

Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting held by the Town Board of the Town of Riverhead held in the Town Hall, Riverhead, New York on Wednesday, November 7, 1990 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Joseph F. Janoski, Supervisor
 David Brown Supervisor of the Day
 John Lombardi, Councilman
 Denise Civiletti, Councilwoman
 Victor Prusinowski, Councilman
 James Stark, Councilman

Also Present: Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk

Absent Patricia Moore, Town Attorney

Supervisor Janoski: "Ladies and gentlemen, allow me to introduce to you Boy Scout Pack 133. They are here to see the government working and it is probably a very good night. Ben is going to come up and lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Ben there is the microphone right there. You can bend it down. I call the meeting to order and we will listen to Ben."

Supervisor Janoski called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by Ben Collins of Webelo Scout Pack 133.

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Ben. May I have a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held October 2, 1990."

Moved by Councilman Lombardi and seconded by Councilwoman Civiletti. Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes; Civiletti, yes; Lombardi, yes; Janoski, yes. 5 YES

Supervisor Janoski: "Reports."

REPORTS

Building Department	Monthly Report of October, 1990	Filed
Town Clerk	Monthly Report of October, 1990	Filed
Supervisor Janoski	Preliminary Budget for 1991	Filed
H2M	Engineering report for Water Extension 19 & 21A	Filed
Open Bid Report - - -	Recycling Equipment for Landfill	Filed

WOOD CHIPPER

Bid Date: October 29, 1990
1 Bid Received

NAME: Trius, Inc.
ADDRESS: Hicksville, NY
BID: \$28,367.00

INTEGRATED TOOL CARRIER:

Bid Date: October 29, 1990
1 Bid Received

NAME: H. O. Penn Machinery Co.
ADDRESS: Holtsville, NY
BID: See file

ROLL OFF CONTAINERS

Bid Date: October 29, 1990
1 Bid Received

NAME: Truis, Inc.
ADDRESS: Hicksville, NY
BID: \$73,320.00

HYDRAULIC BAILER

Bid Date: October 29, 1990
1 Bid Received

NAME: Trius, Inc.
ADDRESS: Hicksville, NY
BID; \$7,464.00

TRUCK AND HOIST

Bid Date: October 29, 1990

3 Bids Received

1. NAME: Manchester Mack Sales, Inc.
ADDRESS: Manchester, NH
BID: \$77,958.00

2. NAME: Gabrielli Mack Distributors
ADDRESS: Hicksville, NY
BID: Bid #1: \$75,500.00
Bid #2: 75,650.00
Bid #3: 76,325.00

3. NAME: Cassel Truck Sales Corp.
ADDRESS: Patchogue, NY
BID: Bid #1: \$78,299.00
Bid #2: 84,391.00

Supervisor Janoski: "Applications."

APPLICATIONS:

Petition	Homestretch Country Estates for Water Extension	Filed
Petition	199 Youths and Parents support keeping the Riverhead Teen Center	Filed
Special Permit	Bernard May extend plastic greenhouse	Filed

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Correspondence."

CORRESPONDENCE

Rita Kuraly	Submitting resignation from Nutrition Center.	Filed
R & M Cramer	Urging Support in funding for East End Arts Council	Filed
Stephen Patterson III	Supports programs of East End Arts Council.	Filed
Frank Carbone	Expresses concern at reduction of staff in Town Clerk's Office and	

	commends them for their service to the public	Filed
Denise Civiletti	Comments on Omni DEIS	Filed
Dan Beccaria	Urging support for funding for East End Arts Council	Filed
B. Dempsey	Urging Support for funding for East End Arts Council	Filed
Robert Adamo	Commending Water District employee Milton Tyte for service installation	Filed
S. & M. Rusewicz	Advising of hazardous intersection at Pulaski St. and Raynor Ave and asks Board to consider a stop light	Filed
Laura Downs	Expressing concern about the elimination of the Home Chore Program	Filed
Walter Krupski, Jr.	Urging support for the East End Arts Council	Filed
Town of Brookhaven	Home Rule message opposing action to prohibit laws more restrictive than NYS Uniform Code.	Filed
John Williams, Jr. & Judith Weiner	Urging support for East End Arts Council	Filed
O'Shea Funeral Home	Opposes the cost cutting measures by the Town Board to the Registrars Office and urges them to maintain the system as it currently exists.	Filed
Riverhead Sr. Citizen Club	Thanks Jan Van Den Thoorn for her work with the Senior Citizens Club	Filed
James Goldin	Expressing opposition to increased development in the Town.	Filed
Sherry Johnson	Expressing opposition of NFEC to East End Commons project and impacts on the Town.	Filed

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. We have a couple of minutes remaining until the public hearing on the budget. Is there anyone who would like to address the Board on any other subject? You sir."

Bob Keller, Aquebogue: "Good evening. My concern is with the Dreamers Cove docks and slips that were installed recently by Mr. Pafundi. I'm dismayed completely how this could have possibly happened in the first place when Mr. Pafundi in the past has written and told the Board that he was going to do it without a permit from the Board which is required by the Town Code. Also what is going to happen now? What action does the Board intend to take to have him either punished and/or forced to remove the illegal installation?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Pafundi, I believe, has been served with a summons for a violation for not having a permit from the Conservation Advisory Council. I believe the Conservation Advisory Council met this week. I really haven't heard what action they've taken or they are going to meet this week. My information, however, is they are going to grant that permit to Mr. Pafundi which is the one permit that he now needs. Mr. Pafundi will be before the Riverhead Town Justice Court and the court will decide what his punishment will be."

Bob Keller: "The court will decide whether he will have to remove the spiles that were installed which were not a previous installation?"

Supervisor Janoski: "I don't know that the court will require that because Mr. Pafundi will probably get the permit that he needs. But that is within the jurisdiction of the court. Our job is to issue the violation and we have done so. Punishment is in the discretion of the court. But I would venture to guess that they are not going to force the removal if he has done them in compliance with the DEC permits which he has obtained from the Army Corps. of Engineer Permits. So that if he has complied with the required there, I don't believe that they would force him to remove those spiles. But that's a guess."

Bob Keller: "Doesn't Section 107.4 of the Town Code require permits from the Town Board to construct groins, docks or bulkheads within the tidal waters?"

Supervisor Janoski: "This is a case where Mr. Pafundi is replacing something that previously existed. He has made that case. He has provided photographs and in this particular case what he needs is the permit from the Conservation Advisory Council. Now you know that the Conservation Advisory Council did meet previous to his installation of those docks and spiles. The problem of course was that, as I am told, that it was the first night of the World Series and he didn't have a quorum by which a vote could be taken on the issue of the permit. Mr. Pafundi was entirely wrong in starting that project without waiting for the permit, but I'm sure that whatever punishment is given out by the court that it is just. What your problem is that you don't want those docks to be there period. That's not what your problem is?"

Bob Keller: "No."

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay."

Bob Keller: "I've state here before that my concern is that they should be the subject of an Environmental Assessment Form to determine what the impact would be on the environment in Cases Creek and that the spiles were not a previous installation. They never had spiles there before."

Supervisor Janoski: "The Town Board doesn't make those decisions. The determination as to whether an Environmental Impact Statement is necessary is made by a group of people independent of the Town Board and well that decision should be made there. They have determined in their wisdom that one is not necessary and you can certainly take that up with the representatives of planning, zoning and the Conservation Advisory Council who make up that decision making body. The Town Board does not play a role in that decision and to my knowledge, no member of this Board has communicated with those people as to our feelings one way or another."

Bob Keller: "I was merely making the point that it is not my intent that they should not be there period. They should be there if there is a determination made they will not affect the environment in a completely negative way. Which no one is going to know now because it is complete. Is the Town going to support an action to have the spiles removed or just going to let it fall on the judges? Is the Town Attorney going to request that?"

Supervisor Janoski: "I don't know what the Town Attorney is going to do and obviously she is not here. The Town Attorney is taking the case before the judge. To the best of my knowledge she is going to seek a fine. I would imagine if the permit has not been issued at this date, it will be issued very shortly, because I know that I have seen George Bartunek in Town Hall in preparation for a Conservation Advisory Council Meeting and I know that is an application that they are going to act on and the information that I have provided to me is that they feel that they must issue this permit based on the evidence that has been presented. It is, I don't know if I should call it policy around here, but very often someone will, for example, put up a deck without getting the necessary permits. Basically if a person goes out and does what they have to do we don't force them to tear off that deck. It somehow doesn't seem fair if they come around and get the necessary permits, etc. And I think that we are going to follow that unwritten policy in this case. If he has the permit as we speak, I don't understand how we could make him take them out. Even in lieu of not having an Environmental Impact Statement."

Bob Keller: "The question is the spiles. They were not a previous installation. They are not covered by SEQRA since they weren't a previous installation. They should have an Environmental Impact Statement because of the use they will be put to, the way he has installed them. He put them far enough

apart that he can put quite large boats into the creek which will also interfere with the channel which was dredged by the County sometime ago, about five years ago. And it is imminent when they (interrupted)-----"

Supervisor Janoski: "Do you know why the County dredges that creek?"

Bob Keller: "Yes, I know why."

Supervisor Janoski: "So the boats can get through."

(Someone from the audience: "No! No!"

Bob Keller: "On the contrary they dredge so that there is free drainage for the wetlands on the north side of Peconic Bay Boulevard to reduce the mosquito population and to provide free movement of the water."

Supervisor Janoski: "I don't want to make an argument of this, but I have been informed that County does not dredge unless it provides public access. I may have misunderstood that but ---- (interrupted)"

Bob Keller: "That's another reason, but it's not the controlled or singular reason."

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay there are many reasons. One of them is public access for boats."

Bob Keller: "Of course. But I would request of the Board--- (interrupted)

Supervisor Janoski: "The question that you bring in and I'm not even sure of what a spiral is because I'm not a boater, but if it is your contention that there existed no spiles previously, then I will make sure that that question is asked and that we do get a report as to what is covered in the application that the C.A.C. is going to act on or has acted on and if there is something that is done and should not be done, we will take further action. I guarantee you that."

Bob Keller: "I would request the Board to instruct the Town Attorney that if they find that they were not a prior installation and with the understanding from the C.A.C. that they instruct the Town Attorney to have the spiles removed."

Supervisor Janoski: "If there is something there that should not be there that would be the action that we would take. Absolutely."

Bob Keller: "I appreciate your time. Thank you very much."

Supervisor Janoski: "We will open the meeting for comment on other subject matter once we get through the hearing on the budget and let me say that the clock shows that it is 7:55 P.M. and the Town Clerk will read the notice of public hearing."

P U B L I C H E A R I N G 7:45 P.M.

Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk: "I have affidavits of publishing and posting of a public notice for a public hearing to be held at Riverhead Town Hall at 7:45 PM on Wednesday, November 7, 1990 to hear all interested persons who wish to be heard regarding: **THE 1991 ANNUAL BUDGET FOR THE TOWN OF RIVERHEAD.**"

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Is there anyone present wishing to address the Town Board on the 1991 Budget Proposal?"

Dorothy Jermusyk, Receiver of Taxes: "Is it alright if I make a statement on behalf of my office?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Absolutely."

Dorothy Jermusyk: "I am speaking to you as a Tax Receiver elected to perform the duties as such and operate an efficient office. In this preliminary budget you are abolishing a position in my office. I have a staff of two which means that I will be left with a staff of one. I want to go on record as stating that it is impossible for me to perform the duties of that office, and provide the taxpayers with the service they deserve with just one staff member. I feel also that you are jeopardizing the security of the \$45,000,000.00 that is collected in that office. I have one of the smallest budgets in Town government and although my duties have increased the number of staff has remained the same over the past twenty years. I realize you are attempting to reduce the tax rate by eliminating this position. However, I feel it unfair to chose an office that only has a staff of two. You are in essence cutting a staff in half. There are other offices that have three, four and more on staff. One cut there will not have the impact on productivity as much as it will on my office. The one office that deals most directly with the public.

Again I stress I cannot operate my office and protect the taxpayers money properly with just one staff member. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Bill."

Bill Vitollo, President of the CSEA: "Good evening. I understand with the proposed budget that the Town Board has proposed that there will be layoffs in the Town of Riverhead. I don't feel that the Town has any less people in it then it did ten years ago, if anything there are more. You are asking for the employees to handle more people coming in and out of Town Hall. I understand that people will be leaving that have been here or are being laid off that have been here approximately 14 or 15 years. Because they might not hold another title in the Town of

Riverhead according to Civil Service Law. They wouldn't be able to bump anybody and they will be asked to leave.

Also there has been training going on that has cost the Town thousands of dollars for people in certain positions. By abolishing these positions in the Town Clerk's Office and in the Tax Receiver's Office these people will be moved to positions that all of these thousands of dollars have been spent on and will be taking over their positions. Which means the Town will have to again spend thousands of dollars on training new people for that position. I just think that according to what the Supervisor or the Town has proposed on layoffs, I don't feel that it is reasonable. I don't feel that you are being reasonable with any of the employees in this Town asking them to put amount of work that --- you know these people have been hired ten years ago for the amount of people that have been coming into Town Hall and now these people are going to be let go and service to the Town will be a lot less. Morale of the Town employees will be very low which would also hurt the people of the Town of Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Bill. Yes sir."

George Kajakian, Member of the Board of East End Arts Council: "I ask you for your support of the East End Arts Council because of the economic impact of the arts on the community. The arts are not a frivolous fringe of this Town. They have proven to be a major influence on downtown revitalization. Just last summer the jazz festival presented by the Council brought 2,000 people to Town. Our community heard world renown jazz artists and our own youngsters perform right on the same stage. The Council can do it again in 1991. We would like to coordinate this year the sidewalk sale days with the jazz festival to bring even more people. This single event is a unique picture of what is possible and what Riverhead can be. We all know that the Council performances like the jazz festival cannot be supported at the box office alone. They must be supported by the Town. This is a very small investment with a very great return. With Town dollars the Council is able to leverage even greater support from the state and the federal governments. You know the Council can do it. It has proven itself with a National Endowment for the Arts Grant this year as a major support from the State Council on the Arts. Town support is absolutely critical in order to leverage other public funds. Thank you for your strong support of the East End Arts Council in 1991. The Arts Council will give you an amazing return for your dollar."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you George."

Irene J. Pendzick, Town Clerk: "In these times of physical belt tightening no one can argue with reducing the budget. Tax payers cannot pay more, but in reducing a budget it is common sense to reduce expenses where it least impacts the taxpayer. The one paying the bills.

This preliminary budget eliminates four positions. Four

people will be laid off. These staff reductions are not in departments that address growth or development even though our tax base growth for the Town is less than 1/2 per cent. Where does this budget lay off people? In the three departments that collect the most money and directly serve the taxpayer. These are the offices that process our tax bills, do building inspections and provide licenses, permits, coupons, stickers and certificates.

It's my job to see that the public that I'm elected to serve gets efficient, accurate and prompt service. The same number of people have been doing the work in the Town Clerk's Office for twenty years. Absorbing growth and needed services over those years. Other departments have added on employees. In fact whole new departments have been created during this time. There are ways to save money and not inconvenience the public that pays the bills. The Town has created various positions to address the phenomenal growth of the last five years. With growth now at a virtual standstill doesn't it make sense to cut back in these areas? If reductions are made in some of the new positions created to address growth that no longer exists or in legal and consultant fees that are now covered by in house staff the budget could be reduced by almost \$500,000.00. Laying off a clerk typist in my office reduces it \$16,000.00."

Bob Kramer: "I stood before you a year ago and no doubt I will stand before you each year at the budget hearings. We are asking and pleading for your continued support for the East End Arts Council. During the few years my wife and I have been residents in Riverhead we have absolutely marveled at the caliber of entertainment, dance troupes, childrens theater, the various artistic groups that the Arts Council has brought to our community and we actually need it and deserve it. Several of these troupes come direct from New York City engagements. And we are offered these great eventful things at a fraction of New York City cost. The Council also provides service to over 200 East End Cultural organizations and hundreds of community artists. I believe now more than ever before the Arts Council should be allowed to flourish. We are being bombarded with nothing but negatives in our day to day lives. Possible war, higher taxes, recession, increases in crime, the negatives keep growing and growing. Isn't it time we started offering a more positive aspect to the community and to the children. Without your help some of these positives could not be a possibility. I'm asking the Board, I'm pleading with you, please to give us some budget money for 1991. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Gwen Branch."

Gwen Branch: "I'm also here to speak on behalf of the Arts Council. I'm delighted with the Council's collaboration with the eastern churches to present inspirational gospel concerts. I'm delighted with the West African Celebration that is coming to Riverhead in February. I know that even more programs like this are in the works because the Council works with other

organizations and institutions to enrich all our lives in Riverhead. The Council is meeting with Suffolk County Community College, Riverhead Free Library, the Historical Society and many other groups to develop new programs and to develop a stronger base of support for existing programs. With the members of the community the Council is also working on a cultural plan for Riverhead Town. These are important steps in a forward looking community cultural development plan. A plan that will help make Riverhead a more desirable community in which to live and one that will attract more visitors. But we need your support. The Council raises all its money from zero each year and the Town has always helped set the pace. Please continue your support with a \$15,000.00 allocation in 1991. You know that every dollar invested in the arts, \$4.00 is generated into the local economy by the audiences. Despite the current economy make this investment. You will see a return in real dollars and equity in the quality of life in Riverhead. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Gwen. Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton: "Being an elected official is the second best thing in the country."

Supervisor Janoski: "What's first?"

Steve Haizlip: "Well the Boy Scouts are here, but I can just say the birds and bees. Now when I was working I didn't have the opportunity at the end of the year to come along and say that I'm going to raise my salary. When I was working I had to beg for it and try to get merit raises. The last year that I worked I worked a whole year, 14 months and didn't even get a raise. That's because I changed foremans and the foreman has to say, 'you haven't worked for me long enough'. So what I'm leading up to it seems like you are trying to reduce some people in a very central office. I make a suggestion and where the other Council Members think more of me or less of me it doesn't bother, I'm just going to say what I think. I believe they ought to put a freeze on the salary they've got without any raise because they are all doing very good."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else who wishes to address the Town Board in the matter of the proposed budget for 1991?"

Jessie Tomlinson, Wading River: "I would just like to say that Dorothy Jermusyk is a Republican. Irene Pendzick is a Democrat and both of their departments are going to lose a woman. It is obviously not political. So I would just like to go on record as saying that I object that the two departments that are run by women very efficiently are both being penalized and it seems to me that it is a suspiciously sexist move."

Supervisor Janoski: "Allen. Yes sir Allen."

Allen Smith, Riverhead: "I speak as a private citizen this evening on behalf of Judy Schroeder. I haven't been hired by her. She doesn't even know that I am going to talk to this issue. She goes back with me to the day she first walked into this Town Hall. I think that the specter of laying off this young woman is so typical of what's wrong with what you are doing. Everybody that has stepped to this microphone has dealt with the symptom and not the cause. I don't believe that we have had a real budget that reflects the actual cost of operation of this community for a number of years. And we are fast reaching the end where the gimmicks, the realities of the dump closure, the cost of the employee contracts, the lack of maintenance of the capital, structures of the community, etc. have caught up with us and what is occurring here is your telling the blue collar people, Judy Schroeder, if you will, that they've got to be the people that have to be victimized by the fact that we haven't had any tax base growth in this community for a decade. I realize that it's going to take a huge dose of reality potion to tell the people out there in fact that we have had no tax base growth, that we aren't going to have any tax base growth between now and June 1 of 1991 and the consequence of that is a much higher tax bill. But I mean that's the cause of it, not Judy Schroeder's salary and knocking Judy Schroeder's salary out of this budget isn't going to mean a tinkers dam. The problem is that you don't have any meaningful direction in tax base growth in the industrial and commercial sector. We keep talking about the Peconic River moratorium and all the rest of that rather than figuring out what we can do and where we can do it and getting on with it. And until you do you will lay off Judy Schroeder this year and next year you will lay off ten guys in the Highway Department and the year after you're going lay off six more cops and you're never going to reach the bottom of this pit. What you're doing is simply the symptom, it's not the cause. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone who has not spoken who wishes to speak? Florence."

Florence Sykora, Riverhead: "I would like to ask a question. If these people in the Town are going to be laid off are you preparing them for any type of a job on the outside as some businesses do when they have to lay off? They prepare their workers or help them and get a list of jobs on the outside. I haven't heard of anything like that. I think this would be helpful if this is going to happen. I don't like to see this happen as far as the East End Arts is concerned, it is wonderful, it's fine. I like to see it. It is marvelous. I think that now if money is needed for the Town then business people are going to have to volunteer more to pay for the East End Arts and get the money from them, not from the Town that they can lay off as Mr. Smith said this one person at \$15,000.00. I don't think it is going to be any help."

May I ask another question? I've been looking and I can't find it. The acting Supervisor, I can't find a contract on her or anything to find out what her salary is going to be. What her

increase is going to be. I haven't seen it in the paper, I haven't seen it anywhere. And I was wondering what everybody else's salary has been listed."

Supervisor Janoski: "You mean the deputys?"

Florence Sykora: "And another thing too. If you are cutting down on money some of the people do work in your Town Hall can go on a part-time basis. You can cut your money there if you haven't got enough to go around. They can be cut to four and five hours. I have been and so have some of the employees that work in the retail line have been cut."

Supervisor Janoski: "If I could I would comment, I think now is probably the proper time to comment. The Town of Southampton which is facing a 24% tax rate increase is considering a four day work week for their entire staff. They are considering not four layoffs, but twenty four layoffs. They are considering closing down certain operations two days a week. It is interesting to me that at the same time they put a fifty million bond issue on the ballot, but that's what all of us are facing. These decisions the Board has been wrestling with for a few weeks now and when you start to look at reductions you try to make choices which are non essential to the operation or provision of services that are essential. But the Town Board has been working on these questions, as I said, for a number of weeks. We believe that we have a plan which will remove the necessity to lay off personnel. We did offer a retirement incentive. I am told that at least one person has taken advantage of it. So that helps us financially. We also are going to see what we can do satisfy some of the other concerns which have been raised as a result of this budget which are of a personnel nature. I think we have developed some ideas that can satisfy those individuals."

To go along with what Allen said, I today said that the one person that I would like to make sure that we save is Judy Schroeder. But I think we are going to be able to save everybody.

Florence Sykora: "I certainly hope so."

Supervisor Janoski: "And at the same time we are adding personnel in the areas that we need to add people for example at the landfill where we are going to be getting more involved with recycling and therefore need more assistance."

Florence Sykora: "May I say something?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Sure."

Florence Sykora: "Also this appointment that was just made. There is a salary connected with it I think?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Which appointment would that be?"

Florence Sykora: "I think Mrs. Regula."

Supervisor Janoski: "Oh indeed. Certainly. Yes."

Florence Sykora: "Could not this be waited until election time from now until election and therefore save money in the budget?"

Supervisor Janoski: "You talking about next year? That was certainly a consideration and was discussed in talking with the assessors they have work that they want to get on with and they would like----(interrupted)

Florence Sykora: "Yes, but there are other departments that you have in your services that need the extra help too. And they are not getting it. This way here if that and I----"
"(interrupted).

Supervisor Janoski: "Florence, I'm not aware that you are involved here at Town Hall. What do you know about the running of operations of departments?"

Florence Sykora: "I run a house."

Supervisor Janoski: "Oh I see. But I don't see you here everyday. What---" (interrupted)

Florence Sykora: "You see me here twice a month. And I'm in Town Hall too."

Supervisor Janoski: "Where do we need this help?"

Florence Sykora: "There are certain departments that can use help."

Supervisor Janoski: "Which departments?"

Florence Sykora: "I would say the Town Clerk has been a busy area right there. There's the Tax Department also that you can use help. And as you said before, you talked about Southampton. Mr. Supervisor, may I say this? I'm not worried about Southampton, I'm worried about Riverhead."

Supervisor Janoski: "Nor am I. But I just wanted to point out that all governments are facing these terrible decisions. We are doing our best to try to satisfy everyone. Which is not easy. Cy."

Cy Walsh, Riverhead: "Not so much to talk about your layoffs. But it amazes me in budget operations and budget preparation. The first thing that you fellows do is layoff help from necessary agencies. If the five of you people can sit up there and consider laying off one of two people in the Tax

Receivers Office and call that economy, baby you had better study economics."

Ann Hattoroff, Reeves Park: "I'm very happy that you are thinking of some things to save some peoples jobs. And I praise Mr. Smith for coming down and speaking for Miss Schroeder. Being that we are taxpayers and I'm a taxpayer, would you share your thoughts on saving jobs because you have hired a clerk in the Town Clerks Office. I'm speaking of Mrs. Froehlich, I don't know what her title is, but no one enjoys coming down to Town Hall to either pay taxes, to get documents of whatever and it is very nice to have a friendly, familiar face. Now this is a woman who was gainfully employed by St. John's for seventeen years. She came down and got a job here. She is a widow and desperately needs her job and I really think that if you looked around you could certainly find other areas to save some money as opposed to laying off anyone. This Town is run very nicely. We all have complaints about it. I've been here before. The point is I really think that you should reconsider where funds can be had. Where other things can be done and not lay off the current staff. Maybe not hire new people, but not certainly lay off the efficient, pleasant people that you have working for you. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you. Yes."

Linda Fleming, Executive Director of Alternatives Counseling: "I'm here to plead with you to do what you can to restore the funding to Alternatives. As you know, it is not a lot of money that you give us, but it has enabled us to hire a part time counselor to see that many more clients. Everytime we have to do a cut and as you can imagine I'm going before everyone of my funding sources at this point and facing this all over. So cuts at every level could really just about do us in. And I want you to know that the clients that we see are your neighbors, the people that work in your stores, the people that go to your schools, their children and people who by getting help are often more gainfully employed and are able to function more effectively and rather than be a cost in a lot of other ways. I think you also know that we have recently moved to another office in Riverhead. The number of people that we are seeing has increased dramatically in the last few months. That need is there and everyday the counselors are working with people in your community who really need your help and your support. And our other staff are also working in your schools and we get calls all the time and pleas from the schools that they need more help. And need any of our staff that can help them.

I know times are bad and they are at every level, but I would just ask you to do what you can to restore our funding. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else wishing to address the Town Board?"

George Schmelzer: "It seems like in this modern day our government exists not for the people, for the employees of the government. Schools are among the worst. They lose the budget vote they will give the teachers a raise, but will cut the athletic activities of the students. Then they will have another vote. If they don't win, they will keep having votes until they win. The Town can't do that though. That's another story. It's not your responsibility. You're not as bad as they are. I hope that you don't get as bad.

I think we have too many departments. Keep the old departments. We've always had the Town Board, the cops, (even though when I was a kid there were three cops, I think) the Tax Receiver, Tax Assessor and the Town Clerk. Now you've added all of these other offices since 1959. Even the Planning Board wasn't good enough, now you've got a Planning Department. What do they have to plan for the Planning Board? All these departments----all they do is harass people.

I was reading in the paper that this guy got a permit to build some bulkhead and dig out his harbor, he has to get an Environmental Impact Statement to put up some floating docks. How nutty can you get? What would you do if somebody came up and wanted an Environmental Impact Statement about human hair? So until that is settled we can't have haircuts. It would be just as sensible wouldn't it? I suggest you cut back on some of you're unneeded departments, some of the environmental garbage and the Planning Board and stuff like that. Stop harassing people and the business people so they can't do anything. It takes them years to get a permit to put a store up or anything. It's terrible. I don't know if you take good pleasure in harassing people. But maybe that's what happens when people get power. It's very strange.

I don't know if you really mean to cut back on essential workers in the Town Clerk's Office. Maybe it is better publicity. I don't know it is very strange to me. I can't figure some of this stuff out.

Now you talk about people retiring. You suggest that they retire. Well when they retire you pay them for not working. They get a pension. Isn't that a little nutty to encourage people to retire so that they get paid for not working awhile you can still have them working and you can get something done? How about it?"

Supervisor Janoski: "You're probably right George."

George Schmelzer: "Probably! I suggest you hold a line on salaries. Including your own too. Don't copy from Congress. When they had this budget crisis there, they shut down the Washington Monument and the Washington Zoo. They never closed the Washington Zoo, that's Congress itself.

Try to cut back on some of these departments that we didn't have before. Maybe think about abolishing them. We got along better without that nonsense. Some of this environmental nutty stuff.

When there is a forest fire I didn't see any environmentalists coming around to try to help put out the fire."

Councilman Stark: "Look at that. You chased the scouts out."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't even know they were there. What were they the boy scouts? That is all I can suggest. Hold the line on salaries and some of these departments that harass people, cut back on them a bit. But don't tell people to retire and have to pay them for not working. That is about all I can say. Thank you Joe."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you George. Alice. It certainly wouldn't be a meeting without a comment from you."

Alice Graff, Riverhead: "I have one thing to say the same as George. I believe in this day and age where so many areas have been cut with this problem. The give backs. I think maybe it is time for Riverhead to think in those terms. The employees to give back and hold their line and give back some of their benefits to lessen the impact on the taxpayer. Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there anyone else who wishes to speak who has not spoken. Mr. Carey do you wish to address the members of the Board?"

Richard Carey, Riverhead: "I'm reminded of what people have said, I hate the history of many corporations that were probably similar to the Town of Riverhead that you tend to grow and add people over a five year period and then you had better reorganize because you certainly got no more room for the people and you are going to have to make room. And I think that this is probably some of our problem. We've been adding, and adding and adding and consequently we are just getting to the point where we just can't stand it.

I have a couple of questions for you. Give me a little direction."

Supervisor Janoski: "If I can't, Jack Hansen is here."

Richard Carey: "Well I would hope you Board Members know what is in this budget as well as Jack Hansen. I noticed that you carry a title entitled an approximate fund balance. And in the 1990 budget we adopted an approximate fund balance of \$1,205,000.00. That was a \$1,000,000.00 of it in the general fund and \$120,000.00 in the highway, \$50,000.00 in lighting and \$35,000 in public parking.

And you're proposing this year another fund balance, approximate fund balance, of \$750,000.00 for general fund, \$90,000.00 for highway, \$100,000.00 for lighting, \$60,000.00 for public parking or a total of \$1,000,000.00. I assume that you spent that money from last year. Is that correct? In other words this is just an unallocated item in the budget. It doesn't apply to the general fund, it doesn't apply to the highway fund, no I'm sorry. It does apply to the general fund and the highway fund. But it's a nonallocated item to the departments. Just gives you a cushion of money."

Supervisor Janoski: "You get into this technical stuff, because I'm not going to get into it Jack."

Town Clerk, Irene J. Pendzick: "Dick, what page is that on?"

Richard Carey: "It's on several pages. I have the total in front of me. Okay the \$750,000.00 is on page sixty two. Are you looking at the same number as I am? A gross of pages we have. Your page 48."

Councilman Stark: "Estimated revenues? The fourth line from the bottom is \$750,000.00 for appropriated fund balance."

Councilman Lombardi: "It's not on this one Dick."

Jack Hansen, Town Accountant: "He has the tentative budget."

Richard Carey: "Has it been changed?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Well we are now working on the preliminary budget which is a little different."

Richard Carey: "But you are still working off the tentative budget. Right?"

Jack Hansen: "No the preliminary."

Richard Carey: "Oh, you are on the preliminary now."

Jack Hansen: "It's on page 49."

Richard Carey: "Did you change that figure?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Okay, so what's the question?"

Richard Carey: "I assume that looking at the figure from last year of \$1,205,000.00 has been spent or will be spent by the end of the year. I realize that you haven't got your year ended yet. Is that correct?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Pretty much."

Richard Carey: In other words you are carrying unallocated balances to apply them in some other areas or to that individual department or somewhere which is a h_l of a lot of money roughly almost 10% of your total budget. It seems to me that you ought to be able to budget a little closer than that and maybe we can.

One other one that bothers me on page 100 on my numbers. About 70 something on yours. Your garage."

Supervisor Janoski: "Municipal garage?"

Richard Carey: "Yes. Your budgeting for them for personnel services, contractual services and fringe benefits \$148,000.00. Now that seems to me like a h__l of a lot of money for a garage. I understand that we service some of our vehicles there. Not all of them?"

Councilman Stark: "We service all of our regular vehicles there. The Town Highway vehicles are serviced at the Highway Department."

Richard Carey: "How many vehicles do we have that might be serviced under this operation?"

Councilman Stark: "Approximately one hundred."

Richard Carey: "Approximately one hundred?"

Councilman Stark: "I think so."

Richard Carey: "Which is about \$1,480.00 per vehicle. If I divided that right. It seems like an awfully high money to service these vehicles. Because we have a lot of new vehicles. I realize that this is all charged back to the individual departments and is lost somewhere. But it doesn't include the gas and oil we burn or many other things. It seems like an awfully lot of money to be running a municipal budget."

Supervisor Janoski: "What does it cost you to service your car during the course of a year?"

Richard Carey: "About \$250.00."

Supervisor Janoski: "How many miles do you put on in a year?"

Richard Carey: "Ohhhhhh, 15,0000, 20,000."

Supervisor Janoski: "These guys put on about 100,000."

Richard Carey: "That's your policeman. All your cars don't do that."

Supervisor Janoski: "Most of the vehicles in Town are running constantly. Most of them. Not all of them, but most of them constantly running. Police vehicles-----"

Richard Carey: "Well I sometimes have trouble finding a parking space because there are so many of them sitting out here."

Councilman Stark: "I don't believe that is a fair statement Dick. I know that you had to get one in, but I don't think that is a fair statement."

Supervisor Janoski: "Dick, I wish in your comments that you would suggest. The purpose of this hearing is to suggest changes that would make it better."

Richard Carey: "Well I would suggest that we look at that a little more carefully in the garage aspect and see whether or not we can reflect some savings."

Supervisor Janoski: "How would you suggest we do that? We don't change the oil so often, we don't change the oil filters, we don't change----- (interrupted)"

Richard Carey: "Well maybe you've got too many people there. I don't know."

Supervisor Janoski: "Too many people in the Municipal Garage or in the Police Department?"

Richard Carey: "Well both."

Supervisor Janoski: "I just heard that we shouldn't lay off. I don't know. I'm confused here."

Richard Carey: "Well I suggest you take a look at it."

Councilman Stark: "We've got three people in the Municipal Garage as of January 1. One is being transferred into it."

Richard Carey: "I beg your pardon Jim."

Councilman Stark: "We are taking one person out of the Police Department and transferring over to the Municipal Garage. So you are actually seeing three people versus last years budget of two."

Richard Carey: "One other figure that bothers me and I can't find the right page, I don't believe. This retirement for the police. It seems to be a tremendously high amount of money and I just wondered what is happening. Why is it so much higher? For example in 1989 it was \$581,000.00. That is actual. I don't know what it is going to be for the adopted budget in 1990 because you haven't finished the year. And now it is up to \$1,116,000.00. That is over a half of a million dollars. What happened there?"

Supervisor Janoski: "That's what it's going to cost."

Richard Carey: "Is there a particular reason for it?"

Supervisor Janoski: "There is a benefit which is known as the 1/60th Retirement Benefit which is more expensive and adds expense."

Richard Carey: "Is that something that we put in our own volition or did we bargain for it or what?"

Supervisor Janoski: "It was bargained."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Dick, it was one of those benefits that our legislators that we overwhelming elected, sent back to Albany, offered the municipalities as a police benefit and it was sold to the local municipalities as a no increase cost. You take a certain amount of police officers retire it would be a wash. And in effect what we are finding out in other municipalities is that it is a costly item. It will increase the property taxes. It is an extra benefit and to be fair to the police unions it was lobbied for in Albany and they passed it and everybody on the Island, that I know of, put it into the police contracts including Nassau and Suffolk Counties."

Richard Carey: "Only one other comment. If I listen to George Schmelzer and he mentioned the fact that you don't retire people because you have to pay them anyway. I think we have already built into our retirement fund to take care of them. This is not an extra expense and actually it reflects in a saving for us."

Supervisor Janoski: "Quite frankly the NYS Employers Retirement System as well as the NYS Police and Firefighters System are probably the only two entities in the State that are in fine financial shape. It is already taken care of, but I never argue with George."

Richard Carey: "Thank you."

Councilman Stark: "Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Is there any other comment on the budget?"

Gwen Branch, Clinical Director for Alternatives Counseling:
"I just want to add to the Executive Directors statement. Alternatives has been in Riverhead for the past 13 years working quietly to serve the members of this community. We are probably, if we are not the only agency, Counseling Agency, to offer counseling on a sliding scale that goes down to nothing if a person cannot afford to come. We've been able, with the help of the Town, we've only put in for money for the last two years and with the small amount that you have allocated we have been able to add additional people and therefor additional hours. And we are an improved treatment program for DWI. So the entire program that we are giving to the Town and also in addition to that we do a lot of educational pieces to the various service groups and schools and to various organizations. I think it would be money well spent and I think if you check the research you will find that in the economically down times we do have an increase in abusive use of substances. Thank you. "

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Gwen. George."

George Schmelzer: "How many work for the Town including yourself and others that take the Town's car home?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Highway Department, Water Department, Sewer Department, myself, the Fire Inspector, Building Inspector, Chief of Police. I don't know if I missed any, but I think that is pretty much it."

George Schmelzer: "Some of them are needed. I don't know about yours. Is yours needed?"

Supervisor Janoski: "You know George, I'll tell you what. I made this comment today and it is well worth repeating. I will invite anybody if they would like to spend a week down here. They can spend a week in my office or they can spend a week just roaming around. I think the people should get an idea of what it is that we actually do down here and I've come to the conclusion that what I have to do is have each of the departments of Town government find out what other departments do because it is clear to me that they have no idea what's going on in other departments. But, George, if you would like to spend a week with me, by my side from morning until night you could answer that question for yourself. And in any department that you would like to visit, you know I don't know if I can do that. Maybe your representative could spend some time. Your representative."

George Schmelzer: "Be careful I'll take you up on that."

Supervisor Janoski: "There is a lot of misunderstanding and it is so obvious from the comments that were made here this evening. For example, yes, we do have an Environmental Planner. Why do we have an Environmental Planner? Because the State of New York has the State Environmental Quality Review Act. We didn't create that. We don't even like it, but we have to go through this process of SEQRA and environmental impact statements that the gentlemen says that he wants done. I don't see him anymore. Because of the docks in the water. We didn't make this up. It is something that we have to do. Landfill laws and all of the things that are mandated upon us that we have to do as procedures. We don't make them up, but we have to provide to do them."

We, in going through this budget, have developed some ideas. I think we are going to be all right in doing most of what has been requested here tonight. Most of it, not all of it and I don't know if we are going to save every job, but we are going to save most of the jobs. But in developing a budget my approach was to look at what is essential to the operation of what the Town does. As wonderful as Alternatives Counseling is and East End Arts Council. They do wonderful work. But they are not essential to the operation of this Town government. Now we're going to be able to, I think, to give them some money and we've been talking about that over the number of weeks, but we having a hearing on

this here. And George, you and I have had a lot of fun over the years that I've been Supervisor and you've been coming to these meetings and you get a laugh and maybe once in awhile I get one, but do you have any real ideas about what we can do to make this budget better."

George Schmelzer: "When you let me come to the Town Hall can I sit in your desk and use your telephone too?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Absolutely. I'll even----no."

George Schmelzer: "Those things that the Town is mandated to do, allegedly mandated, I'd say by you and like you say by the State. Why don't you let the public know that you are doing this because of certain State Laws so that people know that you are stuck with them and maybe they can get back to their S.O.B's in Albany and maybe they can change the law. I hear nothing like that."

Councilman Prusinowski: "We just had an election and the whole campaign was all about mandates and we've been talking about the landfill along Peconic River, lawsuits. We are probably spending half a million dollars and you know what they all just got reelected. They are all going back to Albany with a big mandate. Congratulations to them. That's the answer. I'm going to ask you if we can move on tonight because it's already ten to nine."

George Schmelzer: "Because there is no difference between any of them. You've got a choice between bad and worse."

Councilman Prusinowski: "The reality is there is some trickle down theory where the bottom line here is unfortunately we get to send out the tax bills. We get the fun part."

George Schmelzer: "I don't believe the taxpayers know that stuff is really mandated."

Councilman Prusinowski: "I probably agree with you, but --"

George Schmelzer: "Let them know and maybe I suggest that you publish a list that people can have on their -----you've got a lot of other junk that they can read that they don't need. Naming all the employees of the Town. All the perts and benefits they get. What it costs for their retirement."

Supervisor Janoski: "It's in the budget George and that's what the hearing is about. Now."

George Schmelzer: "I didn't read that d_n budget. It's too big. If I wanted a copy, probably I couldn't get any."

Town Clerk, Irene J. Pendzick: "Sometimes, George, it's a simple thing like the Calverton National Cemetery opening up. Do you know how many people are buried there?"

George Schmelzer: "I never asked them."

Town Clerk, Irene J. Pendzick: "Over 100,000 and this Town has to file those burials permits in alphabetical order. The government doesn't pay the Town for that staff to do that."

George Schmelzer: "I suggested that they put it on the Brookhaven side at that time. Otis Pike got mad at me for saying that. There's room over there too. There is more room. If they would have had it, then Brookhaven would have been stuck with it."

Supervisor Janoski: "So George what do you say that we wrap up your comment and get out of this."

George Schmelzer: "I suggest that you make up a list like that of all the Town employees, perts and benefits they get. How about getting some of these Town employees to pay for their own retirement? Get tough."

Councilman Prusinowski and Councilwoman Civiletti: "They do."

Councilman Prusinowski: "And I want to point out to be fair that we are the only municipality that I know of on Long Island that our Civil Service Employees do share in their medical benefits and think that they should be very proud of that because of all the ranting and raving that I hear about taxpayer revolt, our employees have since 1983 been contributing a portion of their monthly premiums towards their medical coverage."

George Schmelzer: "What portion?"

Councilman Prusinowski: "Twenty five per cent of the premium for some employees and two councilman who were hired after January 1, 1983. But we are about the only Town that does that - that I know of."

George Schmelzer: "Let the people know that too. I wish that you would publish that listing and be available at the desk, the Town Clerk's desk so we can know who is getting what and why."

Supervisor Janoski: "It's like PREGO George, it's in here. Those thoughts are in the book."

George Schmelzer: "All the individual employees are listed there? Why not?"

Supervisor Janoski: "The costs that you are talking about are listed there."

George Schmelzer: "List every employee. If people can't pay their taxes because of this, they are listed in a tax sale."

Supervisor Janoski: "George what are you comments on the budget."

George Schmelzer: "What I said. Get rid of the unessential departments or trim them down."

Supervisor Janoski: "George, that is a very good idea and I thank you for your succinct and direct ideas. Now I've got somebody who wants to say something. Dick Benedict."

Dick Benedict, Riverhead: "I'm looking at this and I know before I start all the senior citizens in Town are going to scream. But I'm looking at the Senior Citizens Program at \$310,500.00 and I look above it Highway Superintendent \$118,000.00. It looks to me like senior citizen programs are perpetual. I don't think we buy new buildings every year and we don't build playgrounds every year. Is this administrative costs?"

Supervisor Janoski: "What page are you looking at?"

Dick Benedict: "Well I've got the blue one. About the third one."

Supervisor Janoski: "Well that would be (inaudible, two people speaking at the same time)"

Dick Benedict: "But in 1989 we spent \$302,000.00. In 1990 \$310,000.00 and now the projected is \$284,000.00. Is this strictly administrative? We own the buildings don't we?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Well there is of course rental of many facilities for senior citizen clubs and there are programs. Their trips, their picnics, etc."

Dick Benedict: "Is this in addition to the Recreation Department? And the Highway Superintendent gets about one third of that?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Well that's not his entire budget."

Dick Benedict: "I realize that. But that is the transportation for the Highway Department for the Town."

Supervisor Janoski: "That could be his salary and his staff."

Dick Benedict: "To get back to the senior citizens. Is that administration mostly? Because we don't build new buildings every year."

Supervisor Janoski: "We don't own that many buildings that senior citizens use. We have the nutrition center which we rent. Where the clubs meet in rented facilities, Riverhead Senior

Citizens Club meets at the Moose, we have one that meets out in Camp DeWolf. As I said, many of the programs are recreation programs, outings that they go on, a number of expenses which are not fixed facilities. They are yearly costs."

Dick Benedict: "It just strikes me as being one of the highest things in the budget. I wouldn't say it is a give away, but maybe it should be looked into."

Councilman Prusinowski: "Dick, a lot of that money is funded through the State and the County government. Part of the Meals on Wheels and nutrition programs. And the federal government too."

Dick Benedict: "It's still part of the budget though, right?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Absolutely. And Dick I think you have to recognize also that (inaudible - too many people talking)"

Dick Benedict: "I have no objection, but it's a lot of dollars and appears to me to be one of the high expenditures."

Supervisor Janoski: "Do you want to be on record Dick that you would like to see the Senior Citizen Programs cut?"

Dick Benedict: "No thanks! I didn't say that. I said it looks like high dollar value."

Supervisor Janoski: "Believe me we have looked at it and we on the East End in particular have a high percentage of our population of 60 and over. In Riverhead it is 25% for 60 and over. That's pretty high. But it's not the highest. The further east you go that more that percentage rises."

Dick Benedict: "You know we said that belt tightening should be done in all areas and this is just an area to look at. And it's a lot of dollars."

Supervisor Janoski: "I think that we did do some belt tightening there."

Dick Benedict: "Thank you."

Supervisor Janoski: "Mr. Carey. Senior citizen, retired."

Richard Carey: "I'm glad you said that. First let me say that I have looked at town budgets before and I think that you are really trying to jam it a bit and I think that's good. Because I think you were getting to a point as we look not only at our taxes, our Town taxes. As we look at what is ahead of us perhaps on the school program which maybe you folks haven't read the paper yet, today they are talking from twenty eight to forty eight million dollar bond issue. We are in for some trouble in

this Town, real bad trouble. And add our garbage troubles on top of that. I'm glad to see that you are working with your sharp pencils. Now I'll give you one last wingo.

I'm a senior citizen now. Seventy six years old and I've lived in Riverhead about not quite 70 years of it. I don't know why we've got to have a \$1,600.00 item in here for a senior citizen picnic. I think that's for hunger."

Supervisor Janoski: "No, we feed them."

Richard Carey: "I know you do. I don't know why. It's a new item too."

Supervisor Janoski: "No it's not. That has been going on for years and years and years. Is there anyone that has any observation on the budget? Any suggestions for improvement, any reductions or any additions. If not we will close the hearing. George."

George Schmelzer: "If a lot of this stuff is State mandated, how is your Association of Towns as a counter lobby to stop this nonsense?"

Supervisor Janoski: "The Association of Towns takes positions very often in opposition to some of the things that are proposed. We, in fact, the Town of Riverhead, and several of the other towns of New York State which is known as the Association of Larger Towns, have a group that watches legislation and informs us concerning it. We express our opposition. Sometimes it works. Not very often."

George Schmelzer: "Do you have a hard lobbyist like the rest of the skunks?"

Supervisor Janoski: "Yes we do. I don't think that it is to the extent that we do actually need, but it is an attempt to fight fire with fire."

George Schmelzer: "Just let the people know the reason for this stuff and this senior citizens nonsense. I think it is getting to be a racket. A lot of it is. I don't care who it is for. There are a lot of senior citizens around. We're becoming a moochocracy. We are a nation of moochers."

Supervisor Janoski: "George, you are now getting away from the subject of the hearing."

George Schmelzer: "Well if there are too many moochers it raises the budget. That's what it does. You don't recognize all these moochers who want everything."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you George. If there are no further comments, I will declare this hearing to be closed. We are going to take a short, but deserved break. We set ten after nine as the reconvening of the meeting."

R E C E S S

Supervisor Janoski: "The meeting will come to order. The time is now 9:20 PM. Before we take up the resolutions, is there anyone who has any comment on anything at all? Steve."

Steve Haizlip, Calverton: "On October the 23rd and the 24th my wife and I took the "55 Alive Driving Course" here. Mr. Joe Hurney is the instructor. He wanted the whole student body as an individual to come up and say thanks Mr. Janoski for letting us use the room downstairs. It was agreed on that I'd be the spokesman for them because they probably wouldn't catch you and you would be gone etc. So it was agreed that I would be the spokesman and I would take care of it."

Supervisor Janoski: "Did you volunteer, Steve?"

Steve Haizlip: "I said that there would be a little bit of a problem having everybody trying to catch up with you on that particular day. That I would speak at the next Town Meeting. He said that would be great. I would be glad if you did it. So I'm doing it. It is nice that we can go in that room. It is nice that the senior citizens 55 and up can go in there and have that room. It is nice and quiet down there. The best thing that I liked about it. Someone spoke about senior citizens before about so much money etc. Mrs. Wilmott arranged that we could all go have dinner for \$1.25 in the Nutrition Hall. That was great. I loved it. I extend Joe's thanks to the Supervisor and the Town Board for allowing the use of that room. It is an asset to the community."

The second thing that I wanted to speak about. Twice I have visited up there Splish Splash is going in. I asked Mr. Chip Cleary, the red headed short fellow, I spoke to him and I said that if you don't mind I would like to look around and see how things are going. He said, sure, go ahead. And I obtained his permission to speak. I'll tell you where the parking lot was there were many, many, many trees and evergreens. Instead of taking a bulldozer and just plowing them all down and hauling them away in a truck or something. He went to the expense of hiring landscape people to scoop everyone of them up and plant them along the road line. I like to see trees because they eat up the bad air pollution and the carbon, whatever it is. So they are all lined up there. He saved every tree that was possible. I looked at his drainage facilities which are on an incline. He's got a wonderful piece of engineering there. Each one of them is going to be interconnected. If this one fills and it can't take anymore it will go to the next one etc. so that you don't get a flood. I think that he is doing everything that he can do to save the environment and also to beautify and save all the trees, even where he is going to make the slides to come down which would be called the - where you ride down the hill. Every tree that is possible is going to be saved and kept there.

The final and last comment was that Sunday I happened to catch Focus on Long Island. I've got to back you up. When you

said and I know all the Town Board Members know this that I've obtained this information. When this D.E.C., of course this is repetition, but I just want to say to the audience who don't know and someone has said that you've had seven years. It's a bunch of baloney and you haven't had seven years. It was really '87 when the D.E.C., as you stated, finally came down with some type of guideline and they themselves don't know what they are doing. It went into '88 and so we really only had '88. So if you take '88 and the part of the year that they came up with that decision and you have had a year and a half, not two years. I've obtained this information from a reliable source and I know that it is a fact. Thank you gentlemen."

Supervisor Janoski: "Thank you Steve. Any other comment before we take up the resolutions. That being the case, let us do exactly that."

R E S O L U T I O N S

Resolution #731 - APPOINTS MADELYN REGULA TO THE POSITION OF TOWN ASSESSOR

The resolution was introduced by Councilman Vic Prusinowski:

WHEREAS, due to the unfortunate death of Joseph Loughlin, a vacancy currently exists in the position of Town Assessor; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of this Town Board to fill the vacancy in the position of Town Assessor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Madelyn Regula be and is hereby appointed to the position of Town Assessor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appointment shall be effective December 1, 1990 and upon the filing of the oath of office with the Office of the Town Clerk; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to Madelyn Regula, Leroy Barnes, Jr. and the Office of Accounting.

Motion was seconded by Councilman James Stark. Supervisor Janoski, moved and seconded.

Councilman John Lombardi commenting: "Before I vote I have to say something. I've been doing some research since the Supervisor talked to me the other day about this possible appointment. In August 1988 we had a public hearing about a sole assessor. The Farm Bureau, Chairman of the Board of Assessors and the citizens themselves, convinced me that the people of this Town want to elect their officials, not have them appointed. I have nothing against this young lady who I know for very, very

long. A very nice person. She may be a very good assessor. But I feel I must represent the will of the people and I abstain."

The Vote: Prusinowski, yes; Stark, yes; Civiletti, yes; Lombardi, abstain; Janoski, yes.

4 YES 1 ABSTENTION

Supervisor Janoski: "Without objection I declare this meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:42 P.M.

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Irene J. Pendzick