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Minutes of a Town of Riverhead Board meeting held by the town board of the Town of Riverhead at Town Hall, Howell Avenue, Riverhead, New York on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.

PRESENT:

Sean Walter,	Supervisor
John Dunleavy,	Councilman
James Wooten,	Councilman
George Gabrielsen,	Councilman
Jodi Giglio,	Councilwoman

ALSO PRESENT:

Diane M. Wilhelm,	Town Clerk
Dawn Thomas,	Town Attorney

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, welcome to the February 2, 2010 town board meeting.

Before we get started, we have a couple things that we want to do but we're going to start with the Pledge of Allegiance and Ms. Tague, would you like to lead us off in the Pledge of Allegiance?)"

(At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, led by Maryann Tague).

Supervisor Walter: "All right, and then the second thing is we have four students from Mercy, could you guys stand- come on up here?"

It's Shadow Day at Mercy and these students shadowed Jodi Giglio and myself. I'm not quite sure- they got to see the IDA, they got to see Justice Court. I think they saw an arrest in Justice Court. We took them to the hospital, they got a tour of the hospital and I actually think Andrew Mitchell gave them some hard hats at the hospital. So again thank you guys for coming. I hope we didn't scare you away from public service or being an attorney or something. But thank you very much for coming."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes, thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Take care and if you need anything, feel free to come back and see us again.

The next thing is we have Employee of the Quarter and I think we're all going to go up to the front and Joe Loggia come on up with the labor relations- labor management committee.

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If your family here? Now I don't know whether the people of our viewing audience— we've been getting complaints that they can't hear. So I'm going to talk loud, I don't know if that's going to matter.

Det. Sgt. Joe Loggia has been— you're in your 29th year, hired November 16, 1981— wow, that's fantastic. You're the employee of the quarter.

And I want to say something and I've said this— the police department is going to keep hearing this from me. I consider you an ambassador to the town board. The people in this town never get to see us but they see the police department and how they conduct themselves in the street reflects on us. And I am so proud that a member of the police department is the employee of the quarter. I think labor management— you have some information.

We have a proclamation which I've left up there. I think we— okay, good. Well, then Mike, why don't you go ahead."

Michael: "I want to congratulate Joe on his accomplishments and (inaudible). It's a tough choice. There's a lot of good candidates out there and (inaudible) nominated by Bob Peeker and he gets a day off with pay, a savings bond for \$100 and he gets his name on the employee of the quarter plaque on the wall. And I'd like to have Bob say a couple words and call the chief up, his boss, to say a couple words also."

Bob Peeker: "Thank you. Congratulations, Joe. Joe's been doing the supervision of the detectives unit for the last seven years and one of the things that struck me about (inaudible) besides doing what he does is the amount of dedication and time it takes when he's not working.

Any time we have these (inaudible) cases that come across, Joe's always getting a phone call at two or three in the morning. Sometimes he actually calls me and I know how hard it is (inaudible) and I only get about 10% of the problems that he gets probably two or three times a week and once you get a phone call a lot of times you go back to sleep or try to and then you're up and now you think I should have maybe done it a different way and that starts the ball rolling and you lose a lot of sleep, the family gets woke up, (inaudible) just part of the dedication to the job and that's why I thought he was deserving of this award (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "(Inaudible) every time I've given these out Councilman Wooten has been here. This is a proclamation and basically it states that Joe Loggia is the employee of the quarter and that his services exemplify the highest of ideals and expression

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of public duty. As the supervisor and the town board— what day is it today, Jim?"

Councilman Wooten: "Today is Joe Loggia Day in the town of Riverhead."

Supervisor Walter: "All right."

Joe Loggia: "It's just an honor. I'm really surprised and I thank everybody that voted for me and like I said it's an honor to be recognized. Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. Thank you very much everybody."

(Inaudible comments)

Supervisor Walter: "Jim and I have this dog and pony show. Every time I give one of these out and Jim's available, he gets to announce it. Next time, it will be you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I just think that we should sign these proclamations, too."

Supervisor Walter: "All right. I guess we're going to open up the— approve the minutes of the January 20th, 2010 board meeting. Do I have a motion to approve the minutes?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "I make a motion we approve January 20, 2010 minutes. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The minutes are approved."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay. Town hall reports."

REPORTS:

Sewer District discharge monitoring report December, 2009

Building Department Monthly report for December, 2009 total monies collected \$75,922.25

Receiver of taxes Total tax collection dated January 21, 2010 - \$62,447,856.79 Total tax collection dated January 27, 2010 - \$62,751,426.72

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Total utility collections annual report 2009 - \$3,657,154.75

Town Clerk monthly report January, 2010 -\$7,298.50

Town Historian annual report 2009

APPLICATIONS:

Jamesport Firemen's annual carnival July 6, 7, 8, 9, 10

CORRESPONDENCE:

Keith & Dorothy Hickey letter of thanks to water dept. Wading River employee Frank Walls for a good job

Nicole Fanelli-Burke letter regarding cell tower at Wading River St. John's Church property Remsen Road

Diane Wilhelm: "And there are no public hearings scheduled for today."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't know what the letter on Frank Walls said but I'd like to get a copy of it and recognize him. I mean I thank you, Frank, for whatever you did, you made that resident happy. And every time you make a resident happy, you make us happy. So thank you, Frank."

Are there any committee reports from the board members?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "You know what? I would just like to say that we just went to Riley Avenue School where they actually had a satellite that shot a shuttle in out of space and the children from Riley Avenue School actually got to speak to astronauts that were moving through space. I think it was 17,000 miles a minute that they were moving and we saw on the screen them crossing over the United States and it was quite amazing."

And the teachers at Riley Avenue School and all of the students have been working on this for a couple of years to actually get the connection and they had someone from the radio station come there and actually do the transmission and after several attempts to try and reach the satellite connection, they finally caught the astronauts and asked them very interesting questions of the astronauts.

So it was a very exciting day for the students at Riley Avenue School. And it's a wonderful thing."

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Supervisor Walter: "We missed that. Maybe we should have brought the Mercy kids for that but we were wrapped up with so many different things."

Councilman Wooten: "So many things going on. Yeah, it was an amazing event. I was there. It was the international space station contact and as you can see on the radar as the satellite was coming across and it was all static and there was like a 10 minute window, you know, they faded out and then they came in nice and clear and then they faded out again. It was amazing."

And these kids had great questions and I'm really proud of the Riley Avenue School and what they did there."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Absolutely."

Supervisor Walter: "That's what makes this job fun."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Anybody else? We don't have any public hearings. I know the code revision committee is working feverishly on a couple of things and we will have public hearings in the future."

Are there any comments on the resolutions? Sal, come on up."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Sal Mastropaolo, Calverton. Resolution #75. I understand if you're an employee in the town and you work 17 and ½ hours or less, you get no benefits. I don't understand why somebody working 20 hours a week is getting 100% of the benefits. Shouldn't he be getting 50% of the benefit?"

Supervisor Walter: "This is an agreement that we made with this employee. He's coming back actually at a lower rate than he was before."

This is all part of the compensation package and it really doesn't matter, Sal, if I- it's part of the compensation. If we had done it at 50%, then he- we probably would have had to pay him more in an hourly wage. So it's just a cost benefit analysis."

And I'll say something about this employee. We're paying 75% of his medical benefits. He has already saved the town anywhere depending on your estimate, 50 to \$100,000 in one fell swoop."

I'll go even further. The microphones that nobody can hear us with, they're the wrong type of microphones. The previous town board spent \$2,600 on the microphones that we have. They're no good. People are complaining they can't hear us."

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He did the analysis and unfortunately we're going to have to spend another \$1,500 but that's all we would have had to have spent was \$1,500 to get the right types of microphones.

So he's well worth it. It's just part of the compensation package."

Sal Mastropaolo: "I guess my concern is you know the inequity between that and an employee that's working 17 and ½ hours and doesn't get any benefits at all.

I think there should be some kind of a guideline that says, you know, you get a percentage of your benefit paid if you work 20 hours, okay, versus 17 and ½. Isn't— aren't you opening yourself up to a lot of criticism from those employees working 17 and ½ hours every week and not getting any benefits?"

Supervisor Walter: "We've spoken to the union about this and they were okay with it so it really is part of the benefits package. And honestly it was just a cost benefit analysis because we brought him down about— in order to offer this benefit to him, we brought him down \$4,000 in his wages so I could have brought him up \$4,000 and cut this back."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Resolution 83. This is going out for public notice and I tried reading this section several times and I just— I mean I don't understand it and if I don't understand it I don't think a lot of people are going to understand it.

You added in all of these figures, these dollar figures, okay, under A and under D and maybe the assessor understands it but I doubt that the average citizen is going to understand it to the point that they can comment on it at a public hearing. I'll leave it at that."

Supervisor Walter: "We could ask Laverne to come up. It's difficult to understand it in this fashion. There's a spreadsheet she gave us at work session and you can see it along the spreadsheet a lot better.

What we did in a nutshell with the Cold War veterans is we gave them the same exemption that if you were say a World War II veteran or a Viet Nam veteran, we gave you the same exemption."

Sal Mastropaolo: "That part I— I didn't have any problem with understanding the 15% of the assessed value. It's just by throwing in all of these numbers.

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Maybe if you put the spreadsheet in the paper, okay, it would be clearer. But the way this is written, it's very confusing."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm not opposed- I mean, Diane, can we publish a spreadsheet in the paper? Okay, we'll attach- "

Sal Mastropaolo: "I mean if it's a table, and you go down the table and one column says that this is your income then this is what your benefit is. That makes sense, but this doesn't."

Supervisor Walter: "You know what we can do? Leroy, can you ask Tara to come in here and what we need to do is get, I think Laverne has it and we can have her print the table and put it out on the back table so you can take a look at it."

But I understand that it's much more confusing. This is how a lawyer writes."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Well, unfortunately the people that are reading it aren't all lawyers. Okay?"

And my last comment is on 103, I have the same comment that I had on the other one. I just feel that a 20 hour employee should get 50% of the benefits. So just for the record, I'll make that- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah. And again what we did was we actually saved some money on this but I understand your point, Sal."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Thank you."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you. Anybody else want to comment?"

Tara- I'm sorry, Tara, could you see if Laverne is available? On the Cold War- oh, there she is. Sal, Laverne has it and maybe we could make copies and, Laverne, if you could give that to the town clerk, we're going to amend this resolution to annex that and we'll publish it all.

Okay, anybody else want to comment on the resolutions? I guess not. If nobody wants to comment on the resolutions, we'll- let's take up the resolutions."

Diane Wilhelm: "Are we all set?"

Supervisor Walter: "All set."
Resolution #73

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the release of cash security of the Ada Howe Kent Animal Shelter. So moved."

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Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, abstain; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #74

Councilman Wooten: "Adopts a local law to amend Chapter 108 entitled Zoning of the town of Riverhead, Section 108-56 Signs E (7)(c) temporary special event signs. So moved."

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

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Sorry. Go ahead, George."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and seconded. Now vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #75

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Amends Resolution #37. And Resolution #37 was adopted on January 20, 2010. It was setting the terms and conditions of employment of David Cullen in his capacity as legislative secretary. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, abstain; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #76

Councilwoman Giglio : "Appoints call in recreation aides to the recreation department. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Resolution #77

Councilman Dunleavy: "Appoints members to the Suffolk County/Town of Riverhead empire zone administrative board. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "Seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #78

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes attendance of assessor at seminar. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #79

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the supervisor to execute a stipulation with Local 1000 AFSCME, AFL-CIO Riverhead unit of Suffolk local #852. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I would just like to say that this was a snow emergency that was called and the employees were not-- there was a snow emergency that was called on the storm of the weekend of the 19th of December.

The snow emergency was not called off until 8:30 a.m. on Monday morning. Most employees and residents of the town of Riverhead were unable to get out of their streets, get to work. There were a few employees that did come to work that day and others that didn't.

So the employees that did come to work, we are going to give them a day off so that-- to pay them back for their time for coming

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in when other employees were not able to come in because they were not aware that the snow emergency was called off.

So I vote yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, abstain; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #80

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post notice to bidders project No. RDWD 07-01 electrical service upgrade at plant No. 2. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #81

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the town clerk to publish and post notice to bidders project No. RDWD 10-02 booster pump station at Dogwood Drive contract 1 telemetry contract 2 - booster installation. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #82

Councilman Wooten: "Authorize the town clerk to publish and post notice to bidders project No. RDWD 10-01 construction of test well at plant No. 16, Edwards Avenue, Baiting Hollow contract W - test well. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes."

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Supervisor Walter: "Yes. I just want to say that this- for people that don't understand, this is the aggressive rebuilding if you will of the Riverhead water district.

We're adding plant capacity to get us up to 25% of- right now the capacity is at 100% of the water. We need to be able to supply 125% of the water needs of the residents. We are not there yet but we will be very shortly. So if anybody knows the-- thinking what are all these water district resolutions, that's what it is."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #83

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes town clerk to post and publish public notice of public hearing to consider a proposed local law for an amendment to Chapter 95 entitled Taxation of the Riverhead town code (Section 95-43, exemptions granted, Cold War veterans). So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And- as amended with the schedule attached to it. Right?"

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Well, this is for posting."

Supervisor Walter: "We're going to- "

Councilman Gabrielsen: "We'll post that with the amendment."

Supervisor Walter: "We're going to attach that, amend it to have that schedule. And seconded?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #84

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes town clerk to publish and post public notice of public hearing to consider a proposed local law for an amendment to Chapter 95 entitled Taxation of the Riverhead town code (Section 95-38.1 un-remarried spouses of volunteer firefighters or volunteer ambulance workers). So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #85

Councilman Dunleavy: "2010 truck refurbishing chips capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #86

Councilman Wooten: "86 calls for web site reconstruction and maintenance consultant fee. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #87

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize employee to attend international association of arson investigators annual training conference and meeting. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #88

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorization to discard fixed assets. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Until such time that we can collect this and put it out for public auction. I'll say yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #89

Councilman Dunleavy: "Budget adjustment general fund. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #90

Councilman Wooten: "90 calls for authorization-- I'm sorry, authorizes the town clerk to publish and post a help wanted ad for custodial worker I. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #91

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorize the release of cash security of 32 Main Road, Riverhead, LLC. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #92

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Councilwoman Giglio: "Approves the leave of absence for a police officer. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "Yes. And I just want to thank Officer Timothy McAllister, he's a Reservist in the United States Air National Guard. I want to thank him for his service to his country. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #93

Councilman Dunleavy: "Establishes procurement policy. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #94

Councilman Wooten: "Ratifies the reappointment of town attorney Dawn Thomas. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #95

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Ratifies the reappointment of deputy town attorney Daniel P. McCormick. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

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The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #96

Councilwoman Giglio: "Ratifies the reappointment of deputy town attorney Annemarie Prudenti. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Yes. Now she can put her calendar up. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #97

Councilman Dunleavy: "Recreation program budget adjustment. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #98

Councilman Wooten: "Authorizes the reduction of performance security of Vincenzo Mastronardi Subdivision entitled Mastro Realty. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #99

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Authorizes the release of cash security of Micor Enterprises LLC. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted as amended."

Resolution #100

Councilwoman Giglio: "Authorizes the release of security of Sound Housing LLC a/k/a Willow Ponds on the Sound condominium project. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #101

Councilman Dunleavy: "Rescinds Resolution #2 of 2008. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yeah. I wasn't at the work session so I don't know anything about this. I'll abstain."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #102

Councilman Wooten: "Amends Resolution #9 2010 salaries for the following town of Riverhead Conservation Advisory Council. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Resolution #103

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Amends Resolution #63. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I'd like to table this one. I don't think we have to pass this."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "All right. So I'll- "

Councilman Wooten: "Is this the same thing as Dave's?"

Councilman Dunleavy: "Yeah, but- "

Supervisor Walter: "This was a different situation."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Different situation."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Okay. So I make a motion to table 163."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I second."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "Moved and second as to table. Vote please."

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, I agree to table. I just had a question on it. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is tabled."

Councilman Wooten: "The reason this is tabled is it might be remedied a different way, is that what it is?"

Supervisor Walter: "Yes."

Resolution #104

Councilwoman Giglio: "Approves vacation carry over of a highway employee. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes. Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #105

Councilman Dunleavy: "Authorizes the release of a cash security of Riverhead Building Supply Corp. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #106

Councilman Wooten: "It reappoints Robert Danowski to the recreation advisory committee. So moved."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen."

Councilman Gabrielsen: "I'd like to say Bob Danowski has been on here a number of years. He's an asset to the town and what he brings to the town. Yes."

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

Councilman Wooten: "If George likes him, I like him. Yes."

The Vote (Cont'd.): "Dunleavy, yes; Walter."

Supervisor Walter: "If Jim likes him, I like him. Yes."

Diane Wilhelm: "The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #107

Councilman Gabrielsen: "Ratifies the appointment of a temporary student intern II to the accounting department. So moved."

Councilwoman Giglio: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Resolution #108

Councilwoman Giglio: "New well construction plant 16 water capital project budget adoption. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

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Councilman Dunleavy: "Motion to pay the bills. So moved."

Councilman Wooten: "I'll second."

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

The Vote: "Giglio, yes; Gabrielsen, yes; Wooten, yes; Dunleavy, yes; Walter, yes. The resolution is adopted."

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, that was good. Do we have general comment from the audience? Miss Mott, come on up."

Sandra Mott: "A happy new year to all of you. Some I know, some I don't. My name is Sandra Mott, I live in Riverhead."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Sandy, is that mike on?"

Sandra Mott: "It sounds like it is."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, it is."

Sandra Mott: "Is it?"

Supervisor Walter: "Vince, can you turn that mike up? Okay. Vince is going to turn it up for us."

Sandra Mott: "Okay. I'll just speak a little bit louder."

Supervisor Walter: "Vince keeps volunteering and we thank him for that."

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Sandra Mott: "First you know what cause is close to my heart and what has been for the past 16 and ½ years. I've been trying to keep (inaudible) as to the status of the animal shelter becoming privatized and the inclusion of cats.

My hope was raised in an August 6, 2009 article Getting Out of Adoption Business, Pound Might Be Private, quoting Mr. Wooten. We just spoke a few minutes in the corridor.

Just to put it on record, I would like to know the status and how this can be moved along more quickly."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, it is being moved along. I don't know how more quickly it's going to be.

Right now the RFP is almost 90% written. We are doing comparable to Southampton's RFP that was released back in September, October.

There's other issues when it comes to privatization. There's union issues. We do have union employees involved. It is— also there's budgetary constraints that we have to look into also. So it's— all those have to be worked out before we can really put an RFP out.

We are looking— right now I'm dealing with Southampton now. They just became privatized in January, at least a lot of kinks they're working out now which is good for us to look at what kind of ripples they have so that we won't do the same mistake that they have or come into the same problems they have.

But it certainly is a goal for this town. I know— I think most of this board to privatize that shelter. So (inaudible) narrow down the concern for the cats.

But can it be done quickly? Yeah, but quickly isn't necessarily the right way and I know you've been dealing with it for 16 years and I've been dealing with it for 16 months."

Sandra Mott: "I know and everyone else knows— "

Councilman Wooten: "But it certainly is our goal and we're not— "

Sandra Mott: "Do you have a time frame?"

Councilman Wooten: "I'd like to have it done this year but a lot is going to depend on what happens with the tax base, with what might happen— I mean it has to do with a lot of things (inaudible)."

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Sandra Mott: "You know and I know and a lot of the people listening know which is why I'm back here because they keep asking me in the grocery store, as an aside can I just say thank you to everyone that comes up to me and asks what the status is and tells me that they're grateful that I come because they can't either out of fear or time constraints or whatever.

That's what's been carrying me for 16 years and to be frank with you, it's obscene that this time has passed and-

Councilman Wooten: "I remember having that conversation with you two years ago."

Sandra Mott: "Yeah, and I shouldn't have to be here at the beginning of your new administration having to rehash old news. John's been through every piece of it.

The bottom line of the story- this must be the fifth administration now and it's the same union, budget, etc. The point is "

Councilman Wooten: "Those are real concerns, Sandra."

Sandra Mott: "I know the real concerns. I worked for the government. I understand that. But I also understand-

Councilman Wooten: "And the shelter is a lot better now than it was five years ago, even 10 years ago, so-

Sandra Mott: "Well, yeah, better is not-

Councilman Wooten: "Right. I'm just saying we're addressing as many needs as we can, but it's going to happen, trust me."

Sandra Mott: "I bring this again to the front because the lady- literally where you can take a stone and throw it across the street where she was going to be evicted because she took on the responsibility of little cats, spay and neutering, and then what happened to her is they threatened to evict her, an elderly lady from her home between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Had (inaudible) not stepped in to accommodate her needs, which is a private organization and which they gather them. But the problem is-

Councilman Wooten: "And I spoke with her also."

Sandra Mott: "Well, good. But the point is everybody can get their little hurrahs but it should have been a simple process. As soon as it was heard of it should have been brought- we should have had a facility for- someone should have been able to be taken her and the cats somewhere safe and secure in a sanctuary.

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And now with all the kinds of foreclosures that are going on in the community, I've heard of a lot of people who are just throwing them out, they've been doing that for years out here. The summer people leave, for example, now we have year round people who have to abandon their animals."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, I grant you. There's definitely feline problems. I'm not sure that applies across the street, but you are right, there is a feline problem."

Sandra Mott: "Well, I'm telling you what I read in the News Review and across the street, I mean, that's rather pathetic do you not think?"

Councilman Wooten: "Well, I know a little more about that. I'm not going to— "

Sandra Mott: "It couldn't get any closer if it were in the parking lot here at town hall."

The point is something needs to be done. I'm glad that something is being thought of but some action needs to be taken. And when it comes to the budget and the property, Gary Pendzick sat on one side of me, Mark Kwasna sat on the other side of me bringing to me the attention of a piece of property that is already owned by the water district, that's one major cost out of the way.

Aren't you affiliated with habitat for humanity?"

Councilman Wooten: "Yes, I am."

Sandra Mott: "Well then you know that that process is very effective for human beings and I can see it very easily utilized for a shelter. And— "

Councilman Wooten: "Are you talking about the station behind the old Agway?"

Sandra Mott: "Correct. Which I never knew of. These are not new issues. This is not budgetary. I understand the union. And as to the union, from a union family, I hope that they are going to be protected, the people who have been up there because simply put, they know the town better than you or I or anyone else."

Councilman Wooten: "I don't know about that."

Sandra Mott: "And if they can expand the repertoire as to what their responsibilities are, I can guarantee you, you would not want to step into some of the tasks that they have to do. I certainly wouldn't. I mean I take enough dead cats off the street

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myself. It's not a pleasant thing. But these people need to be acknowledged, maintained and broadened their experience as to educating the population."

Councilman Wooten: "Absolutely."

Sandra Mott: "So they don't have to be gone and you can't have one person on staff and then have them leave the facility."

Councilman Wooten: "I realize you want to read and I don't want this to be a back and forth but if you came to the animal advisory committee meetings, you are more than welcome to come to them. That's been a very- "

Sandra Mott: "I've been to those meetings."

Councilman Wooten: "-- the education process, well, I mean in the last six months."

Sandra Mott: "I've been to them. No, not in the last six months."

Councilman Wooten: "Well, I say- "

Sandra Mott: "Haven't been invited."

Councilman Wooten: "-- the chief will tell you and Maureen Lican (phonetic) who's the chairman of that will tell you that education is a very big component of what we're talking about."

Sandra Mott: "I know. Because the first thing out of my mouth is spay and neutering. You have to something about reducing any kind of- "

Councilman Wooten: "Absolutely. You and Bob Barker. That's right."

Sandra Mott: "It can be a barter system. If you can't afford them, then you can- there's certainly enough filthy streets in the town of Riverhead and parks and stuff that people can barter out their hours of time. This is such time- you can get a spay and neuter. If it's an elderly person, they can knit blankets or something like that. There's a different kind of economy that can be utilized. There's a lot of people who are going to tell you, not to your face, but they'll tell me and that's why I'm here."

Councilman Wooten: "Okay."

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Sandra Mott: "On to the next task. Sort of a similar area. On December 4th of '09 I brought to the attention to code enforcement again based on what I was reading in the News Review about the lady across the street, that the farm on Youngs Avenue that's owned by Rex and Connie Farr, it's called the Faar Farm on Youngs Avenue.

According to that News Review article Connie stated and she stated to me more than once that they are a rescue center for animals. My concern is if they are-

See, you're not even, I can tell by your expression. She's stating in the paper that she's a rescue center. If she's a rescue center, she needs to be overseen by market and agricultural laws just like the pound has to be or North Fork Animal or Bide a Wee or Kent or any- "

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, I'm not so sure that that's a true statement."

Sandra Mott: "Which isn't true?"

Councilman Wooten: "That she's considered a rescue farm."

Sandra Mott: "She said it, not me. And I'm going to tell you something else that I've been told- "

Councilman Wooten: "I know she rescues animals."

Sandra Mott: "No. Well, the point is if she does and she's taking them and this is what she's going to tell- you're not going to be happy by this comment. But I've heard it multiple times from her, repeatedly over the years.

According to her, Kent Animal Shelter has an aging out process. Now let me say Kent has been wonderful to us in the past in spay and neutering. This is what she said to me and many other people.

What they have is an aging out section for cats. Once they become a certain age, they have a choice. Because they are a no kill facility, she is asked will she take these cats or they will have them destroyed.

Now whether that's a fact or not you ask Connie and if it is a fact, then it's quite questionable, admission statement of Kent. And I'm not here to make friends, enemies or anything. I'm just telling you what she has told me and other people repeatedly. And when I say it to them, they say, oh, she told you that, too?

So the point is I would like to know what the status is of that facility up there. I want them to be in compliance with the same

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town, county and state rules and regulations for appropriate care, feeding and housing of the animals. I'd like to know what became of my complaint, especially now that we had a bitter, bitter, bitter winter and blizzards.

I want to know if code enforcement, I'd like to know- "

Supervisor Walter: "Sandra, what we'll do, the town attorney is in charge of code enforcement. We'll ask them to look into it."

Councilman Wooten: "I'd like to know, too."

Dawn Thomas: (Inaudible comment)

Sandra Mott: "Well, can something be done is my basic concern."

Supervisor Walter: "I don't think we can answer that."

Dawn Thomas: "I would be hard pressed to give you that answer."

Supervisor Walter: "Understand."

Sandra Mott: "I understand you, but I'm not putting it on the public domain that if there's an issue up there, then it needs to be rectified. And I'm not saying what they're doing isn't heart felt but it has to be done within the rules and regulations- "

Councilman Wooten: "Absolutely. I absolutely agree with that."

Sandra Mott: "I have no question that people's hearts have been in the right place, just like the lady across the street."

Dawn Thomas: "Have you been in contact with Ag and Markets about that?"

Sandra Mott: "That's not my job. No, no, dear. I brought it to your attention, it's in the town of Riverhead. I have my complaint number and the date and what I indicated to the gentleman, Mr.-- I'm botching his name."

Councilman Wooten: "Downs."

Sandra Mott: "Let me see. Macabee (phonetic)."

Dawn Thomas: "The only reason I'm suggesting that is if you have personal information- "

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Sandra Mott: "I have no personal information outside of what Connie has told me."

Dawn Thomas: "But she told you something directly. We can't report third-hand- "

Sandra Mott: "You can read the newspaper. I gave a copy attached to the code. Is that not adequate?"

Dawn Thomas: "It's not adequate for a criminal prosecution. No."

Sandra Mott: "You're kidding."

Dawn Thomas: "I'm not kidding." (Inaudible)

Sandra Mott: "I don't think it's funny."

Dawn Thomas: "I'm not laughing. I'm asking you to assist us in any that you can- "

Sandra Mott: "I have. I brought it to your attention."

Dawn Thomas: "You did. And I'm explaining to you (inaudible). And if you have personal information that you can convey to another agency- "

Sandra Mott: "I have been up there one time."

Dawn Thomas: "Let me finish, I would appreciate it."

Sandra Mott: "Go ahead."

Dawn Thomas: "The agency having jurisdiction, it would be better since the information would be direct. I can't give them third hand information. They can't prosecute or investigate on third hand information."

Sandra Mott: "So what am I filling out forms for?"

Councilwoman Giglio: "Dawn, can you put the mike- "

Councilman Wooten: "Well, the bottom line is also prior to that, Sandra, that they said that if there was an investigation- they're not saying it's not, they would not be able to share that with you in any event, not in a public forum."

Sandra Mott: "Well, I'm just inquiring. I was told I'd be advised. I haven't been advised. We're now going into- "

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Councilman Wooten: "Well, we wouldn't advise you now if we could because it's a public forum."

Sandra Mott: "Well, somebody could advise me in black and white. Correct?"

Councilman Wooten: "That would be true."

Sandra Mott: "Okay, I'm just putting it in a public form and maybe it will do something."

Councilman Wooten: "Okay."

Sandra Mott: "Okay. That's another issue outstanding. I have another issue in regard to the Cablevision August 7, 2009. I received-- we had inquired as to the 15% discount and once again, once again it was like legal action on the part of the town, it is being considered, etc. Did anything happen with the Cablevision 15% senior discount or no?"

Councilman Wooten: "That was something that came out of the supervisor's office that-- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, I don't know that that was accurate information."

Councilman Wooten: "-- and everybody I've spoken to that was elderly including family members, couldn't receive that 15%."

Sandra Mott: "Correct. That's what I'm saying, that's why I'm asking."

Councilman Wooten: "It was so convoluted as far as the only thing you had to do to jump through hoops to get it."

Sandra Mott: "It's not that convoluted. July 1, 2009, Dear Resident. The town board and I are pleased to inform you that Cablevision has agreed-- "

Councilman Wooten: "Oh, I know. I'm not saying what he said; I'm saying when you go to Cablevision to get it. That's the problem."

Sandra Mott: "Cablevision said it's wrong so I brought it to the attention of the supervisor's office."

Supervisor Walter: "Sandra, I have a meeting with Joan Gilroy next week. I will ask her about it. My opinion, and this is just my opinion, is that was more of an election year thing that was released. But I will look into it and if you call my office, it

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would be better, just call the office, I'll return- I return every phone call of every resident, it takes some time, but I will return your phone call and I'll have an answer for you."

Councilman Wooten: "And that was not a board resolution. That was something- that was a- "

Sandra Mott: "And my- "

Vasso Patrikis: (From the audience) "I know that people got it. The only way that you cannot get it is if you have- you (inaudible) because you have the family (inaudible). You cannot get it- like I have a (inaudible) with them for a family plan whatever it is, because (inaudible) because I'm already receiving 20% discount so you cannot receive on top of that 15% discount."

Sandra Mott: "I'm talking basic cable which a lot of people can only afford."

Supervisor Walter: "Sandra, do you have the press release?"

Sandra Mott: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "If you could ask- if you could ask my chief of staff in the back to make a copy of that and I will ask Joan Gilroy Monday or Tuesday- one day next week I believe. And I'll have an answer for you. You're either entitled or you're not and I'll give you how you're entitled to it."

Sandra Mott: "That would be appreciated. That's all I'm asking."

Supervisor Walter: "Not a problem. Just call me."

Sandra Mott: "Okay. My other concerns, one is our neighbor who was killed in front of St. Isidore's coming out of mass, by a drunk driver. I'd like to know of any possibility of a tree could be placed in his memory. I haven't heard anything from his family initiating anything. I haven't even heard about what happened to the guy who killed him. A multiple drunk driver who killed a very kind man and this was in- I don't have the date in front of me, forgive me, but it was a number of months ago and I'd like some consideration- "

Supervisor Walter: "What was the gentleman's name?"

Sandra Mott: "Ed Perricone - P-E-R-R-I-C-O-N-E."

Supervisor Walter: "I can check with St. Isidore's. They may have done something for him."

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Sandra Mott: "Thank you. And along the same line, I brought this to the attention of the previous administration, there's only two more things.

Calverton National Cemetery has a program where you can provide trees in memory of your family member. The only problem is you have to find the nursery, you have to have it delivered, you have to have it planted and the range in price is between \$200 and \$500 and I went through months of getting permission through Calverton to allow that to be done, for my father specifically, but then I just broadened it because it was not within our ability to afford it and I thought perhaps the town could sponsor with maybe some of the military organizations a tree at the memorial in- for Memorial Day and Veterans Day or just one at Veterans Day for all of the residents, the military residents who passed in conjunction with the ceremony there. Because I thought it would be a nice idea.

But I went back and forth and back and forth and back and forth, always ending up on my desk."

Councilman Wooten: "It's a good idea."

Sandra Mott: "So I would appreciate that. And I have just one article in regard to the number of deer and the fact that everybody wants to kill them rather than help them.

There- I brought this to the attention of, forgive me, I can't remember the gentleman who is now highway superintendent- "

Councilman Wooten: "George Woodson."

Sandra Mott: "-- Mr. Woodson a few months ago. I didn't know that when I brought it to him. There is actually something called (inaudible) wildlife warning reflectors and the reflectors are mounted on posts and activated by motorists headlights casting light across the road and moving patterns that are said to create psychological barriers for deer but are unseen by motorists.

And a consideration- I mean rather than taking the dead body- I'll make a copy- I'll bring it in and maybe they can make a copy."

Councilman Wooten: "Then leave one for me because I'm the liaison- "

Sandra Mott: "I think this would be a helpful method and the department of- "

Councilman Wooten: "Is that new? Because I think they tied that on Staten Island."

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Sandra Mott: "This is '04, October of '04."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, I think- okay."

Sandra Mott: "Department of transportation for the State of New York, the DOT spokesman, Mr. Graves (phonetic), felt- "

Councilman Wooten: "I think when that first came out they did a pilot program- "

Sandra Mott: "Yeah, upstate, in Dutchess County. Anyway, another thought."

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah, I think we can give that to Councilman Wooten. Is the board in favor of that? The board is in favor of that. Councilman Wooten is the person on that."

Sandra Mott: "Thank you. And the- "

Councilman Dunleavy: "He'll put those all up."

Councilman Wooten: "We did this on '05 up on Sound Avenue."

Sandra Mott: "All creatures great and small, right, Mr. Wooten?"

Councilman Wooten: "That's right. I don't like deer meat so I'd rather keep them alive."

Sandra Mott: "Well, I like to look at them. And the Long Island Railroad, are you going to be actively involved in going to the March 8 6:00 p.m. Riverhead County Center meeting that's going to be held as a public forum? I saw it on channel 12."

Supervisor Walter: "I think it's being held in our town board room if I'm not mistaken. They contacted us."

Sandra Mott: "Oh, they said Riverhead County Center."

Supervisor Walter: "It's interesting because they contacted us. Maybe they changed it. They contacted us and asked us for the board room. Is it at 3:30?"

Sandra Mott: "No. This is March 8th, 6:00 p.m. Riverhead County Center, unless it's been changed. I saw it on channel 12 (inaudible)."

Supervisor Walter: "This is for the MTA, opposing the MTA stopping rail service. I have to check because they did contact us. They contacted the deputy supervisor about using the board room and I thought I had it in my calendar. I don't know the date."

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Sandra Mott: "They're saying March 8th at 6:00 p.m. On channel 12 as I said. But as John said, you can't believe everything you see or read or hear about."

Councilman Wooten: "Maybe they moved this to the legislator's room over in- "

Sandra Mott: "I still have faith in the fact that people tell the truth so, you know. It's like when I call about the Cablevision situation, perhaps I'll give you a few days and maybe- "

Supervisor Walter: "Yeah. I'm sure I'm going to attend it. My son rides the railroad and we're actually in the process of drafting a letter and forwarding some of the residents' letters to the MTA that were forwarded to us. And- "

Sandra Mott: "It's an underutilized resource, absolutely outstanding. I've used it to get to the airport. It takes a bit of time, you have to leave early, very early because there aren't that many trains. And that- I wrote to whoever was running the show at the time and their attitude was, well, there aren't enough people. I said, yeah, but there are not enough trains."

Supervisor Walter: "Then don't tax us."

Sandra Mott: "Did you ever hear of catch-22? I mean you'll have more people if you have more trains."

Councilman Wooten: "You can't tell me that 90%, well, I won't use percentages, but the majority of the people go to Ronkonkoma because there is not enough train service."

Sandra Mott: "We should be having- the amount of people who have moved out here who are used to using mass transit would be overwhelming."

Councilman Wooten: "I asked the MTA two years ago when people buy their tickets in Ronkonkoma have them just enter their zip codes so they know where they're coming from, you realize that most of the north fork go there."

Sandra Mott: "Well, it's important that we maintain it even if you only use it once or twice a year. It's really- and it's very beautiful going in."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Well, the revitalized downtown, we really do need that train here. And I think they're doing Riverhead a disservice by stopping the train service to here."

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Sandra Mott: "Chris Kent (inaudible). Absolutely. I saw Mr. Romaine and Mr. Alessi and they were not very happy on one of the channel 12 segments and I really would support your doing what you can do to maintain what we have which is— and actually adding to.

And my only other comment is you know reducing the sales prices and reducing the tax responsibility of all these companies up and down 58 and Main Street is like really offensive. You know, I mean if they want to be here and you've certainly given them above and beyond opportunities to come, you know— "

Supervisor Walter: "We've had some conversations— we're doing a couple things, Sandra, different. We're creating an office of economic development. It could possibly be across the street. We're not sure, we're working on that. It's going to house the IDA, the EDZ, and the community development agency so there's one central focus."

Sandra Mott: "That's very good."

Supervisor Walter: "Hopefully within the next month or two that's going to be established. I've spoken to the IDA about giving tax benefits to businesses on Route 58. I believe some of the other council members are not necessarily in favor of tax benefits on Route 58 because people want to come there and Route 58 is a destination for businesses so we have spoken to the IDA.

We— downtown is a little different story. As you can see, we don't have a lot to offer downtown so whatever I can do, you know, to promote the IDA and the EDZ tax benefits, you know, we're going to continue to do it. But I, you know, I do agree on Route 58 and some of the other places, that's not where we should be focused. And we will probably work with the IDA to change that focus."

Sandra Mott: "You know what you just said, that you don't have much to offer on Main Street, I'm going to disagree with you because if you go to any other community anywhere you have such an opportunity there."

Supervisor Walter: "You know what? You're 100% right."

Sandra Mott: "You have so much there, but people have been here for so long all they see are boarded up for rent signs. That's not what you have there. You have such opportunities but you can't kill people with parking taxes and this and that and the other thing. I don't know how any business person makes a nickel downtown."

Supervisor Walter: "Well, that's what the IDA— and I'm glad you said that because I only want to be optimistic about downtown."

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It is going up, it is going up in- I am confident that we are going to be able to do something. The whining and the crying stops now. And I did that for a moment but you corrected me and I thank you for that."

Sandra Mott: "Well, I don't mean to be negative because my attitude is I'd rather be home kissing my pet cat. And by the way, my final comment, how is your little cat doing?"

Supervisor Walter: "Fine. He still tries to get outside all the time. He's- I have a three legged cat for those of you in the audience that don't know. Somebody had shot it with a pellet and he gets- yes, and but he was a feral cat that we took in so he knows the outside."

Sandra Mott: "(inaudible), feral has a very negative- "

Supervisor Walter: "Okay, displaced cat. And he has been replaced in our house but it's amazing. He climbs- he's missing his right front leg, he can still climb trees. Amazing. Cats are amazing. Within a month the cat didn't even miss the leg."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Can I- "

Sandra Mott: "See, because you were very questioning as to the (inaudible) when we met, when you were talking to me that time. And I just wanted to ask how he was. All I can say is I don't intend to make this a regular process of coming here. I have other responsibilities and- but when I have so many people asking me over and over and I cannot answer them, then I will come periodically.

And as to you know advisory committees and stuff like that, you can pretty much tell that that's not my personality style. A to Z, 1 to 10, yes or no, let's do it or not."

Councilman Wooten: "Yeah, I know. But you know, we've come a long way."

Sandra Mott: "Well I think we definitely have issues in the town but one thing is we have an issue of a- the carbon monoxide detector going off. We have no issues with your police or your fire or anyone who saves lives in this town and I hope you'll be extremely protected.

And I'm putting the animal shelter workers up there in that category too because they have been most gracious to me and they haven't had to be.

One thing I would like is if anyone does see a little creature on the side of the road, could they contact them to remove it? I don't care if it's county, state or town road. No one should have

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to pass by a dead animal. If everyone, the police, whomever working for the town, any citizen, they need to do that. I've done it 16 and ½ going on 17 years. I don't want to count how many. It's just sad because we don't have— people just throw them out because they're called feral. They're not feral. Nothing's feral.

My attitude is thank you very much and good luck to you."

Councilman Wooten: "Thank you, Sandra."

Sandra Mott: "When shall I call you, Mr. Walter? Sean?"

Supervisor Walter: "Tomorrow— a meeting is next week so give me two weeks, that way I make sure— "

Sandra Mott: "Sure. Jim, you'll let me know what the story is."

Councilman Wooten: "Absolutely. I've got your number on my speed dial."

Sandra Mott: "Okay. And well, no, you'll never have my number on speed dial. I gave it out once upon a time."

Councilman Wooten: "Did you change your number? Give me your new number."

Sandra Mott: "You know, people knocking on my door at weird hours and I really can't handle that, you know."

Councilman Wooten: "You better give me your new number then."

Sandra Mott: "But I will— don't call me, I'll call you. But you have my PO box, you can drop me a little postcard."

Councilman Wooten: "I know where you live."

Councilman Dunleavy: "I just want to follow up on something you said. Downtown, our local newspaper, our radio stations, they're all negative about downtown. We have one of the safest downtowns. If you go look at every downtown, there's not much crime and everybody says that this town is crime ridden. It isn't.

This is a good town we live in. Main Street is a good spot. We want businesses down there and let's be positive and let's not be negative about the town of Riverhead and its Main Street."

Sandra Mott: "It's a beautiful area. I'm not from here originally and I have traveled a lot and it's a question of— you just have to get beyond what you're seeing right now. You know.

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And my attitude is sooner rather than later and then you'll have more taxes and then you won't have to worry about budgetary constraints.

Okay, gentlemen, madam, thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Councilwoman Giglio: "Thank you."

Vasso Patrikis: "Hello everybody. I wish you a happy— my name is Vasso Patrikis. I live in Jamesport. And the reason I'm here today is to ask the board to increase the age exception income limit.

And you have something in front of you, you can look at it. It's— part of it is personal, okay. I would say if anyone has wages of \$24,000 and \$12,000 Social Security, the total income is 36. And if you pay \$10,000, over \$10,000 in taxes, and if you include the heat and oil, the medical insurance that you pay, part of it from your job or whatever, insurance, medicines and all that, your income comes down to the mid 1500's— I mean 15,000.

And here I am for the past two years, I'm 75 years old and I have to work so I can have my home and the past two years, I got nothing out of the town. Nothing, absolutely nothing, because I was over the limit.

Now all the other towns, I checked, they have 37; 37,400 in Southold, Southampton, Brookhaven, East Hampton. Riverhead, the lowest is 32,400, \$32,400. I don't think that is fair and I think even the towns that they have 37 is not fair because anyone that makes below 45,000 is considered low income.

I spoke to more than 100 people that are in the same situation as I am and some of them they say they don't get anything out of the county because I don't know, they don't get that much. I got out of the county which is not much. I didn't get anything from the school board over the limit. I didn't get anything from the town.

And I spoke to those people, 50 people and there's so many people. I'm speaking for myself and those others that are in the same situation.

Now I can go and I can get hundreds of signatures of people that are in the same situation as I am because you are talking about taxes. You're talking about this and that and in the meantime, this is ridiculous. Not for my town that I've lived here since 1978 and I used to pay, my house is free and clear thanks to that, you know,

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but what is that doing to me when I have to pay like I'm paying rent, if I have to pay \$6,000 for taxes?

I mean, you have until March 1st to make a change and to make a difference for the senior citizens that's given that they're so old, they have to work in order to make it. I mean I love my job, what I'm doing, I mean it keeps me young. But the thing is this. There are other people that they cannot do what I can do and they don't get any— I mean I feel if you increase the limit to 42,000, then you can be a star among all the other, you know, the other townships, you know.

I feel that that's the right way to do it. And I'm asking you to consider that at your next work session because this has to be done before March 1st. If it's not before March 1st, then I don't know how much you care about the senior citizens. Show me. Show me that you care and do it before March 1st.

I will be here at the next board meeting because you have winter recess so I'm going to be here. I'm going to be here but it has to be done before March 1st. It's not too much to ask. I don't need to have to pay again the same amount next year without any deduction. I think it's a fair thing to do.

I mean I would do anything for this town. But if I had more money I wouldn't worry. I don't care if I had to pay taxes."

Supervisor Walter: "I'll have the board members, they can— Laverne Tennenberg has done cost analysis."

Councilman Wooten: "I need to look at cost analysis."

Vasso Patrikis: "I was told by all the assessors, I called and got these figures. I called, I say, who is responsible of setting the limit and the percentage and they told me that the town."

Supervisor Walter: "I'm going to invite the board members to speak to Laverne directly about it and she has the figures. It represents a very large tax shift in the town and that's the central issue at this point. So the board members can talk to Laverne."

Vasso Patrikis: "Well, at this point, it's 32,400."

Supervisor Walter: "I understand. I'll have the board members talk to Laverne directly. That's the best way for them to deal with it— for us to deal with it."

Vasso Patrikis: "I hope I have some answers."

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Councilman Dunleavy: "No. I think you're right. We give the veterans, we give the volunteers tax breaks. Low income seniors deserve tax breaks. Everything is rising on them and this is not going to affect every senior. It's only going to affect the low income senior and I think raising it to 42 might be a little too much but I think we are the lowest at 32. So I have to agree, I think you're right. And I think we have to look into it."

Vasso Patrikis: "I mean, this is-- but it has to be done before March 1st."

Supervisor Walter: "We'll have the board members talk to Laverne. If the majority wants to put it on for work session and for a public hearing-- "

Vasso Patrikis: "I talked to Laverne already."

Councilman Wooten: "We have to make a decision. I'm glad you spoke with her, I have not. It's important that I have the figures in my head. I have to know exactly what that's going to do town-wide."

Vasso Patrikis: "I asked her what can I do as a senior-- "

Councilman Wooten: "Well, this is good. You did-- I think you did exactly what you had to do. You gave me this information."

Vasso Patrikis: "What can I do as a senior."

Councilman Wooten: "You did just what you had to do."

Vasso Patrikis: "A working senior at 75. She says go to the town board and ask them to increase so that's what I'm asking you do to."

Councilman Wooten: "Vasso, you did exactly what you should be doing. Thank you."

Councilman Dunleavy: "Thank you."

Vasso Patrikis: "Okay, thank you."

Councilman Wooten: "So we'll see you at the next board meeting and I'll tell you what I concluded."

Vasso Patrikis: "February 17th."

Councilwoman Giglio: "I won't be here for that meeting on February 17th but I'd like to talk to you about it and I will talk to Laverne about it."

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Vasso Patrikis: "Oh yeah, I will talk to you."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Sal Mastropaolo, Calverton."

Supervisor Walter: "Sal, welcome back."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Since the subject is taxes, I'll just expand on it a little bit. 1980, anybody know what that year was? What was important about 1980?"

How about the last town-wide reassessment was done in 1980. It's now 30 years. Don't you think it's time we reassessed the entire town, okay.

Now, in the last five years— "

Supervisor Walter: "Do you want my opinion? No."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Why? Because it's politically unpopular?"

Supervisor Walter: "There's two reasons for it, Sal, and I'll give them to you. One, I've actually, being a practicing attorney not doing tax assessment or grievances anymore, when we look at our equalization rate and our residential assessed, RAR, residential assessment ratio, the figures that the town is using is pretty accurate. They are pretty accurate because we mathematically have corrected that 1990 reassessment.

But, there's the thing, and this is my point. I bought an older house because I know what the taxes are. When I bought my office, I bought an older building because I know what the taxes are and certain people have, they stay— like the speaker before, they may stay in their houses because they know what the taxes are.

I, as the town supervisor, am not going to throw the uncertainty of a— forget about the political will, I'm not throwing the uncertainty on the backs of the residents. We know what our taxes are. If you chose to buy and build a brand new house, you can come to the assessor's office, you'll know what your taxes are.

If the state wants to reassess, wants us to re— let the state of New York— first of all it's a huge expense, huge expense, let the state of New York come down at their expense and reassess all the towns. But you will never get this supervisor, never, to vote for reassessment. Because I think it just throws— all the certainty we have with our taxes up in the air."

Sal Mastropaolo: "Okay, but here's the problem. Over the last five years, okay, you've given back seven and a half million dollars, okay, because of grievances and lawsuits. Okay. That's what you gave back. Okay. That's on top of the cost to defend yourself in the lawsuits, the cost to fight the grievances. Okay."

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And what you have is, at one point you have one-third of the town under assessed, one-third of the town over assessed and one-third of the town properly assessed. The one-third that was over assessed, okay, in the last several years, has filed grievances. So they are no longer over assessed. So what do you have? Now you've got- "

Supervisor Walter: "There's very few people- we should ask Laverne to come in. There's very few people that filed grievances."

Councilman Wooten: (Inaudible)

Sal Mastropaolo: "Let me tell you something. The stuff I'm quoting you is right from Laverne. Okay. She tells me that the number of grievances are going up every year and the number of people that are grieving and winning is going up. Okay."

So what you're being left with is the people that were assessed properly, the people that have now won their grievances so they've lowered their taxes, and one-third of the people that are under assessed that nobody is going after. Okay.

You do a total reassessment, okay, you'll find out where the two family houses are, where all the illegal apartments are, where all the illegals are living, okay, and you'll get the proper tax rolls.

You keep making decisions like these exemptions on bad numbers, okay. If the foundation is bad which is the assessment from 1980, then all the results are bad. Okay. They're unfair to some people and fair to others.

And all I'm saying is, hey, it's been 30 years. Let's fix the problem so we can move forward, okay, and properly assess the taxpayers. It's not going to raise the taxes. It's just going to re-distribute it to the people that should be paying it."

Supervisor Walter: "And I've stated my position and for as long as I'm here I will not vote for it Sal so you can come up and I appreciate your position."

Sal Mastropaolo: "And I will continue keep coming up, okay."

Supervisor Walter: "Absolutely. That's what's great about this."

Sal Mastropaolo: "It's a problem that nobody is addressing. Thank you."

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Supervisor Walter: "Thanks, Sal."

Vasso Patrikis: "One more thing I want to tell you."

Supervisor Walter: "Just step up to the microphone."

Vasso Patrikis: "One more thing I want to tell you that I have to work three and a half months to pay my taxes and that's not fair. Would you pay one-third of your income for taxes? You're not doing that. But I am. One-third of my income goes to my taxes. And that's not fair."

How do you expect a person to survive and not use credit cards and build them up and owe more money when you have to pay all these taxes? That's what you have to do."

Supervisor Walter: "I'll have the board speak to Laverne directly so that they can get the information and we can make a decision after they speak to Laverne directly."

Vasso Patrikis: "Before March 1st. I hold you accountable, all of you."

Supervisor Walter: "I understand. Does anybody else wish to be heard?"

Vasso Patrikis: "Nope."

Supervisor Walter: "Somebody else in the audience."

Can I have a motion to adjourn?"

Councilman Wooten: "Move to adjourn. So moved."

Councilman Dunleavy: "And seconded."

Supervisor Walter: "And all in favor?"

Collective response: "Yes."

Supervisor Walter: "Thank you for coming."

Meeting adjourned: 3:16 p.m.