to take of my town, take care of my family members, my friends, my co-workers, and now you're going to get rid of nine very important jobs.

I believe the dispatchers are the heartbeat of this town. They save lives on a daily basis. We give a one on one to each and every resident of this town.

I'm not talking about that to save my job. I'm talking about that because it could be one of my family members that need the police and aren't going to get the response that they would get if we were still sitting over there.

It's just— Tim, I checked on your family when you were in Iraq. Jim, I've known you for years. You've been at my house. I just can't believe that you would just jeopardize the town like this.

I just- I don't want to bring salaries into this either, but there's five dispatchers, two or three have been here 10 years, that don't make as much as a town board member.

I've been here for 20 years. I only make about \$3,000 more than a town board member. I work weekends. I've never called in sick for a storm or a hurricane or a blizzard. We're here all the time for you people. We work 255 days a year. We can't do much more than that. We're tired, we're stressed. But we love our job, that's why we stay here.

I probably in 1990 went for 10 interviews with Suffolk County Police. I didn't want them. I wanted here. I wanted to stay here with my town. It's just- I have to go to work."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Bill Walsh: "Mr. Supervisor, Members of the Town Board. My name is Bill Walsh. I am president of the Suffolk Municipal Local 852.

I stood here and I listened to all the previous comments that were made. I'm not going to repeat them. But I do want to just point out a couple things.

I think we can all agree that the county executive, Steve Levy, is choosing to make cuts in this area. We hear it every day on the radio. We were at demonstrations. We hear from the people at the county level who are doing this job and how it's going to impact those residents that don't get the service that a town like Riverhead does.

And I say that because I live in the town of Brookhaven. I can tell you Brookhaven is not a town, it's a city. There's a half a million people. Riverhead is still a town, you should be proud of it. You should be proud of having a service that a town provides.

I'm asking you to consider everything that's being said here today and remember that you were elected to serve this town. Don't make the same mistakes just because other elected officials choose to do that and cast off the responsibility of government, of service.

I think living in the town of Riverhead says something about those people and I, you know, crunched some numbers and we've heard all different kinds of theories on how people can get picked up over here if they're let go. I believe it's somewhere around \$60 a resident is what it would take to keep these people working.

I ask you to really consider this action that you're looking to take regarding this group of employees. And before you make a decision, I want you to go home. I want you to sit with your families around the table. Go visit your grandchildren if you have them.

And just think about— look at them, and think about what will happen six months from now, a year from now if a decision that you make adversely impacts their life. Think about that. Because every resident in this town may be impacted negatively by the decisions that you make today and never should we ever allow a dollar to cause someone's life.

Thank you very much."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Thank you."

Dixon Palmer: "Good afternoon to the Board. I'm Dixon Palmer, PBA President of Riverhead. And I'm here to support the dispatchers.

I started out as a part time police officer back in 1980 and I feel that the response time in Riverhead is by far throughout the whole county number one and that's a large part because of the dispatchers, whether it be police, ambulance or fire. They're a big part of it.

Also, safety with them, they know the area, they know the roadways, the community. There is, you know, a few different areas in Riverhead that we have problems with and they know that. I'm not sure whether the dispatchers in the county would have that knowledge. But I feel you guys are going to work this out and it will be the best for the town.

All right? Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Okay, we have any other comment on any other topic related to the budget, we'd be glad to take, including this topic. Go ahead."

Melissa Breitenbach: "Hi. Sorry for anything she said. Melissa Breitenbach, town dispatcher for the past three years. I'm just curious as to how long you guys are going to continue to consider this decision without having all the logistics that you need to make the decision. You said you don't have the statistics and you have numbers, so how— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "I have asked Ann Marie Prudenti is the town attorney in charge of this to come in but she's out of the office apparently.

But as far as I know from discussion- as far as Commissioner Dormer (phonetic), statistics for the time period from the first time the phone rings to the dispatch to the police unit are not available at the county and I am absolutely certain they're not available at the town because that's what the chief has advised me.

So the only thing we have as far as which system is quicker is anecdotal evidence and what was read into the record which I think qualifies as some evidence by Chrissy Sargent of where she thinks the time will be longer in the county.

But we don't have any statistics measuring the time so that the board could say it takes one minute fourteen seconds to get the dispatch into the police vehicle and the town and three point four seconds, or three minutes four seconds at the county. We just don't have that."

Melissa Breitenbach: "But that doesn't concern you?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "It concerns me but it concerns me we don't have neither the town nor the county. So all we can do is try to ascertain whether there is a significant difference in the response time by other means because the statistics are not readily available. They're not at all available."

Melissa Breitenbach: "What about the fact that there will obviously be the potential for PO overtime and patrol being pulled off of the road to handle their own investigatory work that we usually handle?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "I was unaware the dispatchers did investigatory work."

Melissa Breitenbach: "We do. Yes, we do a significant amount of research for people that are on patrol so that they can stay on the road and we do it for them. We look up numbers, we look up names, we look up histories, we look up criminal histories."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The police chief has been the source of information for us so I hope I'm getting correct information."

I also want to put out that one of the things the police chief has consistently complained about is that the turnover in dispatchers from the town, that there are many that leave, continually leave the town, and that has posed a problem in management for him.

So I'm- I assume that to be the case. I also assume that there are no statistics because he's my source for that and if there is

any function— as far as I know, we are not hiring anyone or we're not required to hire anyone and he hasn't recommended hiring anyone to fulfill any of the dispatching function.

We have discussed who'll answer the ordinary calls and that would be the desk officer, that was the conclusion on that. Ann Marie— "

Melissa Breitenbach: "And you're under the impression that one police officer can handle that call volume plus everyone that comes to the window?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "That's the information that I have gotten when I raised the question and the board has raised the question. The desk officer will cover it."

Melissa Breitenbach: "Well (inaudible)."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I would be interested in that because what I'm trying to figure out aside from the speed of response, if there's any difference that would be very relevant. I'm trying to figure out what the savings is if any and obviously if you save 800 or 900 over a year and you have to spend 300 over here, your savings isn't nine, it's six. So I think that's very relevant and I certainly will ask the chief tomorrow in a work session when we discuss it."

Melissa Breitenbach: "Well, because it's not only the problem of the financial aspect but also the fact that citizens are already complaining about lack of patrol, not enough officers being on the force as it is.

And if they're going to have to come in off patrol to handle their own paperwork that we would usually just do for them, how many officers are you going to have at a clip on a tour in a day not patrolling the streets that are getting progressively worse and worse."

Supervisor Cardinale: "We certainly think that that's relevant if it's occurring. We've been trying to do the reverse. We've hired a computer civilian, a computer technician civilian and replaced a police officer so he could go out on the street.

We've hired several police officers each year so we can get more on the streets. So we do not want him off the street. So we will look at that and I'll rely on the chief.

Ann Marie Prudenti is here. I wanted you to be present just to hear what was being said to discuss it with us tomorrow.

Yes, thank you for your points."

Melissa Breitenbach: "Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes?"

Victoria Vourakis: "Good afternoon. My name is Victoria Vourakis, I'm with the town of Riverhead for 32 years and the police department for 21 years.

I don't know if any of you individuals have ever needed to have an ambulance or call the police department but I have had that unfortunate experience which thank goodness was a fortunate one.

I was involved in a very bad motor vehicle accident where my car was totaled. The police were there in a matter of minutes. The ambulance was there. I was taken to the hospital.

I had another incident in 2006 when I had an allergic reaction to medication. I had a fat lip when I came into work, ended up going to the doctor later in the day and my doctor advised me if your throat should start to close up or if you have heart palpitations or both, please get to the hospital as soon as possible.

I called the police department, the public dispatcher sergeant answered the call and she asked me if I wanted an ambulance. I said no. She Officer James respond to my residence. He took me to the hospital and got me in to the emergency room. I later was taken home by Officer Welsh.

I had another incident where my television started to smoke, my lights were all dimming. I ran down the stores to call headquarters. There was popping all over the place in my house. It was a very scary and nerve-wracking experience.

I called the police department. Officer Scott answered the phone, indicated they were extremely busy. They'd get someone to my house as soon as possible. Again, in a matter of minutes, Sgt. Palmer was on the scene. Then fire chief Woodson responded and then LIPA had to come in and secure lines to get my electrical working.

Just recently two weeks ago today, there was a house (inaudible) across the street from me. They had a kitchen fire. It was a very scary experience to go home on my lunch hour, see all these fire trucks, and police cars there. Thank goodness everybody was okay.

Again, a week ago Monday, directly across the street from my house, someone needed to be taken to the hospital. The police were there and an ambulance was there.

I don't know if you know, we have quite a few officers, new police officers on the road. A lot of them don't know all the roads in town. Is Suffolk County Police Department going to know how to locate all these different residences with all the developments that are in town now, all these new homes?

And in closing I would just like to say that there really is no dollar amount you can put on human life.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Next comment."

Tom Skabry: "Thank you for letting me address the town board and the board members.

My name is Tom Skabry. I'm a resident of Center Moriches which is Brookhaven town. We are not represented by a town PSD force. We are represented by Suffolk County and basically from what I understand I also happen to represent the Southold town PSD's and it's my understanding that your PSD's are trained on how to show a caller who calls up complaining about an incident where somebody might be dealing with a heart attack or might be unconscious.

These people are trained on how to tell somebody on the other end of the line on how to revive them or choking hazard which some of the people have mentioned in the past.

Also the way your resident or somebody who is calling from within Riverhead's district to their police headquarters, a PSD answers the phone, they determine if it's a fire or ambulance rescue, they'll contact directly to the Riverhead Ambulance Squad or they'll contact the relevant fire department who will then dispatch their workers, their fire departments or personnel to the scene.

They will also contact the police department for assistance.

Brookhaven town doesn't quite work like that. And this is not any disrespect to the workers at the county level. However, I will say it's a disrespect to the leadership of Suffolk County because I think it's absolutely ridiculous that a resident who's calling up in a 911 emergency has to call up, and I can testify to you right now it has happened to me, where I was put on hold for five minutes before I was dispatched not to the local Center Moriches Fire Department but to a fire dispatcher in Yaphank who took my

information down, then had to contact the Center Moriches Fire Department.

That is a very real reduction in services that the residents of Riverhead will be receiving if you feel that you still have to and you do implement the elimination of the specially trained public safety dispatchers in the town of Riverhead.

And I strongly urge you look into the research records, there will be response times. I know Southold does keep the response times. For all intents and purposes, it's a pretty good comparison so you can take those numbers and you can also compare it to other municipalities at the county levels who have the same type of structure that Suffolk County has. And that's how you can probably get your facts and figures even though it might not be the actual Suffolk County numbers or Riverhead town. But that's other ways you can do to crunch your numbers.

And I just really urge this entire board to really consider keeping your PSD's on. They do- they support you and they also help the residents.

Thank you."

Tom Skabry: "Tom Skabry- S-K-A-B-R-Y."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Next comment, please."

Matt Hattoff: "Matt Hattoff. You don't have numbers on how long it takes for a call?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "No. As I understand it, I have asked both the county and Ann Marie may wish to speak to this, I have asked both the county and the town, the police chief and commissioner respectively, to give me the number that is relevant which is from the time the phone rings to the time the dispatcher or the call attendant picks it up and dispatches the message, need a car for this purpose, this place. They do not have those statistics at either level. So we're relegated to what we're getting, which is anecdotal or analytical evidence of who's faster."

Matt Hattoff: "Computer aided dispatch, CAD, that would give you your numbers and I do believe the town does have that and so does the county."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, I'll ask Ann Marie to address that but what I've seen, Matt, is this.

When the call comes in and when the computer information is completed into the system, that's like a seven minute number.

That's not the dispatch number. It's the conclusion of the episode number. We need a particular number from the time the phone rings to the time that the information is gotten to the patrol car. That number, if it's available, I'd love to have it. And I'd love to have it at both levels.

Ann Marie, can you address this, please?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I just say something on that? I think that the chief should be able to research this because when a phone call comes in, they punch a card. When they dispatch the ambulance, they punch the card again- not anymore? Okay. So I guess you can't. We could do it in the old days, we can't do it now."

Matt Hattoff: "Just a- it seems to me that that would be something that you would want- it might keep the town from being litigated because if I feel that it takes too long to get a call out and something happens to somebody, somebody dies or something, I'm definitely going to contact an attorney and look into response time and I'm sure the town will be able to come up with those correct numbers."

Supervisor Cardinale: "All I can tell you is I've requested them and I haven't gotten them. Ann Marie if you can tell me or why don't you go up and elaborate because I would love those numbers but I've not gotten them at the county or the town level."

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Your statement is correct. It logs the episode. It logs from essentially the time the call is picked up until the completion of the assignment. So somebody could be dispatched during that period of time but they're not closing it out until they know that officer or patrol car is free for the next call.

As far as the town of Riverhead, you know, the chief and I went over it several times. We simply don't have those statistics nor do we have the ability to gather that information. I agree it's unfortunate but the town just- we don't maintain records."

Supervisor Cardinale: "How about at the county level?"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "At the county level, it's just the episode and what they can give you is the time from when the call comes in up until the time it's actually answered and we've gone over those statistics that calls are actually picked up and information is starting to be logged and taken in and forwarded within I think it's 95% of the time within 10 seconds. And then the other five percent is answered I believe within 10 to 30 seconds. Those are the only statistics we've been able to get so far."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I ask Ann Marie something?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ann Marie, I just want to ask you a question. How come then if a call is disputed and someone says it took 20 minutes for a police officer to get here, they come back and say no, our computers say he arrived in five minutes or he arrived in three minutes. If they don't keep those times, how can they say that? And I know the county says that and I know the town says that."

When a call is disputed on how long it takes to get there, they always come back with an answer. So I don't know if like you're saying, the dispatch time and the conclusion time and nothing in between is kept, how do they get these numbers?"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Well, I mean I'm not privy to their computer system nor by access to our police system, but I'm sure there's other identifiers in that system, for instance, if a police officer on the scene then places another call and directs some other type of activity, you know. I just can't answer the question without being privy to their computer system."

Supervisor Cardinale: "But you can confirm, can you not, that you asked the chief of our department—"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Correct."

Supervisor Cardinale: "-- and the commissioner of their department for the information and they don't have it."

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Absolutely."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Or at least they're not giving it to us."

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Yes."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Thank you. Any other comments, please."

Thea Cohen: "Hi, I'm Thea Cohen, a town resident. And I feel very strongly that this is an area in public safety, any public safety that should not be cut at all. And the reason being is that we still have a serious crime issue in the town of Riverhead, that of which I'm familiar with because I live right next door to the River Point apartments and only 200 feet away from a brutal murder."

I feel that the police department is doing everything they can to come against the drug dealers but they do need help and the dispatchers are a major part in relating the information to them.

At this time, I feel that the community should come together just like the government did, the police department and the residents to form a neighborhood crime watch. And in doing that, have signs put up all around the town of Riverhead, at the entrances of Riverhead, so it would deter crime, deter drug dealers who are coming from Shirley, Mastic, they're coming from outside the town.

Then, especially then, you will need dispatchers because once the residents get involved, you have the eyes and ears of the neighborhood throughout town, they're going to be making calls. And we need all the help that we can get.

So I can't understand why this area in public safety, any public safety, is being cut in the budget here."

Supervisor Cardinale: "You are aware of the issue are you not that we are not cutting that, we are paying for the service at the county level and we are either going to ask the county to take it over or we're going to decline to take the service from the county and continue to pay for it at this level. That's the issue. Not that we're going to cut it- we're going to have dispatchers.

The question is are we going to accept the county service which we've already paid for or are we going to decline to accept it, saying it is inferior and continue with the present town service. And what we're trying to do is get to statistics to establish if it is an inferior service they're offering from what we're presently receiving."

Thea Cohen: "Well why am I hearing that people are going to be losing their jobs?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Because if the county takes it over, they would be- the function at the town level would cease, but it would continue at the county level. The dispatcher function would continue.

The question is, therefore, not whether we're cutting. The question is are we cutting a better service to replace it for a lesser service? We're not considering not having dispatchers. That would be insane, you're right."

Thea Cohen: "Well, I feel we need all of them."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The county isn't doing- it's either the town and the county. The county isn't going to do it unless-

you have to have one or the other. You can't have both. So, and you pay at the county level whether or not you use the service."

Thea Cohen: "Well, I liked what the gentleman said about a group from Riverhead going down and speaking to Steve Levy and really breaking through. Because apparently-- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "I'd like that, too."

Thea Cohen: "-- apparently, you know, I haven't met him yet but I have a feeling I will soon, that he doesn't care very much about Riverhead.

We are getting dumped on and I personally and all of the residents are tired of it, not just with, you know, the things that are happening, the sex trailer that was allowed to come here, and I know you're probably making every effort-- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, we are."

Thea Cohen: "-- I think that we should go right into the county's face and tell them enough is enough. I mean the residents are trying to do something to clean up the town. You know, it's really a shame and the developers want to come here.

You know why they don't want to come here? Because people won't walk downtown."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. I appreciate what you're saying and we will speak to Mr. Levy."

Thea Cohen: "Well if you want me to be there, I'll go with you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you, Thea. Thank you. Can I have any other comment on any other issue related to the budget? Yes, sir."

Tom Tobin: "Hi. My name is Tom Tobin and I'm a brand new resident to the area."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Welcome."

Tom Tobin: "Thank you. I live in Stoneleigh Woods and I had to talk to these dispatchers only because I had a horrible experience with the county's dispatchers.

We were coming out here to look at our home. We were on the Long Island Expressway at Exit 63. We were terrorized by two young men in a-- my wife and I-- in a Honda Civic. It was red, I couldn't

get the license number because I backed off far enough so I wouldn't get hurt.

I called the county 911. We gave them a description of the car without license number, told them what was going on. These men were going from the (inaudible) lane all the way over the shoulder of the road. Okay?

I passed two highway patrol cars at exit 66 and I'm not going to say that they had been warned or made aware of it or not. But I got to exit 71 and that car reappeared so I got back on the phone with the county dispatcher, 911, and to keep it short because I know this has been a long meeting for you people, that dispatcher was such a goof ball that she hooked me into town hall, Riverhead. She told me that was a Riverhead problem and she connected me with the town hall. It was a Saturday and all I got was your recording, you have reached the Riverhead town hall. We are closed for the day.

Now, gentlemen, I never had that happen and I'm from Nassau County. Let me just tell you. Their 911 system is not all that great either but I've never had that kind of experience.

I came out of an area called Port Washington. They have their own police department and their own dispatcher, in fact, dispatchers. And those people in Port Washington wouldn't give up their dispatchers if they had to give up the police chief."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Can we work something out, chief?"

Tom Tobin: "No. The truth of the matter is all I would say to you people is don't be in any hurry to give up your locals. Your local people know the area and I will tell you this. I lived in an area in Port Washington where they had given up protection to Nassau County police. We— under Port Washington, we had eight cars in the area patrolling us. When Nassau County came in, we got one. One care for 13,000 people in the area.

Don't be surprised if Suffolk County pulls the same thing on you and I'm new here, as I say. I don't know all the streets. So if they take a guy out of Huntington/Melville and put him in a car out here, how long is it going to take him to learn the area?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, we're not contemplating police change."

Tom Tobin: "No, I'm not talking about that, Mr. Cardinale.

What I am saying is if you've got your local people in place and they're doing the job, think very carefully before you give up the local people. You are going to cut your throats if you don't.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. I kind of like that idea about losing the police chief and keeping the dispatchers."

Pete Collins: "Good afternoon. I just would like to say my name is Pete Collins. I'm a vice-president of Local 852 which supports our PSD's here.

I'd like to remind you folks we just bailed out billions and billions of dollars, not that the town of Riverhead did but our tax dollars did. I would like to remind you folks each and every one of you and the people here in the audience, that this is Main Street. It says so right out there. These people are an integral part of Main Street.

On the application for employment for a PSD it states right there as part of the qualifications for the job, that they must have a working knowledge of the area with which they are working.

I overheard some conversations earlier coming in here where people were talking about this trailer park or that trailer park and I submit to you that some guy or some gal in Yaphank who gets a phone call, a 911 call and it says it's on Jones Road which happens to be a trailer park but they don't know that. I don't know how many police cars you have on the road or how many sectors you have, and they certainly aren't going to have a working knowledge of what's going on in your area.

You people are playing with lives and I wouldn't want to be in your position.

Thank you.

Another thing, if you could have a meeting at night, perhaps you'd get a little bit more intake on what's going on. I think that might work to your advantage here and help you to make a decision.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Any other comments. If not, we will leave this hearing open for 10 days for written comment and we will be considering the budget at the intervening work session.

There will be a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of November at which we'll likely make the decision in regard to all budget matters.

So thank you very much. I appreciate your comments. You've given us much to think of and we appreciate the orderliness and logic of your arguments."

Public hearing closed: 3:40 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days for written  
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Public hearing opened: 3:40 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "It is now 3:40 and I'm going to start the second hearing which is scheduled for 2:05 for the consideration of a local law amending Chapter 18 entitled code of ethics, Section 108-10 and 108-16 of the Riverhead town code.

This amendment to the ethics code calls for an alteration in the timing from July to March 15<sup>th</sup> of each year for the filing of financial disclosure and conflict statements in order to make it more logical essentially.

If anyone has a comment I'd like to take it at this time. If there is no verbal comment on this matter, I will leave it open for 10 days to the 15<sup>th</sup> which is Friday— no actually it's— what I'd like to do is indicate since it's a Wednesday meeting, yes, that it would be the 15<sup>th</sup>. Correct? The 14<sup>th</sup> is a Friday. Let's see, let's do this right, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>. The 14<sup>th</sup> is the date that I'd like to leave these hearings open to. All hearings will be open— continue for 10 days for written comment which must reach the clerk's office by 4:30 on November 14<sup>th</sup>.

Okay, so I'd like to close this at 3:41, leaving it open for written comment if there is such by Friday, the 14<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 to the clerk."

Public hearing closed: 3:41 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days for written  
comment to November 14, 2008 at  
4:30 p.m.

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Public hearing opened: 3:41 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "The third public hearing is a public hearing for consideration of a local law amending Chapter 44 entitled Agricultural Lands Preservation and what this does is this states changes or proposes to change the composition of the Farmland Preservation Committee which advises us as to purchasing of farm rights, farm development rights— development rights from farmland.

Instead of four residents of the town actively engaged in the ownership and operation of farms located on the agricultural lands within the town, four members of the agricultural community.

So they could be members of the agricultural community who do not necessarily reside in the town.

This will help us to get full membership on the committee.

Any comment on that? If there is any comment, please come up. If there is not, consider the hearing opened at 4- 3:41 and closed at 3:42 and leave it open until November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 for written comment."

Public hearing closed: 3:42 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days for written  
comment to November 14, 2008 at  
4:30 p.m.

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Public hearing opened: 3:42 p.m.

Supervisor Cardinale: "And move onto the fourth hearing commencing at 3:42 is for consideration of the development of the town of Riverhead CDA- I'm sorry Community Development Block Grant application for the year 2009, fiscal year 2009.

And this has to do with a- yeah, this is not the right one. Thank you.

This has to do with I believe the situation in which groups that are looking for some help from the town will come up and make their case.

We have some groups we've helped and we have a history with, some we may not. But I'd like to open this up now, the 2009 Community Development Block Grant, CDBG, is held to solicit comments and input to the town's 2009 application. The grant amount is estimated at a total of \$156,000 to include the town's home improvement program, program administration, public services and public utility projects.

Public service projects may not exceed \$23,400 in total, 15% of the maximum total grant. And may not be less than \$5,000 individually. So it looks like we have about \$23,400 to spend of which they can't be less than \$5,000 which is I think a new rule because we used to do different.

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So the reality is we have \$23,400 and we can give grants but we can't give less than \$5,000.

Is the CDA director in the room? Bill, if you could have Kempner come in? Public services include counseling, soup kitchens, senior services, provide at least 51% of the benefits to low and moderate income persons.

Public facility projects must be located in low to moderate income areas. The town board must make final determination at the December 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, as all project descriptions must be submitted to Suffolk County Community Development by December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

And then I have the allocation from last year which is tough. We have less money than last year. From what I can see here our home improvement program gobbled up last year's, (inaudible) the largest percentage of last year, \$121,000.

But then we had \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, \$5,000, so we had five \$5,000 grants.

Chris, on this- I'm trying to make- for the people that are here to ask for some help, is this accurate. I am understanding that we have actually \$23,400 available."

Chris Kempner: "Well, the grant is estimated to be \$156,000-"

Supervisor Cardinale: "I got that."

Chris Kempner: "-- and then we're limited to 15% of that going to public service projects."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So that's 23.4 for the public service projects we're going to hear from."

Chris Kempner: "Right. And then the second constraint is the grant to each public service project may not be less than \$5,000."

Supervisor Cardinale: "And that was so last year. But it changed- "

Chris Kempner: "Last year our amount was \$165 to begin."

Supervisor Cardinale: "That's what I was getting at. Yeah."

Chris Kempner: "So we were able to do the five grants at \$5,000."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah. So now we're not even- we can't fund five fully."

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Chris Kempner: "We're going to have to go down to four if we were funding in the same funding level."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, last year we did five for 5,000. Correct?"

Chris Kempner: "Unless we reduced it to even fewer groups and gave larger amounts which is the county encourages that to show more of an impact, but- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Last year what did we have to give out? That's what these people want to know."

Chris Kempner: "Last year our initial allocation was 165- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Right."

Chris Kempner: "-- but when it came to the final application it was reduced to 156."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So we have \$9,000 less."

Chris Kempner: "Well, and then we're basing this amount for 2,900, our budget of 156 on last year's amount. It could actually be reduced again- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "We'll know that when?"

Chris Kempner: "I think they told us in January."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Because they're doing the budget right now."

Chris Kempner: "Right. They go through their hearing process and then they get feedback from HUD."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Is this federal money?"

Chris Kempner: "Yes. This is federal Housing and Urban Development money."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Administered through the county to us?"

Chris Kempner: "We're part of the Suffolk County consortium. So we're allocated an amount based on our population."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Last year we funded our own home improvement program, the community awareness program, Bread and More

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Soup Kitchen, Open Arms Care Center, Dominican Sisters Home Health Services, and Maureen's Haven, each of the last— for \$5,000 each.

I'd like to take comment from the public."

Chris Kempner: "Okay."

Supervisor Cardinale: "And would you stick around in case there's a question that comes up?"

Chris Kempner: "Sure."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Jim Cahill: "First of all, I'd like to say that I think the town last year kicked in the difference between— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "We could do that again."

Jim Cahill: "-- between the 23,4. I think last year it was 24,000 and the town kicked in an extra thousand— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "To make it a \$5,000 grant. Okay. All right, let's consider doing that again. Yes."

Jim Cahill: "Thanks. Yes, good afternoon. My name is Jim Cahill and I'm the president of the Bread and More Inn Soup Kitchen.

I would like to thank the members of the town board and Chris Kempner, the director of Community Development for their time this afternoon as well as their ongoing support of our effort to feed the hungry here in Riverhead.

Bread and More was founded in 1990 and is one of 19 affiliated soup kitchens of the Interfaith Nutrition Network. Currently we are a tenant at the First Congregational Church of Riverhead and serve dinner at that location Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 6:30.

As Bread and More prepares for the challenge of feeding the hungry during the coming winter season, it is with the knowledge that all of us have been affected by the current state of the economy.

This is especially true for those in our community who are less fortunate, the homeless, the seniors on fixed incomes, the unemployed or the under employed have all suffered greatly.

As 2008 comes to a close, it is clear that Bread and More Inn is needed today more than ever. This past year alone we prepared

and served over 17,000 meals. With the faltering economy, job layoffs, and federal, state and local budget cuts, soup kitchens throughout Long Island have to cope with funding decreases while demands for their services is rising at an alarming rate.

All of our guests are in need of the meals that we provide and they are grateful for the help they received. For some, this is their only hot meal of the day.

I extend an invitation to the members of the board, to stop by the soup kitchen some evening to lend a hand in order to see who we are feeding.

Bread and More Inn is an all volunteer organization. No one is paid for their services, nor is any member reimbursed for expenses. Our greatest resource remains our loyal and dedicated volunteers who prepare the meals and serve our guests.

The challenges in the coming year will be great. While we are forecasting another increase in meal numbers in fiscal 2009, with the continued support of the town board and from Community Development Block Grant funding, we know that we can meet the challenge.

As we enter our nineteenth year of service to those who are hungry, we are more dependent now than ever on Community Development Block Grant monies. Your continued generosity and support will help us to provide a steady source of food and hope for the men, women and children who are in need in the town of Riverhead.

As we look to the holidays and cold winter weather, Bread and More Inn is focused on being there for all who count on us, when they need us most.

On behalf of all our guests and volunteers, thank you for taking the time this afternoon to listen to my appeal, and I hope that Bread and More Inn will receive a positive response from the town board and the office of Community Development.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you, Jim."

Councilman Buckley: "Mr. Cahill, I just have a question that I'm going to ask probably most of the groups.

Other than providing the nourishment, do you provide any counseling services?"

Jim Cahill: "No, we do not."

Councilman Buckley: "Would that be something that you could possibly look into, maybe resume writing or interview tips to assist these people?"

Jim Cahill: "I think that because our volunteer corps is all volunteer, we don't have the professionals in place as volunteers to offer that.

What we do provide is that we know what- where those services are available, either in the town or the county and we will provide to our guests that information."

Councilman Buckley: "Great. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Mr. Cahill- "

Jim Cahill: "Yes."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I know you said your meals are going to increase. How many meals do you serve now?"

Jim Cahill: "As of last week, we're serving about 170 meals in the evening. And that is only increasing. That's before work has stopped for the migrant workers and before the cold weather has set in."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Jim Cahill: "And that has increased from last year."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Councilwoman Blass: "And these are primarily Riverhead residents?"

Jim Cahill: "They're all Riverhead."

Councilwoman Blass: "They're all Riverhead residents. Okay."

Jim Cahill: "They're all Riverhead residents."

Councilwoman Blass: "Thank you, Mr. Cahill."

Is there anyone else who would like to be heard on this matter? Yes."

Zona Stroy: "Good afternoon, I'm Zona Stroy. I'm here with Shirley Coverdale."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Would you pull the microphone down, please? Thank you."

Zona Stroy: "And we're representing Open Arms and Project Care which we collaborate with on health screening services for the people who come to our soup kitchen."

In the interest of time, much of what Jim said stands for our soup kitchen which operates also from the First Congregational Church at least as of this moment.

Many of you know that we've been asked to relocate the soup kitchen but for the time being, we're still at the Congregational Church.

The numbers have increased just as those have for the evening program. As a matter of fact, Monday of this week, we had 93 people come in for lunch. Normally in the winter, we have numbers that are in the 80 to 100 time frame. This year, we've approached those numbers very early.

We think it's because of the economy, because of the fact that lots of people are in economic straits that they haven't been in before, particularly because of jobs, lack of jobs, the cost of rent, housing, and particularly the cost of food.

I'd like to just read the cover letter for our proposal which I think will just provide some explanation of what Open Arms is for those who aren't familiar.

It says:

Dear Council Members:

Open Arms in collaboration with Project Care which stands for Community Access to Riverhead E-health, is seeking a community development grant from the town of Riverhead in the amount of \$7,500.

If approved, this funding will help our agencies continue providing vital services to working poor, indigent families and senior citizens in the Riverhead community.

For several years, Open Arms has operated an emergency food pantry and a soup kitchen which have provided over 14,000 meals annually to Riverhead's neediest citizens.

Project CARE is a collaborative community health initiative of the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, The Peconic Bay Medical Center and the Federation of Organizations. Since January of 2006, Project CARE has provided free health screenings to homebound

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seniors, food pantry and soup kitchen clients, and seniors who frequent Riverhead town's senior nutrition site.

The support of the town board is crucial to the achievement of our vision. With your assistance and working together our agencies will be able to continue to reach out to our community's most fragile and neediest families.

Toward this end, we are submitting the attached proposal which provides more in depth information on our specific programs as well as information which shows how the requested funds will be utilized.

We appreciate your consideration.

Before I ask Shirley to make some comments about Project CARE, I'd just like to say a couple further things.

In this environment, you probably would guess that donations from community organizations and individual citizens are down, and that's the case for both people who donate to the food pantry and people who make cash donations.

In speaking with Supervisor Cardinale earlier, I shared with him that the cost of running the soup kitchen alone is about \$15,000 a year. That includes the \$125.00 a month rent that we pay the Congregational Church.

In that estimate was about \$750.00 for food each month which is purchased through either a food bank or through restaurant supply houses.

It also included \$20.00 a day for a helper that is there Monday through Friday.

The cost of food now approaches \$1,100 a month on a regular basis so the cost of the soup kitchen is way above \$15,000 a year.

Last year we received \$5,000 from the town of Riverhead which was \$3,500 for the soup kitchen and \$1,500 for Project CARE medical supplies for health screening. We received \$1,500 from the county. So in effect, we've carried a \$10,000 operating cost that Open Arms has solicited for, planned for, managed cash flow to for the almost 20 years that we've been operating from the Congregational Church on a Monday through Friday basis.

So, I came to the Supervisor along with Rev. Coverdale to talk about the affordability of this operation and what would happen if we chose to not do it. Since that time, as I said we've been asked to relocate the operation. If we do that, it will cost even more.

So what we're asking this year is that at a minimum, the town fund Open Arms with \$7,500. That will cover \$2,500 for Project CARE which operates on Wednesday at the soup kitchen, and \$5,000 towards the \$15,000 cost of operating there.

So that's where these numbers come from.

I would just like to say in addition to that, there's a book I read recently that I would recommend and it's called The Samaritan's Dilemma. I don't remember right now the author but it talks about people who are trying to do good in their community and their responsibility, their assuming responsibility for caring for each other and government's responsibility for helping to make that possible.

And so I think it's a very good perspective because many of us give our time and ask other people to give time and make donations. So we're asking the government to give us a least a framework so that we can continue to do that and serve the community.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Zona Stroy: "Z-O-N-A. Last name is Stroy. S-like Sam-T-like Tom-R-O-Y."

Diane Wilhelm: "Thank you."

Shirley Coverdale: "My name is Shirley Coverdale and I won't belabor the point of reading any prepared speech but just to focus on the collaboration of Project CARE and Open Arms.

Project CARE as some of you know, is a project which was originally funded by a WK Kellogg grant in which several units of state of the art medical equipment were put into the homes of homebound seniors and there were additionally two multi-user units which were deployed periodically to different places in the community.

And we have continued without the continuation of the funding from WK Kellogg to provide this needed service to the community with the help of some very committed and very dedicated volunteers. And we operate four days out of the week going to the senior nutrition site—the town's senior nutrition site to provide blood pressure, blood sugar, weight and blood oxygen screenings at the nutrition site every Tuesday.

We then go to the site of the soup kitchen on Wednesday and we operate Thursday and Friday from First Baptist Church during the hours of operation of the food pantry.

And many of you probably also know that in this community we have issues of health care disparities, disparities in both health care access and delivery of services for the poorest of the poor people in our town. And they're not just people who don't have jobs. They're the working poor; they're the under-insured and uninsured people.

And we also have instances of high blood pressure and diabetes and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease including asthma, bronchitis, and other such diseases that are rampant and epidemic among these populations.

And we— I mean I just sat here through a very long hearing on what you're contemplating doing with the dispatch people and I think this is a related issue because we are the prophylactic and preventative end of this area because we take health care screening and in many instances, we've prevented emergency situations because we have enabled the population to be their own first vanguard of taking care of their own health.

And we feel and the hospital feels that this service is essential and they have tried to help us in every way that they can. We consume many diabetic testing supplies which the bulk of the money that you have helped us with goes to replenish.

We have equipment that is now several years old that is in need of repair. Replacing it each unit would cost \$20,000 to replace. So although we're not asking for much, your support is really critical in order to keep this equipment and this service going in the community.

And we would appreciate your continued support."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you, Shirley. Yes."

Barbara Kujawski: "Good afternoon. I'm Barbara Kujawski and that's spelled K-U-J-A-W-S-K-I.

I'm here representing Dominican Sisters Family Health Service and we kind of fill in the cracks with what Judy Doll does and also for people that are not covered under senior services.

I have a corps of volunteers in the east end and Brooklyn—Brookhaven, who take people to doctors and health therapies in their own cars and the reason we need this done is because it's for

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seniors who need somebody to go to their house, help them into the car, help them at the doctor's, back home safely.

We take a lot of younger people that are under 60, young mothers with cancer, to radiation treatments or chemo treatments. There's no other way for them to get there. They're too ill to drive their own cars.

People that have been in automobile accidents that cannot drive, we take them to the doctors and to their therapists.

We've been doing this for quite a while and I've got the year end statistics which I will give to each member and as you can see, the bulk of our hours in trips are in Riverhead town. That's where the greatest need is.

We cover Southold, East Hampton, Southampton and Southold and Riverhead takes the majority of our time and our drivers. The need is greatest in Riverhead.

We also, a cute story. This morning I came to work and we've been taking this elderly black gentleman to dialyses three times a week and he's blind from retinal neuropathy and it's been eight years we've been taking him. And he said, never thought I'd live to see this day. We've got a black president. He was just so elated. Whether you're a Republican or Democrat, it did my heart good to hear him.

Also this year we're going to— we have in the past given turkey dinners each Thanksgiving to our shut in patients and we have volunteers cook them. And this year we're doing something differently.

We're supplying the ingredients like we always do but we've entered a partnership with the Culinary Institute in downtown Riverhead and the classes are going to do the cooking for us. Besides we're getting too old to lift those heavy pots. My back hurts. And our volunteers will take them to the homebound like we do every year.

We do about 200 to 300 dinners and this is for people who can't get out of their homes to go someplace to get the dinner or can't life a turkey into the oven or don't want a whole turkey dinner. They just want one dinner. And so that's a new thing.

And you've been very generous with us in the past and we really appreciate it and hopefully we can get funding again next year.

As everybody has been telling you, our funding has been cut right and left. Our foundations are not supporting us the way they

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did, United Appeals cut, everybody's cut back. It's a bad environment for non-profits out there.

Thank you very much."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Yes, come up, please."

Denis Yuen: "Good afternoon. My name is Denis Yuen. D-E-N-I-S Y-U-E-N. I'm here representing Maureen's Haven, homeless outreach under the auspices of the Peconic Community Council.

I will apologize ahead of time. I don't have anything written prepared but I do want to thank you, Mr. Cardinale and the Board, for their support and Christine and (inaudible) support during the year for the grant from last year.

We are-- we just started our new season 2008-2009 Maureen's Haven season last Saturday. If you are not aware, we go for five months, November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 1<sup>st</sup> of each winter and just some statistics from last year, we served 118 guests throughout the course of the winter.

About 80% of our guests originate here in Riverhead. We take them to 13 different participating churches, one or two churches every night of the week. Eighty-- I'm sorry, 72% of our population is males; 28% is female. About 10% of our population are veterans.

Over the course of the winter, we have about 1,200 volunteers between all the churches that help serve our population. Amongst those 1,200 there are three churches now directly in the town of Riverhead that help serve us, our guests, once a night per week. That is Our Redeemer in Aquebogue, the Old Steeple Church in Aquebogue also just came on board this year, and First Parish Church in Northville helping to serve our guests.

Over the course of the winter, we had almost 4,000 beds that were made and broken down the following morning. Each guest receives with their night stay a hot dinner, breakfast in the morning, and a bagged lunch so that equates to about 12,000 meals given out, purchased, donated by the 1,200 volunteers through the course of the winter.

In addition, your grant helps defray some of the costs of transporting these guests. Transportation includes the cost of gas, service on the vehicle, the van that was provided us by Suffolk County. The cost of our drivers and the cost of our screeners who screen the guests before they're allowed to come into the program for the evening.

In addition, the Peconic Community Council offers other services to the guests on a voluntary basis if they choose to come in the day after, the morning after. Screening- I'm sorry, casework services concerning their financial needs, their other needs that they may have.

They may have some services that they're lacking or they may have some problems with Department of Social Services and we try to expedite or try to push the services through to other agencies.

We have people coming in off the street also not just homeless but near homeless who need assistance with oil bills, gas bills, rent in arrears. Things like that. So we do offer other assistance, other services.

And to answer Mr. Buckley's question, we do- last year we offered GED courses in our offices in a classroom environment and computer classes. That was funded partly through our agency and the Retreat.

This year we're looking to design a program for GED and computer classes again. Funding is tight right now so we haven't started yet but we're looking to possibly December or the 1<sup>st</sup> of the year to start up classes in GED and computer.

Can I address any other questions from the board?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you."

Denis Yuen: "Okay. We look forward to hearing a positive response from you again this year and I urge you to also support the good causes that stepped up before me.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Yes, question?"

Councilwoman Blass: "Just a general question. For those agencies that provide food pantry and soup kitchen services, is it possible to collaborate on collective purchasing? Is there a benefit to purchasing together? You know, in other words, there's usually some economic benefit to bulk purchasing. If you can get together. Is that something that's been thought about or explored?"

Zona Stroy: "Yes. There is a benefit. We use- Jim and I use the same company which is Nivela Foods (phonetic) in New York."

Councilwoman Blass: "Okay."

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Zona Stroy: "And we get their best price because of the volumes. You mentioned that last year and I did check just to make sure that that was the case and they do give us their absolute best price."

Councilwoman Blass: "Okay, good. Thank you."

Zona Stroy: "Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Denis Yuen: "I fortunately don't bear the brunt of purchasing a lot of food because each house of worship has their volunteer groups who either purchase the food for their groups that are cooking that night or gain donations."

I would like to bring up just an idea I had. I get approached by different businesses, delis, restaurants to receive donated food. Day old bread, things like that.

Now I know the town of Riverhead offers Meals on Wheels. I see the trucks go by my office all the time. My problem is I can only take so much but if I can-- not me, if someone can coordinate services or pick up the donations and get them to these agencies, I think there's a lot of waste going on out there that is just not physically being picked up or coordinated.

I can't do it myself. I've tried to do it a few times and it just doesn't work with my schedule. But if we can work it through whoever runs Meals on Wheels I mean there's a vast amount of waste out there that these groups can benefit from."

Supervisor Cardinale: "You might want to bring that up with our senior center head which is Judy Doll who you know, I'm sure."

There's a group of-- a very large group on Long Island that does food rescue and that-- "

Unidentified: "Long Island Harvest."

Supervisor Cardinale: "-- Long Island Harvest. Do any-- either of the groups that provide food take from that?"

Jim Cahill: "We have tried to take it over a period of time but that food is provided usually from wholesalers but as the economy begins to shrink, the overage becomes smaller and smaller."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I see."

Jim Cahill: "And when we are cooking for the numbers that we are cooking for, they don't provide enough for us to plan a meal around."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I see."

Jim Cahill: "The other issue, Denis' point is well taken that there is excess food in the community but Zona and I spent the better part of two and a half years trying to meet the requirements of the Suffolk County Board of Health."

I had black hair when I started. I mean it is impossible. The guidelines are really onerous. We have got to follow the same criteria as if we were running a restaurant.

So the food that Denis talks about that may be available in the community, because of Suffolk County Health Department regulations, we don't know how long it has been out of the oven or out of the refrigerator or out of the freezer or how it's been transported.

So our primary interest is to protect the safety of those who are our guests who already have compromised health issues. And I understand that's why the Health Department sets those guidelines. We would like to take more of the food that's available but if we don't know where it's coming from or how it's been stored, we are sort of prohibited."

Zona Stroy: "I'd just like to make another comment just because I've had lots of questions over the last six months or so about where we get our food from and why it's so difficult and why some other pantries run out of food and why we have food."

There are two agencies that are primary providers. One is Long Island Cares, which is the food bank that operates out of Hauppauge and when you see around town in banks and stores and businesses, bring non-perishable food and donate it here from Long Island Cares, people have asked why don't we put out signs and collect food.

We do from various food drives, the library for instance collects non-perishable food. But Long Island Cares provides at reasonable cost to soup kitchens and food pantries food that they have bought with state government, federal government funds through deal with warehouses and grocers and whatever.

So we buy at the absolute best price for our food pantry from Long Island Cares. Unfortunately most of what they have is non-perishable stuff that we can use in the pantry and not in the soup kitchen which is why the soup kitchen is such a challenge which is why Jim's program is a challenge.

We do use Long Island Cares though quite a bit.

Island Harvest calls themselves a food rescuer and what they do is they collect, as Jim said, from businesses, warehouses, providers, whatever. They are part of a national organization called America's Second Harvest and most big towns have City Harvest, Island Harvest. In Chicago it's called something else. But their business is rescuing food and getting it to people who can use it and not having it thrown away.

Food banks buy and store and sell to agencies like ours at a reasonable cost so that we don't have to buy on the open market. And so I just wanted to offer that so that you know we do look at the best way to spend the dollars.

In order to participate with Long Island Cares and Island Harvest, however, each year we do an enormous amount of paperwork for credentials and provide documentation of the people we serve.

So we do have the numbers for the people we serve and we are required to meet Health Department regulations even for a food pantry which is why many food pantries do not associate with Long Island Cares because it's an enormous amount of paperwork.

So because we are all volunteers, I sort of retired from a real job to a volunteer job that takes a half a day mostly. But that's why we are able to get food for the pantry because we have somebody who can just spend the time on that credentialing process."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Okay, is there any other comment? If there is not, we will leave this open as well until the 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. for any written comment that anyone would like to submit to the clerk and we will close this hearing at 4:19."

Public hearing closed: 4:19 p.m.  
Left open for 10 days for written  
comment to November 14, 2008 at  
4:30 p.m.

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Supervisor Cardinale: "That concludes the four hearings we have scheduled for today. We'd like to consider the resolutions and, Sal, if you have some comments, we'd like to take them."

Sal Mastropolo: "Sal Mastropolo, Calverton. There's probably around a dozen resolutions that have a public notice attached to them and the last page says by order of the town board of the town of Riverhead, New York, Barbara Grattan town clerk."

Now, as of today, I think you accepted her resignation effective today so anything that gets published after today should not have Barbara's name."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Would you make sure that that's corrected? Thank you."

Sal Mastropolo: "There's like 12 or 14 of them."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Any of the public notices."

Sal Mastropolo: "There's one resolution that has to do with the purchasing of furniture for the East End Arts Council. Cabinetry. And I had it-- and I have all of the ones with--"

Councilman Wooten: "955."

Sal Mastropolo: "955. Okay. That resolution, the only question I have is it doesn't state where the money is coming from. Is that coming out of a grant?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Sal Mastropolo: "Okay, then I don't have an issue with that."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, that is grant funded."

Sal Mastropolo: "Okay, because it doesn't state it in the resolution."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay."

Sal Mastropolo: "Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Thank you. Okay, we would like to consider these resolutions if there is no other comment on them. And would you call them, please, Diane?"

Resolution #941

Councilwoman Blass: "Resolution subject to permissive referendum authorizing the acquisition of land and building thereon and reconstruction thereof in and for the town of Riverhead, Suffolk County, New York, at a maximum estimated cost of \$2,620,000 and authorizing the issuance of \$2,620,000 bonds of said town to pay the cost thereof. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #942

Councilman Dunleavy: "Ratifies the appointment of a recreation specialist baseball instructor to the Riverhead Recreation Department. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #943

Councilman Buckley: "Appoints a site plan reviewer to the planning department. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #944

Councilman Wooten: "Ratifies the appointment of a recreation aide in the recreation department. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #945

Councilwoman Blass: "Appoints Victor Prusinowski to the Riverhead Recreation Advisory Committee. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #946

Councilman Wooten: "Establishes a date and time for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Town of Riverhead Bonfire and Holiday Celebration, which is December 13<sup>th</sup>, the rain date December 14<sup>th</sup>. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #947

Councilman Dunleavy: "Establishes times and dates of regular meetings of the Town Board for 2009. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #948

Councilman Buckley: "Authorization to discard fixed assets. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Second."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #949

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute a grant agreement with Fish America Foundation. That's for the fish passage at Grangebél park. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #950

Councilwoman Blass: "Ratifies the publication of notice to amend CDBG program. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #951

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes New York State DOT safe routes to schools grant award and establishes bank account. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #952

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes submission of Main Street grant application to the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #953

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes AKRF, Inc. to proceed with bulk study of DC-1 zoning district. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #954

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes Preservation Design Partnership to proceed with development of historic guidelines. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Blass, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #955

Councilman Dunleavy: "Awards bid for purchase of cabinetry for East End Arts Council carriage house. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #956

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the naming of a private road in Wading River to Julia's Way. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #957

Councilman Wooten: "Authorization to publish advertisement for oil, lubricants and fluids. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #958

Councilwoman Blass: "Extends bid contract for milk. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #959

Councilman Dunleavy: "Extends bid contract for police uniforms. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. The reason I was looking at this, these extensions I had asked Ann Marie to verify, we're okay with them? They are? Okay. Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #960

Councilman Buckley: "Extends bid contract for corrosion control chemical for the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #961

Councilman Wooten: "It authorizes the release of developer money Country Trails. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #962

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes the release of developer money for the project known as Gateway East. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #963

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the release of developer money for Hounds Gate Development. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #964

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the release of developer money for Kelbridge Meadows, Hartill Contracting. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #965

Councilman Wooten: "Accepts 100% security of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC performance bond. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #966

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning, Article XXXI entitled Open Space Conservation District of the Riverhead town code. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #967

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement with Barist Elevator Company, Inc. to provide elevator maintenance service at the Riverhead Town George Young Community Center. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #968

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an order of consent (DEC violation - Highway Department). So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #969

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the publication of a public notice for a combined public hearing, designation of the Peconic River in the Hamlet of Riverhead as Community River. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass."

Councilwoman Blass: "Yes. And, Phil, are you going to cross this off the list of the work session? Finally. Yes, thank you."

The Vote (Cont'd.) "Cardinale."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah, it only took us four years. We have a hearing, that's great. I vote yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #970

Councilwoman Blass: "Adopts a local law repealing Section 108-51.1 of the code of the town of Riverhead entitled Handicapped Access Ramps. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #971

Councilman Dunleavy: "Adopts a local law enacting Chapter 53 of the code of the Town of Riverhead entitled Improvements for People with Disabilities and Seniors. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #972

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the retention of the law firm of Smith, Finkelstein, Lundberg, Isler & Yakaboski LLP as special counsel. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #973

Councilwoman Wooten: "Authorizes the Supervisor to execute an agreement between town of Riverhead and the Methodist Church of Riverhead subject to permissive referendum. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #974

Councilwoman Blass: "Approves plan of Edwin Fishel Tuccio for Agricultural Worker Housing Permit to be issued pursuant to Section 108-64.4 of the Riverhead zoning ordinance. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded."

Councilwoman Blass: "Discussion."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Councilwoman Blass: "I did receive a copy of the agricultural worker housing permit which includes an affidavit of the property owner and if you remember we discussed during work session that within the body of the resolution, that we would reference the fact that an affidavit would have to be signed in order to assure that the owner would not rent outside of the agricultural requirement.

And I know we have authorization- or we have a copy of the affidavit that the applicant will be signing. I would prefer that the resolution reflect that the building permit won't issue unless that affidavit is actually- "

Councilman Wooten: "So another Whereas where that (inaudible)."

Councilwoman Blass: "Yes. Can we amend it to include that language?"

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Councilwoman Blass: "Execution of the affidavit."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yeah, that's fine."

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "So are you going to put it in the second or last Resolve clause after the word approved?"

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "As a be it further resolved?"

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. So why don't you read it in and then give the text to the clerk."

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "Fine. Okay. So with that addition of the necessity to sign the affidavit can we- it's been moved and seconded. Can we have a vote?"

The Vote: "Wooten, yes, as amended; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes, as amended; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #975

Councilwoman Dunleavy: "Adopts a local law amending Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Industrial A (1A) zoning use district - section 108-274 - Uses. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #976

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Section 108-95 subdivision regulations - general provisions. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #977

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the Riverhead town code, Section 108-129 - site plan review."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #978

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 110 entitled Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control of the Riverhead town code Section 110-2 Definitions. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #979

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize the town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 110 entitled Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control of the Riverhead town code, Section 110-11 Enforcement and Penalties. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #980

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 110 entitled Stormwater Management and Erosion and Sediment Control of the Riverhead town code, Section 110-12 Fees for Services. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #981

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post a public notice to consider a local law to amend Chapter 109 entitled Storm Sewers of the Riverhead town code, Section 109-16 Enforcement, Penalties for Offenses. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #982

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes an amendment to the preliminary budget for 2009 funding in ambulance district. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #983

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorize amendment to the 2009 preliminary budget in the general fund. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale."

Supervisor Cardinale: "No. I have a couple reservations on this one."

Diane Wilhelm: "So you're voting no?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "Okay. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #984

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes amendment to the preliminary budget for 2009 funding in the highway district for equipment rental. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #985

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes amendment to the preliminary budget for 2009 funding in the highway district personal services. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #986

Councilwoman Blass: "Authorizes amendment to the preliminary budget for 2009 funding in the sewer and scavenger waste districts. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #987

Councilman Dunleavy: "Amends resolution #861 of 2008 (approves Chapter 90 application of Peconic Bay Medical Center polar bear plunge). So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #988

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes the Supervisor/Town Attorney to execute documents in connection with town of Riverhead workforce housing sales. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #989

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes amendment to the preliminary budget for 2009 funding in the highway district asphalt. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #990

Councilwoman Blass: "Approves the Chapter 90 application of Riverhead Elks Lodge #2044. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. May we have a vote please? And before we do, I had asked-- this is the traditional motorcycle thing-- lawn mower thing. We have the

necessary protections in here so we don't hear it from the community?"

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Supervisor Cardinale: "And this will be held on November 9<sup>th</sup> or November 16<sup>th</sup> as a rain date from 12 to 4:00 p.m. So it's not at night or anything. Okay, good.

Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, abstain; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #991

Councilman Dunleavy: "Extends bid contract for yard waste grinding. So moved."

Councilman Buckley: "And seconded."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #992

Councilman Buckley: "Authorizes legal action against the owners, tenants, occupants and mortgagee of the property located at 449 Edwards Avenue, Calverton, New York. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "This is the— okay, moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #993

Councilman Wooten: "993 moved to pay bills."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Have a tabled resolution, Diane?"

Diane Wilhelm: "Resolution 938 to untable."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay, move to untable 938, can I have a motion, please?"

Councilman Wooten: "So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded to untable 938. Vote please."

The Vote: "Wooten, yes; Buckley, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Blass, yes; Cardinale."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, to untable. Could you call it for a vote, please?"

The Vote: "Wooten."

Supervisor Cardinale: "This is- you've got to- it's got to be introduced."

Councilman Wooten: "This is an untabled motion. The resolution reads appoints Diane Wilhelm to fill vacancy in position of town clerk for the town of Riverhead. So moved."

Councilwoman Blass: "And seconded."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Moved and seconded. May we have a vote?"

The Vote: "Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Before I vote, I've had a few weeks to really think this resolution over and for personal reasons I would really like to support it. But I cannot."

The town clerk is an elected position, one that comes from a political process that all the town board went through and ultimately being rewarded with the honor to represent the residents of the town of Riverhead.

I have researched the law and found that in the vacancy of a town clerk, a deputy town clerk can and is authorized to fulfill the duties of that office until such time that the political process can take place or a general election.

There is no urgency here. I know that Barbara, and I have a lot of respect and love for her, and I've known her most of my adult life, would love to name her successor but that is not how it is to be accomplished when filling a public office vacancy.

This public elected official position is not the succession plan as in private industry. My dilemma is further compounded by the fact that I've always thought that the town clerk position should not be an elected position but it is by New York state statute and, therefore, it remains an elected position and should be treated as such.

Diane knows how I feel about this and this in no way reflects about her ability or her desire to serve. The safety net by which this resolution guarantees Diane her civil service, creates problems in and by itself.

It can further promote conflicts in the workplace and removes the agony of defeat. There really is no downside and for these reasons I vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Buckley."

Councilman Buckley: "I'm convinced that the citizens of Riverhead are very well served by this appointment and I proudly vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Again, I'm very torn because Diane is a very capable person and can fill this job. But the deputy's job is to fill in for the clerk when she is not here.

I cannot see not following the process and especially giving someone a \$30,000 raise when this town is in- looking to pinch pennies for the taxpayers and the budgets to follow.

For that reason, I'd love to follow Barbara Grattan's request but I have to vote no."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Blass."

Councilwoman Blass: "I enthusiastically support filling the vacancy with Diane Wilhelm.

My vote is yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Cardinale."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I- I think that the comments are well taken and I understand everybody's position. I understand that this moving up of the deputy to the position of clerk will be helpful to the stabilization of the office.

It's been recommended by Barbara Grattan who knows the office better than anyone. I do think it will do that. I intend to support this resolution.

I would also state for the record right now that I will not support the replacement of the deputy so I see this as a net gain for the town because it will be less expense.

We have another deputy in that office, do we not?"

Diane Wilhelm: "Yes, we have."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So the continuation of that deputy and the ascendency of Diane to the position of clerk, I think will remove this matter from the political spectrum until next year which is a good thing and it will help the office to get stabilized, to get computerized, and get some good things happening.

And I think everybody's minds are with Barbara and her health problems and I vote yes for this but this is very insignificant compared to the bigger picture."

Diane Wilhelm: "And so the resolution is adopted."

Councilwoman Blass: "Congratulations, Diane."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Congratulations. You need to be sworn in and I understand you have someone here ready to do that task. So please come up. This is your sister?"

Diane Wilhelm: "My sister, Janet."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Janet who is a notary and that's the requirement. And then you also have to sign in a book I think somewhere. The clerk's book. Yes. Okay.

Let's go down and stand behind you and let you be sworn in."

Diane Wilhelm: "I, Diane Wilhelm, do solemnly swear that I will support the constitution of the United States, and the state of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the town clerk of the town of Riverhead according to the best of my ability so help me God."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I wish you a lot of good luck in your position over the next year and I'm very delighted because your salary is about \$8,000 less than Barbara's plus I lose a deputy salary of 45, so I figure this is a good thing for everybody.

I would like to now take anyone's comment that's out there on anything that you'd like to bring to our attention within our—preferably our purview of control.

Mr. Silverman."

Henry Silverman: "Henry Silverman, as you know, Peconic Bay Blvd., Riverhead. I'd like to read you a letter that's dated October 17<sup>th</sup> of '08 because I almost feel that the town board is a little behind the curve on the whole problem with my housing.

This letter is written to Chang (inaudible), US Department of Housing and Urban Development, Jacob Javits Center, Federal Building, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, New York.

Regarding Silverman versus the town of Riverhead, HUD case #02080997-8. Dear Mrs. (Inaudible):

After our phone conversation of last week you wanted to know how Riverhead town has retaliated against my family.

The town of Riverhead has since not acted on the issue of issuing us a certificate of occupancy or a temporary certificate of occupancy.

The certificate of occupancy was due us to be issued on July 19, 2005. The certificate of occupancy is needed in order for us to live in our home.

The day when the town of Riverhead received your correspondence dated September 26, 2008, my attorney, Pete McGreevey (phonetic) who is defending us in New York State Supreme Court against the town of Riverhead, received phone calls from all three of your town attorneys separately.

They have retaliated once again by threatening us with more court action, depositions costing additional tens of thousands of dollars.

The Riverhead town attorneys that were called were Dawn Thomas, Phil Siegel, outside counsel; and Tom (inaudible) also outside counsel.

Also the town of Riverhead has retaliated by not issuing a certificate of compliance. This is before our newly installed fire suppressant system, and this is on the Peconic Bay Blvd. property.

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The fire suppression system was just another hoop we had to jump through for Riverhead town, hitting another block wall.

By having a certificate of compliance we have fulfilled every single New York State building code and fire prevention code as required dated June 15, 2008 by the New York State Code of Review, petition #2-70101. This certificate of compliance is needed by our fire insurance carrier in order to have our house insured.

We are fearful of our neighbors, Mr. Nicholson (phonetic), who has done depositions for the town. He has sworn affidavits for the town of Riverhead keeping anecdotal notes of our coming and going from our property, noting vehicles, people, etc.

The town of Riverhead has based its whole case on sworn statements from him.

Our neighbors have referred to us as the crazy Jew house.

Mr. Nicholson has stated after asking me for money, your house might burn down.

So you can understand why we want our house insured while sitting unoccupied for over three years and has withstood vandalism.

Riverhead town has also retaliated by not acting on my property subdivision which is pending for many years and in parenthesis, the farm property.

October, 2007 I spoke to Rick Hanley of the Riverhead town planning department as to why my subdivision hasn't moved again. It's been overlooked over and over and he said take it up with the town attorney.

On the same property which, again, quotes the farm, Riverhead town continues to flood my property. I have a pipe from the road, you flood over an acre of the property which is under water with town road runoff. This is taking of land without due compensation, a constitutional issue.

My feeling is that Jewish people in the town of Riverhead don't have the same rights as citizens in the town and in areas where people's property have been flooded in the town of Riverhead, they have been compensated for this taking of land.

On the same property referred to again, the farm, I offered to the town of Riverhead open space committee at a forum a few years ago, the property be taken as open space. I never even got a reply or correspondence back.

I brought it up again in- I'm not even on the agenda. I grieved my real estate property parcels in the town of Riverhead and wasn't even considered for reductions. I am paying full taxes on a house I can't live in, restrained from, and will not be- have not been issued a certificate of occupancy or a temporary certificate of occupancy and in quotes again, the Peconic Bay Blvd. property.

And on my farm property, Sound Avenue, that's being flooded by the town of Riverhead, they will not reduce the taxes on that either.

Other retaliations the town of Riverhead has done against us. Riverhead town has represented our neighbors in a neighborhood dispute over the ownership of a boat dock on my property, Peconic Bay Blvd. property. We lost ownership in court of my boat dock while fighting for our rights to live in our house.

Who is working for who?

William Coyle, our neighbor that works for the New York State Supreme Court, is now part owner of my boat dock. Riverhead town was working for this neighbor not in the best interests of the taxpayers or my health and safety.

Riverhead town has made up a drainage issue on my property, my driveway, Peconic Bay Blvd. property. Instead of issuing a certificate of occupancy, this puddle pre-existing to my ownership of the property, the water is Riverhead town runoff.

Now, New York State DEC has been involved with legal issues caused by the town where they have written letters about this drainage issue. We have been told to have engineer studies which we have done. We have paid a considerable amount of money for engineering plans that are years old.

Riverhead town engineer, Vinnie Gordiello (phonetic), came to our property well over a year ago with all of the town attorneys involved and studied the drainage issue. No resolve due to Riverhead town non-cooperation in retaliation against us.

The neighbors, thank you Mrs. Thomas for listening, the neighbors in Riverhead town accuse of us living in our house with a certificate of occupancy. We were accused and taken into contempt of court.

The town code officer, Richard Downs, followed us for an entire day and sat in a tree with binoculars as he testified in New York State Court. It was then thrown out because it was with no merit.

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Riverhead town has issued— Riverhead town has intimidated us by hand delivering mail to the door of a house of a relative where we lived. This mail, the mail— excuse me, this letter was mailed four times certified the same letter. When they were in receipt of our first HUD complaint. The next one, FEMA (inaudible) application, Riverhead town building inspector Leroy Barnes would not sign this form which would save thousands of dollars on flood insurance.

FEMA which we corresponded with has never heard of a town not cooperating when all the criteria of a FEMA permit were met. And it's been years we've been waiting for this.

We also have applied for a Riverhead town building permit and Riverhead town conservation advisory permit in May of 2008. And I have not yet received back any correspondence referring to it.

Leroy Barnes, Riverhead building department head, continues to harass us by not corresponding with us since May of '08 on these issues.

Also in retaliation, we have called— we have to call again the Riverhead town police to enter and exit our property. Is this constitutional?

Next item. We have paid over \$14,000 to have our house re-measured, the Peconic Bay Blvd. house in quote, as built plans because Riverhead town has requested it in retaliation. Another hoop to jump through.

They've accused us about lying about the measurements of the house. We did not. The house has only an acceptable margin of error, 13 square feet and this in depositions was stated in quotes, remarkable stated architect Frank Lombardo during court depositions.

Riverhead town came into our house and has measured it three different times.

Riverhead town has not made any effort in resolving this matter. All the legal counsel seems to do is keep dragging the matter out to financially cripple us and at this point a quarter of a million dollars has been wasted dealing with this.

We have just wanted to live in our house since July 19<sup>th</sup> of 2005 when we tried to get our certificate of occupancy to live in our new home as every citizen has a right to do.

Sincerely, Henry B. Silverman

This was sent to HUD and, again, another month has passed and the town has made no effort to settle this. All right. And we would like to get it settled."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Have your attorneys contact either my office or the town attorneys and we'll further discuss settlement."

I'd like to say it's a nice letter but it's somewhat long and very inaccurate that we did not keep you out of your-- Justice Cohalan has enjoined your residency. The town has no authority to keep you out of your house and this matter is in litigation so I can't say any more.

But if you want to settle it, I'd be glad to discuss it-- "

Henry Silverman: "Well, you've said that before and you've also said that the town, once again, did through the town attorney's office, put the restraining order on us that we couldn't use, occupy or maintain our house."

Supervisor Cardinale: "No, the court ordered that."

Henry Silverman: "The court did sign it but the town prompted it. The town wrote it, that's a fact. The town wrote it and it was based on-- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "And the court signed it."

Henry Silverman: "Yes. But, again, you or the town prompted this. We should be in our house and we should have been there."

And now let me pin you down. Set the date when the attorneys can meet because you've messed with us for over three years and 90 days. Set a date now and we'll be here. No more game playing. Give us the date. I'm available."

Supervisor Cardinale: "We've had numerous-- I'm advised by counsel we've had numerous conferences with your attorney to no avail because you don't want to settle, you want to pontificate."

Henry Silverman: "No, we would like to settle. Let's do it now. We can settle it. You've offered us \$15,000 as a settlement plus my CO. Is that acceptable?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "I don't know because I haven't spoken with my counsel about the case."

Henry Silverman: "All right. At this point, (inaudible) when we dealt with my land you're flooding?"

Supervisor Cardinale: "First of all, from the peanut gallery we cannot hear you unless you're up there."

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Henry Silverman: "Okay."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Secondly, you've spoken more than five minutes. Thirdly, all offers are withdrawn when they're not accepted so there's no offer on the table."

If you want to meet to discuss an offer, make an arrangement with our attorney."

Henry Silverman: "All right, give us a date."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay."

Henry Silverman: "Well, that hasn't happened."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Well, maybe because they've spoken on the phone and you're not making an offer that is of any interest."

Henry Silverman: "All right. Let's pick a date, sit at a table. We had this worked out when Chris Kent was your deputy supervisor and that was years ago. At what point is it right or wrong? And this is wrong."

And the taxpayers of Riverhead don't need to be wasting money. All- in the end, we will have our CO. We will live on the same street as you and Mrs. Blass. And you'll have to deal with that. You'll have to drive by my driveway every day.

The people next door that work for the State Supreme Court should not have Riverhead town under their finger. A town employee that lives next to us also shouldn't have the town under their finger.

Let's get this settled before HUD has to come in with a full investigation which you don't want and there's no reason we're not in our house.

We do want to live in the town of Riverhead. If you don't want us here, we will sell the house, but we need the certificate of occupancy to sell the house. If you don't want us in this town, keep flooding my land on Sound Avenue, all right, without due compensation because I believe that in the federal government there is a law against.

Yes, let's pick a date and move on. Please."

Supervisor Cardinale: "I cannot communicate with you. Your counsel represents you. When he wishes to make a settlement conference date, please have him call our attorney which is Phil Siegel. Thank you."

Any other comments?"

Melissa Silverman: "Melissa Silverman, my mailing address is 267 Peconic Bay Blvd. We've been seeking a certificate of occupancy for our home, our new home, since July 19, 2005.

Regardless of Leroy Barnes' actions and take away all of my mad, sad and scared emotions, there seems to be a specific list of requirements that must be met to obtain a C of O.

How many times you have said or heard it's in legal. Mr. Cardinale, my suggestion to move forward to a resolution is to get our legal counsel, ourselves, your legal counsel, the town board, and Leroy Barnes all together as we did in December of 2006.

But then we had our neighbors here. This time I'd like to do it without the neighbors here. That would help open up communication and your legal department is not getting the job done. Everything goes to legal and it stops.

Please consider my offer and have a meeting. We would like our legal counsel to contact your legal counsel and for it to actually happen, not stop and get stopped at your legal department.

Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "All right. Thank you. Phil Siegel is representing us. We don't even have this inside anymore. All right. I will ask you to speak to Phil Siegel and ask him to offer to have a settlement conference during the next week.

Thank you.

Any other comments? Yes, please— oh, good. No, yes, that would be wonderful."

Antoinette Carbone: "Good afternoon. I'd like to— my name is Antoinette Carbone. I'd like to address the issue of obtaining information from your planning department.

I always have to file under the FOIL and it's already over a week, I haven't gotten a response. It just shouldn't be that way. Once an application is filed, it should be a matter of public record. Anyone should be able to look at that file in the planning department, including seeing letters from possible DOT if the state is involved or from the county planning board if it involves construction along a county road, whatever. The EIS if that's required.

Not that the file has to go to the town attorney, they go through it, pull out what they don't want the public to see. That's not full disclosure. That's not transparency."

Supervisor Cardinale: "First of all, let me- we've discussed- I've discussed this with Trina and I know asked her to call you.

If you are looking for a subdivision for a site plan map or a subdivision map, I've instructed the planning department to make it available immediately to you or anyone else.

On the other hand, when you're looking to look at a full file for reasons that Ann Marie out town attorney can explain quickly, we would not be doing our job if we simply turned over the full file because there's material in there that we're not supposed to make public.

Would you give us some examples if you can?"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Under the Public Officers Law, inter-agency communications are not subject to the freedom of information. Those are the documents that actually help the town (inaudible) formulate their position (inaudible). Those are not subject to your request for access. The other information (inaudible), letters, the DOT, those would be available for your inspection."

Antoinette Carbone: "Would an EIS report be available?"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "In final form?"

Antoinette Carbone: "Yes."

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Yes."

Supervisor Cardinale: "So the final, but the recommendation- say if Joe Hall- to give substance to what we're talking about. Joe Hall is our SEQRA advisor. We have to type every action and he'll give us advice and he is entitled to protection and not to have that advice made public as an attorney is entitled to that.

So he'll say you could go either way on this or you'd have to be fools to go other than this way on this, and that would be something that the legal department insists that they have the opportunity to review the file before it's handed over to a member of the public, to delete that from the file.

I do- it is interesting though because I'm comfortable that they're not abusing it but I think your greater concern and mine, too, is that that could be abused. What else are they taking out of the file?

But I've instructed them and they've instructed me back that we should do this according to law and, therefore, they're not supposed to instruct and take stuff out that is not appropriate.

But that's why the delay occurs of a week or so.

Now, maps you can see immediately. I told them I don't want you to have to copy maps or anybody else. Let them look at the map right there. Watch them when they look at it.

But they used to hand over the whole file. That didn't work out too well either because people would say they would do it- I don't like that in there, put that in my pocket and so we can't do that."

Antoinette Carbone: "That's understandable nor should anyone take the file off the desk, you know, the counter that you have in the planning department. I agree with you. But it shouldn't take this long for me to see what is in that file, not necessarily what you want to take out but at least the EIS, I was concerned about that and I would assume and I hate to assume anything.

But I would assume that there was an EIS because it involved a multiple family dwelling on a small parcel that was I believe agricultural in use before. I'm not too sure about that. I'm not out here that long to know about all your zoning.

So the information I wanted, I wanted to tell you, Mr. Cardinale, the planning department did let me see immediately upon request the map so when I got a call that I could go and see the map, I had already done so."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Okay. Good. Good."

Antoinette Carbone: "So that was not an issue. I'm happy to see the map but that's all I saw. I didn't see anything else that detailed what's being proposed or how the applicant was proposing it.

That led me to that e-mail that I sent all of you speaking about perhaps another system where every application comes in and there's well maybe a spreadsheet where you could see where it's at. So that maybe I didn't have to see the whole file.

I would have known the special permit was granted or you know, etc., etc. That should be implemented.

I hate to always refer back to my former place of residence but that's how it was done in Brookhaven. It was easy for me as president of the civic association, make a trip once a week, see

what was going in that might be in my community without having to be a nag. You see it right there. It's right on the counter. I didn't have to bother anyone."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Right. A tracking- Barbara was just mentioning we have discussed a tracking system as we grow from a smaller town to a larger one, at least a little more larger and more populated, with the director of planning and have had limited success in implementing it.

We're getting another site planner. You saw we hired one today. And I think that will allow I hope the director of planning to spend more time on administration than simply keeping his head above water.

So that's a good idea, to have some kind of tracking system in front of the file saying where you are in the process."

Antoinette Carbone: "It's not even in front of the file, you can have it that way.

What they have, it's quite large. It's a chart for every application that goes in. So all you had to do, and it has the date. If you have an idea when the application went in, you can go towards the date, then you see the name of the applicant and all the procedures that are required in the town. Some of them are not applicable to that particular applicant."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Right."

Antoinette Carbone: "So it would be n/a. But you would see where it's at and then if it's approved right down the line and they're ready to go, that would be your last step. Well, it's on course. And it's not necessarily in the file. You may never even have to look at the file. You just look at the chart."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Right. We- "

Councilman Wooten: "That makes way too much sense."

Supervisor Cardinale: "The other thing we- I think that's a good idea, we'll take that up tomorrow at our work session with the director of planning.

I also think if all you have to do, Ann Marie, is grab the file from planning which is here over to there, and quickly review it and take out the internal reports, correspondence and anything else, shouldn't that be capable of being done in five days?"

Ann Marie Prudenti: "Absolutely. As soon as our office gets a file from planning, we go through it, generally notify the (inaudible). Tell them it's available for their review."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Did you get- you're supposed to get a response in five days. Did you?"

Antoinette Carbone: "I haven't even gotten it in eight days, ten days."

Ann Marie Prudenti: "The department where the freedom of information request is filed with, it's their responsibility to respond to you and advise you- "

Antoinette Carbone: "I will go to that department."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Could you tell us what- well, specifically if you tell me what file it is, I'll find out- that we do have a tracking system for. We have a FOIL request we should know it's either there or it's in legal. That's the only two places it should be."

Antoinette Carbone: "Okay. I will get you that."

I see on the agenda my letter. I'm glad you got it."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Antoinette Carbone: "I hope you support our position of getting the speed limit reduced on Middle Road."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, I read that and I thought it was thoughtful and yes. I think there's a lot of support for that."

Antoinette Carbone: "I had the feeling that in the three years since the previous DOT report came to the- "

Supervisor Cardinale: "There have been changes. Yes. Significant."

Antoinette Carbone: "Significant changes."

Councilman Wooten: "It's a major bypass."

Antoinette Carbone: "So I hope you will support it. Thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "If you will give Ann Marie- just give us the file name, I'll track it and find out what happened and let you know."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Is that Stoneleigh you're looking for?"

Antoinette Carbone: "It's the new development that's— "

Councilwoman Blass: "I think it's Gendot. Is it Gendot?"

Antoinette Carbone: "Yeah, it's Gendot that's coming in between Stoneleigh and Sunken Ponds."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes."

Councilwoman Blass: "I think there was an EIS on that one."

Antoinette Carbone: "Okay, thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "And— "

Antoinette Carbone: "I will be up here next week and I will make— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "Do we have a name and a phone number? Very good. Thank you."

Antoinette Carbone: "Thank you. Have a good day."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Larry, you had a comment?"

Larry Oxman: "Larry Oxman. I wasn't going to say anything but this woman reminded me.

I've been asking for the Conservation Advisory Committee minutes for a year ago."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Do they have minutes?"

Larry Oxman: "They must keep them."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Are they on the web?"

Larry Oxman: "No. So— "

Supervisor Cardinale: "For what meeting?"

Larry Oxman: "For 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008."

(Inaudible comment)

Councilwoman Blass: "It is Jamie now. Jamie now. But back then, I don't remember."

Larry Oxman: "We had received two years but we've never gotten the other years."

Supervisor cardinale: "Which years are you looking for?"

Larry Oxman: "I'd have to go back."

Supervisor Cardinale: "All right, let us know and I'll track that as well."

Ann Marie Prudenti: (Inaudible comment)

Larry Oxman: "She says they don't have them. She says that she doesn't have them. Whether they exist or not, all the individual members of the CAC are required to keep them by the town code. The chairperson is required to keep them but we have not received them. And not wanting to get into the litigation matter between our attorney and the town attorneys, we have also made the request numerous times to your counsel, we have never gotten them."

Ann Marie Prudenti: (Inaudible comment)

Larry Oxman: "It would be easier just to give us 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, current. So, thank you."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Any other comments?"

Councilman Wooten: "I have one."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Yes, you have a comment?"

Councilman Wooten: "Move to adjourn."

Supervisor Cardinale: "Move to adjourn is a great comment. We are adjourned and we will see you tomorrow, 10:00, work session, and thank you for your attendance."

Meeting adjourned: 5:15 p.m.