

Town of Ossining Board Work Session

June 16, 2020

Meeting Transcript

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In Attendance: Supervisor Dana Levenberg, Councilmember Liz Feldman, Councilmember Jackie G. Shaw, Councilmember Gregory Meyer, Municipal Attorney Municipal Attorney Christie Addona, Budget Officer Victoria Cafarelli, Treasurer Dale Brennan, Water and Sewer Superintendent Andrew Tiess, Highway and Cemetery Superintendent Pete Connolly

1 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Good evening and welcome to the
2 Town Board of the Town of Ossining work session for Tuesday, June 16
3 2020. Please rise and join me for the pledge of allegiance with our flag
4 image.

5 **ALL:** I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to
6 the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with
7 liberty and justice for all.

8 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And our flag remains at half-staff as
9 we continue to recognize deaths of our fellow residents in New York State
10 who have passed from coronavirus. So I'm going to just start with some
11 announcements and then we are going to launch into multiple work session
12 topics for this evening.

13 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** First, conversations have continued
14 this week in our community and across the country about biases that are
15 ingrained in our institutions, organizations, and policies. We must continue
16 to have these conversations and not let them fall by the wayside as other
17 news stories return to the front page. Addressing calls for justice must
18 remain a priority for all of us. With this in mind, last week we met with
19 representatives from the Coalition for Understanding Racism through
20 Education, known as CURE, which is a not for profit that was established in
21 Larchmont Mamaroneck and we were talking to them about how we can
22 facilitate an ongoing dialogue about equity in the community, to continue to

23 advocate for equity through working with our partners, and allow space for
24 listening and learning from our black and brown friends and colleagues.
25 Ossining's community equity task force will review the CURE information
26 along with other resources that members have shared including our own
27 Councilwoman Shaw, who is also on the School District Equity Task Force
28 before providing a town-wide survey for all residents and organizations to
29 consider. And... the Task Force currently consists of a group of
30 stakeholders, including members of the school district, members of the
31 Ossining chapter of the NAACP, the Ossining Public Library staff and board
32 members, youth leaders, community members, and municipal leaders. If
33 you are interested in becoming part of our Community Equity Task Force
34 which is our working title, please email me at
35 dlevenberg@townofossining.com. Our next meeting is scheduled for
36 Monday, June 22nd at 10am via Zoom.

37 This Friday is Juneteenth holiday celebrating the day in 1865 when news of
38 the end of the Civil War and emancipation reach slaves in Texas. This date
39 was nearly two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed, but
40 the news was delayed in getting to rural Texas as the war raged and slave
41 owners refused to free their slaves. Juneteenth has been celebrated since
42 1865 especially in Texas, but was often ignored or unknown until the Black
43 Lives Matter movement drew it into national attention. This Year
44 celebrations will be altered, but you can join a virtual celebration being
45 hosted by the New York City Coalition for Educational Justice at noon on
46 Friday register at bit.ly/CEJ – as in John – block party. Information about
47 this event is available on our town Facebook page. While we cannot offer
48 permits for celebrations that would involve large group gatherings at this
49 time, we understand there may be a peaceful protest organized at which
50 Juneteenth will be recognized at the waterfront at 7pm this Friday, I believe
51 people are going to start gathering around 6:30. We will do everything we
52 can to make sure people are safe. If you do choose to attend, please
53 remember to wear a mask and maintain six feet of distance between
54 yourself and those not living in your household.

55 We have started to see a second wave of the corona virus outbreak
56 growing across the country. New York currently has the lowest rate of
57 infection at all 50 states in the US territories, whereas we also did have the
58 highest rate at one point. So that's good news for New York. However, it

59 means it means that it's important that our efforts these past few months,
60 do not go in vain. So please continue to wash your hands regularly, wear a
61 mask, and social distance as often as possible. If you attend a rally protest
62 or an in person forum or if you already have done so you're eligible for a
63 coronavirus test to make sure you are not exposed. Tests are free, whether
64 or not you have insurance, they're available through your healthcare
65 provider or at the Open Door Family Medical Center in downtown Ossining.
66 Our actions today will be felt tomorrow. Some states that are now facing
67 rising case numbers have had to slow their reopening. We don't want that
68 to happen here, so please make sure that you do whatever you can to
69 decrease the possibility of spread. Ossining is currently in Phase Two of
70 New York forward reopening process as part of the mid-Hudson region.
71 Some regions for the upstate have entered Phase Three, and so far our
72 region is on track to follow them starting next Tuesday, June 23. It's
73 certainly exciting to see people safely out and about guidance for all four
74 phases is now available on the New York Forward website. As a reminder,
75 all businesses are required to fill out an affirmation and post the information
76 in a visible location, even those businesses that were considered essential
77 and did not have to close it all. These affirmations and business safety
78 plans that are particular to your business's industry are a key tool and
79 making sure businesses will mitigate all possible risks of spread so make
80 sure to go on your website look up what your business - what heading your
81 business was under and make sure that you follow the guidance
82 documents.

83 Phase Two brought us the exciting news that we could eat out - literally - at
84 restaurants. The Governor has also been lifting restrictions on more
85 specific areas as well. Today, we learned that hospitals and group homes
86 can accept visitors, though the homes themselves can decide how and
87 when to adopt this practice, which is true about most of the guidance.
88 Nursing homes are still closed to the public. Playgrounds have been
89 permitted to be open, but we are not quite ready to go and do that in
90 Ossining. So stay tuned until we are ready to do so, and then we will, we
91 know that people have unfortunately been ripping down our caution tape,
92 playing on our playgrounds, even though we've wrapped them multiple
93 times. We ask that you remain respectful of the limitations that we've put in
94 place, because they are for your and our own safety.

95 Low risk youth sports are going to be able to start again in Phase Three. So
96 we're working as fast as we can to get everything ready so that we can
97 start offering those to everybody safely. If any businesses are in need of
98 cloth masks for their employees. They should email cscorcia – S-C-O-R-C-
99 I-A at townofossining.com. We had gotten quite a few cloth masks through
100 the County and we still have those available for distribution. I would
101 recommend that you consider using two per employee so that you can
102 switch out a clean and dirty one and have them in rotation and you know
103 you can at least two per employee or, you know, you can even do four but
104 do put your request in through the Town so that we can make sure that we
105 set up a time for you to pick those up, if you are interested.

106 You may have heard that Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Orders
107 allowing municipal governments to expand the amount of in person staff.
108 As of June 23 which is two weeks after the mid-Hudson region entered
109 Phase Two, we can begin to increase our in-person office staff. We are
110 likely going to be handling this department by department, but are certain
111 that residents will not experience much change in how they interact with
112 our departments, because we are not planning to open to the public, yet we
113 still do not anticipate that until anytime in the near future, but we are
114 working closely with our partners in the Village [of Ossining] government to
115 make sure that we have everything ready for when we do open to the
116 public and all of our departments will continue to be accessible via phone,
117 email, and limited enter in person contact by appointment only.

118 Our Town Justice Court staff has also been authorized to resume in person
119 office functions and we anticipate being able to open the court window to
120 the public sometime in July or August. All of our town staff has been
121 working so hard to ensure that while we navigate our new normal residents
122 continue to receive the service they expect from their local government. If
123 you have any questions or have any difficulty accessing a town
124 department, please do not hesitate to contact our office - my office at 914-
125 762-6001.

126 Just a little south of Ossining, this week brought an important milestone
127 with the governor also opening the walking and biking path on the Mario
128 Cuomo bridge which has a scenic view overlooking the Hudson River.
129 Bicycle riders and walkers required to social distance and wear a mask and

130 I suggest a helmet too - for cyclists. Historic Hudson River towns and all its
131 Member communities, which includes the Villages of Briarcliff, Ossining
132 and the Town of Ossining worked with the company Travel Story to
133 develop a driving tour of communities along the Hudson north of the bridge.
134 The app is available for free via the travel stories - that's Travel S-T-O-R-Y-
135 S app on the App Store or Google Play, or you can go to
136 www.HudsonRiver.com to access the app. We're excited to be part of this
137 program and hopefully with more families planning road trips. This summer,
138 we can highlight all the best Ossining has to offer virtually. Also we, as
139 mentioned before had our dock at Cedar Lane Park was installed and I just
140 saw that some of the finishing touches have been put on it for the safety
141 protocols that our Building Inspector was requiring so I anticipate that that
142 will be open this weekend. We do hope that people take advantage of it in
143 the safest possible way - which means social distancing and wearing
144 masks.

145 Early voting has begun. While in-person voting is allowed for the June 23
146 primary I encourage everyone to take advantage of early voting options
147 available until Sunday, June 21. Masks and hand sanitizers are avail - or
148 hand sanitizers available for every voter at the Ossining Community Center
149 at 95 Broadway. For those of you voting by absentee ballot, your about
150 must be postmarked by June 23rd. If your – your requested an absentee
151 ballot, but it has not arrived in your mailbox, yet it's maybe on its way still. I
152 know that I just received mine a day or two ago. If you change your mind or
153 get anxious and you want to vote in person and have already applied for an
154 absentee ballot, either you have it in your hand and haven't voted yet or
155 you are waiting for to arrive, you are permitted to vote in person just let
156 them know when you get to the Community Center that you had requested
157 an absentee ballot and they will negate your absentee ballot. So, we
158 learned that from the Clerk and that is good information. For voting on June
159 23 registered voters who have not yet voted via absentee ballot will receive
160 a notice in the mail about where you are directed to vote if you're in the
161 Town of Ossining. There are only two polling places. And that's the
162 Ossining Community Center or Roosevelt Elementary School. Again, that's
163 just for the day, June 23 not for early voting - early voting is one location,
164 Election Day June 23 for the primary: two locations. So you have to look at
165 that postcard that you get in the mail or gotten the mail already to see

166 where you are assigned if you're planning to vote on the 23rd. And you are
167 required to go to your sign polling place.

168 Finally, I want to once again remind you to fill out the 2020 Census our
169 current response rate is slowly ticking up it's at 63.7% which is good, but
170 still short by about 6.2% from where we're at in 2010. I would like to take a
171 moment to dispel some myths about the census myth number one the
172 census does not count young children are undocumented residents. This is
173 completely untrue. The census counts everyone who lives in the United
174 States, no matter how small - newborn babies included. That and that's
175 regardless of okay this myth number two. Oh, I think I said undocumented
176 residents, regardless of age, race, or immigration status information filled
177 out is confidential. Myth number two: the census is not available in my
178 language. This is also untrue. The census is available in nearly 60
179 languages online and by phone. Myth number three: the census doesn't
180 matter, I would like to remind everyone that we lose at least 20 \$500 for
181 every uncounted resident every year. Data captured by the Census is used
182 to designate the number of representatives in the legislative arm of the
183 federal government. Financially, the money allocated by the census funds -
184 funds schools, the building of highways and countless social service
185 programs. So please keep the census counters from coming to your door
186 and fill out your census either online or by phone. I know you guys are all
187 very tired of hearing you say that, but we want to get as close to 100% as
188 possible. And we're only at 63.7%

189 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Do any of my board colleagues have
190 any other announcements? Okay, no, I see no my head shaking now.
191 Okay, so with that.

192 We are going to launch into our lengthy work session. Tonight, we have
193 quite an agenda. First up, we have a report or Dell cemetery report from
194 Pete Connelly our Cemetery Superintendent hat - with his Cemetery
195 Superintendent hat on. So Mr. Connolly, go ahead, sir.

196 **CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Good evening.

197 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Hello.

198 **CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Alright, so at the
199 cemetery we have, there has been 34 interments to date for this year. We

200 completed our spring cleanups and the men are doing their regular grass
201 cutting duties. We'll have our monument foundation orders are currently
202 completed. For the third consecutive year we look forward to contracting
203 with a company that repairs are damaged monuments. These are
204 especially in the older sections of the cemetery, the lettered sections at a
205 cemetery. They're made out of marble and over time, when they fall they
206 break and the same company's been coming - coming back and this will be
207 the third consecutive year but we'll - we'll good dent in it and I think we may
208 even finish sometime this summer, getting them all fixed. So, we will also
209 look forward to three pairs of the Superintendent's Cottage. The cottage,
210 which was built in the 1850s currently holds the cemetery office around the
211 back and three restrooms. We're go to be looking to replace the front
212 porch, which is an almost total disrepair, rebuilding of the chimney,
213 replacing of the roof shingles, new windows, and some paint. So we do
214 have a little water infiltration in my back office over some lentils that are
215 missing, so it's really, it's really time to do something over there and I'd like
216 to ask Andy to come in and he's going to discuss some of the additional
217 items for the budget.

218 **ANDREW TIESS:** Good evening everybody. So, um, I know Victoria
219 Cafarelli sent a really good [UNCLEAR] of the breakdown of this project.
220 Okay, good. Got it there. Um... and I'm originally when this was bid, it was
221 bid as a base bid with add alternates which means the Town has the right
222 to accept an alternate or turn it down. Um, we knew that no matter what the
223 building needed to be upgraded but we didn't want to price yourself out
224 where you couldn't get any work done. Like, if we just included everything.
225 It would have box us in a corner. So, um, after meeting with the architect,
226 we looked at every aspect of it as far as like, we'll start with the base scope
227 of 199,468 on the next was the alternate for which was the main route for
228 asphalt shingles. Um, that originally there was a choice of putting copper
229 route for standing metal scene we chose the cheapest most cost effective,
230 but will still give 40 to 50 years of useful life and out with the asphalt
231 shingles and that's 54,200. Um in the base scope, it didn't talk about
232 changing all of the windows, it was just a certain amount of windows and
233 after reviewing everything and um just completing like two sides of the
234 building, we thought it would be best if we kind of did everything, you know,
235 and not these windows where their - their - their - their average windows.

236 They're efficient, but they're not state of the art windows and we and we
237 asked for our credit on those windows to go with a more cost effective
238 window which there were savings of 4293 but we added additional windows
239 because we want to - we want to do the envelope on this building. We want
240 to enclose it we want to be done with it and we said, let's look at the cost of
241 - of completing this building so it just didn't look like it was half done. So
242 adding all the all the alternates up so the next alternate was to paint all
243 stucco 12,892 alternate six. If we were to change the windows out two or
244 three years from now on the other three sides the stucco would have to be
245 redone. And then the paint would have to be redone. It really makes no
246 sense unless the Board's totally against it. To me it's let's - let's do it right
247 and if, if you can come up with the funds, let's do it that way. I'm chimney
248 upgrade that was there was a - it was an add alternate and I don't
249 remember the price off top my head, but was to bring the chimney back to
250 the original - the original look. And after the Town Supervisor and Victoria
251 and Pete and myself, along with the architect negotiated with the
252 successful bidder, he - he said he would do it for the same price as the - he
253 would not charge extra to bring it to that original look on basically was
254 honest about he said that the work is putting the scaffolding up, mobilizing
255 and to make it look the way it should look it really wasn't much of a cost,
256 but he ate that cost. The next was the also by lowering the windows to a
257 more cost effective window. We had a savings of 4293 but then we said,
258 let's do the other three sides and let's just finish this building off so that
259 added a cost of 62,975. And then the final cost is the architect fees, which
260 on that's based on whatever scope of work we do, the more work we do,
261 the more it costs for - for their field work along with their design work and
262 then change order work. We were hoping there's no change orders, I think
263 it's a pretty thorough project but um that's kind of where we stand now.
264 Victoria, you can probably talk about what was originally borrowed and then
265 what you think we need.

266 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Yeah. So, as indicated here
267 and we just want to note, is one of the savings that we're looking at for the
268 SME upgrades about a little over \$4,000 as well. Um, so we had a
269 borrowed for the project in 2017 after spending some money for the
270 architects to kind of get these drawings off the ground and the initial
271 evaluation of the project. We have about \$270,000 remaining in that in that

272 borrow from 2017. So on reviewing what we're looking at here in terms of
273 the scope, there is an overage have about \$98,000 which we plan on
274 paying for out of the cemetery on balance. So Dale, I'm not sure, if you
275 have anything to add there, that's - that's basically the summary of what
276 we're looking at right now. And so we had also included in the memo a
277 resolution to amend the budget for the capital project so that we could then
278 move forward with going to contract with the contractor and accepting the
279 bid earlier this year.

280 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Dale? You there?

281 **DALE BRENNAN:** Yeah. So in terms of the fund balance for Dale
282 Cemetery, we ended the year with 271,493.40 so taking out the 98,119.13
283 from [the] fund balance is going to leave us with 173,374.27. And this is a
284 project in my opinion that one - once you start it, you really should just do
285 the job complete as much as you can, especially, you know, if you have the
286 funds to do it. I was looking at Pete's revenues earlier today, and for
287 cemetery plots. He's already reached 78.9% of budget and for interments
288 he's reached 53.4% so they look on target, at least in terms of revenues. If
289 not, they might exceed see them, which will help offset some of this cost as
290 well.

291 **ANDREW TIESS:** I wanted to add - I wanted to add two things. Um, there
292 was an additional add alternate to do the front door, to do the side windows
293 of the front door, to restore that there's some work that we caught out that
294 Pete feels that we can do in house I'm and I'm not saying he can rebuild
295 these doors, but, um, these are things that, um, that it takes someone who
296 really is in the industry. Tom Clemmons, who had known about for years,
297 but really never did work with him, but understood he - he's - he has a good
298 reputation. This is not like normal construction, this is [UNCLEAR] plaster,
299 this is this is rehabilitation, this is specialized work. And the planets kind of
300 lined up getting a guy like this. It was hard to get people to bid it. We had
301 two bidders. And then the other guy who was did a lot of work in New
302 England, I think kind of follow the money and went to a job where there was
303 big mansions, he could work at and it seems like the time is right to - to pull
304 the trigger and use a company like this and do it right, once and for all and
305 also on - on the management side of Town Hall - sorry, I almost said
306 Village Hall - on Town Hall with the coordination from Victoria and Dana

307 and Sue Donnelly with bidding. It's like, it's that work is done. It's designed
308 and it to me, it makes sense to do

309 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The other thing is, I think that in our
310 last meeting that Tom said that prices for Windows that already gone up,
311 but he was going to honor his praise from the bit, even though it was
312 delayed a little bit, from when we were actually going to get to it. So we're
313 already seeing because of, you know, supply chain issues, I think we're
314 seeing some pricing change. He you know he was a little bit backed up. I
315 think originally we were hoping it was going to get started in July, but he got
316 backed up because of, you know, being having to stop because a
317 pandemic. So I think that now the fact that he's still hoping that he can start
318 in August is good. Tom also happens to be local. And just as a little FYI. He
319 built our two little free libraries, his wife is a teacher in the schools and he
320 did those I think as a donation for the one - the ones that we have in Ryder
321 Park and Engel Park so I'm hoping is going to do a couple more.
322 [UNCLEAR] this job. Anyway, I just wanted to mention that I think that this
323 is really the smarter way to go right now while we're doing the work that we
324 bonded for. And while you know we're committing this money, I think this is
325 one of the, you know, it's a very well used part of our - our assets. There's
326 a lot of traffic, unfortunately more traffic now than it seems that there has
327 been in a long time. Even though we haven't had the bathrooms open
328 downstairs. And a lot of work has been done piecemeal in a very in not the
329 best way to this building over the years and it looks it. And if anything, you
330 know, we really need to protect the envelope. As we can see, not doing I
331 met some of the other buildings in the town over the years has
332 unfortunately seen certain - certain of those buildings, go to ruin and I
333 would hate for that to happen while we have the ability to make sure that
334 this, this one does not. So is there any, are there questions from the board?

335 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So Andy, in your opinion.
336 This is the right way to go, I mean, I hate to spend money in a time like this.
337 I know that we already bonded for this, the money's already in the budget.
338 Um, but I know the town board is interested in, you know, looking at every
339 dime that we spend and being very frugal but infrastructure is
340 infrastructure. So do you feel like this is the base of what we can do to
341 preserve the building and not go above and beyond what, you know - there
342 are no extra expenditures? That's what I'm asking.

343 **ANDREW TIESS:** Um, yes, we didn't. This is not a state of the art. This is -
344 if it, if it was my if it was a private sector business this and I own that
345 building, that this is what I would do. Personally, I'm we try and make these
346 decisions, you know, because we know its taxpayer money. I think it's -
347 You know, I've had projects through the years that I've scaled back on and
348 it was sorry that I did. Pete was really serious about wanting to complete
349 this everything that we're talking about here, um, you know, it would have
350 been nice to just put everything in the base bit and have a larger budget
351 number but we didn't know who we were going to get to bid this job and
352 were pleasantly surprised at what the base bid came at. So I think if it was
353 me, I would vote for like you guys set the policy. I'm all for it. Um, it's more
354 work on our part managing it and - and making sure it's right but it's at the
355 end of day, it's gonna be a nice project.

356 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

357 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And Dale though, I mean, this isn't
358 like money that we can just reallocate, the borrowed money has to be
359 specifically for - for this project?

360 **DALE BRENNAN:** Yeah. Yes. When we borrowed back in 2017 that's -
361 that's the definition, it was given. So we either expanded on this project or
362 we'd actually have to send it back to pay back the bank so -

363 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Which we've already paid interest on.

364 **DALE BRENNAN:** Right, now.

365 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Um, I also just want to
366 reiterate Andy talked a little bit about it you know there were other
367 alternatives included in this bid that had some of the more "nice to haves"
368 versus "have to haves." So, so like Andy said there were items that were
369 cut out, you know, due to the sort of nature for building the kind of said,
370 'Okay, what would it look like if we brought back some of these nice
371 features?' But aren't really necessarily features to keep the building
372 standing and functional and a good asset for the town. So just want to note
373 that as well.

374 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** Yeah, I remember there was copper
375 in one of the alternatives wasn't there.

376 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Correct. There was a to
377 upgrade the portrait to copper upgrade the - the main roof to the standing
378 seam metal roof, as well as the more custom windows versus the front
379 windows that we selected for the scope.

380 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** I think it makes sense to do the work
381 and just get it done, particularly since we have the money, and we need to
382 spend the money just do it right, do it once. So that's my call.

383 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody else? Anyone? Greg?
384 Okay. All right. Well, thank you all for that. And I think we will move on now
385 to a Superintendent Connolly if you could please put your other hat on now:
386 Highway Department. And we're gonna hopefully you have a Departmental
387 Report from about our Highway Department.

388 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Okay. Okay we
389 returned to full crew on May 1, with the exception of our clerk for Fern
390 Quezada who continues to work from her house. We continued practice
391 safe distancing, we wear masks, ride in separate vehicles. Our locker room
392 is very small so we don't shape up there anymore, we shape up in the in
393 the truck room area and we're limiting our deliveries, just to one area. He,
394 to check in with Gary or Chuck and the central garage. We had some
395 strong wind storms in April and May, which kept the department busy.
396 We're up cutting up falling fallen trees and keeping the roads open. We
397 have been going town wide filling in potholes. We haven't finished that yet
398 and repairing the roads are with damage from water main breaks over the
399 winter. On a portion of Gordon Avenue, we've worked to improve the storm
400 water retention and increase a catch bass size near Ryder Avenue. Stone
401 Gate Road we may have finished this afternoon. I was there at 2:30, they
402 were very close. We're currently working on replacing a storm water
403 discharge well that runs through a town easement which is behind the two
404 houses. Our tree service company has begun pruning and/or removing
405 dead trees around town property. Our yearly generator service on the lift
406 stations was performed in April. On North State Road our bike lane our new
407 bike lane pavement symbols and signage is 90% complete. He said he's
408 going to be here either tomorrow or Thursday, so hopefully that project will
409 be wrapped up. Last month we received delivery of approximately 1000
410 feet of guide rail and that'll be [UNCLEAR] me today. Sometime after the

411 Fourth of July, we've begun replacing some of the street and traffic sites
412 throughout the town that are in disrepair, or those that don't meet the
413 requirements of the Uniform Traffic Control Devices panels. We received a
414 request from Westchester County Department of Public Works and
415 transportation for the installation of two new bus stops on North State Road
416 northbound and southbound at the Artis Senior Living Facility. Dana, you
417 were there, Paul Fraoli and I met with representative of the county Andy
418 Ziegler and we looked at their location and any safety concerns and site
419 distance and everything just fit right into place and I have no issues with the
420 installation there of it. And we have received our new what 2020 freight
421 liner dump truck and that will be used for roadwork and snow removal for
422 many, many years to come.

423 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And that was ordered and I think a
424 year and a half ago. Is that right?

425 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** About a year and a
426 half ago. Yes, that's right. Yes.

427 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Go ahead.

428 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** So, okay, alright, so
429 also what we like to bring up tonight is replacement of our – two of our lift
430 station generators. The town has 11 operating lift stations and we are
431 looking to replace two of the emergency standby generators one at Parker
432 Bale on Albany Post Road and the other on North State Road, which is in
433 front of the ASPCA. Now the Parker Bale generator is close to 40 years old
434 and getting repair parts is starting to be a problem. And the North State
435 Road generator is approximately 26 years old and is experiencing some
436 engine issues. So those that have one. So we'd like to do it this time and
437 like to turn it over to Andy, Water and Sewer Superintendent with some
438 additional information on that.

439 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Okay, so,
440 um, Pete and I, about a year ago maybe year and a half ago went through
441 all 11 stations and we looked at the weakest links as far as generators that
442 needed to be replaced. Um, and these were the two that really jumped out
443 at us. Parker Bale in a situation where, um, you don't have much time. You
444 don't have a really large capacity if you lose power there and you could get
445 into a situation where there would be a spillage, and that would be a big

446 issue with regulators, um. It's a, it's a bigger generator. We did put 10%
447 contingency in the generator and the install these are just - these are
448 preliminary prices they haven't gone out the bid yet. Um, but there's a
449 whole process here – I'll finish with North State Road and I'll go with that
450 and North State Road on Pete has been sending the oil samples out for
451 analysis, which is a really good idea. What they do is they look to see if
452 there's any filings in the oil if there's any fuel in the oil and in fact they did
453 find fuel oil and what that means is it's a total overhaul of the engine and
454 that generator... It's uh - it was - it's not like a high-end generator and we're
455 not looking at high-end generators, but those particular types of generators,
456 uh they're - they do have issues on and that's the same situation if that
457 generator kicks out and these generators also provide power to the SADA
458 systems, not really SADA - supervisory and data acquisition systems. It's
459 more of an alarm system and if there's no power there, or it might be off for
460 a couple hours until finally someone sees sewage, you know, on the
461 ground and, god forbid, and we're in a desperate situation. You'd have to
462 get a generator to the site. We have to rent a generator, like what
463 happened on the S turn a year and a half ago, which was like close to
464 \$20,000 and then we negotiated that price down to 10,000 for the rental
465 and then you also have to pay but, you know, at times prevailing wages
466 and double time and triple time. We just for a septic company to come out
467 and to constantly drain that pit until this install switches over all just trying to
468 be proactive on this. And I know Dale recommended to borrow 144,100 for
469 this project. So, um, what the other thing that needs to happen is if the
470 board decides to move forward with these two projects. I have to take what
471 was originally sized by the end the electrical engineer here I need to write a
472 letter reach out for the health department, make sure that they're okay with
473 these generators being installed in Pine and then they need to be notified
474 that there's a backup pumping plan that if these generators are switched
475 out and it is bit out that these generators meet the sizing required by the
476 health department which they should have been reviewed by the Health
477 Department 20 or 30 years ago. And then that we have contingency plans
478 that if there's a problem with the job that there's a septic truck there on site
479 in case, our - we can't get power to our pumps and we get into a high - high
480 elevation in those tanks. So there's a lot to it, but it all starts with you guys.
481 If you want to move forward or not move forward.

482 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Andy, do we -

483 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** And then
484 there's two - and then there's two other there's two other projects Pete
485 wanted to bring up on and we could talk about that after that it's a lot less
486 money, but that could come out of the sewer fund. So let's talk about this
487 and then any questions with this first.

488 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Well, I guess my, my, one question
489 is, is that - the 144 is the exact amount of this of these estimates and does
490 that include the design and also does it in - including any contingency? Oh,
491 it doesn't get...

492 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** It includes
493 that contingency -

494 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right.

495 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** - the
496 design was \$10,000 for both generators and for to site visits for them to
497 come out to make sure it's done correctly. It was so cheap on the design.
498 It's we do so much work with LynnStar that they gave us a great price.

499 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I guess, I guess.

500 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** You already
501 paid for that somewhere out of someone.

502 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. So, I mean, just because you
503 know I don't remember when we got the estimates for this if it was before or
504 during our pandemic. But, you know, do we, are we sure that these
505 numbers are still good?

506 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Absolutely.
507 A couple of weeks ago, we got these, these are revised. Yep.

508 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, Good,

509 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** And - and
510 these numbers should be on the high side. I don't want to jinx us, but they
511 should be on the high side. So it could be pleasantly surprised. Um, so I'm
512 knocking on wood right here. Okay, so hopefully it's um - hopefully we get
513 hopefully we get a lot of interest. Um, it's usually electrical companies that

514 buy these generators out, they have relationships with the suppliers. They
515 understand how to - and these also include the transfer switches which are
516 very intricate these transfer switches are these big devices, almost like
517 circuit breakers in your house but huge that sense when the Con Ed power
518 kicks off. That within a certain time it starts the generator. It makes sure it's
519 up to a certain percentage of speed switches over without messing up the
520 Hertz in the cycles and then also determines when the power comes back
521 and then automatically switches back to normal power. So it's not just the
522 generators. It's also the transfer switches.

523 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And just as a reminder, these are
524 these generators that we currently have at Parker Bale and North State
525 Road or at the end of their useful life, is that – would you say?

526 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** That's
527 correct.

528 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Beyond their useful life?

529 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yes.

530 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Okay. Are there questions
531 from board members?

532 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** I just had one question. What is the
533 lifespan of these generators?

534 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Usual - um,
535 you know, usually it's like 30 years, um, you know, these are not small
536 generators, these are these are good size generators, um, it's, I think that,
537 you know, definitely got your money out of the 40 year old generator. Right
538 North State Road. That was a Generac, it wasn't state of the art, it wasn't a
539 big Cummings, It wasn't a Cat Generator. It was it had problems through
540 the years, and the controllers and the wear and tear, um it's - it's a liability.
541 So should you have gotten 30 years? Probably. Do I think it's a lack of
542 maintenance? No, I just think that design of that generator that was put in
543 that 50 kW generator wasn't as nearly designed as the Parker Bale
544 generator.

545 Generators I've worked on, like so, example we spent a million dollars on a
546 generator, three years ago at the filtration plant, it can power an aircraft

547 carrier that generator replaced a 35 year old generator that was there that
548 was under sized and could not run the plant. We worked on that generator
549 through the, the old generator that was removed ourselves. We had to
550 rebuild the engine three times. So it was, um, and that everybody's water
551 system depended on that. So I'm - I'm pretty big on generators I oversaw
552 the generator project at Pleasantville road. The generator project, which
553 was a half a million dollars at the community center we put one at the
554 operation center for 150,000 so we've kind of gone through the Village [of
555 Ossining] side and replaced this. And on the town side you do have a lot of
556 good you know excellent generators out there, but these were the two that
557 really stood out.

558 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Other questions?

559 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So these are only used for
560 when the power goes out?

561 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Right.

562 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So they still require. I mean,
563 the power will presumably still be running the pump station as you're
564 switching it out. Why did they require the truck to be there and all the
565 pump...

566 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Because
567 the power often

568 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** [UNCLEAR] shut the power
569 off to the -

570 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** You do.
571 You do because on the transfer switch it feeds the content power and - and
572 the generator power. So when that transfer switch gets changed. There's
573 no power to those pumps.

574 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay, so at that point we'll
575 have the pump working.

576 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** You're
577 going to need that you're going to need the - the -the pumper trucks
578 transferring the sewage, you know, into - into the other side. Now you know
579 the Health Department just wants to guarantee that.

580 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** All right, so we're getting
581 new generators. If these are still kind of working. Are we going to have
582 them on standby for emergencies or what do we do with those?

583 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I mean,
584 honestly, um, you know the Parker Bale generator, that possibly could be
585 auctioned off the North State Road generator. I would junk it um you know,
586 it depends on how we set up the bid. When we go out to bid, but um, when
587 you're dealing with these generators. I don't know how much interest,
588 you're going to have in you know a generator like not only is the generator
589 based on the kW size, right, which is volts times amps equals watts. Right.
590 So they're all on different, each generator is on a certain voltage. There's
591 some that are on 230 some that are on for 460 some that are on 220 and
592 then there's phases single phase or three phase. So, um, it's not like we
593 can just take it and put it in any installation we need to look to see if Parker
594 bail will fit someplace else and the other factor is you take 125 kW
595 generator and you throw it on a 50 K w site. What happens is what stack
596 and because you don't run that generator under load enough that it doesn't
597 heat up enough when it's diesel and the fuel goes past rings into the oil and
598 destroys a generator. So there's a lot of functions, but obviously the people
599 look at those. You know, if it can be used elsewhere.

600 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay. All right. Thank you.

601 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Other questions? Councilman Meyer,
602 any other questions?

603 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** No. No questions. You know, I think if
604 the useful life has expired, and I'm fine replacing it.

605 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** These are - these are behind the
606 scenes operations that we are obviously have to take care of but is not
607 something that people want think a lot about or talk a lot about, but they're
608 extremely important for the functioning of our sewer lift stations and our
609 sewer operations in general I you know I don't think we should take any of
610 these. These are things that have sort of been unfortunately kicked I would
611 say to the side for some time and again we saw the impact of the of this on
612 our operating budget when we had to get emergency services in last time
613 one of our generators stopped working and it was very, very costly. So
614 again, I think that we should, you know, consider very seriously consider

615 this unless through any - any objections, and the reason that we're
616 bonding, for it is because they're useful life is 30 years. So...

617 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** It's - well it's important to
618 take care of our infrastructure. I mean, that's - It saves you money. In the
619 end, so I'm for it.

620 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. All right, any other statements
621 from end or superintendent commonly or we're good?

622 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Pete, did
623 you want to talk about the two other projects?

624 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** I thought you wanted
625 to wait. You wanted...

626 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** So I, I think
627 we can talk about it.

628 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Okay.

629 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** So with
630 about Baldotti development. It was negotiated that they were to give us the
631 existing generator that was out the, the old sewer station which was
632 changed out a few years prior to the town taking over in which Mr. Balldatti
633 did agree to give this generator to the town. And um Pete got a price from
634 the his - his emergency generator contractor to put that generator, where
635 Pete?

636 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** That's going to go in
637 uh also in Deer Field but in Fawn Court. You have it here at the highway
638 garage and swap out with the newer Generac generator from the Balldotti
639 job.

640 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS** It was there
641 a price of 4,675 dollars.

642 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Forty... Forty-two-
643 fifty...

644 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I thought that we just said
645 we don't like Generac?

646 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I know, but
647 these you know what these ones.

648 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** [UNCLEAR]

649 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Right, there
650 like what you would use in a nice house and it's and it's they're small, so
651 they have like two different divisions. I don't like their commercial division.
652 That's me personally, my opinion. I don't want to get sued.

653 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Yeah that - National
654 Standby's quote was 4250 For that swap out. 4250.

655 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Okay so
656 that's less than -

657 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** And what's wrong with the
658 generator at Fawn Court?

659 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** That one is
660 recommended by them. It's, it's starting to see its useful time. Its - its times
661 coming very close.

662 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So what are we doing with that one?

663 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** That's probably got to
664 go. It could be...

665 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS** Brookfield.

666 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Brookfield junked or
667 something like that.

668 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

669 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** So it's like -
670 like installs like this to me make a lot of sense. If you call Fred Cook's
671 Company out which he has to pay prevailing wage is on a Sunday because
672 Pete has a station go down. It could be \$10,000 just for Sunday. Because
673 there has a driver and then there's a person who works the equipment. And
674 then there's so you just don't, we don't want to get ourselves in the situation
675 so that that's something that we talked to Dale about and that could come

676 out of the sewer fund and then the other is, you might want to explain the
677 technology with the bubbler system, Pete.

678 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Yeah, it's –

679 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:**
680 [UNCLEAR].

681 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Okay. The
682 experiencing a lot of grease build up in Mystic Point Lift Station. Okay, um,
683 so it's been recommended by All Makes who was our pump contractor to
684 install this air power mixer. It helps dissolve the grease, minimize pump in
685 like clogging and we're getting a lot of that from the wipes and other
686 materials and it also reduces odor and corrosion. So, we don't have one in
687 any of our other lift stations, currently, but All Makes feels that, you know, it
688 would be a good idea to put that in and to try it there and try to eliminate all
689 that grease filled up and clogging of the pumps from the wipes and the odor
690 control and their quote is 4,945 dollars.

691 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** And I'll
692 speak a little bit about the technology. So basically it aerates the sewage
693 breaks it into smaller particles instead of allowing it to build up a bed of
694 grease. Because when that bed of grease goes up and down in that pit,
695 Pete will get a situation where the pump clogs, now you're burning out a 4
696 or \$5,000 pump and - and you're calling All Makes in. We're doing the
697 same exact technology, but on the water side, we just let a contract for a
698 million three, to Foremost Construction, they're putting these mixers in all
699 three distribution tanks on the drinking water side. And the same company
700 does this in the sewer. We're doing it for THMs and HAA build up and to
701 keep the chlorine evenly distributed to better distribution system. But this
702 technology is to prevent clogging of the pumps and being that it's just air
703 and most of the equipment is out of - the out of - out of the sewage, other
704 than where it gets injected into the sewage. It seemed like it was very
705 worthwhile so.

706 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Do we know why this pump
707 this particular station has more grease than the others, or -

708 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That's a good question. I'm curious
709 why – why?

710 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Is there a restaurant nearby
711 that's, you know, doing something? And I'm just wondering.

712 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I have an
713 opinion. This is just residential right Pete?

714 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Yeah, well, it's just
715 Mystic Point so, you know, a lot of the wipes. Now, especially since the
716 pandemic.

717 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** But I
718 honestly I think people are home cooking. And - and even, you know -

719 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** But why there, specifically?

720 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** No, I think
721 it's throughout everywhere, but that specific area, but based on the size of
722 the wet well. Well, the size of the pump it might give it enough time for this
723 to float up to the top and build that bed where Pete's having the issue.
724 Parker Bale, I mean, it's a small wet well and the sewage moves in and out
725 of that as fast as possible. You don't see the same situation where you see
726 it where it gets like that, it becomes septic it becomes, you know, an older
727 issue and it becomes a grease issue. So I know it would be nice if - I think
728 it's going to help him a lot. But it's, it's like kind of state of the art but not
729 state of the art money.

730 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Parker Bale -

731 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I mean part
732 of thing is - one thing Pete - you could put a big mixer and that would mix
733 around. But then what happens is your floats get screwed up and then now
734 you have a mixer that's getting destroyed and bearings getting destroyed.
735 This is just a pipe that goes down into that pit and everything stays above.

736 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Yeah.

737 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Sorry Pete.

738 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** No, I mean Parker
739 bail did the clog up last week one time at night. So, even - not Parker Bale,
740 I'm sorry, on the S turn. We're getting it and you know quite a few stations.
741 So I think it'd be worthwhile. Even I send the mechanics out, at least one

742 mechanic alternating the maintenance schedule for All Makes and, you
743 know, trying to catch some of these problems before they happen and we
744 still had a clog up so hopefully with this wet well mixture we might eliminate
745 some of those issues.

746 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Okay, anything we could do
747 about the wipes getting clogged up?

748 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Now that's I wish I
749 mean I - I think it's we did put it on the website. One time, but you know
750 they say they're flushable and they're really not so they just they wrapped
751 around the impeller is on the pumps and next, you know, the high water
752 alarms going off and the guys are going out there trying to clear it.

753 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Alright.

754 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Questions? Okay. Okay, so thanks
755 for that information and we will process that. Can you, I think that we're - I
756 think we've done everything for Pete. So, just wondering if there's any
757 further - anything further from for about the Highway Department,
758 Superintendent Connolly? Do you have anything additional or is that it for...

759 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** That's it. [UNCLEAR]

760 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Alright so next up, we already
761 have heard from our half of our Town/Village engineering team from our
762 Superintendent Andy Tiess. Andy is Paul on? I don't know if he's on.

763 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I don't think
764 he's on cuz I don't think he has anything for now, other than I know he's
765 working with some projects with you, but he didn't really have anything
766 substantial tonight. I mean, I could answer anything that way pertaining to
767 him.

768 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Well, I mean, I guess the big
769 question probably from a lot of people is about McCarthy, which we have
770 put on hold until the end of the year. I think we're planning to add some bid
771 at the end of 2020.

772 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Which kind
773 of makes a lot of sense and you know that that's my recommendation for
774 the filter plant too, to go out to bid in January. Um, it took a long time for

775 your McCarthy drive to get approved by the Health Department as well as
776 our filtration plant and I think there's gonna be a lot of interest in both
777 projects come to the end of this year, beginning of next. So.

778 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so that was that question and
779 then do you want to just talk a little bit about the water plan and any update
780 in terms of what's going on there. Water problems, anything like that?

781 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I'll talk, I'll
782 talk about it.

783 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay?

784 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yeah. So,
785 can you hear me? Can everybody hear me? Yep. Okay. So, um, we're
786 through the finals. We're in the final homestretch with the health
787 department approval. Everybody knows that we had the situation with MIB
788 be in the water, which was a byproduct of algae that happened a few
789 months back, and then after that was COVID. It's like, what's next. Um, but
790 we were able to - to build that system. The Village Board approved a
791 quarter of a million dollars to build a system in house, which we did and we
792 use the water distribution crew and we built this two story of powder
793 activated carbon system through absorption that we installed in the filtration
794 plant in the world water side and we had levels of MIB, which is not does
795 not hurt your it's not harmful to your health. But everybody knows what the
796 smell was like, and we did have tons of calls. Actually Dana gave me one
797 of the first calls. And it was um it was to a point where the levels were close
798 to 100 parts per billion. Humans cannot detect it when it's over 10 parts per
799 billion. Right now in New York City coming in on the on the wall water side.
800 Right now we're 100% on the pro system which where, that's where the
801 issue was, it wasn't Indian Brooke water. And last week it was about 10
802 parts and we reduced it down to five. Now, a few weeks ago on we were as
803 high as 30 coming in and we still reduced it down to eight. So it's a dosage
804 of how much we can add as a powder and then we remove it in the
805 sedimentation process. The silver lining about this is that this happened
806 before the plant was built and finished in design. You know there's - there's
807 a couple different technologies. One is we want to take this existing
808 system, put it in the front of the new plant. When we build it. And then, um,
809 it gets to be a point and it can be expensive, right, so we - we don't have

810 enough baseline in New York City doesn't have enough baseline
811 information on testing. They did not start testing for this precursor until they
812 had an issue with it in October, and then we didn't find out about it until like
813 Thanksgiving, and we really had no time to - to - to react. But we figured it
814 out fast. We've got some of the leading scientists in the country and we
815 designed a system or [UNCLEAR] bid it - it actually we didn't fit it we - we
816 did professional services and we were able to get it fast. We found like the
817 last system available in the country that was built and on the shelf.
818 Normally they rent these systems out for like - it was like 5000 a month and
819 we bought the system for like 115,000 so basically after like 18 months or
820 whatever it was. It or close to that it would pay for itself. And obviously
821 we're going to use it at the new plant. Silver lining of us having this problem
822 before the plant was built, is that we are one of the processes that we're
823 putting in the new plant is a UV system just like sunlight or like a tanning
824 bed, with peroxide before we had a UV system that was going to be
825 installed, but it would not be large enough to handle this removal that we
826 need. So it actually needs to be three times larger. So, it costs more
827 money, but we do not want to put a \$40 million filtration plant or 35
828 whatever that number is and then still get these calls. So right now we're
829 designing the new plant. We're finishing up the final touch ups with this MIB
830 and, you know, we're looking to go out to bid in January and it's going to
831 take two and a half years to build this filtration plant. Any questions?

832 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Only that I know that you know
833 people have different sensitivities. And some people like the water better
834 when it's got more in more MIBs in it.

835 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I guess.
836 Yeah.

837 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right, so some people, you know, I
838 don't know, smell it, or tasted or still complain about it.

839 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yeah, I -

840 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I just wanted -

841 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Go ahead.

842 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** - to know, sort of get a sense from
843 you know what the level of complaints has been, do you, I know that we've

844 had a particular one in - in - in the town that you know basically said, you
845 know, we shouldn't have to pay for water when it's sold like this and also is
846 concerned about the long term health impacts of whatever the mix is that
847 we're adding to make sure that we get the MIBs where they are tasting
848 better.

849 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yeah, so -

850 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** So can just talk a little about that, to
851 health, health impacts, etc.

852 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** So that you
853 know I've talked to some of the leading scientists in the country, they have
854 not found any health impacts from MIB. Essentially what we're adding is
855 like a fine powder - powder activated carbon. Basically, the size of like an
856 eraser head on your pencil. If you unrolled that it would cover a football
857 field. That's how many nooks and crannies is in that size, you know,
858 something this tiny would cover a football. That's how much surface area.
859 It's amazing. It's hard to imagine. So that's grabbing all of your organics.
860 The MIB [UNCLEAR], which is another algae and we're on, on the contrary,
861 we're getting a lot of calls in saying it just never tasted so good. We had
862 one complaint. A couple of weeks ago when New York City is number one
863 up. Now we're testing it once a week Mondays and I get the results by
864 Wednesday. So there is like a lag time period. The only reason why I'm
865 only doing it once a week now is because the numbers are pretty stable,
866 but every time I test it, because I test for different areas of the plant. It's
867 close to \$1,000 so it's about \$1,000 a week to test this. If I tested twice a
868 week, it's 2000 weeks. So if we get into a situation where the numbers
869 dramatically come up I'm going to test it two times a week. I'm not going to
870 wait a week to get results. So you know we react, we dose based on what
871 comes in. If MIBs higher there's more pounds per hour thing. It's - it's
872 working really well on it took a little while to get it right, because normally
873 we add chlorine on top of our filters and what was happening is on the raw
874 water we dropped the numbers from 50 down to five. And then once it
875 made it through the filters, it went back up to 50 and we couldn't figure out
876 why we called the scientists, they said 'shut your chlorine off on top of your
877 filter.' The concentration [UNCLEAR] of chlorine was stronger than, am I
878 being and it caused the mid to release and it went back into the water. So

879 we figured out all those nuances that they didn't even know. So we have
880 been dialed in, I'm very happy with it. We have lots of spare parts in case
881 something goes down. We have the ability, if it does break down now is
882 only one system. The new plant will have another system and this system
883 so that you don't have to call an operator in three o'clock in the morning to
884 change bags. If the bag is empty, you change it the next day on it's - It's the
885 backup plan always is, if the numbers come up too high, we can go on to
886 our own water for 20 days our Indian Brooke Water, which holds 100
887 million gallons and it depends on the time of the year. That's why the water
888 got dramatically better when we realized we have an MIB problem. We
889 went 100% on Indian Brooke. All the taste and odor issues went away. And
890 it took a couple of days for it to clear out the distribution system. But then
891 as the reservoir got lower and lower and lower had no choice but to turn it
892 back on and we're just finishing up the install. So we're in a good place
893 now. Our reservoir is 100% full, I like to keep it as full as possible. Um,
894 sometimes I like to let it spill over because all the pollen that happened the
895 last couple of weeks I allowed it to be like a pool skimmers and spill over
896 and get rid of all the organics, but, um, we're in good shape. And the, the,
897 so we're - cancer causing byproducts THMs, HHAs which we never
898 exceeded in our distribution system but times when they did get high on we
899 make changes right away. We took the Pleasantville road tank which is a 4
900 million gallon tank at a service immediately. It put on the little tank next to it,
901 the standby tank so that the water wouldn't sit there for 10 days because
902 what happens is you can have too much storage. And what happened with
903 Pleasantville tank. It's in a part of the distribution system that doesn't get
904 much usage. Water sat there and had a chance for it to react with the
905 chlorine any organics that made it through. So we're putting these mixing
906 systems in these bubbler systems in like, what, Pete wants to put it the
907 sewer lift station and then we're adding the powder activated carbon at the
908 head of the plant to remove the organics before it even goes in the plant
909 and the new plant will have the powder activated carbon, it'll have a acid
910 system which will generate acid on site and have enhanced coagulation,
911 which if you lower the pH in the head of the plant. It doesn't allow the
912 organics to come out. So we're building these barriers in our system so that
913 we have belt and suspenders. And the final thing will be the UV system.

914 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Someone what they're doing on the
915 subway I guess right?

916 **ANDREW TIESS:** Yes.

917 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so my board colleagues. Has
918 anybody received any other complaints? Any other questions for Andy that
919 you have, if you weren't glazing over like a fine doughnut.

920 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** The UV system, you said that you
921 were [UNCLEAR] as well?

922 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Add? Can
923 you say that again? Add what?

924 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** You add peroxide in the UV system -

925 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yes, yes,
926 yes, it's just [UNCLEAR] -

927 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** Is there any risk with that?

928 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Um, no.
929 Well, the thing is, from what we're looking at is, it's a very small dose. It's
930 like two milligrams per liter peroxide and what has to happen is, once you
931 add that with the with the - with the UV, you have to destroy it before it
932 goes into your tank and the only way to destroy it is to add chlorine. So
933 we're adding chlorine. Anyway, so the chlorine will destroy the peroxide,
934 but the peroxide is a big - it mechanically it, it causes it to drop the MIB out
935 and - during these times, like we had, we had the ultimate test New Castle
936 was on the same water. Now New Castle, I started that plan up in 1992 it's
937 kind of the same design of what our plan is going to be, and they use
938 ozone there and they were able to bring the ozone from, like, or excuse
939 me, the MIB from 100 down to eight, and they didn't have. They didn't have
940 peroxide and I think they're going to add peroxide to their system or
941 possibly add UV. Um, but we had to. We had to like do these studies and
942 send gallons and gallons - to like close to 1000 gallons of water - down to
943 Florida and spike the water and send it out to California and to do the UV
944 and approx it would work. And it did where we didn't know if it was going to
945 work, but it does. So yes, it's a good question, the peroxide will be
946 dissipated by the chlorine.

947 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** Thank you.

948 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** My other fine donuts, I mean,
949 colleagues? Anybody else have anything else for Andy?

950 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Else.

951 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I'm good on the – I'm good
952 on the water plant. Um, I wanted to follow up on the conversation on the
953 filtration in the courthouse on that new system.

954 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Okay. Um,
955 so I made some calls on the on the courthouse. Based on the - So first of
956 all, I was asked a question in an email 'can we add HEPA filters to the
957 courthouse?' In some situations, you can, but not the courthouse. The
958 courthouse requires really high horsepower. It would - it would we change
959 that unit out two or three years ago. And we're changing the other eight
960 units out in the whole entire building right that's - that - that's good that's
961 happening in the next like month. Carey and Walsh is working on it right
962 now. But in order to to use HEPA of filters. It requires much larger return air
963 ducting and requires more horsepower and that's not available there. So
964 the suggestion was so for HEPA. That's what it is. For UV for that. It's
965 extremely expensive. It's like 30,000 to add to that system and we don't
966 even have the electrical capacity on that roof to handle UV. Now there's
967 options that you can possibly have a UV system where you walk through
968 the door. I don't know enough about that. But I said to Carey and Walsh
969 and I spoke to our engineers 'how do we handle it?' He said way we're
970 handling it in most of the places and hospitals, is that we're just increasing
971 the air changes. Now, we just caught a change order a couple of weeks
972 ago, the change out all the VA the boxes to the whole entire building - what
973 that is it's a volume air box. What it does is, it determines the day it'll it's
974 motorized system that opens and closes dampers and through a PLC
975 programmable logic controller allows outside air to come in. So the answer
976 is, instead of maybe having four air changes, an hour you have 15 air
977 changes and now it's a little less efficient in a situation because you're
978 heating or cooling, a little bit more outside air, but at least it's safe. Um, you
979 know, if we did this job two years from now, the technology would greatly
980 change and you could probably have incorporated that but it's - it's very
981 expensive on the residential side. I said, like a residential unit. What's the

982 cost and they say it's like 2000 bucks for your house for a UV system. Now
983 the volunteer work. I mean, we might be able to do it with some of the small
984 systems throughout the Village - Village Hall, that kind of thing. But, um, for
985 the commercial side it's going to be so cost prohibitive be crazy. It's just a
986 lot of money you're talking in the millions to do it at that building. Um, so
987 that's why it might make sense to - to do a walk through system. So I'm
988 kind of dealing with that. And the second thing is or third thing on you can't
989 find these, you can't find the commercial units and you can't find the
990 residential units. Right now it's like they're being sold all over the country.
991 It's like finding plexiglass for - for you know sneeze guards. It's kinda - so
992 but not saying it can't ever be done right now. Um, I want to see how the
993 technology goes, and I'll immediately increase the air changes. That
994 happen filters would have been nice. But, um, we're just going to go from
995 changing it every quarter to change the filters every month and I already
996 spoke to John Heitmann, our maintenance guy, about that. So it'll be some
997 extra filters and more airr changes.

998 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And Andy can you talk – can you talk
999 about the desk – the desktop air filters that you can get for like 150 bucks
1000 or whatever I'm would that be helpful also?

1001 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I don't
1002 know.

1003 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** If we had a standalone units
1004 with HEPA filters and carbon filters for them.

1005 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Yeah -

1006 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** We did that in the dental
1007 office.

1008 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** It's not a
1009 bad idea. I just was looking on the commercial side, you know, Mm hmm.
1010 Um, I know it helps with allergies, you know, the Dyson units and that those
1011 happy units. They were kind of great. So it's something to think about. You
1012 won't be able to do a large facility. I mean, you're not going to do a
1013 courtroom, but you could do like you know office areas and that kind of
1014 stuff.

1015 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Were you - I'm sorry, Councilwoman
1016 Feldman were you thinking of - you talking about for the courtroom or for
1017 the - for the uh – the other...

1018 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Well, definitely the Clerk's
1019 office -

1020 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** The other offices.

1021 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** - and you know, we have a
1022 few them and the Oral Surgery ones have a few them around the office, we
1023 put one in each room of the office with the HEPA, the carbon, it actually
1024 has a UV component on the filter to kill off anything that gets into the filter.
1025 Some of them do, and we like them, you know, that we when we spray the
1026 disinfectant in the air. We mist the disinfectants in the air and these filters,
1027 pull it out as well as filter out any many, many more particles than your
1028 average system would.

1029 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Something
1030 to think about, I didn't even know that those units were UV. I know that they
1031 were happy. I didn't know that.

1032 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I've seen with both.

1033 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Did you send me that information
1034 already or could you just send it. I mean,

1035 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I did, but I can -

1036 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Just send it again. Okay, that'd be
1037 great. Okay. Any other questions for Mr. Tiess. And... I think... the only
1038 other question that I had for Paul was about, I know that at one point that
1039 he was hoping to go and maybe I'm not sure, Pete if you can answer this
1040 question, to go door to door to just talk to all the residents on McCarthy.
1041 About their driveways... And the impact... And I'm not sure I know that he
1042 was working with Fern on that and I'm not sure where he left off. Does
1043 anybody know?

1044 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** That was last year
1045 when we're thinking of starting up but we never did it. No.

1046 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** I think with
1047 COVID that put a kibosh on it.

1048 **HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT PETE CONNOLLY:** Right

1049 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Um, but if it
1050 gets to be a point you can mention it to Paul, or I'll mention it to them to - to
1051 get that ready. But it's, I know it was like the last thing we were doing, you
1052 know, we had standing orders, even with our distribution guys when we get
1053 water call out if we change out water meters. We're not allowing any of our
1054 workers into people's houses. So, um, but there's nothing saying you can't
1055 meet out in the driveway.

1056 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, I mean, if this I think at this
1057 point if it's just meet out in the driveway and that can happen. Now certainly
1058 it would be helpful to get that done. Now, rather than later.

1059 **ANDREW TIESS:** So I will mention it to him.

1060 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That'd be great. Okay, I think, then,
1061 without further ado, We are going to say thank you so much to Mr. Tiess
1062 and Superintendent Connelly, and you guys are off the hook for the rest of
1063 the evening.

1064 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Have a great night.

1065 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

1066 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, thanks so much. Goodnight.

1067 **ANDREW TIESS:** Hi Valerie. Just want to say hi. Take care.

1068 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes and - and we did ask Valerie to
1069 come on a little earlier than we had anticipated. We didn't know that we're
1070 going to have so much great information about air filtration, water filtration.
1071 Valerie, I'm hoping that you if you didn't already know about all those things
1072 that you learned a little bit.

1073 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** I did learn a lot.

1074 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** And I didn't
1075 talk about earthquake, so

1076 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That is also good.

1077 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** All right.

1078 **WATER AND SEWER SUPERINTENDENT ANDREW TIESS:** Take care.
1079 Thanks.

1080 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Thank you for that. Okay. Have a
1081 good night. Andy. And so, thanks so much Valerie Monostra, who is our
1082 town planner from Nelson Vorhees is joining us to give the board an update
1083 on the Comprehensive Plan project and discuss establishing a capital
1084 project to begin accounting for associated expenses. So Valerie, you are
1085 on.

1086 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Alright, so I think I'm gonna if it's alright with you. I
1087 know Victoria was really the ones - and Dale - spearheading the capital
1088 projects piece. So how about I turn it over to them to just sort of off the
1089 board through what they're proposing and if there's any questions at all on
1090 you know some of the expenditures I'm happy to answer any of those
1091 questions, I will say, just real quickly that the Conference of prime process
1092 is moving forward. We had the conference. Planning Committee
1093 interviewed affirmed law about on June 2 so and I believe there will be a
1094 recommendation coming forth the Town Board shortly. So we're moving
1095 forward with the whole process. Victoria and Dale [UNCLEAR].

1096 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** So I have up on the screen
1097 here. This is kind of the breakdown of what we're looking at right now. I
1098 know we've discussed on multiple occasions, you know, we're looking at in
1099 terms of via grant the budget for this project, which is being funded half by
1100 a grant from the New York State Department of Environmental
1101 Conservation. So at this point in time, you know we like - like Dana
1102 explained, we're starting to see some expenses relating to this project. So
1103 it's really important that we establish capital projects that we can properly
1104 account for most importantly, our match for this for this grant which we are
1105 required to document to this state on a quarterly basis. So right now we're
1106 looking at, as previously discussed with the board a budget of \$75,000
1107 worth planning zoning, which would be funded \$50,000 by grant funds and
1108 \$25,000 by Town match. And then, [UNCLEAR], cash match. And then we
1109 are also involving Pace Land Use Law Center on this project primarily for
1110 community engagement. They are going to be receiving \$25,000 of grant
1111 funds for their services. They're also contributing some in kind services to

1112 this grant, which is - is helping us make this be an affordable project for the
1113 Town. And then we're also accounting for about \$18,000 for anticipated 18
1114 months of Valerie's services associated with this project. That's kind of an
1115 average right now we're averaging at about \$1,000 a month. That could be
1116 a little bit less likely depending on - on how this project to move forward. So
1117 that's what we're looking at right now. Dale, Valerie, and I did also discuss
1118 how to properly account for these – for the expenditures. So the - it's going
1119 to be the amount that's not going to be funded by the grant, which is
1120 \$25,000 per match for the consultant and the \$18,000 for Valerie's planning
1121 services. That's going to be funded by interfund transfers from the general
1122 fund balance and outside phone balance and we accounted for about 12%
1123 88% of the breakdown and that is reflective of what we anticipate the
1124 content of the Comprehensive Plan will address. So as we've mentioned in
1125 the past the comprehensive plan will, in addition to some of the planning
1126 policies associated with the town outside, it's also going to touch on Parks
1127 and overall town general policies implemented by the Town Supervisor's
1128 office. So, this is this is reflective of what we anticipate the - the
1129 Comprehensive Plan product will look like.

1130 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** And just as an aside just for clarification, the
1131 \$18,000 that we have identified is actually - we already have a contract,
1132 you already have a contract with me and that's just part of the retainer. But
1133 what we are going to be able to do is utilize some of my services as part of
1134 the match for the overall grant project, which is why we're outlining here
1135 and that's why it's going rolled up into the overall capital project. This is not
1136 in addition to the retainer or service agreement, we already have in place.

1137 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Correct. So this is just going
1138 to make it nice and easy, every month, every quarter. So we can say to the
1139 state, you know, 'this is what the town is putting forth the project' and to
1140 adequately account for that. [UNCLEAR] do you have any additions to
1141 that?

1142 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** That all the only thing that I wanted to
1143 just say, because I know that it was something that we - we reduce our out
1144 of pocket, which reduced the amount that we would be receiving back from
1145 the state, I think by about \$25,000. Is that right? From what we originally
1146 applied for.

1147 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** That's correct.

1148 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And - and we had that in mind when
1149 we went out to bid for - for the - the RFP for our planning consultants. So
1150 that's already built in the reductions already built in. But I know that Valerie
1151 had mentioned the number that the what the overall value of the - the grant
1152 and the end the program would be for our \$25,000 investment, and that is, I
1153 believe, \$290,000 so that's - that's the overall value, which you know is a
1154 great deal, something that we had applied for competitively very
1155 competitively and hopefully and - and we and we have a contract for
1156 already. So even though the state has been somewhat wishy washy about
1157 when these funds are going to come through. We do believe that because
1158 we have a contract in place already for them that we have, we will - we will
1159 get reimbursed and they are reimbursement grants. So you have to expend
1160 the money to get the money back. So...

1161 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** Right. [UNCLEAR]enough
1162 funds are included in this capital project because for that reason for
1163 reimbursable.

1164 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Exactly. Dale, do you want to add
1165 anything?

1166 **DALE BRENNAN:** Well, it's a good value for your money. That's for sure.
1167 You know, that's - that's a good rate of return. So you know, for TOV funds,
1168 we're taking it from fund balance right now. We could have taken it from
1169 contingency actually as well because we have 50,000 in contingency. As
1170 well as for the general fund. But for right now it's just easier to do that as a
1171 transfer to create the capital project. So essentially if it's on us at the end of
1172 the year it'll just wash itself out. So definitely a - definitely a good project
1173 and - and definitely getting value from it.

1174 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Questions? I'm hearing some lovely
1175 music in the back. Not sure whose but...

1176 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** So is there a chance to -
1177 that the state's not going to live up to their promises to match the - to fund
1178 the grant or we're pretty sure we're pretty confident they will?

1179 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I spoke to our project
1180 manager. I mean, one of the huge benefits of these particular brands is that

1181 we have dedicated project managers associated with our projects. So we
1182 have a go to person, you know, you don't have to navigate through the
1183 state bureaucracy to get the answers or communicate with somebody or
1184 get updates. Which I think is, is really, really beneficial and so I spoke to
1185 the gentleman who's our project manager last week. And again, you know,
1186 I think the state is a little uncertain right now, but like, he said, you know, 'I
1187 always advise the grantees that once you have a contract with the state
1188 move forward with your project, move forward with subcontracting, move
1189 forward with the process.' So, you know, he's not particularly concerned
1190 that they're going to take away any grant funds that have already been
1191 promised to municipalities and also the funds for grant have been were
1192 allocated in previous fiscal years for the state. So it's not certainly it's not
1193 someplace that, you know, to cover some of their expenses. At this point, I
1194 think it's just a cash flow issue for the seat that they're not really able to
1195 provide reimbursements currently but certainly as some state tax revenues
1196 and they're starting to see their revenues come back up through sales tax
1197 and you know income tax and that sort of thing that they'll start to be able
1198 to release some of the reimbursement requests that have come through in
1199 the past couple of months. But you know, I think they'll be looking for future
1200 [UNCLEAR] and maybe grants and having gone to contract yet where
1201 they're going to be making cuts but you know he certainly didn't anticipate
1202 that that's going to happen for - for our project so you know, certainly he
1203 he's told me he'd keep me in the loop is thing if things were to change or
1204 anything that we would, you know, in any issues that might come up, but
1205 you know basically said this is - this is certain as it's going to get right now.

1206 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

1207 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** And I think it's also important
1208 to know, you know, as we've discussed in the past, is that we do have
1209 deadlines for these grant funds and so we - the deadline for this particular
1210 project is 2024 which sounds kind of far away, but it's probably going to
1211 come sooner than any of us would like to think and for the other projects
1212 North State Road is 2023 and that's when we'd get into the situation where
1213 we'd have to possibly give back some of the grant funds which we certainly
1214 don't want to do. So I think it's important that we need to keep the
1215 momentum going on these projects and make sure we meet those
1216 deadlines and - and that's when we really get into a tricky situation.

1217 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay, so are there any other
1218 questions about the capital project or the budget or for Dale or Victoria if
1219 not then Valerie? Do you want to take us a little bit through the process
1220 where we're at right now?

1221 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Okay, sure. So I think the next part of the process,
1222 I believe we have a comprehensive plan committee meeting this Thursday,
1223 and I believe that they'll send in a formal recommendation over to the town
1224 board. For a particular firm to - to be part of this project and for the town
1225 board to work on a contract with that particular firm. And at that point, we'll
1226 move forward through contract negotiations and then we'll start the
1227 Comprehensive Plan process. So, we are also working with Pace
1228 University, as you know, on another separate gram, which is going to run
1229 parallel tracks with the Comprehensive Plan process and so Pace will
1230 actually be attending our meeting this Thursday. Through the conference
1231 planning committee to talk a little bit about that project. And at which point
1232 we also talked about having Pace come back to this board as well to talk to
1233 the board about the North State Route project. Both projects will be
1234 coordinated together and they will dovetail together throughout the process.
1235 And that's part of what my role is going to be is helping to just coordinate all
1236 these moving pieces. Pace will also be undertaking the Public Outreach
1237 and so that part will also begin discussions, probably in the summertime as
1238 to what that would look like, you know, in terms of, you know, if we can
1239 have like a normal public outreach process or in terms of contingencies,
1240 especially in light of COVID. So there'll be a number of things will be
1241 bringing back to the town board over the next couple months dealing with a
1242 comprehensive plan and then organizing it so that once we get started. It's
1243 a seamless process.

1244 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right. Are there any questions about
1245 the process?

1246 **BUDGET OFFICER VICTORIA CAFARELLI:** I just want to know quickly
1247 because we had a couple of big like budget resolutions and then
1248 discussions tonight. So we'll be if the town board is amenable, Dale and I
1249 did work on three separate resolutions relating to the things that we
1250 discussed this evening, as well as a resolution set of public hearing for the
1251 bond for the for this sewer pump station generators. So sounds like the

1252 board is a minimal, and most of the projects we discussed tonight. So we'll
1253 intend on putting those on the agenda next week. Unless there's any
1254 objections, just wanted to kind of wrap that up.

1255 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Mm hmm. Okay. Hearing no
1256 objections that sounds like a plan. So okay, so I think that we're going to
1257 hear a little bit more now from Valerie regarding some of the work that
1258 she's been doing researching our zoning code to assist with our North
1259 State Road businesses with reopening. Right now this work is specific to
1260 restaurants opening and operating outdoors, which was recently allowed in
1261 Phase Two. So Valerie. Can you give us a little bit of an update on your
1262 effort and also I know Christie has been upgrade assistance as well.

1263 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Yeah, so it's really been a collaborative effort with
1264 Christie, as well as John Hamilton. The calls were coming into the Building
1265 Department prior to the reopening as to what they would be able to do,
1266 especially with a number of the restaurants in their private parking spaces
1267 and as you drive down state road – North State Road. You can see the
1268 outcome of the efforts that were put in that outdoor dining was able to take
1269 place within the parking lots. So we developed you know, with the systems
1270 we developed an executive order that was signed by the supervisor and
1271 that allowed for a temporary permit process. For the individual business
1272 owners to apply for to identify where they were outdoor dining would take
1273 place and to make sure that it meets off, you know, fire code, safety codes,
1274 as well as ADA accessibility. So - so with that, you know, we were able to
1275 at least get those businesses open. I think one of the things that we're
1276 continuing to do is to keep the open dialogue between the Building
1277 Department as well as with your town council just so that when these things
1278 start coming up, especially in these other phases, you know, we don't. We
1279 really can't tell completely exactly what are going to be the issues so that
1280 way we can address them as they as they come in. One of the things that
1281 we also going to do is to see how as these phases get implemented.
1282 Whether this outdoor dining is going to be something that's going to be
1283 needed for more permanency or whether it's something that's going to
1284 ultimately everyone's going to be able to go back to the indoor dining and
1285 how they have their original site plan setup. If for some reason we feel this
1286 is going to be slightly longer term phase, we can start looking at some
1287 potential zoning changes in the long run to incorporate outdoor dining as an

1288 accessory used to some of the restaurants and then create standards and
1289 to have a process for them to for the businesses to actually make it a part
1290 of their site plans.

1291 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And just as a reminder, we have to
1292 renew this emergency order? I keep forgetting. Which is the emergency
1293 order?

1294 **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY CHRISTIE ADDONA:** It's local emergency –
1295 local emergency that was enacted that was executed by the supervisor in
1296 light of the fact that there is a local state of emergency, in effect, and that
1297 under your executive law 24 it gives the supervisor, the authority to modify
1298 certain laws, under certain circumstances we get approval from the
1299 Department of Health because I think it was executive order 202.4 or 5 that
1300 provided that the local municipalities could not enact their own local
1301 emergency orders. So this was obviously two to four, five, we're looking at
1302 mid to late March. So this was early on in the process when the governor
1303 was rapidly issuing executive orders kind of shutting things down. And I
1304 think the risk or the concern was that some municipalities, were going to try
1305 to enact their own local, state, local emergency orders that would be in
1306 contravention of his directives, so the requirement is that before you could
1307 enact a local emergency - emergency order you needed authorization from
1308 the Department of Health, which we did get. But to answer your question,
1309 supervisor. Sorry. They sit back for five days. It's to affect June 15 on
1310 Monday, and it will need to be extended if the supervisors so inclined. On
1311 Saturday, June 20.

1312 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Which I think, you know, makes
1313 sense to do until the restaurants, you know, have the ability to have more
1314 people inside. Because the ability to have the extension right now,
1315 especially while the weather is good and they don't have to have any side
1316 flaps, which we know that they're not allowed to have, which I specifically
1317 asked on county call the other day. You know that they've I've seen that all
1318 of our businesses have some know on or State Road have set up
1319 something that looks although actually I don't remember seeing where the
1320 Briars' was... I'm not 100% sure where that where they have that setup, but
1321 the - the other restaurants do have You know all their spaces set up. They
1322 look really nice. I think that it should be working out well for them right now

1323 and this doesn't preclude them from having to obey all the noise
1324 ordinances. It doesn't extend their Cabaret licenses to act outside or
1325 anything like that. It's just dining and they still need to have all of the
1326 distances. As mentioned, you know, abided by from that, that's that - that's
1327 -that are in all the guidance documents and I know that the John Hamilton
1328 are building inspector did go and review with each of the different
1329 **Business**, you know, food and...

1330 **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY CHRISTIE ADDONA:** Beverage establishment.

1331 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Beverage establishments. Thank
1332 you. You know that those were that they were in compliance with those. So
1333 hopefully we will not have to do this for very long. But I think that if it makes
1334 it possible for us to allow our businesses to be back in business and serve
1335 people safely and you know that, then we should continue to do it until we
1336 don't have to anymore.

1337 **MUNICIPAL ATTORNEY CHRISTIE ADDONA:** I think the benefit of the
1338 five days. Well, first of all, um, when you generally, you know before March
1339 when the state of emergency generally thought of a weather related or
1340 some sort of, you know, different type of event than what we're dealing with
1341 right now. This is obviously much more longer-term. Than what generally
1342 we would have contemplated it for. So I think that kind of contributes to the
1343 short turnaround. It also gives you the benefit of being able to revisit it over
1344 a short period of time and say, 'Okay, is there anything we need to add is
1345 there anything we want to change. Is there anything we want to modify' and
1346 you know it, so, so there is a positive to doing that and know obviously we
1347 keep in close communication with John Hamilton the building inspector
1348 because he is really the - the boots on the ground on all of this,
1349 communicating with the restaurants and seeing how these are going. So I'll
1350 definitely revisit with him and with Valerie aAnd I'll have something here for
1351 you by Friday so you don't have to worry about it on Saturday.

1352 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Awesome. Any questions or
1353 comments from [my] board colleagues?

1354 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I think it's really important to
1355 do we can to help our local restaurants and eateries um I think it's a great
1356 idea. That we support and I'm glad you're right on top of that.

1357 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody else?

1358 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** But yeah, I agree, and I think, you
1359 know, as far as whether or not outdoor seating is from now or for the future,
1360 uh, you know, I think it's going to be here for a while. So I think it's good.
1361 We're starting to think about it now and you should collectively put our
1362 minds together to figure out how to make that part going forward.

1363 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Yeah, so that's one thing that we noticed in the
1364 code. That we I think may note and we're definitely going to make sure that
1365 we work to incorporate outdoor dining as an accessory used to restaurants
1366 or at least let have that as the ability in the code. And a future date. And
1367 like I said, well, we'll work, you know, based upon what's unfolding and how
1368 things are moving forward. We might speed that process up a little bit, you
1369 know, but right now we just instituted the temporary permit and I think we're
1370 gonna, you know, this is a nice way of as Christie mentioned work out all
1371 the kinks now that we can adjust it. And then we can seamlessly put it into
1372 our code.

1373 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Sounds good. And again, I really
1374 want to just thank Valerie, Christie, as well as John Hamilton for their heads
1375 up on this and working so quickly to get something in place so that our
1376 businesses, basically we're already up and running, I think the first day that
1377 they could be to make sure that they had that you know the outdoor dining
1378 option. So... happy to see that. And I know that I've already seen on social
1379 media that people have been taking advantage of it and are very happy to
1380 have the option these very nice and fine dining establishments in the Town
1381 of Ossining.

1382 Okay, with that, I think we're going to move on to continuing with Valerie
1383 because we've been keeping her very busy lately. We wanted to talk a little
1384 bit about the call that we had with NYSERDA to look at their
1385 recommendations their model local law for battery energy storage. It's
1386 similar to what we did with our solar code. We were kind of alerted to the
1387 fact by NYSERDA and through organizations like the one that Valerie
1388 presides over which is the Westchester Municipal Planning Federation that
1389 these sorts of installations were coming down the pike, and we should start
1390 thinking about being prepared for them by being, you know, having a little
1391 heads up and getting ahead of the curve and getting something in place so

1392 that if a battery energy storage proposal was before the town that we would
1393 have something in place for guidance, instead of having to react, we can be
1394 proactive. So I know that there was uh some - somebody did approach our
1395 planning department at some point, not too long ago. In fact, I think, well,
1396 Valerie was after Valerie, it started about a possible installation in the town,
1397 which kind of got us little, little a little fire under us, to move a little faster on
1398 this than we had been and I grateful to Valerie for having done a lot of the
1399 research and I think you have a little bit more information this evening after
1400 our - our phone call with NYSERDA. So right, yes.

1401 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** So again, this is another collaborative work effort
1402 with both Christie and with John. So, but I'll give a little summary as to the
1403 purpose of the law and the little bit of background of the law, and then we
1404 can go talk a little bit about next steps, but so basically the purpose of the
1405 law is to regulate these battery energy storage systems which are basically
1406 rechargeable energy storage systems and as in the title they include
1407 batteries. So the purpose of these laws is to really ensure the safety of this
1408 equipment and to not only the property owners themselves, but the
1409 surrounding properties specifically dealing with, you know, your fire codes
1410 and - and fire issues that can be problematic with batteries. So there are a
1411 number of different tier systems that this local law, the model local law from
1412 my sort of put out and it's similar to the solar energy law that you're used to,
1413 which is those three separate tiers. The first tier is really focused on like
1414 more of your residential installations. The second tier - and residential
1415 installations in the model will go up to about 80 kilowatt hours - the second
1416 tier goes from about 80 kilowatt hours to 599 kilowatt hour systems. And
1417 then the third tier is an equal to or greater than 600 kilowatt hour systems.
1418 And so really the purpose of this is to - it's a little bit different than some of
1419 your other you know utility installations that were used to throughout You
1420 know, the town so this is why one of the purposes of this law is to really
1421 focus, especially with the, like I said, with the fire safety issues and aspects
1422 and the energy code issues and aspects associated with the battery,
1423 battery energy storage.

1424 Now, I do have we did ask NYSERDA to send us some like visual
1425 examples of what these systems look like. And so I do have a few
1426 examples I can show the board tonight if you want, I can share my screen.

1427 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yeah, that'd be great. So we can take
1428 a look, because they're really and we were actually - Councilwoman
1429 Feldman and I were taking a look at the Maryknoll site, which is a proposed
1430 site for a solar installation and we were talking to one of the, the gentleman
1431 who was the Eco G. And I think that they also do battery energy storage
1432 installations and he - he kind of showed us that it was like the two parking
1433 spaces worth of space was a pretty large unit so that doesn't seem nearly
1434 as big as I was imagining. I was imagining like a large container.

1435 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Well I think I – right, and I think it depends. Let me
1436 show you the three different tiers, because I think that really I think the
1437 gentleman the other day was talking about, you know, one of the smaller
1438 two years that you might see in a number of other commercial
1439 establishments -

1440 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

1441 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** - versus like really large. So, for example, this
1442 what I have right now my screen if everyone can see this is like a typical
1443 residential home system. So it's actually a small system. The systems are
1444 also sometimes you we you'll see them applied to solar actually solar
1445 installations as well. For example, Club Fit is before the Planning Board
1446 right now for solar system being put on to its rooftop and part of the system
1447 itself has these bat -battery energy, energy storage systems. So they're
1448 smaller installations then you have something which is a slightly larger
1449 installation and I, and this is a 375 kilowatt hour installation. So this would
1450 be like your tier two installation. And this is one an example that's located in
1451 actually in White Plains currently, and then you have much larger systems
1452 and these are, this one is a five megawatts system. So this is like a much,
1453 much larger system than I think we would anticipate probably seeing in the
1454 Town of Ossining but there. This is where the storage container sizes start
1455 coming into play. So you have it really does vary. As you can see, this is
1456 the three different types of sizes and that's part of what our next step is
1457 going to be looking at internally is figuring out where within the town are
1458 these different tiers most appropriate. And if there's any limitations that we
1459 want to put on to these particular tiers as well as, you know, the overall
1460 application to some of your smaller systems as well as systems that are
1461 tied to solar - solar energy projects. Because one of the things I think we, I

1462 don't think the town wants to see is that there's, you know, if somebody
1463 goes for solar energy projects. Then they end up having to have like a
1464 number of other permitting processes. So if there's a way to sort of make
1465 sure that we're not creating, creating more permitting processes for
1466 something that could be easily seamlessly done in one process maybe on
1467 like the smaller tiers and then some of the larger tiers have the additional
1468 review and approvals. So –

1469 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay.

1470 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** - we are just being the beginning stages of this
1471 and so as we go –

1472 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Alright.

1473 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** - along, will be providing more information to the
1474 board.

1475 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** And one of the other questions I think
1476 that we had was about noise. We also happen to ask this knowledgeable
1477 person who was with the EcoG about noise, a little bit. And while we're
1478 standing there, we were hearing noise from a, I don't know, an air
1479 conditioner unit. And that was supposedly much louder than the noise that
1480 would be generated by the - the at least the tier two or the, the smaller that
1481 middle size that you showed us not this one that we're looking at. But the
1482 one the in between size. I'm not sure again, what that larger size where
1483 something like that would even be sited but

1484 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Exactly. Well, that's a, that's a five megawatt one –

1485 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right.

1486 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** - it's a very large system.

1487 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Right. So and so, I mean, something
1488 like three times this here. I guess gets you to one megawatt – no...
1489 Approximately?

1490 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Yes.

1491 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Yes, right. Guess you approximately
1492 to one megawatt so you know three of those installations which is probably
1493 the size of a couple parking spaces. Is more likely, I guess what we what

1494 we might see in in the town. Okay, so what's our next step with this
1495 Valerie? And does it does the town Board have any questions about any of
1496 the information this evening? Okay, so do you need any more pictures?
1497 Pretty pictures. Otherwise get back to our...

1498 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Sure.

1499 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Get rid of that shared screen.

1500 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** Okay.

1501 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Hello people. Okay, so... So, Valerie,
1502 what's, what's our next step at this point for - for the town board?

1503 **VALERIE MONASTRA:** So I think the next step is it mean, first of all, to
1504 just get clarification [from] the Town Board that we want to continue you
1505 know, pursuing and working on a model ordinance for the battery energy
1506 storage systems. And then, as I said, we'll look at trying to looking at the
1507 various tiers, how they would sort of dovetail with any sort of solar
1508 applications, especially dealing with the Tier one solar install - excuse me,
1509 solar installations, as well as the better battery energy storage installations.
1510 And then look at some of your larger tiers and where would they be most
1511 appropriately placed in the Town of Ossining, similar to what the you the
1512 efforts you went through for the solar installations.

1513 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** I mean, I think it's a good idea
1514 because I think otherwise, we have to, you know, we're like chasing our tail
1515 to try to catch up, if we do get any proposals. Plus, I think, you know, again,
1516 as we as we do see some nice proposals coming online for solar, it would
1517 be good to have this as - as an option. So if, you know, I don't know - board
1518 colleagues, does anybody have any comments or concerns or should - are
1519 you feeling good, that we should be moving forward with this?

1520 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I think we should be moving
1521 forward on get ahead of before there's any application. So we could really
1522 understand, you know, have a process and understand what we're looking
1523 for. So...

1524 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** I agree.

1525 **COUNCILMEMBER GREG MEYER:** I agree as well.

1526 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Alright. That's an answer to
1527 that question. Um, alright, fantastic. Um, is there anything else Valerie, that
1528 do we, I mean, we were planning? We're gonna, I think we're having Eco G
1529 gonna come back, hopefully to our little work session on for them for next
1530 week if they can make it. And have them. Just give us a quick update. I'm
1531 hoping that we had a chance to do a little site visit. Councilwoman Feldman
1532 and Valerie and I were out there on Friday, I think, last Friday, we did a
1533 video tape and we shared that with our Board Colleagues, because we
1534 could not be there at once and hopefully you've had a chance to take a
1535 look at that and then we'll have an opportunity to talk a little bit more about
1536 that next week and then decide if we are feeling confident that we want to
1537 send this to the planning board. I think that that's the next step is that
1538 correct, Christie and Valerie?

1539 **CHRISTIE ADDONA AND VALERIE MONOSTRA:** YES.

1540 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Okay. Okay, fantastic. So with that,
1541 with that, Valerie, thank you very much for that update. I would like to take
1542 a motion to adjourn to executive session for personnel advice of counsel
1543 and contracts.

1544 **COUNCILMEMBER JACKIE SHAW:** So moved.

1545 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Second.

1546 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** All those in favor?

1547 **COUNCILMEMBERS JACKIE SHAW, ELIZABETH FELDMAN, GREG**
1548 **MEYER:** Aye.

1549 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Anybody opposed? Okay, so thank
1550 you very much. Before I adjourn, I would like to wish a very happy birthday
1551 to my town board colleague, Elizabeth Feldman. Tomorrow is her birthday
1552 so yay, we wanted to do a big banner, one-sided only in town.

1553 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I know we're good. We're
1554 good.

1555 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** But instead I wish you happy birthday
1556 and during our meeting and we know that everybody wishes. That you
1557 have a great day tomorrow that you don't have to do too many cleanings –

1558 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** I'm off.

1559 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** You're off. Great, so that you have
1560 lots of fun celebrating with your favorite boys, and that includes our furry
1561 friend, Zack. Have a great time. Happy birthday.

1562 **COUNCILMEMBER ELIZABETH FELDMAN:** Thank you.

1563 **SUPERVISOR DANA LEVENBERG:** Everybody, don't forget to wish
1564 Councilman Feldman a happy birthday tomorrow and we will see
1565 everybody next Tuesday night for a regular meeting right back here on your
1566 favorite Town of Ossining zoom channel. See you then. Have a great week
1567 everybody.