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1 HELD BEFORE:
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 3 MELANIE WALTER, Chairwoman
 4 DOMINICK DIROCCO
 5 TED LIGHT
 6 WILLIAM CLOSE
7 ALAN AVERY
8 FRANCIS BLEE
9 ADRIAN MAPP
10 IDIDA RODRIGUEZ
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12 A L S O P R E S E N T:
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14 PATRICIA PARKIN MCNAMARA, Executive Secretary
15 SUSAN SCOTT, DAG
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MS. WALTER: Good morning.
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                                            This
 2 meeting was first open to the public in a
  separate ethics session so we can proceed
  directly into consideration of applications.
                First matter on for review is the
 5
  submission by the Township of West Orange for a
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  motion to approve a waiver of a required five
  percent down payment. Please introduce
  yourselves and non counsel please be sworn in.
10
                MR. JOHNSON: Everett Johnson, bond
11 counsel to the Township of West Orange.
12
                MR. PARISI: Mayor Robert Parisi.
13
                MR. GROSS: John Gross, Chief
14 Financial Officer.
15
                MR. SAYERS: Jack Sayers, business
16 administrator.
17
                MR. SEATON:
                            Wayne Seaton, financial
18 advisor.
19
                MR. HANLEY: Mike Hanley, NW
20
  Financial.
21
                (At which time those wishing to
22
  testify were sworn in.)
23
                MR. JOHNSON: Good morning, Director
24 and members of the Local Finance Board.
25 Township of West Orange is here today seeking a
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waiver of the five percent down payment
 2 requirement for a bond ordinance related to the
  acquisition of the Rock Spring Golf Course in the
  township.
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 5
                The golf course has historically
  been a private golf course located in the
6
  township for many decades. About three years ago
8 it was acquired by the Montclair Country Club.
  About 80 days ago now, the Montclair Golf Club
10 decided that they were not going to operate the
11 golf course anymore and decided they were going
  to sell the land.
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13
                The township, once they got wind of
14
  this unique opportunity, reached out to the
15 Montclair Golf Club, the County of Essex and
16 entered into conversations with the possibility
17
  of purchasing and acquiring this land for a
  number of reasons. One, there's 140 acres.
18
                                                They
19 didn't want this land to fall into the hands of a
20 developer who may have interest in developing a
  property in a way the township didn't see
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22 beneficial to the municipality.
23
               By acquiring a land they could
24
  control development to the extent the township is
  interested in doing so. Also, the township is in
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1 dire need of open space. There is a land lock in
  the municipality. There's a lot of open space
  available. This is a very unique opportunity to
  acquire 140 acres. And the township has
  successfully entered into an agreement with the
  Montclair Golf Club to purchase the property for
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7
  $11,283,000.
8
               The property, by the way, is
  appraised for 14 million dollars which we believe
10 is a very conservative estimate.
                                     That's based
11 upon current zoning. If we were to rezone the
12 area, we think the appraisal would be much
           In terms of why we are seeking the
13 higher.
14 waiver of a down payment, while it's part of our
15 negotiation and agreement with the Montclair Golf
16
  Club, we have to purchase property in a very
17 short time frame.
18
               They're interested in selling it
19 right away. We're interested in purchasing it.
20 The thought process of going out to the state and
21
  Green Acres funding for this property in a short
22
  time frame wasn't really tenable.
23
  furthermore, based upon conversations the
24
  township has had with the Green Acres Program,
  they suggested that we wait to apply.
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The reason being is the township is
1
 2
  committed to siphoning off about 15 to 18 acres
  of the 138 acres for development. We're likely
  going to have affordable active senior community
  which the township needs more senior housing.
6 And also, we're interested in replenishing the
7
  rateables we're losing by acquiring the golf
  course and operating it as a public golf course
  facility.
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10
                If we were to have Green Acres
11 funding, it will be a declaration of coming
12 against developing the land for private purposes
13 in the future. So once that money is used to
14 acquire the land, we couldn't then siphon off a
15 piece of that land for a private development.
16
                They suggested and they sent a
17
  letter to us, which we forwarded to the director
18
  as well, stating as such that it's their desire
  to assist us with this matter but we should wait
19
  and decide which section and which land is going
20
21
  to be subdivided to that and then apply for the
22
  funding.
23
                With that being said, it's also the
24
  township's desire, once they acquire the land, to
  hire a private vendor to operate the golf course
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while they undertake a study for a company to see
 2 what makes sense. Does it make sense to maintain
  an 18 hole golf course? Should it be 12 holes,
  nine holes? The township is also contemplating
  moving its DPW facility to that site.
6
                It's also contemplating potentially
  adding a recreation facility to that site where
8 it will have soccer fields, lacrosse fields, turf
9 fields. So we need time to kind of analyze what
10 makes sense for the town. The problem is the
11 seller is not going to wait for us to figure that
  out. We have to purchase it first and then
12
13 figure it out.
14
                I want to have the mayor speak as
15 well.
         I think it would be important for you to
16 hear from him about the community input and the
17
  feedback he's been receiving, why he thinks it's
18
  an important project for the township.
19
                               Thank you, Everett.
               MAYOR PARISI:
20
  We appreciate the Board's consideration this
21
  morning. My name is Robert Parisi. I'm the
22
  mayor. This is a unique opportunity for the town
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  that I can tell you is not something we could
  have predicted just a few short months ago.
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               The township is blessed to have
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several golf courses in town, mostly private
1
 2 clubs, and this is not something we could have
  predicted. But when the opportunity came up, we
  did not want to miss this opportunity, not only
  to preserve 138 acres, but to prevent what could
6 be a devastating blow to both the specific
  neighborhood this golf club is in as well as the
8 whole community.
9
               We have not had opportunities in the
  past to preserve such a large piece of land.
                                                 Ιn
11 fact, if you look at all our Green Acres
12 acquisitions over the last 15 years, it only
13 amounts to half of the acreage that we're talking
14 about in one purchase. This is a great
15 opportunity, not only to preserve the space, to
16 preserve it as a golf course, but also to pursue,
17 as Everett mentioned, some recreational
  components that the Township of West Orange
18
  simply has not had the opportunity in the past to
19
20
  pursue because we simply don't have the land.
21
                So this is a great opportunity to
  solve a lot of problems, both for the
23 heighborhood and the community and one that we
24 didn't want to pass up. So as he mentioned, time
  is a little bit of the essence, but we think in
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this very short time, with the owners of the
1
  property's cooperation and the cooperation of our
  professionals, we put together a plan that's not
  only great for the community in the short term to
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 5
  continue to operate as a golf course.
6
               But even in the long term, to
7
  develop some projects on the site that we never
8 had the opportunity in the past and most
  importantly for the taxpayers of the community
10 and for your consideration, a realistic and
11 viable way to fund this acquisition in the short
12
  term.
         So we're grateful for your consideration.
13
                We're excited about it.
                                         The town's
14
  excited about it. In all my years in government,
  I've never seen such positive public input on a
15
16
  large bond, but yet the public is overwhelmingly
17
  supportive because of what it represents both to
18
  the neighborhood and the entire community, so
  again, we're grateful for your consideration.
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               MS. WALTER:
                             Thanks, Mayor, for
21
  appearing and speaking on this today.
22
               MR. JOHNSON: I just want to add two
23
  things before you ask questions. One, I want to
  make it clear that if we had more time we would
  have applied for Green Acres funding, and if we
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1 would have done so, we would have had a five
 2 percent waiver, statutorily, a five percent down
 3
  payment waived.
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                Obviously, that time being of the
  essence and the desire to Green Acres Program for
5
6 us to wait, we obviously don't have that, but we
  don't want to be punished for that very reason.
8 Also, we're going to initially issue notes.
9
               We're hoping that we never have to
  go out for actual long term bonding because when
11 we sell the piece of property for the developer
12 to develop the senior housing and we receive the
13 money from Green Acres, in the future, we're
14 hoping that both of those will offset the bond
15 ordinance and the cost of acquisition of the
16 land.
17
               So we don't really anticipate having
18
  to go out with bonds in the future. We hope to
19 fund this with notes and roll notes over until
20 money comes in to pay off the notes. That being
  said, we'll entertain any questions.
21
22
               MS. WALTER: Just to address briefly
23
  to the board. The applicant came to meet with us
24
  this week.
             We had a few conversations about this
  particular -- the fact that the impact on the
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average household would be about 32 dollars and
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 2
  that there was no Green Acres funding as yet.
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                It is my understanding, having
  spoken with you, please confirm for the record
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  that at this point Green Acres anticipates you
  submitting and that you will be applying for
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7
  Green Acres funding, correct?
                MAYOR PARISI: Yes.
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 9
                MS. WALTER: The absence of a
  specific use plan for properties is somewhat
11 concerning, but the fact of 120 acres of it is
12 already committed and defined is very helpful.
                                                    Ι
13 know you talked about doing a Department of
14 Public Works building on the site, potentially
15 housing on the site, but only on that 18 acres of
16 separate parcel which means that a minimum of
17 | 120 acres will remain preserved. Could you
18
  address the impact of that on your ability to use
19 your Open Space Trust Fund?
20
                MAYOR PARISI: The existing Open
  Space Trust Fund? So we obviously, when that
21
22
  time comes, we can. We can't use the money we
23 have in the fund currently because that would
  automatically preserve all 138 acres and would
25 |lock that, so we can't. So we're going to keep
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that option open as part of the application.
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                But, again, the priority, should
 3
  this acquisition go through, is to begin
  immediately on determining exactly what land we
4
  would set aside for development and what we would
6 look to preserve. Additionally, if we consider
  and get to the point where we might want to put
8 Public Works there, we need to determine that as
 9 well because that would have to be set aside
10 outside of what we would be preserving.
11
                So there's a couple moving pieces.
12 We intend to make that a priority upon if we get
13
  approval today as well as council approval next
14 Tuesday, but those are just a few things we need
15
  to pin down, but again, we wanted to move
16
  quickly. And a big reason too, with your
17
  indulgence, we didn't want to lose the golf
18
  season.
19
                We can appreciate golf courses are
20 maintained in a very specific way. If we lose
21
  the ability to operate as a golf course, the
22
  fairways and the greens will just grow like an
23
  open field and it would be almost impossible and
24
  cost prohibitive to bring it back to a golf
25
  course.
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                So our interest was to get this done
 2 quickly so we can get a golf operator in there
  and not lose the golf season, both from a revenue
  perspective but also from a practical point of
  view to not lose the golf course because that
6 would have made it impossible.
                                   And whatever
7
  plans in the long term are, a golf component is
8 always going to be a part of that.
9
               MS. RODRIGUEZ: Mayor, now that you
  brought that up, I see that the township is
11 considering the creation of a golf utility to
12 match.
         So I know that takes time.
                                      Who is going
13
  to be the operator in the interim while you do
14
  this transition?
15
               MAYOR PARISI: We took a chance,
  pending your approval, and ultimately council
  approval, and have been RFPing for golf
17
  professionals parallel to this process.
18
                                            In fact,
19
  their responses to the proposal are due tomorrow,
  so we have had a lot of feedback from national
20
  golf operators.
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               We're pretty confident and
23
  comfortable with the level of expertise that have
  pulled the bids, came to the prebid meeting and
25 we'll submit proposals. So this is new to us.
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We clearly know that municipalities aren't
1
 2
  generally in the golf business. We're going to
 3
  contract with a professional golf operator to
  operate the course.
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                MS. RODRIGUEZ: It will be a public
  golf course?
6
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                MAYOR PARISI: It will be a public
8
  golf course, yeah.
9
                MS. WALTER: What's the duration of
10
  that contract?
11
                MAYOR PARISI: So again, because we
12 knew we had a window and some golf operators were
13 a little concerned about the short term, this
14 initial proposal is only for a two year term, two
15 golf seasons. And we think in that time we'll be
  able to more concretely determine what the long
  term objectives are and to finalize our Green
17
18 Acres application in that time, as well as the
19 sale.
20
                So again, we want to sell a piece of
21 land, as Everett mentioned, not only to replace
22
  the tax revenue that's going to be lost by taking
23
  this into municipal hands, but also to bring back
24
  some of the costs of this acquisition.
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                So we believe a very small active
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senior community which compliments golf, it will
 2 be a golfing community on a small piece of land
  along a main county road which won't infringe on
  some of the existing neighborhoods is, not only a
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  way to reduce or return our loss of tax revenue,
  but we believe it's a substantial cost of land
7
  that would go against paying down the bond.
8
               MS. WALTER: What's the closing date
9
  on the purchase?
10
               MAYOR PARISI:
                               On the purchase,
11
  tentative date is set for April 30th recognizing
12
  that it might go beyond that. But we're hoping
13
  to keep that date so we can get the course opened
14 in time for the golf season.
15
               MS. WALTER: Now, as I mentioned
16
  earlier, I addressed a couple of concerns with
17 you when we met directly. Something I would feel
18
  comfortable proceeding with would be doing the
19
  approval contingent on receipt of the Green Acres
20
  funding. You expect to apply for it. It appears
  it is a qualified project, so in lieu of the
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22
  blanket approval, we would do an approval
23
  condition on receipt of those funds.
24
                Should you not eventually obtain
  Green Acres funding, you would have to budget for
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the down payment. But it appears that you're
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 2
  progressing in that direction.
                                  You have
  expressed your intent to apply, they've expressed
  their willingness to consider your application.
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                                I'm a little
               MS. RODRIGUEZ:
             And Everett, this is to you. I hear
6
  confused.
  you're going to do affordable housing for
8 seniors, but then you're looking for a community
  that enjoys golf. I understand that is a public
  golf course. I just want a little more
10
11 clarification.
12
               MAYOR PARISI: West Orange, under
13 our affordable housing proof plan, we have an
14 affordable housing component in any project.
15
               MS. RODRIGUEZ: You have a
16
  20 percent mostly --
17
               MAYOR PARISI: We're only thinking
18
  in terms of about 175 units mainly to keep it
  small, but we also think it's more than enough
19
20 revenue to replace the tax revenue we're losing
  as well as returning a significant portion of the
21
  purchase price, but that 175 units will have its
  applicable affordable housing unit which is
23
24
  20 percent.
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               MS. RODRIGUEZ: Which is usually 20
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1 percent. I just want clarification, Mayor, with
 2 all due respect, because I heard affordable
 3 housing for seniors. I understand the whole
  redevelopment process, and most projects there's
  a 20 percent.
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                MAYOR PARISI:
                               That's what our
7
  approval.
8
                MR. JOHNSON:
                              It won't be
  100 percent.
10
                MAYOR PARISI: It won't be 100
11 percent.
12
                MS. RODRIGUEZ:
                                I just needed
13 clarification on that.
14
                MAYOR PARISI: I apologize if we
15 misrepresented it.
16
                           Mayor, what is the amount
                MR. MAPP:
17
  of the revenue that you're going to be looking
18
  for?
19
                MAYOR PARISI: Right now the
20 property is $585,000 in property taxes. As we
21 all know, the municipality bears the full brunt
22
  of that even though we get 24 percent of it in
23 West Orange. That's a big tax hit to us.
24 maintaining it as a golf course forever, we don't
25 believe, although we do believe a golf course
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will be profitable to the township, we don't
 2 believe it will ever be profitable enough to
 3 replace that revenue.
 4
               But again, we also think this gives
5
  us an opportunity to create a new municipality
  that we've never had a chance to before.
  think 18 hole golf courses will produce a couple
8 hundred thousand, not full replacement, but a
 9 small development will produce enough money to
10 help pay down the bond in addition to the Green
11 Acres funding and replace some of the tax
12 revenue, but also create a pretty neat
13
  opportunity in West Orange to have a golf
14 community with open space, recreation parkland as
15 well a senior community. But right now, the loss
16 is $585,000 a year.
17
               MR. CLOSE:
                           Mayor, what's the
18
  analysis of the revenue from the golf course
19 previously annually? How much does it generate?
20
               MAYOR PARISI: So we don't have a
21
  ton of numbers. It's privately held, so they
  didn't give us financials. We do know the number
23 of rounds they had last year.
                                  You would have to
24 play golf, or just remember, last year was a wet
25 year, so the number of rounds in the entire
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community were down.
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 2
                The golf operators we've been
 3
  talking to in the developing of our specs, and
  just from the general questions we received from
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 5
  them, they're pretty confident in a specific
  number of rounds and we also think because it's
6
  going to go from what's been a private club since
  1925 to a public course, we think there's going
  to be a lot of excitement for golf fans to play
10
  the course.
11
                We think it's very viable
12 financially. We're not sure exactly how much
13 money the town will receive in a two year period.
14 We created the RFP with a couple different
15 scenarios where they can simply give us a
16
  percentage of the gross, they can give us a per
17
  round fee. We're going to have a lot of ability
18
  to entertain different options based on the
19
  responses.
20
                MR. CLOSE:
                           Based on that, what were
21
  the estimates of revenue to be generated?
22
                MAYOR PARISI: We think, based on
23
  speaking with some other publically held golf
24
  courses operated by different counties around the
  state, we're thinking we're only going to get a
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couple grand a year in those first two years
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  which is not enough to cover the tax revenue but
  certainly to make it profitable.
                                    And more
  importantly, the way we've constructed the RFP,
4
  there will be no down side.
 5
               MR. CLOSE: Is that your net or your
6
7
  gross?
8
               MAYOR PARISI:
                               We think that will be
  het to the town. We've established the specs for
10
  the professionals not to have any downside or any
11 risk to the town. They're absorbing all the
12 risk. We're getting a dollar amount based on a
13
  couple of different scenarios but not absorbing
14 any of the risk. The maintenance costs and the
  risks will be entirely on the operator's side.
16
               MS. WALTER:
                            Also note, there are 12
17
  golf courses within a 20 minute drive, but I
18
  believe only two are public.
19
               MAYOR PARISI: I don't know the
20
  exact drive. There is one other public course in
21
         There's a couple other public courses in
22
  the county. I'm not sure the exact mileage.
  They are not necessarily close to West Orange.
23
  The one in West Orange is in high demand and very
  often difficult to get tee times.
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Besides this course is significantly
1
 2 better, no disrespect to the county, we believe
  there is a demand in the area to support a public
  golf course as do the professionals. And again,
  we'll get a better gauge of that when the
6
  proposals come in tomorrow.
7
                            What's going to happen
               MR. AVERY:
  to the other course that the town isn't buying?
9
               MAYOR PARISI: So in a way, though
  lit's hard to measure that tangibly, the golf
  course, the owners who are selling this, when
12
  they assumed Rock Spring three years ago, it gave
13
  them two campuses which they thought was going to
14 be a great marketing tool. It turns out it was
15 just too expensive to operate a second course on
  a second property. So we believe it will make
16
17 Montclair stronger financially.
               MR. AVERY:
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                            The remaining 18 holes
19
  is going to continue to operate.
20
               MAYOR PARISI: It's actually more
21
  than 18.
            The remaining club is two courses, 36
22
  holes. And we believe because of the acquisition
23
  costs, as well as the less strain of operating a
  second campus, we think this club will be
  stronger financially in the short term.
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MR. AVERY: They don't intend to
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 2
  sell it for development privately.
 3
               MAYOR PARISI: The other course is a
  viable club with 500 members doing well.
4
  simply could not afford to sustain a second
6
  course.
               MR. JOHNSON: It's on the other side
 7
  of town as well. Different area of the town.
8
9
               MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yeah.
                                       It's on the
10
  other side.
11
               MR. AVERY:
                           You have an open space
  tax. How much money do you have in your trust
12
13 account?
14
               MR. PARISI: Our CFO could tell us
15
  exactly, but it's roughly a million dollars.
16
               MR. AVERY: Is there a dedicated
17 purpose for those funds?
18
               MAYOR PARISI: There's a couple
19
  other acquisitions we're looking at, the Open
20
  Space Committee is looking at. Always ultimately
21
  at the counsel's discretion, and we made a number
22
  of acquisitions since the fund was created over
23
  the last several years so nothing specific.
24
               Again, we can't use it in this case
25
  because once any of that money is used, it
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preserves and locks the rest of the property.
1
  will plan on using a piece of that when we get --
 3
                MR. AVERY: You could use a piece of
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  that, once you define the area that remains.
 5
                MAYOR PARISI: And we plan to.
6
                MS. WALTER: Okay. If no one has
7
  any questions I will make a motion to approve
  with the contingency that Green Acres funding be
  obtained.
10
                MR. MAPP:
                           Second.
                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Walter?
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12
                MS. WALTER: Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Mapp?
14
                MR. MAPP:
                           Yes.
15
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. DiRocco?
16
                MR. DIROCCO: Yes.
17
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Close?
                MR. CLOSE: Yes.
18
19
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Avery?
20
                MR. AVERY: Yes.
21
                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Rodriquez?
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                MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Blee?
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                MR. BLEE:
                           Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Light?
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                MR. LIGHT: Yes.
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                MAYOR PARISI: Thank you very much.
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                MS. RODRIGUEZ: Best wishes.
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                MS. WALTER:
                             The next application
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  comes out of the City of Paterson, Proposed
  Refunding Bond Ordinance. Please introduce
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  yourselves and non counsel please be sworn in.
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                MS. CHERONE: Marge Cherone, CFO,
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  City of Paterson.
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                MR. GROSSMAN: Neil Grossman,
11 financial advisor to city.
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                MR. CANTALUPO: John Cantalupo,
13 Archer Greiner, bond counsel to the City of
14 Paterson.
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                (At which time those wishing to
  testify were sworn in.)
                MR. CANTALUPO: Hi, Director.
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                                                Wan
  me to start?
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                MS. WALTER: Yes, please.
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                MR. CANTALUPO: Thank you. This is,
  would be I guess, the second hearing on an
22 application that was originally submitted in
23 November and heard with respect to three parts.
24 There were originally five parts to the
25 application at the December hearing. What was
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1 done is the three parts that were approved at the
 2 December hearing had to do with the city's
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  capital plans for the year.
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                And the board at the time, and the
5
  staff, did not want to see holding the city up on
  their capital plans. However, there were two
6
  items. One for tax appeals and the other for
  contracturally required severance liabilities
  that were in the application and they wanted to
10 see the city go through the budgetary process
11 with the staff and make a determination at a
12 later point. At this point, the city has gone
  through budgetary review, getting ready to --
13
14 when are you going to finalize the budget?
                MS. CHERONE:
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                              So we're amending the
16 budget March 26th with the adoption date set for
17 April 9th.
18
                MR. CANTALUPO: So based upon that,
  the city has decided to withdraw the,
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20
  approximately, 1.9 million dollars that they had
21
  originally put in the application for tax appeals
  and in dealing with staff, to go forward with the
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  five million dollars funding bond ordinance for
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  the contracturally required severance
25 liabilities.
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Most of them are for police and
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 2 fire.
         It's a total that we have on the list that
  was forwarded down to the staff of 5,292,000, or
  roughly, 5,300,000. The approximately $300,000
4
  will be eaten up in the budget and paid for in
  the budget and the other five million will come
6
  from the five million dollars that is going to be
7
  paid for over a five year period.
9
                The amortization is a million
10 dollars a year, so it's level principal.
11 not back loaded in any way. Over the five year
12 period, it will be 34 dollars per year on the
13 average assessed home in town. And at this time,
14 we're going to ask for you to approve the
15 Refunding Bond Ordinance refunding the emergency
16
  appropriation originally put in place for the
17
  contracturally required severance liabilities, as
18
  well as, request that these bonds and notes that
  are going to be issued under this be entitled to
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  the benefits of the Municipal Qualified Bond Act
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  and endorse your consent upon the bond ordinance,
  the refunding bond ordinance.
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                The city intends to issue the bonds
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  or notes through the Passaic County Improvement
  Authority using the guarantee of the PCIA at the
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time, will be here on an application at the time
  we want to go forward with any of the actual
  funding for this as well as the funding that was
  done back in December when you approved.
                Nothing has been done with that in
 5
  terms of getting the actual dollars for that yet
6
  and we'll be moving forward with that.
8 giving you an idea how we intend to finance it
  through a low interest loan with the PCIA in the
10
  future.
11
                MS. WALTER:
                             First, how many
12
  employees are going to be retiring in this
13 package?
14
                MS. CHERONE: There's, I think, in
15
  the area of about 45 to 50.
16
                MS. WALTER: What's your average
17
  payout on these?
18
                MS. CHERONE: The average payout is
19 about 100,000.
20
                MS. WALTER: What would be the total
  impact of this if not refunded on the average
22 household?
23
                MR. CANTALUPO:
                                It's 34 dollars a
24 year over a five year period.
25
                MS. WALTER: And if you financed
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with the PCIA, do they have a fee they're
  assessing in addition to the base rate?
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               MR. CANTALUPO:
                                Yeah, I guess they
  will have a fee. You know, we haven't negotiated
4
5
  that deal yet with them in terms of what we're
6 doing, but it will be your normal PCIA financing
  and the cost because the city has trouble
8 accessing the capital markets, and I can
  certainly have Neil talk about that. Neil, do
  you want to talk about the challenges?
11
               MR. GROSSMAN: In terms of the way
12
  the deals are structured with PCIA, the interest
  rate is simply passed through as whatever
14 interest rate they obtained on their publically
15 issued debt. In addition to that, they do have
  their own financing fee which we negotiated.
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                So it's pretty favorable compared to
18
  what they've done in the past and they have some
  additional professional fees because they have
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20
  their own, you know, bond counsel and other
21
  professionals. But in the past, the interest
  rate, even if you factor in the extra costs, has
  been considerably less than the city could get on
23
24 lits own.
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               About three years ago now, the city
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was downgraded below investment grade by Moody's.
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 2 And as a result of that, it's extremely difficult
  to access the capital markets, particularly the
  short term, in a normal way, and so we worked
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  with the county and the Improvement Authority and
  it's been a very successful program for the last
6
7
  two or three years.
8
                And we're hopeful with some of the
  strides the city has made this year that at some
10
  point soon they may be back to investment grade
11 rating, at which point, they may not be able to
12 use the capital program.
13
                             Can you talk a bit
                MS. WALTER:
14 about the impact of the Qualified Bond Act to the
15 municipality? 2.36 percent total debt with this.
  Where does it put you in relation to your
16
17 what's your total QBA debt at this time?
18
                                Just one minute.
                MR. CANTALUPO:
19
                MS. CHERONE: So for fiscal '19 we
  had pledged 32.9 million dollars.
21
                MR. CANTALUPO:
                                The qualified bond
22
  revenue.
23
                MS. WALTER:
                             That's the qualified
24 revenue.
           How many bonds you actually have of
25
  that qualified bond revenue. Your total QBA debt
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and your debt service is the 145.
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 2
               MR. CANTALUPO: You have 145 and 12
  million for '20, 12596 for '20. I don't have the
 3
  number on what the total QBA is.
 5
               MR. GROSSMAN: You're looking for
  total principal?
6
7
               MS. CHERONE: The total outstanding
8
  rate.
9
               MR. CANTALUPO: I have it on the SDS
  that I sent to Nick.
10
11
               MS. WALTER: We'll get that from you
12 later. If you wouldn't mind keeping us
13 up-to-date. Debt service projected by 2020, can
14 you talk about what's coming off of your current
15 debt load? It looks like you're going to go down
  to 125 which is progress.
17
               MS. CHERONE: I'm sorry?
18
               MS. WALTER: What obligations are
19
  coming off of your Qualified Bond Act debt in
20
  2020? It looks like your debt service will
  decline at that point.
22
               MR. GROSSMAN: I think it's a
23
  combination. I think there was a 2009 bond issue
  that has a final maturity. And then also over
  the past several years, they've issued various
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shorter term between the five year bonds for
  things like tax appeals, et cetera, some of which
  are now maturing and not being replaced.
 4
               For example, the 1.9 million in tax
5
  appeals is now being taken out through the budget
  instead of new debt, so I think that's the
6
7
  primary source on the drop.
8
               MS. WALTER: Has the municipality
  had any success in capping these payoffs to avoid
  this issue?
10
11
               MS. CHERONE:
                              That's something that
12
  this new administration is dealing with. All of
13
  our contracts are expiring in June and July of
14
  '19, and so we're moving forward. We started
15 yesterday to start the process of negotiating
16
  caps and moving forward with potentially, for the
17
  current retirees that will be going out in the
  next couple of years, to try and get them to buy
18
19
  into taking their payouts over a number of years
20 rather than having to come before the Local
21
  Finance Board and finance through a bond
22
  ordinance. So these are some of the things that
23 we're trying to negotiate in prospective events.
24
                MR. MAPP:
                          Have you done any
25 municipal ordinances to cap the payout that you
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look to the future and in preparation for the
 2
  collective negotiation agreements?
 3
               MS. CHERONE: That is something this
  administration is looking into.
 5
               MR. MAPP: I don't think you should
  wait for the agreement. I think you should put
6
7
  some municipal ordinance in place that will
  pretty much tie your hands during the negotiation
  process.
10
               MS. CHERONE:
                              Right. We can look
11 into that. I can propose that to the
12 administration.
13
               MR. CANTALUPO: Marge, aren't you in
14 the process of negotiating several of the waiver
15 contracts right now?
16
               MS. CHERONE:
                              They were coming up.
17 Like I explained, we started yesterday with that
18
  process and moving forward. We have a couple of
19 other issues. We have some hearings on
20 conversions of the State Health Benefit Program
21
  with the police and fire unions looking to revert
22
  back to a self-insured plan. So we have some
23 issues.
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               MS. WALTER: I know you're working
25
  closely with your technical advisors to address
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  them.
 2
                MS. CHERONE:
                              Yes, we are.
 3
                MR. AVERY:
                           What are these severance
  payments for? Mostly sick time and payouts?
 4
 5
                              Yes.
                MS. CHERONE:
                                    And their
  terminal leave payouts, which are in the
6
7
  contracts.
8
                MR. CLOSE:
                            I think you have to have
  some -- I think knowing that there's some caps in
10
  place and I know they're negotiable, but you can,
11 as Adrian said, there is some things you can put
12 in place, especially for new hires, things you
13
  can do for the non union employees. Do you have
14 caps for non union employees?
15
                MS. CHERONE:
                              Yes.
16
                MR. CLOSE:
                           Is that the same cap
  you're trying to -- what are they and are they
17
18
  the same caps you're trying to negotiate with the
  union bargaining units?
19
20
                              I don't believe that
                MS. CHERONE:
21
  they would be the same. There is two for one on
22
  the sick payouts for regular employees capped at,
23
  I believe, $25,000. I don't know that that will
24
  be achievable with the uniform personnel.
25
                However, this governing body and
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  this administration are new effective July 1st
  and they've done some pretty aggressive things in
 3
  terms of changing the ways the municipality is
  providing services and paying for those services.
 4
 5
                So, for example, last night we just
  adopted three ordinances for converting our sewer
6
  operations from the operating budget to a sewer
8 utility fund, so that is going to allow the city
  to now take out, approximately, five million
  dollars of operational deficits from the
10
11 operating budget and pass it over to the utility.
12
                MR. CLOSE: You will be more
13 self-sustained.
14
                MS. CHERONE: It is self-sustaining,
  and they're doing it in one year.
16
                MR. CLOSE:
                            Right. But you're also
17
  getting two million dollars in transitional aid
18
  to do things as well so there's also some
  incentive for that.
19
20
                MS. CHERONE:
                              Exactly.
                                        So there's
21
  things that we are doing to move into the future
22
  to start the process of capping costs.
                                           This is
23
  one of the major ones and it's just coincidental
24
  that all these contracts are now coming to a head
25
  in July.
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MS. WALTER: I wanted to note for
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  the record that we have really appreciated the
  city's efforts. They've been working very hard
  on cost control this year.
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 5
                MS. RODRIGUEZ: I'm going to make a
  comment.
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 7
                MR. CLOSE: I appreciate those
8
  efforts.
            We certainly applaud that.
9
                MS. RODRIGUEZ:
                                I'm going make a
10
  comment.
            Every new administration that comes in,
11 comes in with a great vision and a great promise.
12 This administration, because they're new, and
13 because I see a lot of, like I said in December,
14 I see a lot of reassignment. I see a lot of ways
15
  that they'd like to improve.
16
                I know there is a big class that is
17 leaving now in April basically, a big class of
18
  the police officers and firefighters and you have
  to oblige by those contracts, but I think it was
19
20
  Mayor Mapp who recommended we have to put
  policies in place when these negotiations are
22 having -- when they're taking place, we don't
23 give them the whole store.
24
                And I think this administration is
25
  going to look at that very closely. Me?
                                              If I
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1 vote on this, my tax bills go up, right, in the
  City of Paterson. If I don't, then I'm being
  uncooperative. And because of who I am, and I
  sit on this board, I am in full support of
4
  helping this administration because this is a
  city I was born and raised and I wanted to -- but
7
  I think when you come back, my problem with this
  is that it's going to the PCIA, then we have more
  fees.
10
               We have compounded fees when we do
11 that because when you go to the PCIA, you know,
12
  this 52 becomes 150 because they have a bunch of
  professionals that you have to, you know, they
14 have to pay. That's part of doing business with
15 the PCIA, so I have a problem, me personally,
16 with those kinds of compounded costs, but I want
17
  to support this administration.
                                    I want to see
18
  the city flourish and I want to see it move
19 forward.
20
               MS. CHERONE: So I'd like to comment
  on that, Commissioner, if I might. And related
  to that and the cost of issuance through the
22
23
         So for the last two years we've seen a
  PCIA.
  slight increase in our bond rating.
                                        We've been
  taken off of credit watch.
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So we're sort of stable in that
1
 2 mode, but because of the actions that this
  administration has taken thus far in this fiscal
  year, we will certainly -- I was speaking to them
4
  this morning, we will certainly be moving towards
  the rating agencies to start to look at us in a
6
  different light because we are now becoming, you
  know, we are raising revenues.
9
                This is the second year in a row
10
  that the city has raised taxes at two percent, so
11 we are starting to move forward in a direction
12
  that's going to make the city stable to the point
13
  where we will have a rating that we can now go to
  the market ourselves and cut our costs that way.
15 It may take two rates. It may not happen until,
  say, a year and-a-half from now, but it will
16
17 happen.
18
                MR. MAPP:
                           So I should tell you that
19 oxed{I} will be supporting this application, but oxed{I}
20
  can't stress enough, the importance of putting
  those municipal ordinances in place that will
21
22
  limpose caps. So when you go to negotiation, you
23
  must negotiate within the four corners of those
24
               You can't go outside of them.
  ordinances.
25
                MS. CHERONE: Right.
                                      I understand
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  perfectly.
 2
                MR. CLOSE: How much did you
  allocate this year in your budget for severance
 4
  payouts?
 5
                MS. CHERONE: Outside of the
6
  ordinance here?
 7
                MR. CLOSE:
                           Mm-mm.
8
                MS. CHERONE: There's probably in
  excess of half a million.
10
                MR. CLOSE: So you have half a
11 million dollars in the budget to contribute
  towards the five million dollars?
12
13
                MS. CHERONE: Well, plus, so there's
14 the five million plus, right.
15
                MR. CANTALUPO: Right.
                                        It's
16 5.3 million.
17
                MR. CLOSE: That's what I'm getting
18
  to. What if you put in towards the overall so
19 your total payout that you're projecting is 5.3.
20
                MS. CHERONE: Right now it's 5.3.
  There's a couple of payouts that went through
22
  that are not part of this like other departments,
23 the non union employees.
24
                MR. CLOSE: These are all union
25 payouts here?
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                MS. CHERONE:
                              Yes.
 2
                            The five million is all
                MR. CLOSE:
 3
  non union payouts, so you budget how much in the
  budget towards -- is any portion of that budget
  going towards this payout, the 5.3?
                MS. CHERONE: Yes. As I explained,
6
7
  there's about half a million dollars embedded in
  the salary and wage account.
9
                MR. CLOSE:
                            Knowing that this is
  coming you've been there how long, Marge?
11
                MS. CHERONE:
                              I've been as the CFO
12 now a year and-a-half.
13
                            So the CFO is there.
                MR. CLOSE:
14 How much have they been allocating over the last
15
  five years in anticipation of?
16
                MS. CHERONE:
                             So about a year
17
  and-a-half ago, I had the governing body adopt
18
  the Accumulative Absence Trust Fund, so
  unfortunately because of our finances, last year
19
20
  we ended the year with a deficit so we were
21
  unable to set aside any monies in the accumulated
22
  absence account.
23
                In addition to that, we were able to
24
  set aside reserves in fiscal '18 and I had those
25
  cancel the reserves to surplus so I can cover the
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1 deficit of 1.9 million dollars as well as the
  insurance emergency that we had approved as well.
  So I couldn't use the money for everything, so
  there is nothing set aside yet in the accumulated
4
            I had to cover those two deficits from
 5
  absence.
  fiscal '18's reserves.
6
 7
                MR. CLOSE:
                            In the past, have they
8
  been before the board for approval for the
  severance payout previously?
10
                MS. WALTER:
                             They have.
11
                MS.
                    CHERONE: Yes, we have.
12
                MS. WALTER:
                             They work in
  consultation with the technical advisors from the
13
14 division and this has become one of the areas for
15
  them to capture within their budget because their
16
  operating expenses are really a challenge.
17
                MR. CLOSE:
                           I think to Commissioner
18
  Mapp's point, and to Marge's point, it's about
19
  management, planning, anticipation. As well,
  there's a number of factors that, while
20
21
  difficult, difficult decisions have to be made to
22
  lincorporate those things. And some of the steps
23
  that can be taken have been taken that you
24
  described here, steps in the right direction.
25
                As Commissioner Mapp said, I'm going
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to support it with the understanding that those
1
  steps are being taken, but I generally don't
  think it should be the approach to come before
  the board seeking action for severance payments.
 4
 5
                Like tax appeals, at least for me
  personally, that's not a measure that I'm
6
7
  supportive of. In general, I think you plan and
  try to budget for those things and that's just
  done over time.
                And sometimes hard decisions come
10
11 about as a result of that to get you the to point
12 where you can fund the operation in the way that
13 your contracts and what you negotiate will allow
14 you to do. But should we come here as, well, we
15 know we can go before the board to get approval
16 and that's how we'll fund this so we don't have
17
  to incorporate it into the budget, and hopefully
  that's what this administration are moving away
18
  from that philosophy towards being
19
20
  self-sustaining and covering this themselves as
21
  much as they can.
22
                MS. CHERONE:
                              Yes, I hear you.
                                                 We
23 need a better plan.
24
                MR. CLOSE:
                          And I would also hope
25
  the mayor would be here as well.
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MS. RODRIGUEZ: You have to stand
1
 2
  your ground because it's all administrations do
 3
         They come from certain groups and all of a
  sudden, the groups leave with the house and
 4
 5
  everything in it. At some point, I'm telling you
  somebody has to like break that cycle.
6
 7
                MS. CHERONE:
                              We've done a lot of
8
  things this year alone, so hopefully this will
  continue.
10
                MR. AVERY:
                            If it's helpful to you
11 and the new administration, you should take back
12
  these words of caution from this board that there
13 needs to be a reduction in the severance payouts
14 around.
                MS. CHERONE: The first order is the
15
16
  ordinance to cap.
17
                MR. AVERY:
                           You can do, as the mayor
18
  suggested, put these ordinances in place, but you
19
  could also tell the groups that you're
20
  negotiating with that there's a reluctance on the
21
  board that needs to approve your budget for a
  continuation of these kinds of severance payouts.
22
23
                MS. RODRIGUEZ: They're all leaving.
24
  Use it as an opportunity because they all decided
25
  to leave at the same time.
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1
                MS. CHERONE: Right. And they're
 2
  continuing to.
 3
                MR. CANTALUPO: One of the things I
  believe it's my understanding that the division's
  fiscal monitor is working and providing
6 suggestions to the labor attorneys of what should
  be in the applications should take some comfort
  that those conversations are happening from the
9 division through to the mayor and to the
10
  administration to make sure that some of these
11 things get capped and perhaps, you know, undone
12
  over a series of years.
13
                MS. WALTER:
                             Thank you for heeding
14
  the advice, and again, really appreciate the
15
  efforts we've seen in the past. Does anyone want
  to make a motion?
16
17
                MS. RODRIGUEZ:
                                I'll make a motion.
18
                MR. DIROCCO: Second.
19
                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Walter?
20
                MS. WALTER: Yes.
21
                    MCNAMARA: Mr. Mapp?
                MS.
22
                MR. MAPP:
                           Yes.
23
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. DiRocco?
24
                MR. DIROCCO:
                              Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Close?
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                MR. CLOSE: Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Avery?
 3
                MR. AVERY: Yes.
                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Rodriquez?
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 5
                MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Blee?
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 7
                MR. BLEE: Yes.
8
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Light?
 9
                MR. LIGHT: Yes.
10
                MS. WALTER: The next matter on the
11 agenda has been deferred at the applicant's
12 request. So we're moving onto Lyndhurst Township
13 on a proposed credit sale of bonds.
                                        Please
14 introduce yourselves and non counsel please be
15 sworn in.
16
                MR. ALEMPI: Good afternoon. I'm
  Santo Alempi. I am the deputy township attorney
17
18 for the township of Lyndhurst.
19
                MAYOR GIANGERUSO: Mayor Robert
20 Giangeruso.
21
                MR. ROGUT: Steve Rogut, bond
22 counsel.
23
                MR. HANLEY: Mike Hanley, NW
24 Financial.
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                (At which time those wishing to
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testify were sworn in.)
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 2
                MS. WALTER: Mayor, thank you for
 3
  being here today.
 4
                MAYOR GIANGERUSO:
                                   Thank you.
 5
                MR. ROGUT: The Township of
  Lyndhurst is seeking the Local Finance Board's
6
  approval of a two million dollar Redevelopment
8 Area Bond issue which will be non recourse to the
  township and will be sold pursuant to private
10 sale to the redeveloper or related entity of the
11 redeveloper.
12
                The bond proceeds will finance a
13 portion of the Kingsland Redevelopment Project to
14 be constructed on formal landfill sites in the
15 township. I'd like to turn things over to Mike
16
  to briefly describe the redevelopment project.
17
                MR. HANLEY: So this very exciting
18
  and important to Lyndhurst.
                                This is a site
19
  that's been plighted. It's a former landfill.
20 It was attempted to be developed over a decade
21
  ago and has gone nowhere. It was very expensive
22
  to close, and continues to be very expensive to
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  run, which is one of the things that makes this
  project so challenging.
                The cost of the environmental
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controls on the site are over a million and
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 2 and-a-half dollars a year. And the grounds
  underneath the site, because of the way it was
  filled over many decades, means that there are
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  places you have to go down over 150 feet to
  stabilize the ground and it makes the project
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7
  very expensive. So we're here because this gives
  an opportunity to actually make a productive site
  and generate revenue for the township.
10
                The plan is to have about two
11 and-a-half million dollars of industrial space
12
  throughout the site as a phase project. And once
  stabilized, that will produce hopefully over two
13
14 and-a-half million dollars a year in revenue for
15
  the municipality.
16
                            Two and-a-half million
                MR. ROGUT:
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  square feet of warehouse space and this is the
  former ENCAP site for those of you who have lived
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19
  in New Jersey long enough.
20
                MR. CLOSE: I was going to ask about
21
          I thought there was some discussion I had
  that.
22
  heard about that, about ENCAP, the site.
                                             That's
23 what this is all for.
24
                             There is no ENCAP.
                MR. HANLEY:
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                            That was the infamous
                MR. ROGUT:
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last attempt to redevelopment.
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               MR. HANLEY:
                             The Port Authority is
 3
  selling this site to Russo Development.
                                            This is
  a very experienced both industrial and
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  residential developer in the state.
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               MS. WALTER: Can you talk a bit
7
  about the portion of the project costs that's
  going to be incurred for the foundation system?
  The total project, you were saying there's 150
10 foot. We noted it was a deep foundation system.
11 We were wondering how much does that include the
12
  total project cost?
13
               MR. HANLEY:
                             It's not clear exactly
14 right now. The current estimate is probably
15
  around 40 million dollars.
               MS. WALTER: Just for that.
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               MR. HANLEY: Yeah, for those type of
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           You know, once you're on the site, and
  you know how long it takes to build, you know,
20
  there are different ways to handle it, but it
  could be -- the lowest estimate would be 15
21
  dollars square foot, but it could be over 40
23 dollars a square foot. We are building that out.
24
                MS. WALTER:
                            What interest are you
25
  seeing in occupancy at this time?
                                      This is purely
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  speculative.
 2
               MR. HANLEY:
                             There's no known tenant
  at this time, but the developer is certainly out
  talking to users. And we're lucky enough to be
4
  in a very good industrial market as we sit here
6
  today.
7
               MS. WALTER: Are there other
8
  properties being built or currently on the site
  on the adjacent site?
10
               MR. HANLEY:
                            Say that again.
11
               MS. WALTER: What development has
12 been done in this area already, if any?
13
               MR. HANLEY:
                             Nothing on -- this site
14 has been known by the Meadowlands.
15
               MR. ALEMPI:
                             There's about 700 total
16 acres of landfill in this area.
                                    It's in the
17 Meadowlands. It's not far from the stadium and
18
  the American Dream Project.
                                I believe it was in
  the submission, there was an aerial map.
19
20
                             In the review from the
               MS. WALTER:
21 folks in Local Planning Services, who are the
22
  expert planners here, they indicated that this, I
23 guess to that point, assist with congestion
  reduction, creating a large center away from
  other developmental areas. I wanted to confirm
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Are there limitations on use --
1
   that.
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                MR. ALEMPI:
                             That's accurate.
 3
                MS. WALTER: Contamination.
 4
                MR. HANLEY:
                             I mean, the uses in the
5
  plan that was developed by the Port Authority,
  the uses are going to be --
6
7
                MS. WALTER:
                             Is it R3?
                                        What are you
8
  allowed to put on the site?
9
                MR. HANLEY: I don't know everything
10
  that's in the plan, but --
11
                MR. ROGUT: We have a representative
12
  of the developer.
13
                MR. MINX:
                           Good afternoon.
                                             My name
14 is Christopher Minx. I'm general counsel to
15 Russo Development, one of the constituent members
  of Kingsland Urban Renewal which is the
16
17
  designated redeveloper of the Kingsland area
18 redevelopment area.
19
                So again, it's about 1700 acres
20
  overall, about 418 of which, lie in Lyndhurst.
21 And of that vast acreage, which is predominantly
  all landfill, either closed landfill, legacy
23 | landfill or active landfill that's subject to
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  closure that we're actually currently working
25 with the DEP to achieve.
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The current improvements on the
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  overall acreage, the spoken acreage that we're in
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  contract to buy, there's no improvements. Other
  than engineering controls that have been put in
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  place in order to maintain what's called
             And that's essentially if you took a
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  leachate.
  sponge and you squished it, whatever came out the
  sides is the leachate.
9
               So as part of the hydraulic control
  of the overall acreage, the closed landfills,
10
  those are the engineering components that have
12 been put on site. Development is governed by the
13 Kingsland Area Redevelopment Plan.
                                       It was last
14 adopted in January of 2011 by the NJMC, the
  former Meadowlands Commission.
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                There are certain restrictions in
17
  terms in building height. There is really no
18
  density restrictions per se other than typical
  side yard and bulk yard setback types of
19
20 requirements. There are some front yard loading
21 restrictions on the development, but generally
22 it's contemplated for exactly this use.
23
                It's permitted for the contemplated
24 use.
        That being, speciality warehousing, you
  know, industry standard state of the art
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warehousing, distribution facility, the type of a
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 2
  use that a large retailer or a large shipping
 3
  company or logistics company would utilize.
 4
                There's no residential component
5
  contemplated here. Basically for two reasons.
  Number one, it's on closed landfills.
6
                                          There is a
  site suitability requirement with the NJSCA, who
  governs the land use approvals for this acreage,
  so that's number one.
10
                Number two, it's also very remote
11 from municipal services from Lyndhurst, North
12 Arlington and East Rutherford, which are the
13
  other adjoining municipalities that have some
14 acreage within the overall redevelopment area.
15
                MS. WALTER:
                             Do you have any hours
16
  of occupancy restrictions on the site?
17
                MR. MINX: No, there's no limited
18
  occupancy requirements.
                            There will be
  significant engineering control. We have to
19
  maintain that leachate collection system.
20
  There's certainly going to be long term O and M
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  of that system as well as site monitoring.
                                                There
  will be pretty robust vapor intrusion barriers
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24
  constructed.
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                We do that as a matter of course as
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1 a company when we have any constraint site and
 2 being a prolific developer in New Jersey, we
  enjoy the great joy of developing on mostly
  environmentally constrained sites, so we're
4
  familiar with it and we have a strong stomach for
 5
  that type of additional cost element.
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7
  mean, what needs to be really overall
  contemplated here is we're trying to create a
8
  viable use.
10
               We're not affiliated in any way,
11 shape or form with the former ENCAP effort.
12 There's no membership. We're proud of not having
13 been a part of it. We like the idea that we're
14
  trying to make this a viable successful project.
  But the overall cost to acquire, this was not a
15
16
  fire sale. This is a competitively bid project.
17
               And as we all know, a successful
18
  auction, and for a seller's point of view,
19 requires at least two interested parties.
20 unfortunately, there were two interested parties
  which resulted in a very competitive purchase
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  price, not a significantly discounted purchase
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  price. That, coupled with the development costs,
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  which are really somewhat extraordinary.
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                The due diligence costs were already
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1 in a few million dollars in terms of due
 2 diligence investigation and engineering, a large
  part of which we do in-house. And yes those
  numbers are somewhat extraordinary. The deep
  foundations that you referenced earlier, I think
  Mike did a good job of explaining the generality
  of it.
7
                It is a range of costs because there
8
  are certain areas at the site that might be
  suitable for dynamic impaction, surcharge to deal
10
11 with organics that are subsurface. There are a
12 lot of anomalies within the subsurface geology
  that are like, you know, the myth of the buried
13
14 Wolkswagon, there are vaults of blocks of cement,
15
  there's pieces of former roadways that were used
  to fill these sites.
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                There are probably buried
                There are a lot of anomalies in the
18
  Volkswagons.
  geology that, unfortunately, has rendered
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  traditional piling or even dynamic compaction and
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  surcharge infeasible in certain area.
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  they may be feasible in others.
                                    So the overall
23
  gross cost is certainly going to be something
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  that is a meaningful number and it could approach
  20, 30 million dollars.
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The high estimates were over 40
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 2 dollars a square foot which really blows that out
  of the water, but there are alternatives to
  simply deep piles. We could be doing CMCs which
  are more shallow friction piles. There will most
6 likely be multiple elements of the foundation
  systems for the overall improvements which is
  approximately two and-a-half to, could be upwards
  of three million square feet of state of the art
  facility.
10
11
                MS. WALTER:
                             And at what point do
12 you expect the annual service charge to kick in?
13
                MR. HANLEY:
                             As soon as the building
14 is operational.
                    It's based on revenue.
15
                MS. WALTER:
                             Do you have a
16
  projection?
17
                MR. HANLEY:
                             Yeah, it's in the --
18
                MS. WALTER:
                             If you could tell me.
19
                MR. HANLEY:
                             It's about -- we hope
20
  in 2021 to see $640,000 and then it increases as
21
  long. As the buildings continue to be built,
22
  basically they're new buildings coming on every
23
  two years.
24
                             That's out for year 30?
                MS. WALTER:
25
                             Yeah, it will be 30
                MR. HANLEY:
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years for each building.
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                MS. WALTER:
                             Okay.
 3
                MS. RODRIGUEZ: This is going to be
  built in phases?
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                MR. HANLEY: Correct.
                MS. RODRIGUEZ:
6
                                That's the way
7
  they're doing it.
8
                MR. AVERY:
                            I take it the land
  filled areas were privately operated landfills,
10 lack of a better term, they weren't municipal
11 when they were active? Do you know when they
12 closed?
13
                MR. MINX:
                           There are both some
14 legacies in pre 88 as well as some post.
15
                MR. AVERY: Are the post 88s, are
16
  they properly closed?
17
                MR. MINX: Yes and no.
                                         There is
18
  one, I believe, landfill that is subject to
19
  closure and there is a closure plan that's
20 already been actively negotiated and worked out
21
  with the agency and that's part of what we're
22 undertaking.
23
                            The closure plan needs
                MR. AVERY:
24 to be approved by the Meadowlands and not DEP or
25
  both?
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                MR. MINX:
                           DEP at this point, but
 2
  it's really the precipes of approval but what is
  most important to recognize is that it does not
  affect any of the developable area.
 4
 5
                MR. AVERY: The one that's subject
  to closure?
6
 7
                MR. MINX:
                                      But it is our,
                           Correct.
  as part of our opportunity to buy this acreage,
8
  we've undertaken certain prospective obligations
  whereas the state has retained only limited
10
11 | legacy liability like personal injury liability,
12 liability and penalties associated with prior
13 violations.
14
                MR. AVERY:
                            Are you going to have
  active or passive gas management with that?
16
                           Yeah, whatever is
                MR. MINX:
17
  required.
              I believe, I don't know that there's
18
  active systems that are going to be required for
19
  the warehouse space because of the nature of the
20 heavy duty pavement in the cap and the floor
21 loads that are involved, but any system we
22
  install typically is easily convertible to
23 active.
24
                So they're passive vented systems
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  that can be converted to active, but it's going
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to be -- that's beyond my pay grade as to exactly
1
  what the engineering will be, but it will be
  required to satisfy the agency.
 4
                MR. AVERY:
                            And all those things
5
  will be subject to DEP approval which I assume
  you've talked to them?
6
 7
                MR. MINX:
                           We have a very active
8 relationship with the case manager.
                                        We have
  gotten great cooperation, not the least of which
10 is also another financial component that's really
11 kind of integral to this application is the need
  for long term financial assurance. You know,
13 | it's just dollar figuring.
14
                MR. AVERY: All of the post closure
  obligations, your company is assuming, not the
  properties that you buy?
17
                MR. MINX:
                          Correct. All the O and M
18
  is us.
19
                MR. AVERY:
                            30 years?
20
                MR. MINX:
                           Well, that's monitoring.
  That's the biennial certifications and monitoring
22
  for any certified monitoring that's required but
23
  the leachate collection system --
24
                MR. AVERY:
                           What happens to the
25
  leachate?
             Does it go to a treatment plant?
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It's collected and it's
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                MR. MINX:
 2 maintained on site and then it's slowly
  dissipated out as is permitted by the permitted
 4
  plan.
 5
                MR. AVERY:
                            That's a North Jersey
  permission, but not a South Jersey one?
6
                MR. MINX:
                           Remember, this property
8 is bounded in large measure by Berry's Creek
  which is a superfund site, and we're pretty well
10 monitored and pretty well constrained as to what
11 we can and cannot do. And the O and M costs
12 themselves are a significant component to
13 viability because they directly impact the
14 ability to have a stabilized site.
15
                And it's important, the developer is
16 not anticipating an eight or a 10, you know,
17
  percent return on this. We're struggling to try
  to maintain a low to mid six percent unlevered
18
  return, so the project can be financeable.
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20
                MR. AVERY: I understand.
21
                MS. WALTER: If there are no further
22
  questions, if someone would like to make a
23
  motion.
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                MR. MAPP:
                           Moved.
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                MS. RODRIGUEZ: Second.
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                MS. RODRIGUEZ:
                                Thank you for
 2
  coming, Mayor.
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                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Walter?
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                MS. WALTER: Yes.
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                MS. MCNAMARA:
                              Mr. Mapp?
                MR. MAPP:
                           Yes.
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 7
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. DiRocco?
                MR. DIROCCO: Yes.
8
 9
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Close?
10
                MR. CLOSE: Yes.
11
                MS. MCNAMARA: Miss Rodriguez?
12
                MS. RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
13
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Blee?
14
                MR. BLEE:
                           Yes.
15
                MS. MCNAMARA: Mr. Light?
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                MR. LIGHT:
                            Yes.
17
                MS. WALTER: And our last applicant
18
  today is Roxbury Township Mount Arlington
  Borough, appearing regarding a proposed extension
19
  of Municipal Consolidation Study Commission.
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21
                MR. HEARD:
                            Thank you, Director and
22
  the Board.
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                (At which time those wishing to
24
  testify were sworn in.)
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                MR. HEARD: My name is Craig Heard
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1 and I'm chairperson of the Roxbury Mount
 2 Arlington Consolidation Study Commission.
  were set up by the state under the state statute
  of consolidation in June of 2015.
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                                      Our term
  expires, according to the statute approved on
  July of '19, but we've made a great deal of
6
7
  progress.
8
               And in fact, we've already submitted
  our study to the DCA for their review. And right
  now, the position of the Commission is to wait
10
11 for the DCA report to look at the equalization.
12 The Study Commission has identified 95 million
13 dollars of savings in the first 10 years in the
14 consolidation of Roxbury Mount Arlington.
15
               We also raised private funds to hire
16
  an independent consultant to do a study in 2017
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  of what we're doing, not what we're doing, to do
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  it totally independently and we're paid through
  private funds that we raise. Their presentation
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  is being made tonight at our commission meeting.
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                They've identified 100 million
  dollars of consolidation savings for the two
23
  municipalities should consolidate and that
24
  includes schools and administration, the total
  consolidation. What has happened here is we've
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run out of time, and what we're requesting is an
  extension of the commission to go to December of
  2019 so we can be ready, if the commission
  approves based upon the equalization analysis and
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5
  the property tax savings are confirmed that we
  are hoping for, then the commission will vote in
6
  the next four weeks to move forward to a public
8 ballot.
9
               We cannot do a ballot with a
10 referendum in a primary election and our other
11 alternative was to have a special election which
12 costs $40,000. So we're requesting that we have
  time to move forward for a November election once
13
  the commission approves to move forward, to let
15 it be approved by the commission, and then
  prepare for the marketing program to educate the
17 public in the public meeting.
18
                So our final request is to ask and
19 we have up to December 1st so we have time to be
20
  ready should we move forward with the
21
  consolidation now. If the equalization doesn't
22
  come in where it's a benefit to both townships,
23
  the commission's job is done, but from based upon
24
  the savings that we're looking at, even just the
  initial 10 year period, we're very pleased with
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the results and now to have confirmation, even
  from an independent consultant that are experts
  in the field and actually out of Rutgers
  University.
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 5
                MS. WALTER:
                             Thank you. And thank
  you for being here. The reason we wanted you to
6
  appear today was because there had been an
8 extension last year without a formal update and
 9 we wanted to get on the record the progress that
10 you've made. I appreciate the thoroughness of
11 your investigation and your efforts to be here
12
  today.
13
                MR. HEARD:
                            Yes.
14
                MR. AVERY: Did you misspeak?
                                                Ιs
15
  the extension until December 31st?
16
                MR. HEARD:
                            No, December 1st.
                                                Ι
  picked the end of the year to make it easy,
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  it's essentially six months from July 1.
19
                MS. WALTER:
                             And it gets them
20
  through the general election cycle.
21
                            That's fine.
                MR. AVERY:
                                          The letter
22
  says the 31st.
23
                MS. WALTER:
                             So if no one has any
24 further questions, we can make a motion to
25 approve the extension?
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1		MR.	DIROCCO: Make a motion to
2	approve the e	exter	nsion.
3		MR.	CLOSE: Second.
4		MS.	MCNAMARA: Miss Walter?
5		MS.	WALTER: Yes.
6		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. Mapp?
7		MR.	MAPP: Yes.
8		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. DiRocco?
9		MR.	DIROCCO: Yes.
10		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. Close?
11		MR.	CLOSE: Yes.
12		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. Avery?
13		MR.	AVERY: Yes.
14		MS.	MCNAMARA: Miss Rodriguez?
15		MS.	RODRIGUEZ: Yes.
16		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. Blee?
17		MR.	BLEE: Yes.
18		MS.	MCNAMARA: Mr. Light?
19		MR.	LIGHT: Yes.
20		MR.	HEARD: Thank you all.
21		MS.	WALTER: Best of luck.
22		MS.	WALTER: Motion to adjourn?
23		MR.	AVERY: So moved.
24		MS.	WALTER: Second.
25		MS.	MCNAMARA: All ayes?

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BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.
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                  (Deposition Concluded at 12:19 p.m.)
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