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6:00 P.M.
B E F O R E:
GEORGE HUBBARD, JR. - MAYOR
JACK MARTILOTTA - DEPUTY MAYOR
MARY BESS PHILLIPS - TRUSTEE
DOUGLAS W. ROBERTS - TRUSTEE
JULIA ROBINS - TRUSTEE
PAUL PALLAS - VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
ROBERT BRANDT - VILLAGE TREASURERJEANMARIE ODDON - VILLAGE DEPUTY CLERK
(The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.)
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Call the meeting to
order. Pledge to the flag.
(All stood for the Pledge of Allegiance)
MAYOR HUBBARD: You may be seated. Okay.
Before we start on the budget, I'm going to start with -- we're just going to do this resolution and get it out of the way.

Offer a resolution scheduling a public hearing for April 27th, 2017 at 7 p.m. at the Third Street Firehouse, Third and South Streets, Greenport, New York, 11944, for the Wetlands Permit Application submitted by Michael Osinski to install in Greenport Harbor, within approximately 200 feet from the shoreline, eight arrays of pilings and cables, each array being made of four-inch pilings anchored by two nine-inch pilings at each end to support four cables, with oyster baskets clipped on the lines; and directing Clerk Pirillo to notice the public hearing accordingly. So moved.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.
MAYOR HUBBARD: A11 in favor?
TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.

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TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.
Opposed?
(No Response)
MAYOR HUBBARD: Motion carried.
The plans are there. We'll discuss it that
night. They're just trying to get into the oyster growing season. Basically, what -- it's a new way that they're doing this from the West Coast, from what I hear. There's two big pilings on the end with some small pilings in the center, with cables across, and they hang the baskets of oysters on that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: They clip them on the line.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Instead of sitting on the bottom, they hang it, and they get more flow through it and they grow faster.

TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Yup.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's how it was described to me, but he wants to try it.

TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Sure.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Now we're going to do the budget hearing. Just to go over a few

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things on the budget, you'11 see on the front page, the tax levy is staying the same. The assessed valuation of the Village went up, so, actually, the tax rate is going down from 19.92 to 19.64 , with a tax rate change of negative 1.44 .

In this budget we've got -- it's budgeted for a second TCO part-time. We're also filling a position that's been in the budget for several years, which is a secretary for the Utilities and the Treasurer's Office, to be working upstairs, which is going to be about half the time working on stuff for the two managers there. The other half of the time will be tracking existing grants that we have, and researching additional grants and trying to get us additional funding. I think that's a really key important position that we have, because we've got money that's out there, following up and see where we're at with it. We kind of ran into a little blip at the last meeting on the Manor Place grant. So this way this person will track any grants that we have, from start to finish, but also start looking for grants for the expansion of the sewer plant, the Moore's -- the Mitche11 Park bulkhead,
curbs, sidewalks, or other infrastructure projects, start searching what's out there. A lot of people say there's money available, but it's hard with us with that one person focused on that and that being half their job.

So I think somebody doing this 17 1/2 hours a week, working on just grants, researching the websites of the Senators, the State Assemblymen, everything else, I think that's going to be a really beneficial position for us. And, hopefully, it will pay huge dividends to us in the future of what we're doing, so we don't have to pay out of pocket for a lot of the other stuff we do.

So there's that. Most of the other stuff is status quo. We're all -- no other new positions planned at this time.

MR. BRANDT: We have the two Marina positions.

MAYOR HUBBARD: We11, refilling the two Marina --

MR. BRANDT: I'm sorry?
MAYOR HUBBARD: We're refiliing Marina positions, right.

MR. BRANDT: And then the part-time -- what

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are you guys calling it? The parking guy.
MAYOR HUBBARD: TCO. That's what I said at first.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: He just mentioned that.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a new --
MR. BRANDT: Okay, I'm sorry.
MAYOR HUBBARD: TCO, Traffic Control
Officer.
MR. BRANDT: Right, okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's --
MR. BRANDT: That's a new position.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a new position.
MR. BRANDT: Right.
MAYOR HUBBARD: The other ones were
refilling Jeff Goubeaud's position.
MR. BRANDT: All right, okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's a refill. And we're also refilling the position that Tristan Mangham had as the yard guy.

MR. BRANDT: Tristan.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Tristan. So those are money --

MR. BRANDT: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: That's existing positions that we're refilling.

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MR. BRANDT: Sorry
MAYOR HUBBARD: No, that's fine. I didn't want to forget anybody, I just wanted, you know, it all to be out there.

But we had talked about a Senior Building Inspector, a lot of other things. With Kristina working in Village Hall now, that's working out well. We're staying with the staff we have. So the money we had talked about using for that is going to go to other positions. That's going to -- I'd rather have a grant writer than somebody else there. And with Greg taking his training, he's going to move up and be able to do code enforcement for us.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Building Inspector.
MR. BRANDT: And Fire Marshal. That was the other thing.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Oh, the Fire Marshal.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Fire Marshal, okay. Yes, that is a new position, yes.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: That is in the budget.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Mr. Mayor, Greg, our current TCO, is going to be doing building inspection, right?

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MAYOR HUBBARD: Both.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Both, right.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: So to take a load off the Building Inspector, so she can --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes. In May, next month he should be certified to be able to do the State Code, where now he can do Village Code only.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Right.
MAYOR HUBBARD: So yes.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: But that way, when he
spends three days a week doing building inspections and everything else with the Building Inspector, the part-time TCO will be out there to follow up on that. And that way, we should have somebody out there seven days a week.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Mayor, the Fire Marshal is a part-time basis or a full-time basis.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Part-time.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Part-time? Okay. So --
MAYOR HUBBARD: It will be a per diem, it will be --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Per diem?
MAYOR HUBBARD: Yup.

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TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: And we don't know exactly how many hours it's going to be, but guessing, 10 hours a month, or whatever. It depends on what we need, and it's going to be $\$ 250$-- I mean, $\$ 25$ an hour.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: So, you know, depending on what we need. So it's not --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I know we advertised for it. Have we got an idea of who we're going to select? Are we still in the interview stages or --

MAYOR HUBBARD: There's a list. I don't know how many are on the list

MR. PALLAS: I don't recall. We're still -- we're still in the interview phase.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. There was five or six names, there might be more by now. The time has come to go and step back. We've been kind of busy with the other projects, the budget, and PSEG, and that stuff. So we're going to start working on all that stuff, because that's all in the new budget year, so we're working on that to be ready to go for June.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: In relationship to the Fire Marshal and the new -- and the part-time TCO, is there money put into the budget for announcing that, or, you know, reaching out to the business community that we're going to be doing inspections on the Fire Marshal's? I mean, the Fire Marshal's going to be doing inspections of the restaurants and --

MR. PALLAS: Well, we would, we would do that outreach. I don't know that there's a dollar value associated with that.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: I'm just asking you if you're putting some -- I'm just asking if you've got some budget items for that.

MR. PALLAS: I don't know specific budget items.

MR. BRANDT: Are you referring to that advertising to let people know?

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: No, to reaching out. I mean, who puts up the signage and who -- you know, who's, you know, creating -- you know, there's going to be a paper trail on it, so who's going to be following up on that, the Fire Marshal himself or her, or is it going to be Kristina's job?

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MR. PALLAS: No. It will be incorporated into the Building Department functions.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. That's what I'm asking.

MR. PALLAS: Yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. Al1 right.
MR. PALLAS: Yes, yes. You know, not working -- I'm sorry, not working as a consultant, it would be as a part-time employee --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's -- okay.
MR. PALLAS: -- working through these normal processes within the Building Department.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because I'm confused, because the Mayor just said per diem. So now I'm - - the Fire Marshal is per diem or --

MR. PALLAS: It's $\$ 25$ an hour, he said?
MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.
MR. PALLAS: Yeah, it's an hourly rate.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: But as we need. You know, send out a batch of letters saying we're going to start doing inspections, schedule five inspections per month, or something like that, for him to come in and do it, whether it's
working with the business owners to comply. So Kristina would work on the list, send it out, saying these are the first five we're going to go and do, send it out. When he comes back with a report, she would file that like she would any other --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: -- building violation or anything. That's where she would be functioning with it.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's good.
MAYOR HUBBARD: I just want to be clear that, you know, it's not going to incur overtime, benefits, retirement, anything else, it's just strictly part-time.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Consultant.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's all I wanted to know. Okay.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Per diem might not be the correct term, but that's --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's what -- yeah, okay. So he's --

MAYOR HUBBARD: You know, it's just as needed basis, so we can start doing inspections to get everybody up to code.

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TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay. As needed, okay.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Mayor, just one question. We had spoken recently at one of the meetings about a plans examiner for our large project. Now that's something that would just be a direct bill to applicants, or would that be some -again, a per diem type of situation where we brought a consultant in where we had a large project that we felt we needed? We called it a plans examiner, a blueprint reader to go over these big --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah. That would be as an as-needed basis. It's been talked about, but it's not a position -- to get somebody good that's going to be here. We have Glynis doing it now. We may go somebody above her, if it's needed on a specific project, but that would be done per project.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay. Thank you.
MR. PALLAS: For now that's the plan, yes.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Right. Once we get
everything working, and Kristina working and scanning, and all the other stuff going, if we feel there's money and there's a need for it, we may do that in a future budget. But right now,

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we're just trying to get everything through and get the whole system started and set up and get her, so she's -- she's learning. You know, she's come a long way in a month-and-a-half. You know, hopefully, within the next month, she'll start doing some of the scanning stuff. Jeanmarie is just about ready, she's nodding. Yeah, we're almost ready for that. So she could start filling in and get started on that part of the process.

Any other questions? Okay. Mr. Corwin, you got -- yup.

MR. CORWIN: Yes, I do. Let's start on the first unnumbered page, tax levy number -- unused tax levy limit available.

MR. BRANDT: Unused levy limit available. He's referring to this.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: And then, if you to the end of the budget, it looks like -- so that was about Page 31, I think -- 32, Page 32, which is unnumbered, and that looks like it's a spread sheet to calculate this tax levy limit -- tax levy limit. So it's in there in the beginning and on the end, tax levy limit. And my question

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is what is the tax levy limit, and how is it calculated?

MR. BRANDT: There are many parameters that are itemized in here. This page that you're referring to in the back is the allowable tax levy. Where we're referring to on that cover page is what we're going to use of it, that's why there's an unused amount. So we are -- with the special district, with the BID, we're allowed 1,073,761. Wait. Is that with it or without it? Yes, with it. So on this page, Mr. Corwin, with the first cover page here, this 1027 -- $1,027,861$ is what we're allowed by law, keeping within the 2\% tax cap, New York State Law. If you add in the 45,900 for the special assessment for BID, the total is reflected here.

This is the work sheet that when I do the filing for the State, I have to fill out what we're allowed. And then once this is -- this budget is adopted, then I go in and say what we've taken from that. The BID -- this, the work sheet tells us what we're allowed, and from that, we can derive these numbers on this page.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. But that's the $2 \%$ levy, right?

MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. CORWIN: In other words, you could collect more taxes than that if you wanted to, if everybody voted yes?

MR. BRANDT: Correct, correct.
MR. CORWIN: But there must be some limit much higher than that that says you --

MR. BRANDT: That's the constitutional tax limit. That comes out with the final adopted budget. I don't have that number in front of me right now. That's once we agree on this.

MR. CORWIN: What I'm interested in is let's call it a million dollars to not go over the $2 \%$, but what's the maximum you can tax? I'm just curious,

MR. BRANDT: It's rough1y $2 \%$ of the five-year average of the assessment. That's a calculation that we do, again, on a work sheet for the State. That gets calculated once I know that we're adopting the specific amount here. So I don't have that number. I can get you the number.

MR. CORWIN: So what magnitude; is it \$2 million or $\$ 5 \mathrm{million}$ ?

MR. BRANDT: It's $2--i t ' s ~ 2 \% ~ o f ~ 5 ~ m i l i i o n ~$

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times -- I don't -- I would have to get back to you on that.

MR. CORWIN: Okay.
MR. BRANDT: A11 right? It's $2 \%$ of 25 , probably, roughly, 5 million. And we're at 4 1/2, rough1y, in the Genera1 Fund. That's General Fund on1y, by the way.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. Thank you. If you go to your Page 1, A.1113, Parking Violations, and you have this as a revenue item of $\$ 80,000$.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.
MR. CORWIN: Now that's nice, it pays for the TCO and the next TCO. But I got to tell you, I got a ticket for parking out here in the middle of January. There wasn't a person around. I came in here, Jeanmarie remembers, because I called her up, to try to get that computer to work, so the Stirling Historical Society could have a little showing about bunker fish. Mazzaferro, he was a captain, or the grandfather was a captain, and it was a great video, history of Greenport. So I got a ticket for parking out there, fine. There wasn't a person around. Seventy-five bucks. There's not a person around. A11 right, I parked out there.

I wasn't going to spend the time researching it and going after Greg, and going after the Attorney and say, "Take this ticket away, I was doing something for the community." Whether that would have worked or not, I don't know.

The markings out there I don't think are according to the New York State standard highway signs and markings. Whether that matters or not, I don't know. But the point is 75 bucks is a big ticket for parking wrong. So I don't know if that -- everybody gets that same ticket or not. And, frankly, it's not going to affect me, because if I got to get a ticket in the middle of January, when nobody's around, hey, I'11 go to Southold, or Mattituck, or Riverhead. So I just want to point that out.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: I think it's kind of high.
Then, if you go to Page 1, A.1255, Clerk
Fee, and that's $\$ 7,500$. And I'm curious, because that went way up. And what are those fees for?

MR. BRANDT: I don't know what they -- all that it compiles in that, but they hit 74 when this document was done. That's a projection.

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They've been on an increase. So whatever we're shooting for, that's the batch that they did this year.

Jeanmarie, of the -- I got to put you on the spot like this.

MS. ODDON: No, that's fine.
MR. BRANDT: Clerk fees, you collected an assortment of different things, yard sale permits --

MS. ODDON: Yard sale, no. That's -- this line item is only used for Village Clerk fees. Yard sales are another account.

MR. BRANDT: So what he's asking, though, what are those Clerk fees made up of?

MAYOR HUBBARD: The filming permits, other stuff like that.

MS. ODDON: Yeah.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: The mass assembly permits?

MR. BRANDT: No building.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Filming.
MR. BRANDT: Filming. I'm sorry.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Filming.
MR. BRANDT: Filming, okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: When they paid a fee to

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come down and do the filming down here. I believe one paid $\$ 1500$ or $\$ 1800$. That's stuff that goes through the Clerk's Office, not the Building Department, but it's fees that are done through the Clerk's Office, so film.

MR. CORWIN: So that's Village of Greenport fees, that's not like some State tax fee?

MAYOR HUBBARD: No.
MR. BRANDT: No.
MR. CORWIN: They said you -- okay, that's fine.

MR. BRANDT: Thanks.
MR. CORWIN: And then if you go to Page 2, A. 244 -- 2414.003, Pumpout, and that was $\$ 6,000$, budgeted for 6,000 , and collected almost that much. And I believe it's \$5, the pumpout fee?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes.
MR. PALLAS: Yes.
MR. CORWIN: So that's like 1,200 pumpouts, if I'm correct.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Uh-huh.
MR. CORWIN: And I'm just wondering, is there any like log or anything kept for that? Because the Conservation Advisory Counci1 has

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repeatedly asked people to put in pumpout facilities. They won't do it. We're very frustrated. And I'm just curious who's getting pumped out where? Is there a log? Is there anything way to tell?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Is there a log kept on the boat, Pau1?

MR. PALLAS: I believe. I believe. I'm not $100 \%$ certain, but this is boats that come to our marina. We get requests from other -- when other marinas are -- facilities are not working, they go over there and assist over there as well. So wherever we get calls.

MR. CORWIN: And I assume you're at the mooring field, too.

MR. PALLAS: And mooring field, yes.
MR. CORWIN: All right. Well, I would ask that the Village keep a log that the Conservation Advisory Council could kind of look at and say, "Oh, we see where it's coming from and where it's going to."

And, incidentally, you guys probably know this better than me, but the big deal with operating that pumpout facility isn't what the Village is paying you, it's the tips you're

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getting for doing the job, so.
And then if you go to your Page 8, A.5110.100, Street, Personnel Services. So that's almost $\$ 400,000$. And I got to tell you, those guys during the summer were out there on overtime Sunday morning watering flowers. It looks to me like they do a lot of overtime. It looks to me like they do what they want to do. If I see them watering, and I say, "Hey, can you clean up that mess in front of the sidewalk on Main Street," I get a hard time, "I can't do that, I got too much else to do," blah, blah, blah.

Two-thirds of the tax revenue of the Village of Greenport comes from the housing owners, the R-2 District, one-third comes from the Business District. I would venture that two-thirds of the Village of Greenport's expenditures go to the Building District, and one-third goes to the people that own houses. And I get a hard time when I ask the guy to do something, but they can do overtime on Sunday watering flowers. I don't think that's right.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Pau1, can I just ask a question? My understanding is isn't the road

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crew splitting the shifts during the week? Don't we have someone who's actually picking garbage up on Saturday and Sunday?

MR. PALLAS: Yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: So we have a road crew member who's actually working those hours, not getting overtime, correct?

MR. PALLAS: Correct, right.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: But this is in addition to, as far as I know, because I watch the garbage truck go by every Saturday and Sunday, but -- and that's --

MAYOR HUBBARD: The watering was done by somebody else.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Okay.
MAYOR HUBBARD: No, I'm just --
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yeah.
MR. CORWIN: If we go to -- this is still the General Fund -- Page 10, A.5182.400, Street Lights, almost \$62,000. And I'm just wondering, you don't see any savings in these three years we have available here, but some of the lights have been changed out from high pressure sodium or mercury vapor to whatever, starting with Naylor.

And I'm wondering if there's any savings from those lights, and if there's any movement to try to replace more of those lights.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Any answer on that, Pau1?

MR. PALLAS: We -- since I've been here, we haven't really done any wholesale change-out to LEDs. It is an initiative that $I$ do want to ramp up as soon as possible. I don't have a timetable for that and there would be savings for that.

MR. CORWIN: We11, it would just be interesting to compare maybe 10 years ago or something, but whatever. If you go to Item -now we're in Expenses, Genera1, 14, A.9030.801, MTA tax.

MAYOR HUBBARD: What page was that, David?
I'm sorry. What --
MR. CORWIN: MTA Tax.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Page 14.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Page 14.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, okay
MR. CORWIN: Page 14. 9030.801, MTA Tax.
So it looks to me like the Village is collecting -- this is an expense. So the Village is being taxed by MTA and charging me to pay that tax, and

I'm paying sales tax, too, to the MTA. And I just wandered what that's all about.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
MR. BRANDT: The MTA tax is a payroll tax, and people have been -- you know, communities have been fighting it. We're at the highest rate for that. As far as I know, we still have to pay it. I can't -- you know, that's State mandated.

MR. CORWIN: I'm not --
MR. BRANDT: Yeah. I --
MR. CORWIN: I'm not criticizing, I just want -- I wonder what these things are.

MR. BRANDT: No, I understand. I mean, it's a very controversial tax that's been around for what, seven, eight years now. And we're paying for services that we don't really see here in Greenport, and that's been the argument, for instance, that you would have here. Agreed, but we still have to pay it.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. If we go to Electric Expenses, Page 17, E.0342, Engine Repairs, and I assume that was when Engine No. 4 blew up, or maybe there's a better term to say, broke when it started up; and am I correct in that?

MR. PALLAS: Yes.

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MR. BRANDT: Yes.
MR. PALLAS: Yes.
MR. CORWIN: And then there's -- instead of a capital item, it's an everyday expense line item. And I'm sure there were money movements from one line item to another.

MR. BRANDT: We had a budget adjustment to fund those repairs.

MR. CORWIN: So I wasn't paying attention at the time. I'm just curious. It's a big number. Did it mean something else got -couldn't get done, or what?

MR. BRANDT: No. This is the repairs that had to be undertaken. We took it from reserves, depreciation reserves, funded the repairs. It's separate, apart from any -- it didn't hinder any other work from being done.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. Thank you. And then same page, E.0352.205, Substation, \$423,000.

MR. BRANDT: That is the line that we use to record the upgrade to the light plant. That's what we spent this year towards that.

MR. CORWIN: So was that -- that wasn't a capital item?

MR. BRANDT: That is capital. That is

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capital. You don't segregate capital in the Enterprise Funds, but we've always used that line since we took on this upgrade. That is specific to any of the work for the upgrade.

MR. CORWIN: Now I assume that is a lot of the cost of these testing people that have been making corrections to what Bob Braun did?

MR. BRANDT: A\&F.
MR. PALLAS: Yeah, which is -- some of it would be in there, yes.

MR. BRANDT: Yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: This is isn't -- this is the line item, if I remember correctly, that A\&F billings were being charged to. And as I mentioned at the work session or regular meeting, that that's something that you two need to segregate out, which was the actual capital expense, and which was the actual work that A\&F found when they found issues at the plant to fix it. I believe that's what that line item was used for when I was doing the abstracts, I believe; is that correct?

MR. PALLAS: Yeah.
MR. BRANDT: Yeah.
MR. PALLAS: It should have been, yes.

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MR. BRANDT: But we were moving -- I'm sorry. But we were moving some of the expenses to the 0342, also, as it came up, because that's an engine repair, that's not the capital repair.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right. But I'm saying --

MR. BRANDT: And that was that split you asked about.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Right, that's the split I asked about.

MR. BRANDT: Yeah.
MR. CORWIN: So there's a possibility some of that could be recouped, depending on a court settlement?

MAYOR HUBBARD: We hope so, yes.
MR. CORWIN: We hope so, yes.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.
MR. PALLAS: In the process, right.
MR. CORWIN: Now the last time I checked -I'11 be getting off the message here, but last time I checked, I couldn't find any filing in the Clerk's Office in Suffolk County for the Village of Greenport or GENESYS Systems Engineering, so I'm just curious.

MAYOR HUBBARD: I mean, the Village

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Attorney has said -- he's given the docket number a couple of times at meetings. I don't go myself and look at that to try to find it, but we can have him forward you the docket number. He says it's there, that it is registered. So we'11 have him forward you the number and see if that helps you try to find it.

MR. CORWIN: We11, it's a pretty
straightforward database that you can search -MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. MR. CORWIN: -- search for Suffolk County. MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Well, Paul will check on that and he'11 check with the Village Attorney and forward that in an email to you. MR. CORWIN: Thank you. On page 19, E. 0724.100, Gas Service, \$11,000. That's to the power plant, I guess. That's my electrical expenses.

MR. BRANDT: I'm sorry, I didn't hear. What line are you saying, 0724.100?

MR. CORWIN: 0724.100.
MR. BRANDT: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: Yes.
MR. BRANDT: Yes, that's what that's for, that's gas.

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MR. CORWIN: And what they're doing is they're keeping the engines warm, which is fine. But my question is, is there any movement on bringing street gas into the Village of Greenport? And I heard a story that maybe the Village Board didn't want to see gas coming to Greenport, because it would mean less electric sales. And I wonder if there's any truth to that story, and if the Village is making any movement.

I know Trustee Robins has been working on it, but I don't know how far she's gotten, and she's not getting anyplace by herself, so I'd like to be able to have the opportunity. And I had to clean out my boiler, my steam boiler two times so far this winter. So, I mean, gas would be so much cleaner and so much more efficient.

MAYOR HUBBARD: We'll continue on that. We have had discussions. Paul Pallas has been working with Trustee Robins on it. We've had people in the community across the street from you, Mr. Costello, has brought that up several times. So there is talk on it, but we're not really sure where we're going with it yet, but we'11 try to get some more information.

MR. CORWIN: I would like to encourage you

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once again to do that, though.
And then the same electric item -- not the same. Same budget, Electric Expense, Page 20, Item 0761.221, Tree Trimming, $\$ 6,000$ is budgeted. Are we going to be doing that? I mean, you got to do it right now, or you got to do it in the Fall, and lots of times somehow it gets blown off, and it's really an important item.

MR. BRANDT: Well, you guys ramped it up this year and you --

MR. PALLAS: Yeah. This --
MR. BRANDT: I was asked to increase this line, because they've been ramping up doing more tree trimming.

MR. PALLAS: The answer to your question is yes, we will be doing tree trimming.

MR. CORWIN: And then if you go down to, same page, E.0781.405, Transmission Rights, $\$ 668,000$. And I assume that's a payment for using the lines to get electricity down here.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: It's the TCC.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Prepaying the congestion charges, right?

MR. BRANDT: Yes. It's the contract for the transmission congestion. That would be the

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annual fee for that.
MR. CORWIN: So that's an annual fee?
MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. CORWIN: So instead of an adjusted fee, which I think it used to be, I think, so correct me if I'm wrong.

MR. BRANDT: Wheeling charges were fixed, as I recall.

MR. CORWIN: From a couple of years ago the Village bought into fixed charges, rather than --

MR. BRANDT: That's what this is.
MR. CORWIN: -- variable charges.
MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. CORWIN: So we get that charge every year?

MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. CORWIN: Cal1 it \$700,000.
The water budget, I would -- I don't have any comments on any item. But researching the application for a subdivision on Fifth Avenue, I noticed that the water main there was 1890-something, installed around that period. I found that on a Sanborn map, because I had asked Mr. Pallas when it was installed. He wasn't sure. It's an over 100-year-old water main. And
a four-inch main isn't adequate, you'd probably know better than me, Mr. Pallas, for fire flow. So I think you need to start to look at some streets like that to see what ones need to be replaced, what water mains need to be replaced.

And if you go back to that fire on the Richards house on Kaplan Avenue, and, I mean, I was listening on the fire radio, one truck gets there, hooks up, gets water, another one hooks up to the hydrant down the road, they couldn't get any water. Whether they made a mistake in hooking up, because the next day or so the story was it's not the matter of the hydrant, or they just couldn't get the capacity because there's old mains there that are four-inch, I don't know, but $I$ would suggest that is a consideration.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. I can give you -we're moving that hydrant off of the corner of Fifth Avenue over onto West Street. There's a newer main that comes up West Street. And it was a flow problem. There was not enough water coming out of that hydrant with two trucks trying to pulling out of it at the same time. So they're going from that corner over to the other side of the street and coming up the other main
that's going up West Street. So you are correct, and it was an issue with the water flow on that. They are moving that hydrant.

MR. CORWIN: Thank you. And then if we go down to Sewer, I don't have any sewer items, but I didn't see the cost of the inflow and infiltration study that Holzmacher was doing. I don't know if you paid for that yet, or got the study yet, or what, but is it costing there yet or not?

And the statement I want to make about that study is, and I told Paul this the other day -and I'm on a kick about it, but that's okay. I think you're going to find out you've got a lot of inflow. And if you look at every monthly figure that the Utility Department puts out, you take the water you sold and the water that went through the treatment plant, you sold a lot less water. So water's getting into that system somehow. And $I$ have to maintain a lot of it is these flat roofs and these buildings around downtown here and they're just discharging in the sewer.

And you go back even to the '70s, it was just an input tank. Nobody cared who hooked up
to the sewer system. But I think that's over, as I told you some months ago when you were talking about how much capacity you had to sell. You don't have a 650,000 gallon a day plant. You have a 650 gallon a day plant, minus your infiltration. And we've had a lot of rain in March, so I think you're going to see a lot of infiltration and --

MR. PALLAS: The answer to your first question, the study that's being done right now is very preliminary. It wouldn't be in this budget because it's in the current year. What we do next, we don't -- we don't really know what our next steps are going to be. Once we -- once he -- once Holzmacher finishes with his preliminary analysis, then we have to sit down with him and come up with a game plan.

MR. CORWIN: Thank you. Now I was -- I just today looked at Freitag's presentation back on January 26th, and it was obvious to me that taxes are too high in the General Fund, because you had that great big surplus. He was throwing big numbers around. You were able to do the streets paving. And then he had some little trick. You guys had some trick where you took
that like $\$ 300,000$, and $I$ think $I$ can find it in here someplace, and moved it from General Fund to someplace else. So it kept it from getting in trouble for having surpluses for several years in a row, and when that happens, of course --

MR. BRANDT: The issue that Mr. Freitag raised was that we had a lot of unreserved funds, not the -- it wasn't the quantity, it was the fact that a lot of it was restricted or assigned for specific purposes. We had allocated to certain accounts. The next step, in fact, it will be in my work -- surprise, it will be in my work session this April, this month. We have to restrict each of those asset accounts where the cash is held or assign it to something, and that's what he was saying. We just had too big a chunk of unassigned cash. That's what they're referring to, it wasn't that we had too much on hand.

MR. CORWIN: Right, that's fair enough. But here's my answer.

MR. BRANDT: Where did we move it, I don't understand that question at all, where you talked about we moved it.

MR. CORWIN: Well, I think I could find it

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here. After I finish these remarks --
MR. BRANDT: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: -- if you want, I can show you where $I$ think it is. But if you're doing that, I want to see reserve funds for streets, a reserve fund for the bulkhead, things like this. I don't see it listed in here. So what you're saying is, "We're taxing you more than we necessarily need to, we're putting it in reserve someplace." We11, show me what the reserves are. And the thing that goes along with that is how about a Capital Budget? I've asked and asked. It was done for a little while, but I'd like to see a Capital Budget.

MAYOR HUBBARD: We are working on that now. We're trying to get through this one and all, and I'11 be working on that over the next couple of weeks with the Treasurer once we get through this.

MR. BRANDT: Okay. As to the assets, I list them every month in my work session report, so you could see there. And we have kind of pigeonholed them for capital expenses. We've kept that title fluid. We were doing mostly road repair, but there were other things that this

Board is interested in repairing and updating, so.

MR. CORWIN: Well, I would like a line item that -- and maybe it's there and I missed it.

MR. BRANDT: It wouldn't be -- it wouldn't be in here. This is an expense, revenue and expense. What you want to see is the holdings, actual holdings. That's the assets, that's a balance sheet item. So I report that every month in my work session, the actual cash on hand. So next work session $I$ can show you.

MR. CORWIN: At some point, the Village Board has to say, "This is what we're saving." Basically, it's a savings account, right? It's a reserve fund. This is what we're saving for, and I want to know what you're saving for, because I want you to save for that bulkhead, and I don't want you to save for flower boxes. Let the BID pay for them, you know? See what I'm saying?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Agreed.
MR. CORWIN: And then Freitag said in his presentation in January, he said you've got to book a one million dollar cost to pension funds, because New York State Pension is 3\% underfunded, Pension Fund. And then he said, "We11, next year
it's going to be $10 \%$ more." He didn't want to give the figure, but, I mean, if it's 3\% now and it's a million, then next year it's going to be at least 10\%, the State's pension budget is underfunded.

MR. BRANDT: It's a calculation of a long-term projected liability. It's not a -it's not -- we're not putting that cash in any specific spot.

MR. CORWIN: I understand.
MR. BRANDT: It's a booking entry.
MR. CORWIN: It's a present value of something.

MR. BRANDT: Right, it's a booking entry. It's a projection on what the cost would be down the road.

MR. CORWIN: And then you have the same issue with this retired medical care, which you got a present value of that of $\$ 3$ million. And I said this before, and I'm going to say it again, these benefits that are going to Civil Service Village employees, it doesn't make any difference, Village, State, the County, teachers, cops, they're just too high. I can't afford to pay these things where you have some of these

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people are retiring and they make $\$ 1,000$ a week or more, more than the average pay of somebody working in Suffolk County. How can that be? It's just not right. And I see one, two, three people there at least, maybe four, they got to save money in the bank if they want a pension when they're old. I can't -- I just don't like it. I think it's excessive. And I got to say it to you guys, because it's got to start with you guys, you got to go to your lobbying groups and say, "Hey, these costs are too high, we can't bear them."

I was using the cost of -- $40 \%$ in my mind is what these extras cost, the health insurance, the pension, and everything else. And then as I'm looking through here and I see the Building -- what looks like the Building Inspector's salary and then $I$ see the benefits going to her, I see it's 50\%. That's just a lot of money. The little people, hey, fine, I can understand that. Some of them probably aren't getting paid enough money. Pay them more money, but these giant benefits I don't think are right.

Fifth Street, because there's no Capital Budget, you may or may not be getting a miliion
or over a million dollars for the cable over at Shelter Island. And do you know where those funds are going to go?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right now, they would be going into a reserve fund, and when and if a contract gets signed and we get the check and they start work, it will be a discussion between the public and the Board of what to do with those funds. It's kind of like hoping you win the lottery, but if you don't get it, you don't know. And we really haven't sat down and talked about it until we see if we get the contract signed.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: But we've discussed offline, and you've promised, that we're not just going to spend it quickly and fix it.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Oh, yeah, no, no.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: We're going to have a plan and a --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yeah, we'11 put together a plan, you know, with public input and everything else. I mean, there's some ideas that everybody has how to do it, but it's not going to just -it's not going to be wasted on flower boxes. (Laughter)

MAYOR HUBBARD: It's going to be
infrastructure, major repairs, and, you know -you know, that's -- it's going to be serious stuff that we haven't gotten taken care of in the past and try to take care of that in the future.

MR. CORWIN: Is there going to be any rent -- if the cable is constructed, is there going to be any rent for that cable?

MAYOR HUBBARD: They had the easement, the 50 -year easement on it. A yearly rent there will not be, no. It's a one-time payment and it's there and that's it.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. Too late now, but if I was doing it, I'd get the rental fee and never mind the one-time payment.

TRUSTEE ROBERTS: We tried.
MAYOR HUBBARD: We tried that and --
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We tried that.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: They refused.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: They won't do that.
MR. CORWIN: I don't see anything in this budget about the miniature railroad. Is there anticipated that you're going to spend any funds on that this year?

MAYOR HUBBARD: At this time right now, it's going to -- hopefully, it's fully funded by

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the Rotary, beside some inhouse man-hours, cleaning some stuff around and everything, but that stuff our guys would be doing anyway. But we're not planning on putting any capital into it at this point.

MR. CORWIN: Okay. I would like to encourage you to go out and use some of the back ramps. That bulkhead, you know it's a problem. I'd like you to encourage you to get the permits and do the design, even if you got to spend some money up font, so you got a shovel-ready project. Because that's what all these politicians seem to like now, shovel-ready projects. And, I mean, if you get a real shovel-ready project and a grant comes along, I think you might hit a home run on that.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
MR. CORWIN: At least get the permits.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.
MR. CORWIN: Because that can take a long time.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Go ahead, Paut.
MR. PALLAS: That's actually in process. We're at the beginning stages of that now through a grant that's doing the design, and part of that
package is to apply for all the permits, and, basically, exactly that, have a fully ready project.

MR. CORWIN: We11, we were talking about are you guys -- some of you guys were talking about that when Nyce was Mayor, so --

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Was it the Bulkhead Feasibility Study Grant?

MR. PALLAS: Yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: That's the Bulkhead Feasibility Study.

MR. PALLAS: Yes.
MR. CORWIN: Yeah. And he said, well, it had to be a committee. He said name the CAC the committee, which the Board did, and it stopped there.

MR. PALLAS: Again, it's at the beginning stages.

MR. CORWIN: And I'm not looking to be part of it or not be part of it. I'm just saying I think there's a gain to be had if you at least get the permits now.

Now I guess everybody's favorite subject, the PAP. And I asked the Treasurer -- I sent him an email. He said, "Come in, I'll talk to you
about it." I didn't come in, so I didn't do my homework. But I just want to try to go over this PAP, Purchase Power Adjustment, because I don't think you guys necessarily know everything about it, and I certainly don't know. And as I understand it, Purchase Power Adjustment is for electricity that the New York -- or the New York Power Authority, through the New York Independent System Operator, purchases for the Village when the Village goes through its allotted paid amount of electricity. That's one thing. And then the other thing that I guess used to be, and isn't anymore, is that congestion fee on the power 1ines.

MR. BRANDT: That's still in part of the calculations.

MR. CORWIN: So that's still part of the calculations?

MR. BRANDT: Correct.
MR. CORWIN: And what I'm really trying to get at is, and this goes back to an article in the Suffolk Times, January 27th, 2014, and we all remember the big to-do about how big the Purchase Power Adjustment was. And apparently what it was, was a test on the generators had been

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missed, thanks to Jack Naylor, and the Power Authority said, "We11, we're going to charge you $\$ 1,008$-- $\$ 108,000$ because you missed the test on the engines.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Yes, that was the fine that was given to us, the $\$ 108,000$.

MR. CORWIN: So what -- my question is a lot of money has been spent up there reconditioning engines, and maintaining the building and whatnot, maintaining the building, and that's separate from the transformer. The transformer had to be done whether you have generators or not. But my question is, apparently, this cost of having those generators or not having them goes into the Purchase Power Adjustment, because the Power Authority put it in there back in January of 2014. And I want to know what the present value is of all the work going into the engines in the plant versus what it would cost if you didn't have the engines, and I don't seem to be able to find that anyplace. Do you understand what I'm trying to say?

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes, I do.
MR. PALLAS: Yeah. The cost, what the engines serve, in addition to reliability,

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the engines serve as, for lack of a better description, a financial hedge against capacity charges.

The hundred -- just to clarify, the $\$ 108,000$ was a fine. It wasn't to purchase capacity, it was a fine. It related to a missed test. So that money was a one-time expense, it's gone, it's not been put in since. We've done our test since then.

The capacity charges are an independent system operator charge that you -- you are required to buy or own a fixed amount of, or certain amount of capacity located on Long Island. That's what our engine -- that's a function, a financial function that they serve. If we didn't have those engines, we would have to buy that capacity in the market, and the market prices have been as high as $\$ 12$ per kilowatt per month, which would translate into approximately \$720,000 a year, if we didn't have the engines. That's the exposure.

MR. CORWIN: That's the maximum exposure, but that's not to say if you can't get it cheaper than the price you quoted.

MR. PALLAS: No. That's an auction price.

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That -- it's not -- there is virtually no place to buy it on the Island. The only people that have capacity are us, Rockville Centre, Freeport and LIPA. There are some small facilities, but LIPA owns or is under contract to virtually all of the capacity on the Island. So we would be buying it from them, and their price is going to be the same as whatever the auction price is.

MR. CORWIN: But I'm saying, if you bought it and said, "I'm going to buy this much every month," it's not necessarily the highest price that you just quoted.

MR. PALLAS: No, it's not, but that's the exposure. The auction prices have been as high as --

MR. CORWIN: So that's the maximum?
MR. PALLAS: That's the -- it's not the maximum, that's the highest price that it's been historically. There's nothing to prevent it from going higher.

MR. CORWIN: A11 right. That's al1 I have. Thank you.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Thank you. I think his question, what he was trying to get at, I mean, if we paid the four quarters, you paid the
\$432,000 in penalties for it, is it worth the cost of the repairs for it and everything else, and just paid the penalty for four quarters in the year, would we save money by doing that? Possibly. I mean, that's --

MR. PALLAS: Again, it wouldn't be a penalty. You'd actually be buying capacity, as opposed --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.
MR. PALLAS: You wouldn't be penalized. That was a separate -- that $\$ 108,000$ was purely a penalty.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Right.
MR. PALLAS: We would have to go out to the market and purchase the capacity, either in a contract or through the auction. And if either -- because of -- because of the unique situation on Long Island, we would be virtually consigned to buying it at the auction price, there'd be no way to avoid it. And the auction price -- having -- keeping the generators, to me, for a financial basis makes perfect sense in light of the potential exposure, again, of historic auction prices of $\$ 720,000$.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Uh-huh, right. The
question has come up, you know, is it worth the amount of it with the capital repair? With the problems, with everything else that's going on, is it worth to keep investing this amount of money to try to keep doing that, or just say we'11 try a different way of doing it? I think that's -- you know, that's a question that we all would like to have an answer to, just to say is it smart to keep going this route with A\&F testing, with them getting everything up and running? You know, we're almost done with, you know, Phase II of the whole project, but there's going to be continuing stuff. And where do you say it's not economically feasible to continue that?

MR. PALLAS: The Treasurer and I actually had this conversation this afternoon, and the way I described it to him, normal maintenance on the units I think is worthwhile --

MAYOR HUBBARD: Yes.
MR. PALLAS: -- financially. Any major issue, for example, if, for whatever reason, a crank shaft were to crack, which would probably require replacement of an entire unit, current construction costs of generation units of that

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style, probably $\$ 2$ 1/2 miliion per megawatt, which for a three megawatt is $\$ 7$ 1/2 miliion, it wouldn't -- then it wouldn't be worth it. But normal routine maintenance at this stage I think is worthwhile for the financial hedge that we get against those auction prices.

MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: And, Paul, we need all
three generators to meet our capacity?
MR. PALLAS: You need all three, but you can -- you don't -- it's not a package deal. If one of them were to fail and costs -- you know, needed to be replaced, you could still keep the other two. It would just reduce -- increase the amount you're buying from the market.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.
MR. PALLAS: We do currently buy some of it from the market, because it doesn't have -- we don't have the full capacity --

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Right.
MR. PALLAS: -- because we are buying a piece of it from the market.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Is that the so-called incremental power?

MR. PALLAS: That's on the energy side.

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This is --
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, on the supply side. MR. PALLAS: -- the local, you know, UCAP prices, if you see it on the NYPA bill.

TRUSTEE ROBINS: Okay, thanks.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: And as far as the TCC charges written into the PPA, that we are now putting that money away towards the next year's --

MR. BRANDT: Correct, yes.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: -- PPA.
MR. BRANDT: Correct.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Because, in the beginning, what happened was we were what, a year behind, I believe. We had to do a year bond.

MR. BRANDT: We did -- we did two years in one year. We had to catch up.

TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: We had -- we had the year behind and the current year to catch up, which is what made the PPA for that particular time period higher than it should have been, because we should have been doing it the year before, because of Mr. Naylor's miscalculation in advising the Board. I remember that one. Okay. MAYOR HUBBARD: Okay. Anybody have
anything else?
(No Response)
MAYOR HUBBARD: Al1 right. I'11 offer a
motion to close the budget hearing.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Second.
MAYOR HUBBARD: A11 in favor?
TRUSTEE MARTILOTTA: Aye.
TRUSTEE PHILLIPS: Aye.
TRUSTEE ROBERTS: Aye.
TRUSTEE ROBINS: Aye.
MAYOR HUBBARD: Aye.
Opposed?
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(No Response)
MAYOR HUBBARD: We are adjourned. Thank you very much.
(The meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.)
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