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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
2015-2016 BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING
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Old Schoolhouse
Front Street
Greenport, New York

April 14, 2015
6:00 P.M.

BEFORE:
GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
JACK MARTILOTTA - TRUSTEE
MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS W. ROBERTS - TRUSTEE
JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE

JEANMARIE ODDON - VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK
PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURER

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Whereupon, the Public Hearing was called to order at 6:00 p.m.)

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I call this budget hearing to order. Salutation to the flag.

(Whereupon, all stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.)

MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. You may be seated. Okay. Everybody got a copy of the budget. I just want to go over a couple of things first and then we'll take questions. Robert's ready to answer any questions we have.

If you look at this, the new sheet here, this actually calls for a 1% tax decrease.

MR. BRANDT: So, everyone, you're looking at the preliminary budget.

MR. SALADINO: Preliminary.

MR. BRANDT: Okay.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. BRANDT: Just making sure everybody's got the right copy.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Make sure we're doing this with the correct copy, that's why. Oh, that's marked -- okay, yeah, that's the old one.

MR. SWISKEY: When did this come out?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, this -- the

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original budget was out. The Mayor, Ex-Mayor Nyce
had put that out for the March 31st deadline. Then I
got in office and I reviewed it with Robert. We made
some changes, we went over some stuff. This is the
new proposed budget that we have, that's what we're
having the budget hearing on.

It's dropped down -- the assessed valuation in
the whole Village dropped down by around $160,000, so
all taxes were going up. The original one you saw,
we were underneath the 2% tax cap with the original
paperwork that you saw, but we changed that to bring
us down even lower. So the effective tax rate
increase is 2.14%, and we are at 30 -- almost $35,000
below the tax cap, what we would have been allowed to do.

So, technically, it's a tax levy decrease of
1%, but with the assessed valuation dropping down, it
ends up being a 2.14% increase with the total tax
levy on it, if I'm explaining that the right way. He
is better at the numbers and how to explain exactly
how it works.

It's a very conservative budget. Some numbers
could have been higher, income and revenue.
Hopefully, we'll have a great season and all those
line items go up, and then we'll have a bigger budget
surplus for next year to do more with. But right
now, I think everything's been taken care of that we need to do, and, actually, we dropped the tax rate down a little bit.

So, if anybody has questions.

MR. SALADINO: I do.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure. No, go ahead. We don't have a podium. John, just stand up and --

MR. SALADINO: The first thing on my mind is we usually have -- it's a 75-page document about, about --

MR. BRANDT: Something like that.

MR. SALADINO: -- 5,000 line items.

MR. BRANDT: Yeah.

MR. SALADINO: It's a lot to digest to come and -- especially, we just got a new budget. We were kind of looking at the old one. We're probably the only five people in town that looked at the budget anyway.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

MR. SALADINO: But don't you think the public would be better served with at least another budget hearing, you know?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Normally, at our regular meeting, before we vote on it, there's comment on it. So it's not a separate budget hearing, but comments
will be available on the 23rd at our regular meeting.

MR. SALADINO: And the other thing that I wanted to ask, especially since Robert's here, that's great, there's always talk around town, and we heard the former Treasurer say this, but you and I had a -- Robert and I had a discussion that the Village is going to run out of money for park debt in 2017. Is that true?

MR. BRANDT: No. That's -- the former Treasurer was misquoted. She was saying, had we not gone out to the refunding in May of 2012, at this juncture, we would have had a problem, we would have hit a fiscal brick wall. That was her pitch to the Board back in 2012 to do the refunding, which cut the debt service virtually in half, and extended it out to 2024, and that's when we finished paying.

MR. SALADINO: So we're solvent until 2024 with park debt?

MR. BRANDT: We're good -- we're good as far as I can see for now, yes. And then at 2024, the bulk of the park debt goes away. All that will be left at that point is the electric upgrade, and that debt service is roughly 60,000 principal a year, so -- and then we'll have that for another -- I think it's another five years or so.
MR. SALADINO: Good, because we hear that -- it's okay I talk to him?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. No, it's fine.

MR. SALADINO: Well, you know --

MAYOR HUBBARD: But he knows that -- I asked him the same exact question, John, two weeks ago. I asked him the same question, so.

MR. SALADINO: Well, no, it's just that I know the procedure of the Board, we got to address the Board, as opposed to an individual. So because there is -- you know, there was talk out there, and there is talk out there, you read it, you hear it, and --

MR. BRANDT: Well, as I -- I'm sorry. As I explained to you, when we had that talk a month or two ago, the debt service at the time, when I first started working here four years ago, was nearly $600,000, including principal and interest for just the park. It was unsustainable. That was one of the issues that the auditors raised, and one of the reasons why they said there would be -- all the recreation facilities shouldn't be in a stand-alone, because they couldn't handle it. And we were doing that transfer from the General Fund anyway, but it was unsustainable. That's a ridiculous number. The refinance smoothed out the debt service and literally
cut it in half and extended it to 2024.

What Charlene Kagel, the former Treasurer, was saying was that if we didn't do the refinance, then we would hit this brick wall financially. That was her pitch to the Board, and that's what's been quoted. I keep seeing that in the papers and comments that, you know, she said we're going to run out of money in 2017 or 2015, whatever it was.

MR. SALADINO: Well, it's scary, you know.

MR. BRANDT: That's why we talked, exactly.

That's old news.

MR. SALADINO: And one other question about park debt that I wasn't able to -- because I don't know how to do this, could you tell us the difference, the shortfall every year between -- between anticipated income and anticipated revenue, and what the debt actually -- the service on the debt is?

MR. BRANDT: I couldn't off the top of my head, but I'm going to say, ballpark, 250 to $280,000.

MR. SALADINO: Is the difference of what we take in?

MR. BRANDT: If we left the Recreation as a stand-alone fund. That is what you can see. There's a transfer we do every year and you could see that right in the budget.
MR. SALADINO: And am I asking this right, because I'm not sure that --
MR. BRANDT: I'm not sure. I'm hoping I'm answering.
MR. SALADINO: I'm not sure where the transfer --
MR. BRANDT: Comes from? It comes from the surplus from the General Fund, and that's one of the lines in the budget that's no longer funded. You'll see it's different.
MR. SALADINO: So between the revenue that we take in and the expenses that it costs to run the Park, the Camera, the Carousel, everything involved, you, off the top of your head, and I'm not going to hold you to it, 275,000?
MR. BRANDT: Ballpark, yeah, yes.
MR. SALADINO: So, if we came up with an extra 275,000, the Park would be neutral?
MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. SALADINO: Can we do that?
MAYOR HUBBARD: We're going to try.
MR. BRANDT: We're going to try.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Make it out to the Village of Greenport.
MR. BRANDT: John, that was part of the reason
for the electric upgrade, so that's why this might seem bigger.

MR. SALADINO: Oh, I thought the electric upgrade was --

MR. BRANDT: As you can see, we've been trying to go up in the revenue. I mean, it's been phenomenally strong. So, I mean, as I said at the last work session, each of the concessions in the Rec. Fund, some of them stand alone and turn a profit, others don't, okay? You put them together, and, you know, then it's still not covering, even if you look at them and, "Oh, we take, you know, revenue over expense and make money," but we still have to service the debt. And whoever broke that apart years ago and made it stand alone made it impossible. And that was the pitch that the former Treasurer was making, we need to, you know, look at this refunding.

MR. SALADINO: I'm not writing a check.

(Laughter)

And one -- I have one last question. I'm not -- I left my glasses in the car. You have glasses?

MR. CHARTERS: Yeah, they work.

MR. SALADINO: Oh. And this is a question for George. He's a Fire Department guy.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Yup.

MR. SALADINO: The other question I have that I hear all the time from a lot of different people is if there's a surplus -- Southold Town pays for fire protection.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. SALADINO: And we use that to do the -- pay for the Fire Department's budget.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Correct

MR. SALADINO: I keep hearing that if there's a surplus, we have to give it back.

MAYOR HUBBARD: No.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No.

MR. SALADINO: So that's not true?

MAYOR HUBBARD: No. What used to happen with the surplus from the Fire Department, it used to roll over into the General Fund and would be used for whatever. So the Fire Department tried to spend every last nickel so money didn't roll over to the General Fund. The practice for the past six years was whatever is left over in the Fire Department Fund rolls over to the Apparatus Replacement Fund. That's why we built that fund up, so the fire truck we're about to buy now we're not going to bond for, we're paying for cash. Between money that's put in each
year, plus the fund, whatever's left over, rolls over into that account. So the fire truck and the ambulance that were both -- the fire trucks are ordered. They're coming to us this month for an ambulance. We're going to pay cash for both of them with no bonding.

MR. SALADINO: That's great. And any word from those guys about a new firehouse? Did you hear anything about that?

MAYOR HUBBARD: We're going to sit together and we're going to meet more. I mean, it needs -- something needs to be done there. We're not going to do a seven million dollar building. We're going to try to figure out what we have to do. But we did mention -- I don't know if you were at the other meeting -- the Fire Department debt will be retired in 2017.

MR. SALADINO: The 125,000?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, 128,000 will be freed up to use towards whatever future things are. It sounds like it's far off, but by the time you start planning renovations on a new building, it's going to take a year-and-a-half, and that will all be paid off. So we'll be, you know, in pretty good shape to pay for something.
MR. SALADINO: And 125, I think you said 125,000, would support --


MR. SALADINO: -- a million dollars in bonding?

MR. BRANDT: I forgot what that number is. I think that's -- I think that's -- I don't have it in front of me, John, I apologize. Do you remember that?

MR. PALLAS: It sounds close.

MR. BRANDT: It's roughly close, yeah.

MR. PALLAS: Yes.

MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

MR. BRANDT: You're welcome.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Thank you. Go ahead, Bill.

MR. SWISKEY: You know, this is really not what I expected. You know, I prepared on this and this is there. That's not quite fair, George. But, anyway, let's get to Robert here.

Robert, where did most of the money for the year surplus come from, the reserve for debt, that came from General Fund surplus balances?

MR. BRANDT: Correct, correct.

MR. SWISKEY: Right?

MR. BRANDT: Right.

MR. SWISKEY: That was money that was supposed
to be spent on roads, parks, all these other things, am I right?

MR. BRANDT: (Nodded yes.)

MR. SWISKEY: So why wasn't it spent? Why were we putting money away for Mitchell Park while the side roads -- you been in West Dublin lately, George?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, I have.

MR. SWISKEY: The side roads almost -- I've got to drive like this (demonstrating). What I would say is take that surplus that we got for debt, forget the park, we'll handle the park when it comes due, and spend that money where it's supposed to be spent, on parks and roads. I would expect this Board to do that, because the last -- they were gaming it. Basically, this surplus that you created, oh, we can pay for the park, is by gaming, by not fixing the firehouse, not fixing the roads, not fixing the parks.

We're looking at probably a $30,000 surplus in the two park line items this year. I went through the old -- because I went through the transaction listings, so I thought that's going to wind paying -- I'm tired of Mitchell Park being first. The people, 90% of the people in the Village get nothing out of Mitchell Park. They're not businesses, they don't
make a lot of money out of the park. So let's take our money that was meant, put it back where it was supposed to, and maybe we would have enough to do a decent bond to fix roads. And that's one comment that I have.

Oh, another is last year we paid $88,000 for hospitalization for Trustees and Mayor, and whatever. What is the total -- well, first of all, a few years ago, Charlene Kagel put a line item in the budget, it was zeroes, but the next year there was supposed to be a true amount there, what it cost. It never got put in this, it's not there. What are we paying for hospitalization this year for Trustees and Mayor?

MR. BRANDT: It's $1808 a month.

MR. SWISKEY: We know that, yeah. I mean per year.

MR. BRANDT: That's per month, per month. So what was that? I forgot what that total was.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Across all the funds?

MR. BRANDT: Yeah. What was does the total --

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: It was 21 per --

MR. BRANDT: Twenty-one and change, right?

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Yeah.

MR. SWISKEY: So how many Trustees and Mayor --

MR. BRANDT: That's across all four funds.
MR. SWISKEY: I realize that.

MR. BRANDT: Okay. I just want to let you
know.

MR. SWISKEY: I understand that. But how many
of you are taking the hospitalization. Mr. Roberts?

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: No, sir.

MR. SWISKEY: Jack?

TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: No, sir.

MR. SWISKEY: George?

MAYOR HUBBARD: I am taking it right now, but
I'm going to be coming off within six months. I'm
getting my own policy.

MR. SWISKEY: All right. Mary Bess and Julia?

TRUSTEE ROBINS: I am taking it right now. I
am on the Family Plan at the moment. I will be going
on the single plan probably within three months.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And I'm currently on the
Family Plan, including my husband and I. And there
has been discussion, as has been quoted in the past,
there's been discussions among George and Julia and
myself, that because I need business insurance for
some of my employees, and now that I have the quoted
number, probably within the next three-quarters of
the year, I'll probably be going on my own policy
once again. And remember, Bill, I didn't take the
insurance for the first four years when I was a Trustee.

MR. SWISKEY: I realize that, Marry Bess --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay?

MR. SWISKEY: -- except the total is about $88,000. And if we bonded that against a borrowing for roads, we could borrow close to 7 or $800,000 and not even have to --

MR. BRANDT: But you can't use the full amount for bonding. You could take the savings in the General Fund and use that towards debt, it's not 88,000 across.

MR. SWISKEY: With the exception of the Electric Fund, the other funds, we can transfer whatever amount of money we want to. And I guarantee you, if we transferred another 10, $12,000 --

MR. BRANDT: How would you transfer the money, sir?

MR. SWISKEY: In lieu of taxes.

MR. BRANDT: The PILOT, that's the only way you could do that.

MR. SWISKEY: Yeah, that's how we would do it. That's what I'm saying, we could put that money away for PILOT payments and use that money. So that money is available, all right?

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MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. SWISKEY: We all agree on that, right, Robert?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Not in the Sewer Fund it's not available.

MR. SWISKEY: Yes, it is.

MR. BRANDT: The Sewer Fund is running in the red for the past two years.

MR. SWISKEY: You're going to have to -- you're going to have to have a rate increase there anyway, we know that.

MR. BRANDT: We'll be arguing about that, too.

MR. SWISKEY: Yeah. We'll be arguing about it, yeah, but we know we've got to have a rate increase. And you're basically overbilling in the electric, so we could use some of that surplus and we can do this.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. It's something I said before, Bill, that we were going to discuss. We've already discussed it. We have a work session coming up. I've talked about this with all four of the Trustees, and we're trying to take a proactive plan and come up with solutions of what we're going to try to do, you know.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, I appreciate it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.
MR. SWISKEY: Now, there's a couple of other items here.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

MR. SWISKEY: Why are legal fees going up $20,000 this year?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Which line item?

MR. SWISKEY: I've got to find it here, Mary Bess.

MR. BRANDT: It's in the A Fund, it would be 1420.

MR. SWISKEY: 1420? I'm still in Revenue. I know I wrote it down here someplace.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. SWISKEY: It's a big document. Yeah, Law Contractual Expense --

MAYOR HUBBARD: What page are you on, Bill, if you don't mind me asking?

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Twelve.

MR. SWISKEY: On this one is 10 of 55, but it might be different on the new one.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: It's 1420, Law Contractual Expense, Labor Counsel.

MR. SWISKEY: Yeah. That's an increase of --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What page are you on?
MR. SWISKEY: What page is it on in the new one?

MAYOR HUBBARD: It's Page 12 of 61 in the middle.

MR. BRANDT: It's 12 of 61, Mary Bess.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: All right.

MR. SWISKEY: It's an increase of $21,000. That to me makes no sense. Does anybody have an explanation?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: You're talking about Labor Counsel or are you talking about Counsel --

MR. SWISKEY: There's two items, basically.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Law Contractual Expense is the one he's talking about.

MR. SWISKEY: Yeah.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: But that also includes other than our Village Attorney, if I'm correct in that.

MR. BRANDT: Yes, it does. Also --

MR. SWISKEY: Did he get a raise?

MR. BRANDT: No. If you let me finish, Bill.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, he puts them out.

MR. BRANDT: Also, the expenses have gone up this year. You will be seeing a budget mod next month when I do the housekeeping mods to cover that. Expenses have gone up in the Legal. There's a lot
going on, apparently.

MR. SWISKEY: Can somebody explain to me what this lot's going on? That's $20,000 extra.

MR. BRANDT: Did you read the work session reports for the --

MR. SWISKEY: You can't read the -- they don't give you the Attorney's work session reports, so we have no idea, we're just blind here.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Bill, I will check on that and I'll get back to you on it. I don't know myself. I didn't notice that line item being up that high. I'll check on it and I'll get back to you.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, part of it has to deal that we have hired out for several different consulting attorneys to deal with issues that we've discussed in the past, North Ferry has been one of them. KASE was another one that we had to have special counsel. We have had this year several different items that have dealt with legal issues that were not within the expertise of the Village Attorney, so we have had approved and there's been resolutions approving them, Bill. You've been aware of them all year.

MR. SWISKEY: No, Mary Bess, I haven't, because I have a pretty good memory and I don't remember any
resolutions to hire special counsel. Now you can say that and I can't deny it without the minutes, but I have a pretty good memory and there weren't that many resolutions.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Well, Bill, you know that we discussed North Ferry, we've discussed KASE, we've discussed the Osinskis.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, what you did -- what you did at North Ferry, basically, is -- or KASE, rather, is you just dropped the lawsuit. Why did that take a special attorney?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We haven't dropped the lawsuit.

MR. SWISKEY: You haven't?

MAYOR HUBBARD: They dropped one part of it. The lawsuit against the DEC is still progressing. That one is still going.

MR. SWISKEY: You're still suing the DEC why? He's not building it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: It's a procedural item that -- well, I don't want to get into a lot of details on it because it is still a pending lawsuit.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR HUBBARD: But on advice of Counsel, Bill, just to give us grounds if that project comes back up
in 15 years. We're trying to hold our position on it, is basically -- in general, that's what it is.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, what about the other one, the Osinski one that the Village -- I saw that result, you lost. You're not appealing that, are you?

MAYOR HUBBARD: It was appealed before. We're planning on trying -- see what we can do with that. It's already been discussed and --

MR. SWISKEY: The appeal has been approved. I know that the --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. SWISKEY: The Attorney was granted permission to file, but did the Board actually file an appeal? Did the Village actually file the appeal?

MAYOR HUBBARD: We lost the appeal, and I don't know if they refiled that or not. I'd have to check with Joe on that.

MR. SWISKEY: But why do you keep -- not to be smart, why do we keep going after losing issues?

MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't plan on going after a losing issue, Bill.

MR. SWISKEY: So maybe we should just drop it and save the money there.

MAYOR HUBBARD: That is the intention of what
we're trying to work out right now. Lawyers on both sides are trying to come to an agreement that's suitable to everybody. If we could drop that, I would love to.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, I don't know. It's just a little bit strange to me. I mean, you can talk legal fees, and then everybody hides behind attorney/client privilege, and the public doesn't really get to know, and -- but, anyway, the big one is, and I think the Board should consider taking some money and transferring the money from debt reserve to road repair, the big bulk of it.

Now Mitchell Park, if I remember, still has some of the park fees money, it's about $535,000. The payments, from what I can make in here, are 310,000 a year, if we transferred it. So we have basically a year and a little bit, all right? Now, if you make some money, it might be two years. And so you will run out of money in 2017, despite what Robert says, unless you steal the money from the General Fund. So we don't fix roads, we don't fix parks.

I think it's -- you know, the last election said give us a little honestly, and what I'm looking at, it's not very honest. Thank you.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Bill, we got sworn in two weeks ago. It hasn't given us much time. We haven't even had a meeting yet, besides the Organizational Meeting. We've had a lot of plans, a lot of talk amongst all of us, and I gave Paul Pallas a list of roads that he's going to get prices on, going to try to do it in the Spring, we're going to do more in the Fall. So you were here a week-and-a-half ago when we got sworn in. We're working on a lot of stuff, and you'll see stuff being happen -- stuff happening. We all plan on taking care of stuff we promised to try to do. We're all trying to work together to get it done.

MR. SWISKEY: But we know we're going to have to bond quite a bit for roads.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, we are, but --

MR. SWISKEY: But it would be nice if we had 4 or 500,000 to throw at it, and then the other 88,000, we borrow -- we could have a million-and-a-half dollars to fix roads without any extra expense for the next 10 years on that taxpayers. That's -- if you look at it, it's logical.

MAYOR HUBBARD: The plan right now is our CHIPS money went up, that's around $68,000. We've got around $300,000 that we could use right now; put a
little bit extra in, we'll have 400,000 to do right
away. And the other roads, we want to do some curbs
and sidewalks first, so we're not just paving stuff
and have to tear it up in the near future. That is
the plan that I discussed with Paul yesterday.

I did give him roads down in West Dublin, Brown
Street, Clark Street, Flint Street. To do the cross
streets between 6th to 4th is in the plan, along with
Central Avenue next to Emilio's, are the immediate
ones we want to do. The road ends down there, we
want to look at trying to do something to encompass
MS4 going down the ends of Clark, Brown and Flint to
contain runoff, to put some dry wells or something in
down there, but that's all part of the plan. I've
discussed that with the other Trustees. So we're
doing a plan for right now to fix the really bad
roads, and then we're going to, you know, make a plan
for the Fall and do some more.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, it would be nice is if you
put this plan out for the public, even if it's
preliminary.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. At the work session I'll
be talking about it, Bill. I mean, you know, a whole
lot of stuff is happening the two weeks and we're
trying to cover as many bases as we can.
MR. SWISKEY: All right.

MAYOR HUBBARD: There is a plan, there's a plan in place already to get started.

MR. SWISKEY: Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: You're welcome. Mr. Corwin?

MR. CORWIN: My name is David Corwin. The first thing I'd like to mention, and I know this probably isn't exactly the right place, the annual meeting would have been the right place, but I don't think you take any comments then, is the official paper, and there's no line item in there for it. But you spend a lot of money on required advertising in the Suffolk Times, and, really, that's the only outlet you have. But they don't cover the Planning Board, the Zoning Board, or the Historic Review Commission, and I don't think that's right. Julie, the reporter, Julie, used to cover all those and you could see what's going on; can't see what's going on now.

So I think you could do two things. One is you could go to your lobbying organization, New York Conference of Mayors, and say, "Hey, let us just put this stuff online, we don't want to pay the paper, because they don't do us right," or you can go after the paper and say, "Hey, how come you didn't show up
at the ZBA and the Planning Board?" That's the first item.

The door at Village Hall, the front door, a couple of years ago I asked here paint the door, because it looks like crud. When you walk in that building, you can only come to one conclusion, this place is a mess. So I'd like to ask you to find in your budget money to paint the front, at least the front door of Village Hall.

The oil tank at Village Hall. I believe there's a fuel oil tank, heating oil tank on the south side of the building, and I assume it's in use, and I assume it's single wall metal. And I think you know, Mr. Mayor, as much as anybody else, what happens to metal oil tanks, they leak. I brought it up in an email to the Treasurer. He says that's a type of budget item. But I would say I brought it up to the Village Administrator, too, I don't know if he recalls, but I would suggest that you replace that now before it leaks, because you got -- I've seen so many of these things, the Health Department shows up. You dig a great big hole and haul this in, so you get the point there.

The other thing that's not in the budget that I would like to be able to understand, and I brought up
to the Treasurer in an email, is the Purchase Power Agreement, the ICAP or LUCAP. And as I understand it, the LUCAP is Local -- no, I can't tell you what it means.

MR. SWISKEY: Local Unforced Capacity. It means --

MR. CORWIN: It means those generators up there are on the LUCAP. And as I understand it, the New York State Power Authority pays for those generators, some fee every year. Somehow it's figured. In other words, the rates would be higher, like it was several months ago when the purchase power adjustment rate went way up because the test was missed. So I'm wondering if we can have an accounting of what our rates would be if we didn't have those generators, and what they are that we do have the generators, so we can look and see if this money being spent on that plant is well spent.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. CORWIN: I'd like to ask why did the assessments go down? That seems counterintuitive. There's building construction going on everywhere.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. The biggest one was the Hawkeye power plant. They grieved their assessment. The ten years was up and they were able to grieve it
after that, and we lost a big chunk. The school, everybody lost money on that one. The other ones were incidental smaller ones that people have grieved and it goes through the process, and that's the number we get from Southold Town. But the biggest one was Hawkeye's power plant that's up there.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: George, David, if you ask the Village Treasurer, we actually asked for a copy of the property taxes that had changes to their assessment, and if you go and look down it, there's a lot of plus and minuses, but Hawkeye was the biggest number on it. And I believe that Robert can give you a copy of that at some point. It's part of the budget.

MR. CORWIN: No, I don't need that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MR. CORWIN: I'm satisfied with the explanation.

If you go to Item A.2705, don't bother to look it up, I'll tell you what it is, it's Arts & Cultural Footfalls Donation. So that's anticipating somebody gives you $5,000, which is fine. But Footfalls is a kind of thing from 15 years ago. Maybe you should strike Footfalls out of there and say Arts & Culture.

MR. BRANDT: Agreed. I don't even know what it
means.

    MAYOR HUBBARD: It was something that was done a long time ago.

    MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. That makes sense.

    MR. CORWIN: Then, if you go to Item A.3905, and I can't read my writing, but it's some kind of reserves, that went from zero to $310,000, and I'm curious what that was.

    MR. BRANDT: That would have been -- that's for the debt service.

    MAYOR HUBBARD: That's the Rec. Fund being moved back into the General Fund.

    MR. CORWIN: Okay, fair enough.

    MAYOR HUBBARD: Page 9. That was the Rec. Fund, that was separate. It's moved back in, that's why the zeroes are to the left side of it.

    TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Okay.

    MR. CORWIN: And if you go to Line Item A.1113.400, which is Parking Enforcement, I see nothing in there as an expense. So I'm wondering if there's going to be any parking enforcement or what the situation is with that. A.1113 --

    TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That item was put in originally when there was discussion of putting parking meters in, and I believe that's the line item
that eventually is -- comes off the budget from -- wasn't it in for two years ago; is that what it is?

MR. BRANDT: I didn't hear you, Mary Bess.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That was originally put in a light item when we were going to meters and actually --

MR. BRANDT: Yeah. That was for the expense line for any --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. So --

MR. BRANDT: -- expenses incurred for the meters.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, so -- but I think because this carries through to 2014 and it was in last year's budget, I think it's at the point it could probably come out.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, it just got held over.

MR. BRANDT: Okay.

MR. CORWIN: But my understanding of that was after the meters failed, after people didn't want them, there was going to be the hiring of an enforcement officer just to go around and put chalk on tires, and you stood there for two hours, you get a ticket. At this point in time, I don't see the Southold Town Police doing that, so I'm wondering if that's a benefit to the Village to do that and move
traffic along, parking along.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, we can look back into that. We did try. We hired the TCO for the summer I believe three years ago, and we paid half the salary for a new TCO to work just Greenport. But all the revenues from that were staying in Southold Town. So we spent the money, we got nothing back out of it, so we stopped it. But, hopefully, if we could start something up like that, we'll have it in place, so that whatever revenue is generated from those tickets we do get.

At that time, we had to change all our codes to read differently so they could actually enforce the tickets, because they weren't being enforced at all at the time. But we corrected all that, so if we go back to it, all the money should be coming to us.

MR. CORWIN: Good. I would just make the point, I think it would be good --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. CORWIN: -- if someone went around, because I'm sure now people are parking all day.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, they are.

MR. CORWIN: They know nobody's coming around, and it's probably better to have a little turnover.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.3650.400, Expense, Demolition of Unsafe Buildings, and, of course, what I'm thinking of here is the Kaplan Avenue disaster. And, possibly, that will come out of this year's budget, which had nothing in there for that. But I'm just wondering what's going to happen to that building, and something should be budgeted one way or another.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I could just briefly just let you know on that. The Planning Board did rule on it, denied the extension. That's coming to be heard now by the Village Board as the final step in it. We'll be hearing that on the 23rd. We'll take our action on it, and the bank is ready. They already have the demo permit and permission to sign paperwork. They should demolish it the next day, within a day or two. I can't say next day, because we meet on Thursday. I don't know if they'll be there on Friday. But that's the last step in the appeals process per our code, and that's the final step, would be on the 23rd.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: At no expense to us?

MAYOR HUBBARD: No. If the bank does it, it's not expense to us. That's why we're trying to do that, so we don't have to try to impose it onto the
tax bill and everything else, and the bank did agree to that timeline. So as soon as we tell them the appeal is finally done, they will take action on it almost immediately.

MR. CORWIN: Thank you. Go to Line Item A.5110.401, Winter Materials Sand/Salt, and there's $12,000 in there. And so far, I guess, $7,600 has been spent on sand and salt. But as far as I can see, what the Village does is they go up to the State's yard, load salt out of there free, and just spread it all over everything they can put it on, which I'm totally against. Where's the money going for sand and salt if you're getting the salt for free? And I've got to say, if you are getting the salt for free, I'm just totally against the way it's being spread around.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I'll talk to Pete Manwaring about that. I know they've been getting salt. I forget what he told me. It was 75 ton, or something like that, we got.

MR. PALLAS: We don't get all of it from the State.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MAYOR HUBBARD: We buy sand, too, and we mix

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it, right. Beachwood, I believe there's invoices for Beachwood where we're getting sand, and they're doing a sand/salt mix. But I have heard other complaints about the salt going down pretty heavy, so we'll discuss that.

MR. CORWIN: And I would contend that salt is helping to destroy roads.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. CORWIN: I don't think it does them any good. It used to be they would just leave a layer of snow on top of stuff, because they couldn't keep up with it, that worked find, certainly for me.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Robert, could I just get a clarification on things? The numbers that are here, they're as of what ending date?

MR. BRANDT: The date is in the upper left, and the report was run on 3/26.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MR. BRANDT: That means any invoices for March that couldn't have posted wouldn't be here.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MR. BRANDT: Certainly, and I'm sure there's other things coming down the pike. But that would be right at the cutoff, so I don't even know if they've been posted yet.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MR. BRANDT: So it would be March, April and May to go.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.

MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.7020.406, Credit Card Fees, I assume that credit cards are for the Marina primarily.

MR. BRANDT: Correct. As the revenue goes up at the Marina, so does cost of the credit cards. We are beginning negotiations with them to see if we can get a lower rate. But until such time, I'm planning for a big hit at the Marina revenue-wise, and we're going to have accordingly the expenses on the credit card machine for that.

MR. CORWIN: So that's the 2 or 3% --

MR. BRANDT: Yes.

MR. CORWIN: -- they're charging merchants on credit cards?

MR. BRANDT: Yes, but we have a lot of machines with them. We're going to be negotiating that, so, hopefully, we can get that lowered.

MR. CORWIN: As far as I'm concerned, get rid of credit cards, but I guess that's not going to happen.

If you go to Line Item A.7520.410, Historical
Properties Passenger, which I assume is the old
railroad station, which is now the Maritime Museum,
and there's an expense of $1,000 there, I assume to
make repairs for that building. And there was --
they were talking about replacing the roof and the
air conditioning. Was that ever done, or do you have
any idea?

MAYOR HUBBARD: I believe that bill was the air
conditioning work. The air condition/heater work is
the part of that 14,945.

MR. PALLAS: Yes.

MAYOR HUBBARD: The air conditioning stuff was
done. The roof has not been done yet, and I know
they had some brick fall off of the chimney down
there just this past week, that they went and put a
barricade around, so that's going to need repairs
also. But the AC unit was taken care of last summer.

MR. CORWIN: So you may be a little light on
that $1,000 item.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. I believe it's going to
be a budget modification to cover the difference of
when they go to do the roof, we'll be doing it that
way.

MR. CORWIN: I didn't see any revenue. I
couldn't find it, maybe in the revenue item, for that
piece of property from the East End Maritime Museum. Is that in there, and what are they paying in terms of rent?

MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a gray area. We've been trying to find on that, that they were supposedly supposed to be paying 10,000 a year from an agreement going back quite a few years. We've searched and I haven't found what payments were made in a while, so I don't know. I don't know if going through that, have you ever found that? I know Marry Bess was looking at it and --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No. I've been asking for an accounting for that for the last year now. Also, I've also been asking for renegotiation of their management agreement, because the management agreement that we currently are working under is the 1990, either '91 or '92, which was back when originally that whole concept was changed from the police station of the original grant process to the Maritime Museum. And they were supposed to be paying the Village back for the improvements that were in there. I haven't found it yet, and I really have gone back on lot of --

MAYOR HUBBARD: We'll check on that see -- well, it would be a chore for Robert to see if he
could find any of the past bills. The last time I
looked, we couldn't find any for several years. I
don't know when the last payment was.

MR. CORWIN: So can I just stop paying my
taxes, too, if they're not paying anything?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, no. I agree with you.
The issue came up. We tried to research it. We
haven't found an answer on it yet, but we'll do some
more digging on it.

MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item A.7550.400,
Recreation Advertising and Promotion, which is
six-and-a-half thousand dollars, and I'm wondering
what that goes for.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Marina.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Marina.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's Marina advertising.

MR. BRANDT: They use the advertising lines.

We gave him his own line specific for Marina so we
could track it.

MR. CORWIN: So, in other words, that's these
trade publication and things like that?

MR. BRANDT: Mostly, yeah, and advertising for
the boat show, and things like that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The magazines, the boating
magazines in order to encourage the people to come to
use the Marina.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: We do digital and print
advertising for the Marina.

MR. CORWIN: Thank you. If you go to Line Item
A.8010.100, Zoning Personal Expenses, $27,000, and
the next line item, Zoning Contract Expenses, $9,000.
And then if you look down at the Planning Board, who
now has a consultant, which the Zoning Board does not
have, there's a big discrepancy in those amounts.
And I can't see, having been on the Zoning Board for
a couple of years, where that kind of money is going
to, unless it's covering the Building Inspector's
salary.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Is that covering the --
MR. BRANDT: Yeah, that's part of it.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the Building
Inspector's salary

MAYOR HUBBARD: And the other item on that, the
Planning Consultant, the work that she's going to be
doing, or that she has been doing, is supposed to be
passed along right to the applicant. If they apply
for it and it's special needs and we need to use her,
the applicant is going to be paying that, not the
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The first couple of ones might not have worked that way, because she was coming in and it wasn't set up front. But when somebody applies for something new, if we have to use her, the applicant will be paying that fee.

MR. CORWIN: All right. I think it was a great idea that you hired somebody for the Planning Board, they needed it. Sometimes the Zoning Board needs it. Let me tell you, we've made mistakes that we shouldn't have made, like the house on --

MAYOR HUBBARD: The Zoning Board can ask to have -- we could see if we could get you some additional help also. If the Zoning Board wants to ask for that, we'll try to help out and make the process easier.

MR. CORWIN: But my problem here is the Building Inspector, $27,000. I'm sorry. When she wants to know where a period is or a comma is, she will tell you exactly where it is. But, generally, she wants to pursue her own agenda and does. Time after time she's brought stuff before the Zoning Board that she should have vetted and said, "This isn't right, that's not right, you should do a better job on making your application." And you should split that salary up with more going to the Planning
Board. I don't want to denigrate the woman, she's not here, but I'm sorry, the Building Inspector is a disappointment to me.

If we go to line -- Line Item G.2770, Other Revenue, it was one-half of $1,000, $500, and now it's $340,000.

MR. BRANDT: That would be the Peconic, the check that we're getting for the second half.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: What page are you on? I'm sorry.

MR. BRANDT: I'm trying to find the location.

MR. CORWIN: G.2770.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: 53.

MR. BRANDT: Thank you.

MR. SWISKEY: That's the Sewer Account, right, G?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, that's the revenue account. That's the check that we got for Peconic Landing for the first half of their hookup.

MR. BRANDT: And that's expected revenue for the second half. That will be coming in this fiscal year.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right.

MR. BRANDT: So it had to have a place to land.

MR. CORWIN: So if you have that kind of money,
then you don't -- you shouldn't have sewer rate
problems; am I correct, or am I missing something?

MAYOR HUBBARD: No. Some of that's going to be
going for the capital improvements that we haven't
done on the pump stations. The generators and the
other stuff is the intention of doing that along with
some recovering of depreciation in the fund by the
recommendation of the auditors, but most of that we
want to use for fixing the pump stations.

MR. CORWIN: That's fair enough. If you go to
Electric, to Line Item E.0761.221, Tree Trimming,
0761.221, Tree Trimming as Electric. That should be
an expense, I believe.

MR. BRANDT: Page 39.

MR. CORWIN: I was looking for the pages at the
bottom of the sheets. Now I see they're at the top
right-hand corner, so that was my mistake. $2.500
for tree trimming. Well, that's a good thing, but
there was no work done in the 2015 budget, so I'm
wondering why there wasn't any tree trimming done in
the 2015 budget.

MR. BRANDT: That was requested from the
manager at the Electric Plant, as the other plants --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. To put it in and get
some of that done. Okay. It's something that was
requested they put in. We used to have, I believe, $18,000 in tree trimming. That's been trimmed down, because the Tree Committee was doing other stuff, but we need to start doing that more inhouse, is the intention, I believe. Instead of contracting it out, we're going to do that inhouse, right?

MR. PALLAS: Actually doing some, been working on it the last couple of weeks.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Instead of hiring Asplundh to do it and we had complaints about that. Then we had one gentleman who was doing most of our tree trimming retired from our workforce, he moved on to other employment. He was the one that really good at it. So the other guys are learning it, but they are going to be taking care of it inhouse.

MR. CORWIN: Good. It's something that should -- you know, it's easy to let it slide --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. CORWIN: -- but when a storm comes, you wish you had done it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: It's got to be done. We're trying to coordinate it at the same time they're doing the brush pickups. When they cut on Monday/Tuesday, and then the road crew comes by and picks it up right away is the intention.
MR. CORWIN: If you go to Line Item E.0999, Labor Outside, that's in Electric, there's an expense, $369,000, and I'm just wondering what Labor Outside is.

MR. SWISKEY: Your linemen, basically, and other people like that.

MR. BRANDT: Yeah.

MR. CORWIN: How come that's called out as outside labor rather than inhouse labor?

MR. BRANDT: Again, this is one of the antiquated names for these accounts. I intend to start changing some them, because they're not that clear. We have supervisory, administrative and labor outside. It gets confusing what -- who is who, but that's all the laborers.

MR. CORWIN: One thing I would like to ask that you include with the budget is a list of the bonds that are outstanding, the dates they'll be finished, and what departments they're in. I think it would be helpful, because you really can't pull them out of the sheets. And that's really good information to have as you watch. If you're watching these things, you can get an idea of when you're going to get in trouble.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. We'll make sure we get
you a copy of that.

MR. BRANDT: We do have a debt service schedule in here, though, which does tell them --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Is it in the back? Okay.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, I think he needs that.

MR. BRANDT: He wants to see the actual --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: List of bonds.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He wants to see it.

MR. BRANDT: We can get you that.

MR. CORWIN: It's been done in the past.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Sure.

MR. CORWIN: One thing I want to mention on the roads is I didn't always agree with everything that Mayor Kapell did, but he told a little story one night at a meeting about a rich community up near Yonkers, New York, and they didn't do a lot of work on the roads. And he said, "Well, they didn't do that because it was like traffic-calming," because if the roads aren't in that great a shape, everybody can't drive down them 40 miles an hour. So to me, you know, the roads aren't in that great a shape. Yeah, part of it was all the salt that was put down, but to me, running out and spending a lot of money on the roads, from my perspective, I just assume same use as traffic-calming.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. SWISKEY: He's not pushing a baby carriage, is he?

MR. CORWIN: Well, that's what sidewalks are for, I think.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Not in this town, I tried it.

MR. SWISKEY: I got one more question, George.

MAYOR HUBBARD: But let him finish. Yeah, he's --

MR. SWISKEY: Okay.

MR. CORWIN: The last thing I wanted to mention, I can't find it on my list now, is all this money that's going for medical insurance, retirement, benefits to the workers. I don't begrudge them a pension or some medical insurance and dental stuff, but I've got to tell you, I don't have a job, I don't have a pension, I don't get any of that stuff. And the benefits the Village workers get are just as good as anybody's anywhere, whether it's public service or private industry, and I just think it's too much. And you picked out a little in your last labor settlement, but you got to keep picking at it. They've got to pay for their own medical insurance. And these pensions, I can't support it, I'm sorry. Thank you.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you.

MR. SALADINO: Let me --

MR. SWISKEY: All right. Let John.

MR. SALADINO: I have a quick question, first of all, 28 years in organized labor, I disagree with David about union.

The other thing, I would just like to ask, the budget went from 5.73% to 2.14%, which is great. That's about $35,000, $40,000.

MR. BRANDT: Thirty, 34 and change.

MR. SALADINO: Where did you take it from? Any big item that you took it from?

MR. BRANDT: No. It was actually -- a lot of it came from -- we cut retirement, ironically, they mentioned that. There were a couple of road -- not paving, don't anyone yell at me, that got shaved, that Pete had asked for equipment lines. And then he went, "You know what, I don't really need this money, this much coming up."

MR. SALADINO: But it was no essential --

MR. BRANDT: It wasn't anything dramatic, you know, of all the lines in here. The biggest chunk came from, I think, retirement.

MR. SALADINO: How so? What do you mean?

MR. BRANDT: Because they would need -- I put
too much into the thing based on projections. We got
a projection percentage increase that they tell us.
So you want to make sure you have it in place, and I
realized, you know, I went a little too high on
there, to take it out of that, so that's all.

MR. SALADINO: Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Bill?

MR. SWISKEY: My question is about the Tall
Ships. I don't find any Tall Ships budgets in here
at all, revenues or expenses. I mean, we've already
spent close to, I assume, between 37,000 and 550,000,
if I read your voucher summaries, right? Why isn't
that a separate line item? That's a huge amount of
money we're talking about, almost $300,000. I think
the Board should put it on the General Fund budget
just what it is.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, Robert is keeping
track of all income and expenses, everything that's
going on with it. I asked him to do that a couple of
months ago. Trustee Martilotta is spearheading the
committee, along with Trustee Robins. They've got a
lot of other work going on. They had one meeting.
By the next meeting, we should have a better
accounting of everything's that's going on with the
Tall Ships, and we'll have monthly reports.
MR. SWISKEY: Monthly reports?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. SWISKEY: Still, it should be in the budget, because you're spending out of the reserves, I guess.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Well, the budget really is stuff for a yearly basis. This is like a one-time deal, that's why it hasn't been in there, but --

MR. BRANDT: Plus, across two fiscal years, if we put a budget amendment in for this fiscal year that we're in, then I would have to go to the Board in June and say, "I need to move it over." Then you guys would tell me I'm doing a double-dipping.

MR. SWISKEY: Yeah.

MR. BRANDT: I wanted to avoid that, plus we're not sure where the budget is going to land --

MR. SWISKEY: We know.

MR. BRANDT: -- at this point. They're trying to keep it under a certain amount, but maybe it will be a lot less. We'll see how it pans out.

MR. SWISKEY: But if we get zero back, we're going to be spending almost $300,000 out of our reserves, that much we know. That's about the budget, 275 or something.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Bill, the Board has to approve that.

MR. BRANDT: It's coming out the reserves. Again, the Board would have to approve it. If I put it in as a regular expense line, then what do we do? Then we don't pay people to work? We don't pay for, you know, tree trimming? Where would the cuts be? So it would be --

MR. SWISKEY: No cuts, you transfer --

MR. BRANDT: It's better served as -- it's better served to bring it to the Board at the time as we need it. As you'll see at this work session, budget mods is necessary taking from fund balances, instead of taking it all out at once, and we may not need to do that, they have to return it back to fund balance.

MR. SWISKEY: Well, I'd find better if it was in the budget, because the last one there, it took me six months when the event was over to finally get -- and it wasn't even a full accounting, half of it was blacked out. I think it needs to be on the budget, and it needs to be on the monthly financials and the voucher summaries every month. It's not that big a deal to put it on the budget. And when it's done, if you got to transfer it from this, end of this year to

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next year, that's not a big move. But transparency was what this election was all about and I like it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: That's why we're giving you the monthly reports. It's on the agenda to happen at the work session. We'll have reports at the meetings. And, like I said, I had asked Robert to start a set of books on the whole event. They haven't been put out yet, because it wasn't allowed to be out, it wasn't out there before. We're all starting new with this, we want everything to be up front, and you could have as much information as we can get to you.

I have invited the Ex-Mayor and Peter Clarke from the BID to come to our work session to give a report from them also to help give more information to everybody, and, hopefully, the whole thing breaks even or makes a little bit of money. But the accounting will be straightforward, prompt, and everybody will have an answer, I can't say by the end of July, but we'll have it right away. There's not going to be any fuzzy math or anything else, Bill, and it's not going to carry on for six months trying to get answers, we won't allow it.

MR. SWISKEY: I appreciate that, George. And there's one other thing. Are we sharing any profits with the BID?
MAYOR HUBBARD: Any profits?  No.

MR. SWISKEY: Okay.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Any profits would come directly 
back to the Village.

MR. SWISKEY: Thank you

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay, you're welcome.  Anything 
else?

MR. ANDERSON: I just walked in.

MAYOR HUBBARD: I know, but everybody else has 
already spoken.  If you wanted to say something --

MR. ANDERSON: No.

MAYOR HUBBARD: -- you're welcome to.

MR. SWISKEY: He's homeless, George, so.

MR. ANDERSON: I'm homeless, yeah.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.  Mr. Corwin?

MR. CORWIN: Are you going to have a separate 
Capital Budget?  The Treasurer had mentioned a 
Capital Budget.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.  I have been reviewing 
that.  There's a couple of items that are in there 
from some of the Department Heads that I don't feel 
we actually need, so I want to remove them out.  I 
will have that done by the weekend, so we'll have 
that for next week, we'll have the Capital Budget 
out.
MR. CORWIN: So that would be another hearing for the Capital Budget at your work session and your regular session?

MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't know if we normally do a separate public hearing on the Capital Budget, because that's really -- it's a wish list, it's not really a budget, because it's not funded. We fund that as we go along, but it does show where the money is going to come from. I'll have that out by the weekend and then you can review it, and we could discuss it at the regular meeting on the 23rd.

MR. SWISKEY: Would you put it on the website so we could get it?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, I will.

MR. SWISKEY: Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yup.

MR. SALADINO: Are we calling this a tax hike?

MAYOR HUBBARD: I don't think it's a tax hike. I mean, in reality --

MR. SALADINO: Well, no, because for the last eight years, the 2% that we were taxed every year wasn't a tax hike, it was --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right, it was for debt, reserve for debt.

MR. SALADINO: Reserve for debt.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.

MR. SALADINO: So, you know, I know it's petty, but I always had a problem with that, you know, when you take --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.

MR. SALADINO: We're not paying more in taxes. I don't care the label that you put on it, it's still a tax hike, and that's part of being like up front with the people, you know. It's a close space there.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.

MR. SALADINO: It's a close space there.

MAYOR HUBBARD: I was hoping to have it as a tax reduction, at least 1%. But with changing the assessed valuation, we weren't able to do that. But if you look at the first line item, it does have a negative on there, and it's the first time in a while we've had that. And that was a goal that I had that I wanted to try to do.

MR. SALADINO: Well, I think with the 171 grand that we had to give back, or we don't collect, not that we have to give back, and to keep it at 2% was a good job. You guys did a good job.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anything else?

(No response.)

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MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion to adjourn.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.
MAYOR HUBBARD: All in favor?
TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye. Motion carried. Thank you all for coming.
(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.)
CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK  )

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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK  )

I, LUCIA BRAATEN, a Court Reporter and Notary Public for and within the State of New York, do hereby certify:

THAT, the above and foregoing contains a true and correct transcription of the proceedings taken on April 14, 2015.

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Lucia Braaten