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5 6	by NANCY L. STRANG, a Shorthand Reporter commencing on November 7, 2019 at 6:07 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall, 534 New Loudon Road, Latham, New York
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8	BOARD MEMBERS:
9	PAULA MAHAN, SUPERVISOR LINDA MURPHY, DEPUTY SUPERVISOR
10	DAVID GREEN MELISSA JEFFERS-VONDOLLEN
11	PAUL ROSANO CHRISTOPHER CAREY
12	JENNIFER WHALEN
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14	ALSO PRESENT:
15	Michael C. Magguilli, Esq, Town Attorney
16	Julie Gansle, Town Clerk Crystal Peck, Esq., Bailey Johnson and Peck
17	Christopher Kelsey, Acting Comptroller John Cunningham, Commissioner, DPW
18	Chretien Voerg, PE, Latham Water
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MR. MAGGUILLI: I have a note here from Jan that says Mike, I accidently had two Resolutions 482's in the book. Resolution 482 in relation to Hi-Tech should be pulled. In our books, it's already cleared up. Please look to Resolution 482 and the Resolution that has Hi-Tech as its subject matter. I don't think that we need a motion to pull it. It was just an error putting it on. So, we will pull it out.

Let's start with personnel.

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Resolution 482 in my book is authorizing

Paula to sign agreements with the towing companies.

That should be your Resolution 482.

Resolution 468A is creating a new position of Water Meter Reader, Grade 4 in Latham Water and appointing Shane Zyglewicz to that job at \$18.63 an hour starting November 12.

Our next personnel Resolution is permanently promoting Lori Kunker. She is filling the vacancy of Michael Hollar as Public Safety Communication Supervisor. That annual salary is \$74,088. She will start on the 18th.

Her promotion has a cascading effect, as you will see in 468C, where Lori is being replaced by Ryan Carmichael as our Senior Public Safety Dispatcher in the Police Department; \$67,353 starting November 18.

Finally for personnel, we are permanently appointing William Pulver as a Public Safety Dispatcher at \$42,872. He is taking the place of Ryan and he is starting on November 18th.

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Next we have a series of Town Law 202 and 202-a and b Resolutions with respect to the Colonie Sewer Improvement Area.

Resolution 469 deals with the entire Colonie Sewer Improvement Area with the expense of constructing sewers. There will be a public hearing tonight and we called for a public hearing on October 10.

Crystal from Bailey's office is here to handle that public hearing for us.

The next public hearing is Resolution 470 which is again for the Town of Colonie Sewer Improvement Area. This is for the expense of maintenance, rather than construction under Town Law 202-a. Again, Crystal will be conducting the public hearing.

Third, we have 471 which is public hearing on the expense of maintenance of five sanitary sewer bridges.

Sometime back we had hired the engineering firm of Greenman and Pedersen to conduct field

1 inspections to evaluate the structural integrity of 2 the pipes that span these bridges. Four our of the 3 five pipes needed work. 4 MS. PECK: There was recommended repairs, yes. 5 MR. MAGGUILLI: To the tune of \$1,759,000. MS. WHALEN: How often are you supposed to 6 7 conduct such surveys? MR. MAGGUILLI: What is it? It's every five 9 years? 10 MR. VOERG: There is no standard. We do a 11 visual inspection annually. This was something that was 12 on my list to do to get a structural engineer in to look at this. 13 MR. MAGGUILLI: If and when you vote on these 14 15 Resolutions, what you're really voting on is you're 16 making a finding that the properties and the property 17 owners are within the proposed sewer improvement area 18 and that, in fact, their properties will be benefited by 19 this assessment in being imposed upon. This really has 20 nothing to do with awarding contracts or anything of that nature. This just lays the foundation for that next 21 22 step. 23 MR. CAREY: Do we know where these locations 2.4 are? 25 MR. KELSEY: This is the report.

1	MS. PECK: Chris, I actually pulled out the
2	specific locations, in case that was a question.
3	MR. CAREY: So, is there a correlation between
4	these locations and problems that we've had in
5	neighborhoods with flooding or anything such as that?
6	MR. VOERG: No, there is no correlation with
7	those.
8	MR. CAREY: So, there are no flooding issues?
9	MR. VOERG: No. This is just a bridge that has
10	a pipe lying on it rather than a roadway. Because they
11	are elevated structures, we have them evaluated in
12	greater detail; the concrete and the steel beams.
13	MS. MURPHY: Where are these sites?
14	MR. VOERG: Most of them are in the woods. Very
15	few of them are out near the road. For anyone who would
16	like to see, I'd be happy to take them down.
17	MR. MAGGUILLI: Crystal will be doing 471, as
18	well; correct?
19	MS. PECK: Yes.
20	MR. MAGGUILLI: Resolution 472 is the 2020
21	annual budget.
22	SUPERVISOR MAHAN: We will be doing the
23	PowerPoint.
24	MR. MAGGUILLI: Resolution 473 is authorizing
25	Paula to sign an amendment to our intermunicipal

agreement with the Village of Colonie that we initially entered into on March 9. 1973. This will permit new structures to be connected to our existing sewer system.

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SUPERVISOR MAHAN: If anybody has any questions about any of the numbers, ask. It's very straight-forward. It's very easy to understand. We just want to make sure that everybody understands the actual numbers and everything in the budget.

MR. MAGGUILLI: Next we have a request to refer to our Planning Board a requested open development area at 606 and 608 Loudon Road.

As you know, this is the Hoffman Playland planned development district that has already been referred to Planning. They have subdivided the Hoffman lots into two lots. As a result of the subdivision, one of the lots does not have the required frontage and so therefore they are requesting an open development area designation for that lot. Again, all we are doing at this point is referring this to the Planning Board for them to conduct public hearings and then subsequently make their findings and recommendations back to the Town Board.

Resolution 475 is authorizing Paula and the Town to reimburse \$5,702.77 to the Times Union. The Times Union hasn't read their water meter bills for

quite awhile. So, that's for their property at 233 Old Maxwell Road.

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Resolution 476 is awarding the sole bid. We had advertised as early as October 2, 2019. As a result of that advertisement for liquid sodium chloride for our 2020 needs, we received one response from International Dioxcide Inc., in the amount of \$509,206.00 as the sole bidder.

Next we have an emergency at the Vly tank site. This is for Latham Water. They found after they began to work and they uncovered some of the equipment that there was a damaged service electrical cable at the tank. They needed to repair that on an emergency basis at the cost of \$1,175. The next emergency repair is in connection with the Mohawk Water Treatment Plant River Road Pump Station. This was done by Roth Valve. The cost of this repair was \$10,867.74.

Resolution 479 is authorizing Paula to execute amendment number two to our engineering agreement with CT Male. This is for the water meter replacement project on Maxwell Road - 640 Loudon Road to Maxwell Road, that is. What happened is that additional construction fee services were required. Anjo, the contractor, requested time extensions to complete the work. New York State Department of

Transportation permits require that we provide inspectors on-site whenever any work is being performed in their right-of-way and therefore CT Male had to have people there while this additional work was being done. So, they are looking to be reimbursed \$9,560 for doing this.

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The additional time - normally you would say to yourself: Why aren't we making Anjo pay? And why we are not looking to have Anjo pay is because the additional extension of time was done at the Town's request for our benefit. I posed that exact same question to John Frazer. That was the answer I got. It is certainly reasonable.

Resolution 480 is an amendment with Aladtec.

This is for our online employee scheduling workforce management system software and hardware. This is for our Police Department.

We initially entered this contract in 2019. It seems to be working out well. The Chief would like to have this go for another year. The cost will not exceed \$2,220.

Resolution 481 authorizes - the first part of this Resolution - - every year we do agreements with various police and law enforcement agencies to use our police shooting range and training facilities. We only

charge some a maintenance fee. Our maintenance fee has historically been \$250 per year to help us defray the costs of parking lot repaving, equipment upgrades, ammunition and things of that nature.

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The Chief asked to increase that to \$500 but we are only charging the \$500 to the organizations seen in the last whereas clause. The reason for the difference that we charge some and not others is that the other agencies typically reimburse us in kind in one way or another - either through providing us with experts for training, providing us with equipment or weapons and the like. So, we try to treat everybody fairly.

Resolution 482 is our bi-annual contract with towing companies. What this does is provides towing coverage for our Police Department townwide by spreading out the contracts with these various organizations and this is for both police and police requested tows. There's a difference.

If you get pulled over for DWI and we impound your car, you're going to get charged a different fee than if you are a regular person whose car just broke down and the police call the towing company for you.

In one case it's \$200 and in the other it's \$100.

None of the fees have increased. We haven't

changed the fees now for the last three or four years. I checked with other municipalities to see what they charge. We are in line. The only one I know is higher is Guilderland. The rest are pretty much exactly like ours.

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Resolution 483 is reappointing Edward

Delehanty to a five-year term on our Board of

Assessment Review retroactive to October 1 and his

term will expire September 30, 2024.

Resolution 484 is awarding the annual bid for printing newsletters to the low bidder. In this case which was Fort Orange Press at \$6,015 for the year.

Resolution 485 is authorizing Paula to sign an agreement with Tremco/Weatherproofing Technologies. This is for repairs and modifications to 12 Arrowhead Lane. The cost is not to exceed \$88,217.37. This is part of the modifications that we are doing to Arrowhead as part of our lease with the Federal Bureau of Investigation who will be using 12 Arrowhead along with us for training and the like. This was not bid because it was awarded pursuant to a Federal Source National Cooperative Contract Agreement of which we can take advantage.

MR. CAREY: Mike, were not paying that, right?

MR. KELSEY: We get the invoice and we send it

1 to the FBI. They sent us the money and then we can pay 2 it. 3 MR. CAREY: Does that building have any - - is there going to be an issue with that building? I know 4 5 that Waste Connections is talking about maybe having the trucks enter down Arrowhead at some point. Does that 7 affect that building, or not? MR. CUNNINGHAM: No, it does not. MR. MAGGUILLI: Resolution 486 is a street 9 10 dedication by John Paul Builders, LLC. It is Origin 11 drive, Remark Street and Terminus Drive. 12 Jack, anything you would like to add to that? MR. CUNNINGHAM: No. 13 14 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Those are all up Pollock 15 Road. 16 MR. MAGGUILLI: Resolution 487 is authorizing 17 Paula to sign Change Order 1 with Gallo Construction. 18 This is again for the library. This is an increase of 19 \$1,237.69. 20 This is to provide new electrical service to 21 the existing outlets in the youth services restroom. 22 As they were beginning to perform the 23 electrical upgrades at this location, they found that 2.4 they could not pull wires out of the existing bathroom 25 outlet box and we are required to run a new conduit

1 through the ceiling to re-feed the existing lighting 2 circuits. It wasn't something that could reasonably be discovered prior to entering the contract. 3 Resolution 488 is Change Order 2 with Gallo. 4 5 This one is for \$837.13. This is as a result of a wall hung fixture. 7 When they were doing the wall framing modifications to accommodate this wall hanging 8 9 fixture, they had to do \$837.13 worth additional work. 10 Resolution 489 is Change Order 3 with the 11 Gallo contract. This one is at no cost, but it extends 12 the contract completion by 49 days at no extra cost to 13 the Town. Resolution 490 is authorizing Doug to 14 15 advertise for bids for our Town Designated Engineers. 16 With the Town Designated Engineers we anticipate doing 17 this through an interview committee and if anyone 18 would like to make suggestions or anyone you would like to see someone on that committee, please feel 19 2.0 free. 21 MS. WHALEN: Have we done that in the past? 22 MR. MAGGUILLI: Yes. We did at the last time. 23 We had an interview committee. 2.4 MS. WHALEN: Last year?

MR. MAGGUILLI: No, we did it in 2009.

1 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: It is the length of the 2 contract, so that will be coming up and that's why. Who will be on the committee? 3 MR. CAREY: It can be laypeople or residents? 4 MS. WHALEN: 5 MR. CAREY: Will there be any builders on there? 7 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I'm trying to think of who was on there before. MR. MAGGUILLI: We are in the discussion stages 9 10 at this point. Paula, Joe LaCivita, Pete Stuto, me and 11 then we were thinking about keeping the committee to 12 five at the most. We need an odd number, but if there's 13 anybody else you guys think that you would like to have on it, please let us know. 14 15 MR. CUNNINGHAM: The Public Works Department 16 should be represented. 17 MR. MAGGUILLI: You are on there. 18 MR. CUNNINGHAM: You didn't mention me. 19 MR. CAREY: What do you think about having 20 somebody from the building trade on there? I know a group of developers came in at one point and talked to 21 22 you about some concerns they had. I wonder if you have 23 canvassed that group and maybe there somebody from that 2.4 group. I'm just thinking out loud. Does that make any

sense? I know there was some talk which I'm not going to

1 get into right now. 2 MR. MAGGUILLI: Having a developer on there? I 3 don't see why not. 4 MR. CUNNINGHAM: The engineers are hired to 5 watch the developers. MR. CAREY: Maybe they would bring to the table 7 some issues that they have had or some things -MR. CUNNINGHAM: We could talk to them about 9 maybe what they would like to see. 10 MR. CAREY: Maybe you could meet ahead of time 11 and bring the input to the table, if you think it would 12 be helpful. 13 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They had some good suggestions. They came in to basically give some 14 15 recommendations of what they see that they think would 16 work better for everybody. They do provide that input. 17 We probably should do this again, but we made 18 visits to other municipalities and talked to them 19 about how they do their Town Designated Engineer 20 process. Originally, the Town Designated Engineers resulted from the feedback from the developers when we 21 22 first came and part of that was to improve and correct 23 some of the things in Planning. It actually originated 2.4 with the developers and that so we started going to

the different municipalities in the capital region and

they gave us an idea of how they do them, what they do and what their costs are. Some places are smaller than we are, obviously.

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MR. CAREY: I wonder what the group that talked to you - one of the guys that was a little bit more outspoken than others. I'm wondering if you guys reached out to him and said here's what were looking to do, do you want some input on this? It might be good for you guys to bring to the table.

MR. MAGGUILLI: A board Member could be on this committee as well, you know. If you thought a Board Member would be good, that's fine.

The one thing that would cause some controversy with the TDE thing is when we initially started this back in 2009 or whenever it was, we had a clause in the bid documents that whoever became he Town Designated Engineer was prohibited from doing private work in the Town. That was a term that is in this contract, as well. What had happened back then was Clough Harbor had two or three projects that they had been representing the developers for quite some time and they asked for exemptions for just those three. The Town Board looked it over at the time and as long as Clough Harbor wasn't reviewing their own projects — so, for those three projects it was

Barton and Loguidice that actually acted as a Town
Designated Engineer. That complied with the New York
State Engineering Code of Ethics. We are very careful
about that. So were they. They didn't want to do
anything that didn't comply. Because we have been
doing this for so long now, I don't expect this to be
a problem. I don't expect anybody to come to us and
ask for waivers.

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One thing that is in there is that if you want to be a TDE, there is no other work for you in Colonie.

SUPERVISOR MAHAN: Clough Harbor did extremely well at the interview, but they're the ones that came forward and disclosed that we were in the middle of three major projects and that's why. We were able to work with that because of the situation.

MR. MAGGUILLI: They felt that they had a professional obligation to their client, which I think they did.

MS. WHALEN: I have talked to Joe LaCivita about this and the appearance of conflicts over the last few years. He also said that there's not really a whole lot of companies to choose from. There's a limited amount and what are there? There are five or six that would be eligible?

1 MR. MAGGUILLI: I think there is a limited 2 number that were truly qualified to be TDE's. One of the things that was very attractive 3 4 about Clough to us at the time was the familiarity 5 with the Town. They had been working in the Town for so long and had done so much, even for the prior 7 administration, they had a very good grasp on what was there. So, as I recall, that was one of the main 9 reasons. 10 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They know the infrastructure 11 and they have people on their staff that worked with the 12 Capital District Transportation Committee, which was critical because of how they are involved with the Town. 13 Again, they had a lot of knowledge about the 14 15 infrastructure and inspections, locations of things. 16 MS. WHALEN: Is it really worth it for them? 17 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: They are paid for by the 18 developers. 19 MR. MAGGUILLI: It doesn't cost the Town 20 anything. There have been complaints by the developers. 21 They feel the prices are too much. 22 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: That something that they 23 have to understand. Barton and Loquidice, when they 2.4 came, that's all they did was just municipalities.

Clough Harbor had those three that they were

involved that they had to finish up. I guess when it's not cost-effective for them - - at this point if they're interested, they're going to put in a request.

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MR. CAREY: It's too bad we couldn't design a fee schedule for that type of thing. I don't know if it's too complicated to do that. That was the complaint that I had from one of the guys. They felt they were being overcharged. They compared a project that they did sort of on their own in this was the number attached to that. How did I get charged this number? It seemed like it just kept snowballing.

MR. MAGGUILLI: We are putting a maximum on it. When I was thinking about it, I was thinking is there a way that we could put a maximum on it that we could not charge more than X amount of dollars for any given project? If we can come up with an agreed hourly fee rate - - I don't see how that could be very difficult to do because they all have fee rates that they charge their own clients. We could look at that.

SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I think that we could go to some of the municipalities and compare again. What are the rates? How many do you have? How is it working?

MR. CAREY: When the Town Designated Engineers have the same hourly rate - that wouldn't be fair to charge - say if somebody was assigned one project and

his rate an hour was - - I'm just making up numbers - his rate is \$200 and the other Town Designated Engineer was only \$175. You couldn't do that.

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MR. MAGGUILLI: Historically, Chris, I think they are actually charged less. I'm not 100% sure. It wasn't so much the hourly rates that were being complained about. As far as I know, it was the amount of hours, and the amount of the total accumulated bill.

As you know, we have hired our own engineers and bill a lot of the time and what we were finding was their own engineers weren't familiar with Colonie's infrastructure and that their work had to be corrected. That happened over and over again.

MR. ROSANO: Almost every project in the last couple years has had incomplete paperwork involved in it and it drives the Planning Department crazy for chasing these people for their paperwork and then they're blaming the TDE. The easy fall guy is the TDE. They say it over and over again.

SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The other thing, too, is that you have to keep in mind that we have almost a two-step process because a lot of the municipalities don't have their own engineers anymore.

Take a place like Guilderland or some comparable to us, they just rely on the TDE's. They

don't have all the engineers that we have do inspections. We have all our Water and Sewer and Highway - all of these areas - - our people are also looking at the same thing and the TDE is looking at it. You've got two sets of eyes looking at the projects. Our procedure is complex compared to some other places. We ask for a lot more. It's a very comprehensive process and sometimes it does take time. We are looking for the outcome and sometimes it takes more work.

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MR. ROSANO: The other piece to that whole thing is having the DCC meetings, the developer is able to come in and sit down with every department head for one meeting where they lay out everything to start the project or at least to get the project to concept. With other municipalities, you would have to meet with each department and try to make appointments and then you tie up your time and money as a developer or an engineer to try to make these appointments and try to catch everybody. When you come into that room, everybody's there. There's one voice and everybody hears it. They get their minutes. Sometimes they leave and we never see them again and sometimes they want to go forward. People actually come to us to copy our process.

MR. MAGGUILLI: I think one of the things we

1 really do have to address is the fee structure and have 2 it made more fair to all parties involved. Resolution 491 is awarding the bid to 3 national -4 5 MS. WHALEN: I have one more question. You have 6 to determine that before you do the RFP, right? 7 MR. KELSEY: It is an RFO. MS. WHALEN: Oh, because it is professional 9 services. 10 MR. MAGGUILLI: We are awarding the low bid of 11 \$689,166 to National Water Main Cleaning Company. This 12 is based on Pure Waters Director - their recommendation, 13 Doug's recommendation and also that they were the low bidder. 14 15 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The monitors are going to be 16 on tonight, right? There is new technology where you 17 will be able to see how it's working. Lisa put a lot 18 into that. We will see how it goes. 19 MR. KELSEY: The big screen is working well and 20 the two screens in the back are very easy to see, I 21 quess. Lisa has really done a lot and it's come out very 22 nicely. 23 SUPERVISOR MAHAN: The company, way back when 2.4 we started, were so busy. They said they would be done 25 at the end of October. They pretty much stuck to their

1 schedule. 2 MR. MAGGUILLI: One more thing that we have to do is I would like to make a request that we go into 3 Executive Session to discuss a real estate transaction 4 as there is a 2.9 acre parcel of land that has come up 5 for sale that is vacant property. 7 The Town has put in a bid using our - - do we have a name for that fund? 9 MR. KELSEY: We always refer to it as the 10 incentive zoning pot. That's kind of become the open 11 space fund. 12 MS. WHALEN: I think I better go. MR. MAGGUILLI: You don't have a conflict. It's 13 14 not your property. 15 MS. WHALEN: What if I wanted to bid against 16 you? 17 MR. MAGGUILLI: Then, we have a problem. 18 MS. WHALEN: Which I am not doing. I don't 19 know, but I should just go. I think I should just go. 20 MR. MAGGUILLI: Let me do this part first. Then, you make the decision. 21 22 As Jennifer indicated, the property at 496 23 Loudon Road, right down the street here by the gas 2.4 station and next to Jennifer's house and it is a 2.9

acre vacant parcel which we have put in a bid for with

1	the understanding that this would be used exclusively
2	for open space, green space. I won't say what the bid
3	is. We did get a counter and I won't say what the
4	counter is.
5	I would like to go into Executive Session so
6	I could get some authority to see how you would like
7	me to proceed from this point on.
8	SUPERVISOR MAHAN: I would like Chris to stay,
9	please.
10	MR. MAGGUILLI: Chris Kelsey, Julie, the steno.
11	MS. MURPHY: I make the motion that we going to
12	Executive Session.
13	MR. GREEN: Second.
14	MS. GANSLE: All in favor?
15	(Ayes were recited.)
16	Any opposed?
17	(There were none opposed.)
18	MS. WHALEN: I don't think I should be here. I
19	think I should go. I'm glad that I knew nothing about
20	this, which is great.
21	(Whereas the above entitled proceeding was
22	concluded at 6:50 p.m.)
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CERTIFICATION

I, NANCY L. STRANG, Shorthand Reporter and Notary Public in and for the State of New York, hereby CERTIFY that the record taken by me at the time and place noted in the heading hereof is a true and accurate transcript of same, to the best of my ability and belief.

10 Dated:_____

NANCY L. STRANG

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