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CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Is Mr.
Oppenheimer here?

MR. OPPENHEIMER: Dan
Oppenheimer here.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Ms. Guerra?
MS. GUERRA: Here.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Johnson?
MR. JOHNSON: Here.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.
Hargraves? (Inaudible.) Reverend Mallette?

REVEREND MALLETTE: Present. I'm here.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?

MR. MAJKUT: Present.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford (Inaudible.)

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: I'm Flo
Girardi. I'm here. Mr. Marsh is not going to make today's meeting.

MR. RYAN: Hello. It's John
Ryan. I just joined the conversation.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Okay, John.
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MS. HARGRAVES: Here.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.
Hargraves, very good. So we have Mr. Oppenheimer, Ms. Guerra, Mr. Johnson, Ms. Hargraves, Reverend Mallette, Mr. Majkut, Ms.

Vanderhall. I'm Flo Girardi. Mr.
Marsh isn't gonna make it. We're waiting for Mr. Bedford. Is he on?

Who is on from staff besides you, Mike?

MR. PAROLA: Everybody is here from staff.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Do we wait a few minutes for Mr. Bedford? What do you think?

MR. PAROLA: No. He knows.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: It's 9:02. I'm going to call to order meeting of the Town of Hempstead IDA. We have a quorum.

First item on the agenda is
public comment with respect to agenda items.
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Do we have anybody from the public that wants to make a comment, any comments on today's items that are on the agenda?

MS. WINSTON: Ms. Winston.
MS. GARRY: Kathy Garry.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: One at a
time, please. Ms. Winston, would you like to start?

MR. AIN: Martin Ain, A-I-N. MR. MOHAMMED: Shareef Mohammed.

MS. HOLLAND: Geraldine
Holland.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Ms. Winston, please start.

MS. WINSTON: Okay. At the
last meeting of this IDA held on May the 28 th, Mr. Walker was deliberately deceptive when he was asked by this Board whether or not - -

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Ms. Winston, we lost you. All we got was that
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Mr. Walker was deceptive. MR. PAROLA: Go forward. MS. WINSTON: Can you hear me now?

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Please go on, Ms. Winston.

MS. WINSTON: As to whether or not he had Board approval. That approval with conditions was not granted until June 16th. Because of Mr. Walker's relationship with this project and the Village Planning Board, Mr. Walker is in a unique position to have a significant influence to decisions that go before the planning board with respect to this project. I would like to ask that this Board take into consideration his integrity when they make their decision. I have the minutes of the planning board's meeting, the Village, that I'd like this Board to have.

In addition, I would like to
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give my opinion on this project.
This project serves only one purpose
(inaudible). It does not
constructively or financially
benefit this community. It only
serves as an eyesore and disturbs
and destructs the existing suburban
appeal of this village. I am
disgusted. Time and time again --
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: There is too
much background noise. We can't
hear anybody speaking. Please mute
your phones. Are your phones
ringing in the background?
Go ahead, Ms. Winston. I'm
sorry.

THE REPORTER: You're breaking up. I cannot hear.

MS. WINSTON: Where do you want me to start?

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Where do you want to start?

MS. WINSTON: I'm having all these interruptions.
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time again outsiders are forcing their pipe dreams in a community that $I$ live in, have invested in, and I believe in. That's it.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Ms. Winston.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Only because I know your name, Ms. Garry, would you like to say something?

MS. GARRY: Yes. My name is
Katherine Garry. I'm a resident of Rockville Centre and of the Town of Hempstead. I am also a journalist and editor of the Freedom Press as well as a member of the Committee to Save Hempstead.

I am here today to call upon
you to vote against the proposed Pilot inducement for 257 Main

Street. In short, this Pilot is nothing but a black lives don't matter agenda in charge of
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(inaudible) various intent on converting to an upper class community and displacing and driving out the current black residents.

The history of Hempstead's 28 Pilots, of which close to 20 are for apartment buildings, shows a clear pattern of systematic economic draining of the Hempstead community and its schools. In a study embracing only 10 of the 20 years that Hempstead has been suffering under apartment house Pilot and based only on a portion, the existing apartment house Pilot determined that a tax listed Village of Hempstead and schools is already over 150 million dollars. This is outrageous and such a devastating loss can never be seen, as the intentions alleged of the legislature never voted to include apartment house Pilots under IDA law. Through these existing Pilots,
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Hempstead has been forced to house an overwhelming number of low income families, families of which low income labor is utilized by the surrounding higher income communities, but these (inaudible) to allow these hardworking people to live in their neighborhoods. Now the powers that control these upper class communities in conjunction with various developers such as the one proposing this project apparently want to force the low income minority population out of Hempstead and out of the county so that the community can increase its tax rates with higher income residents. This is wrong. In this day and age of black lives matter, surely you see that the intended purpose of what is going on in Hempstead to its proposed and racially devastating downtown redevelopment plan of which the 257
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Main Street project is a part and is consistent with. I don't think you would want this project in your community, so please don't facilitate this on the people of Hempstead. I call upon you to vote no for this inducement. Thank you. CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Ms. Garry.

Any other comments on this project? State your name one at a time. State your name for the court reporter, please.

MS. LANGLOIS: Rosetta
Langlois. I've been on since 9:00. Please let me be heard.

MS. HOLLAND: And Geraldine Holland is waiting to be heard as well.
(Inaudible): I've been on since 9:00 as well, in favor of the project. So what is the order of the speakers?

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                                    CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Let's go to
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Ms. Langlois.

MS. LANGLOIS: Thank you so
much. I'd like to join my voice with Mayor Ryan in opposition to this apartment building Pilot. I would like to note that the Hempstead Village already has too many people, has too many Pilots that are not really benefitting their apartment owners because they're paying fair market rent, not benefitting our school district which is being overburdened by the additional so many children without the addition of the tax money to help support the schools to provide it. We've done this more than our fair share of these Pilots. Over 60 percent, all 60 percent of our units are apartments. It's time for other surrounding communities to
take their share of these
apartments. It's time for us as a village and homeowners who are being
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inundated with exceedingly high taxes, more than many other
districts. The tenants in the apartments are not getting any benefit of the Pilot. Their rents are the same as everyone else. Our community is being overwhelmed. We're already smothering with 28 Pilots. We don't need to continue to have more economic deterioration rather than stimulation. Again, with Mayor Ryan in opposition to this Pilot. Thank you.

MR. PAROLA: Thank you, Ms.
Langlois.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: I believe next we have Mr. Holland; is that correct?

MS. HOLLAND: Ms. Holland.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: I'm sorry,
Ms. Holland.
MS. HOLLAND: That's quite all
right.
I have been a resident of
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Hempstead over 70 years. My husband and I are homeowners over 55 years. I would like to join my voice with the mayor of Hempstead in opposing this Pilot for another apartment complex. We are really overcrowded. And as taxpayers that have worked all our lives, we do not get a break in taxes. All of our services are going down here because there's more people that they can keep up with. We would like you to give us consideration. I have other friends too that, you know, we're homeowners, and we're retired, and we need some consideration for our taxes so that we don't get run out of Hempstead. Please give us some consideration. Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you,
Ms. Holland.

MS. HOLLAND: I oppose this project.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Ain?
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in the area of Hempstead and the redevelopment zone and have an interest in 257 Main Street as well. I also have an interest where Mill Creek built the apartment house on the corner. I was one of the people involved in that project. As a result of the Mill Creek building that was built, Main Street, which I call the land that time forgot, I was able to get rid of a strip club, was able to take a burned out apartment house across the street and redevelopment for Section 8 Housing, and the merchants along the street there all have redone their buildings, for the most part. Some are still being redone as we talk. This is all as a result of one apartment house being built.

Because of the success of that apartment house, developers now come along looking to build something
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similar at 257 Main Street. It is imperative that this redevelopment zone is redeveloped. That's why it's part of the development zone. Redevelopment is important in apartment houses. You're next to the bus terminals, next to the train stations. If this is not the ideal spot for redevelopment, then nowhere in Hempstead is going to be well received for redevelopment. If you ask developers not to participate in some type of program as we're here talking about today, if they are coming up with their own money, they can just as well take their money to a different area. Nothing says they have to be in Hempstead. As a result of that and the lack of funds, that's why you're seeing hardly any development going on in Hempstead at all. It is imperative that this continue, the building that's being done, the redevelopment
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that is being done continue.
Unfortunately, there are a group of people out there that don't understand real estate taxes, how they come along, who is paying for what, and there is tremendous misconception. The fact of the matter is that the buildings that are existing that would be replaced by this development, some of them that I'm aware of, have had their taxes cut every year for 20 years. People are not renting. People are not coming to the area. The tax base has been dwindling. The only way you can get it up is with redevelopment. Redevelopment will cause more development and more development. That's what Hempstead needs. It can't be a place where developers are told we don't want you here. That's what's going on. It's 20 years we're into redevelopment zone and nothing is
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getting redeveloped to speak of. So for the sake of Hempstead, the sake of raising taxes, because these buildings are short term tax benefits, not long term, not forever, short term, the long term is that Hempstead will benefit. People will benefit with a better area to live in, better housing.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Mr. Ain.

MR. AIN: Thank you very much.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Anybody else?

MR. GARA: I called in. My
name is Jeff Gara. I'd like to participate if $I$ could be heard. I'm a resident of the Village of Hempstead.

MR. WINTHROP: Alex Winthrop also.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Go ahead, Mr. Gera.

MR. GARA: Thank you. I'm
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calling as a resident of the Village of Hempstead. I'd just like to consider or have my voice heard with regards as to the Main Street project. As the gentleman before me said, $I$ don't think anybody is disputing that redevelopment is something that should be encouraged, but we have before you today not a short term tax benefit but a 25-year tax benefit for this project that will bring in new residents, and according to their own papers, won't address the residents that are here, and the burden of this redevelopment will be squarely on the residents that are here. But as the parties know, we're in the middle of a pandemic infrastructure stress, and properties are dwindling. To give this project such a long tax benefit is I believe countered to the fiduciary duties to the Board, and I would encourage the Board to vote
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no. That's all. Thank you.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Mr. Gara.

Mr. Winthrop?
MR. WINTHROP: Yes. Good
morning. The purpose $I$ thought of $a$ Pilot was to create jobs. We have an enormous amount of apartment buildings here in Hempstead right now that's on the Pilot program. Redevelopment, everybody is looking for redevelopment. Everybody is looking for some type of project; however, we are looking for Pilots that is going to create jobs for the residents for the Village of

Hempstead, and I'm certain that apartments do not create full-time jobs, maybe one or two. Without being redundant, I'm going to stop right there. What everybody else said, I was going to repeat the same thing, so there is no sense in going over it. Thank you.
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CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you,
Mr. Winthrop.

MS. GRIFFITH: I would like to
speak. My name is Clariona
Griffith. I'm the president of the Hempstead Chamber of Commerce. I want to just let you guys know that I vote no to redevelopment. I don't want to go back to what everybody said but, the bottom line is that putting more apartment buildings and not having more schools is not helping our community; nevertheless, it's not bringing jobs. We have empty buildings here with no
business inside of it, so this is not going to help, just having apartment buildings, 'cause we're bringing more people into the community, and it's not helping if we don't have a plan; nevertheless, the rent alone is not, you know, helping the people that are in the community. It's not bringing any
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kind of jobs or businesses into the vacant spaces that we have. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Ms. Griffith.

MR. MOHAMMED: Aubrey Mohammed.
I am a community advocate and activist in Hempstead. I'm running for mayor of the Village of

Hempstead March, 2021. This 30-year multi tax breaks and Pilots on apartment buildings at 257 Main Street is unneeded for current residents (inaudible) developers utilizing racist (inaudible) tax breaks to subsidize in our endeavors in the midst of the world's financial crisis since the Great Depression, 1929. 30 million Americans are unemployed and 40 million are under employed, especially in concentrated poverty centers like Hempstead. These 30 million unemployed have not received
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substantial unemployment payments and facing mass evictions from their homes. Many small businesses will never open their doors again. Our rich further concentrate wealth into the (inaudible) these businesses into monopolies, like Amazon, one of the greatest wealth transfers in history. Our (inaudible) economic system favors a booming Wall Street while crushing Main Street. We will come to reckon with Main street as more common folk wake up and up route inequities in Hempstead. This is bad business that is (inaudible) of black Hempstead. Thank you for your time.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Mr. Mohammed.

MR. STITH: Randy Stith.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Go ahead,
Mr. Stith.
MR. STITH: Good morning. One,
I would like to say thank you to Ms.
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Garry for letting us know. It's my understanding that we have four people from the Incorporated Village of Hempstead who serve on the IDA. I've spoken this before, but if it had not been for Ms. Garry, a lot of people on the call today would not know about this meeting.
Secondly, I pay attention a lot
to the Incorporated Village of
Hempstead and the surrounding area.
When I look at the neighboring communities like Garden City or West Hempstead, South Hempstead, Uniondale, Rockville Centre, I don't see any apartment buildings being built at the rate that they're trying to be built here in Hempstead. Also, after serving on the school board, $I$ actually know how the school district does not benefit from Pilot agreements, not just the school district, but the Village itself is not benefitting
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from Pilot agreements. These
apartment buildings that are getting Pilots, they don't pay their fair share, but yet our police services aren't getting any money, and we know we need more services if we're going to have more people in the Village. Our fire department aren't getting more money if we're gonna have to render more services if people are going to be renting apartments. Nobody is actually benefitting that is actually already living here in the Incorporated Village of Hempstead. And this is a village. It appears as if people want to turn it into a city, but the village is too small to be ran like a city. In the current apartment buildings, who currently hold actual apartment buildings that are not kept in conditions that are appealing to viewers. Why would we still give more Pilot agreements out
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if it's not benefitting the residents already, not benefitting our schools, if it's not giving a relief to the taxpayers already in the Incorporated Village of Hempstead? I join the mayor's opposition in this. We do support redevelopment, but we're looking for commercial. We're looking for things that can bring employment to our residents. I don't see how apartment buildings can offer our residents any employment
opportunities. Again, we're already over populated and we don't have enough, you know, infrastructure to sustain as it is. People are actually leaving the Village because they're tired of the Village. Again, $I$ look around to our neighboring community. We don't mimic what we see in Rockville Centre, Garden City, Uniondale. CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you,
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Mr. Stith. This is Flo Girardi.
We've had 10 people speak on this issue. I think that's quite enough people. Is there anybody else left? MR. AIN: Yep. Can I add to what $I$ said before? This is Mr. Ain.

MR. PAROLA: No.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: No. I'm
sorry. You were quite lengthy.
Next order of business.
Village of Freeport has no new business. We're going to move on to, again, 257 Main, Consideration. I'm going to induce a resolution for Main Street Apartment. They have a presentation that is supposed to take place.

MR. LENO: Good morning,
Mr. Chairman, members of the Board.
My name is David Leno, from the Law
Firm of Rivkin, Radler. I'm here
this morning on behalf of Main

Street Apartments LLC in connection
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with the property located at 257
Main Street in the Village of

Hempstead. We are here obviously
for a preliminary inducement in an
effort to seek benefits from the Town of Hempstead IDA for a sales tax exemption, exemption for mortgage recording taxes as well as a Pilot.

On behalf of the applicant, I have Rasheed Walker who is also on the call who is the company contact for this transaction. Mr. Walker is available to answer any questions or concerns the Board may have with regard to this project.

As you know, a similar form of this application has been before the Board before under Wood Partners. While some of the participants in the transaction have changed, the desire to get this project done has not waned over the past several years. The project that is now
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imagined before you consists of 173 rental units. 10 percent of those units are required to be set aside for workforce housing units. The breakdown of those units comes down to about 39 studio units, 106 one-bedroom apartments, and 28 two-bedroom apartments. All of these units will be market rate except for the 10 percent set aside that I mentioned.

While this project is similar to other projects that have been built in the Village of Hempstead, this development does have a significant importance. Number one, it's going to diversify the housing stock in the Village. Based on multiple conversations and interactions with the Village and Village planners, there is a need for market rated houses. And more correctly, there is a need for market rate housing that is of a
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higher quality, that is newer, and that is more conducive towards the population of the Village of Hempstead.

While there are many current apartment buildings that are located within the Village of Hempstead, we feel that by allowing this project to move forward you are setting the bar higher to increase the quality and the living conditions that are going to be set forth in the apartments in the Village.

MR. PAROLA: Excuse me. David, your application has 166 units.

You're telling us now 173?
MR. LENO: Correct. It's 173
based on the allocation of the square footage between the units. While the unit count has gone up, those several units, it does not impact the economic impact analysis that was performed and does not significantly change any of the
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numbers that we have talked about prior to today.

MR. PAROLA: I think this
should be tabled until proper application is amended. That is incorrect with what Mr. Leno is saying. It does impact. You've got another seven units. I think the Board should table it.

The application says 166. The abstract when they presented it said 156. Now we've got 173. You can't proceed with information that is incorrect going in.

MS. VANDERHALL: This is

Cherice Vanderhall. I'd like to
move to table if there is a conflict in the document.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Okay. I'm going to take a vote.

Mr. Oppenheimer?
MR. OPPENHEIMER: I vote yes to
table the resolution.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Ms. Guerra?
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MS. GUERRA: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Johnson?

MR. JOHNSON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.

Hargraves?
MS. HARGRAVES: Aye.
CHAIRMAN: Reverend Mallette?

REVEREND MALLETTE: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?
MR. MAJKUT: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.
Vanderhall is aye.
Mr. Bedford, are you here?
MR. BEDFORD: Yes, I am.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: What is your vote?

MR. BEDFORD: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Motion granted.

Next item on the agenda.
(Inaudible:) May I step in with
a comment? This is (inaudible).

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: What was
your name again?
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MR. PAROLA: No, there are no comments. Time is over.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: We tabled the application. We have to move on to the next.

There are also concerns with Hempstead Village. Mr. Parola, I believe you're going to give us the 3-year Pilot Review on Alphamore, 50 Clinton Street, Hempstead 209, 209 Front Street.

MR. PAROLA: Pursuant to State law, of course any project in Freeport and/or Hempstead must be reviewed every three years. With respect to the first one, Alphamore LLC, the analysis indicates there is no change.

THE REPORTER: I'm getting a terrible echoing.

MR. PAROLA: There is.
MS. COOPER: Hello? This is

Ms. Cooper. I would like to speak when it's appropriate.
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CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Go ahead, Mr. Parola.

MR. PAROLA: No. There is no additional public comment. Main Street has been adjourned.

MS. COOPER: Who am I speaking to?

MR. PAROLA: This is Fred Parola, the CEO.

MS. COOPER: Okay. I would
like to make a statement.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: There is no more public comment on 257 Main Street. It has been adjourned for today.

MR. PAROLA: Be well.
MS. COOPER: I look forward to seeing you soon.

MR. PAROLA: We're here.
Moving right along, again, we see no change, no major change in assessment. There is no change in the building or their promises. To our review and staff, it has
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sustained the review process.
MS. COOPER: What does that mean?

MR. LODATO: Who is speaking?
MS. COOPER: My name is Arlene Cooper.

MR. LODATO: Ms. Cooper, this is a totally different matter. This has nothing to do with 257 Main.

MS. COOPER: 257 Main will be returned at another time?

MR. LODATO: Correct. It's been tabled.

MS. COOPER: Thank you. I'm going to get off the line now. Thank you.

MR. PAROLA: Be well.
(INAUDIBLE): I have a question regarding 50 Clinton.

MR. LODATO: Who is speaking? We are not taking public comment on a review. Sorry. This is only for Board. We're only speaking to the Board.
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MR. PAROLA: The findings with respect to 50 Clinton are the same. No major change in assessment or in taxes, so that is the same. 209 Front Street is also in the same category. All three pass the review for their first 3-year review. We don't need a vote.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Onto new business. The Hempstead Village people are encouraged to stay on if they would like.

Consideration of a Mortgage Refinance for the Promenade at Central, 49 Central Avenue, Valley Stream.

Does the Board have any questions on the mortgage refinance of Central Avenue, Valley Stream?

There's no questions. I'm going to make a motion.

MS. VANDERHALL: Cherice
Vanderhall. I second.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Reverend
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Mallette?

REVEREND MALLETTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?
MR. MAJKUT: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.
Vanderhall?

MS. VANDERHALL: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford?

MR. BEDFORD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: And Flo

Girardi is an aye.
Next item on the agenda, CEO Report.

MR. PAROLA: No major changes.
We have had a number of requests for projects. Actually an apartment building in Inwood came in yesterday that did not make the report (inaudible). It looks like a very good project, an area that is blighted severely on Bayview Avenue. Other than that, $I$ guess it speaks for itself with no major change.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Very good.
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No questions?
Next item, Consideration of a
Resolution for Massa \& Associates to perform Actuarial Services for the Agency.

Do you want to give us a quick background?

MR. PAROLA: Go ahead, Mike. I'll let Mike have a shot.

MR. LODATO: It's required by law every two years, I believe, we have to do an actuarial report for the employees of the agency to make sure there are funds set aside for retirement. We are up to do this again. The company we used to work with no longer does small agencies such as ours. They now only do large businesses. We reached out to a couple. Massa \& Associates came back with a very favorable review and a good price point as well, so we wanted to get that on the agenda to move forward with the actuary
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report for this year.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: I'll make a motion (inaudible).

REVEREND MALLETTE: Second.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: I'll take a vote. Reverend Mallette?

REVEREND MALLETTE: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?
MR. MAJKUT: Aye.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: MS.
Vanderhall?
MR. LODATO: She had to leave early. She's probably gone.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford?
MR. BEDFORD: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Flo Girardi
is an aye. Motion has passed.
Next item on the agenda, Consideration of a Resolution to provide working capital to assist small \& minority businesses through the $T O H$ IDA Small Business

Assistance Loan Program.
MR. PAROLA: Our intent here is
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to give back, so we are going to commit $\$ 525,000$ to both a general small business program to assist small businesses at low rate loans as well as to cut aside a portion of that money for minority and for women only businesses. We have been working in conjunction with both the supervisor's office as well as with Pursuit which is a professional lending. They do a lot of good work. They would obviously help us administer this program. They can more readily obtain businesses who can't otherwise get loans.

Obviously, we will do the same from our offices, but they have the network, the larger umbrella to do that. We think this is being done in a number of locations around the state, but considering what we are facing as a country and as a region, I believe this is a wonderful initiative.
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CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Two questions.

MR. PAROLA: Sure.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Who sets the parameters for the loan? And is any of the loan amount forgivable?

MR. LODATO: The parameter is set by us essentially, but Pursuit and (inaudible).

MR. PAROLA: We discussed with Pursuit initially, you know, just giving a grand away, no interest, and they in their expertise instructed us, as well as the supervisor's office, well, that might look good but, you know, politician's play their game. This is a better approach because there are many good businesses that can sustain and we would probably have an interest rate of 6 or 7 percent. But for a business that needs a loan and can't get it, that is very manageable. Also, it identified by
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the nature of the application businesses that can actually sustain that rate of interest and pay back the monies, to answer your question directly. Ultimately you will set the perimeters. This is just the resolution to establish it. Next month we will have a more formal contract with Pursuit and move forward.

MR. LODATO: I just wanted to say one thing. The LDC and the IDA are both looking to take this on and they will be splitting the cost. So the money being set aside to do this program will partially come from the IDA and partially come from the LDC. The 525 Mr Parola spoke of is not all just coming from the IDA. It's 225 from the IDA and 300 from the LDC.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Thank you, Michael.

MR. OPPENHEIMER: I just wanted
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to ask if this will be available to the Village of Hempstead as well.

MR. PAROLA: Any business that can qualify in the Town of Hempstead is eligible for this program.

MR. OPPENHEIMER: Thank you.
REVEREND MALLETTE: I'd like to make a motion to move.

MR. PAROLA: You want to move this?

REVEREND MALLETTE: Well, I'm voting in favor.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Reverend Mallette made a motion. Flo Girardi is gonna second.

I'll take a vote. Reverend Mallette is an aye.

REVEREND MALLETTE: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?
MR. MAJKUT: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford?

MS. BEDFORD: Aye.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: And Flo Girardi is an aye.
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The next item on the agenda, old business. There is no old business.

Consideration and Adoption of the Minutes of July 23, 2020. I'll make the motion to waive the reading of the Minutes.

REVEREND MALLETTE: Second.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?
MR. MAJKUT: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford?

MR. BEDFORD: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Flo Girardi
is an aye.
Next item on the agenda,

Consideration and Adoption of the Minutes of July 27, 2020.

I'll make a motion to move it.
REVEREND MALLETTE: Second.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut?

MR. MAJKUT: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford?

MR. BEDFORD: Aye.
CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Flo Girardi
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is an aye.
Next item on the agenda, Report
of the Treasurer. Financial
Statements and Expenditure List July
17 through August 20, 2020 .
REVEREND MALLETTE: Looking at the report, it all looks well. Everything looks in order.

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Next item, Draft Preliminary Budget for 2021 . Does the staff wanna pick that up?

MR. PAROLA: We're moving along with respect to budget for next year as well as going out (inaudible) as well as financial plan. By next month we will be able to present it.

MR. LODATO: The preliminary
draft report will result in the actual draft next month to the committee and then to the Board. It's pretty conservative. We do this every year. Just have to go to you guys. Then we go to the committee the month after
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(inaudible).

CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Any
questions from the Board? If there are no questions, I'm going to make a motion to close today's meeting. Can I get a second? REVEREND MALLETTE: Second. CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Majkut? MR. MAJKUT: Aye. CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Mr. Bedford? MR. MAJKUT: Aye. CHAIRMAN GIRARDI: Flo Girardi is an aye. The meeting is closed. (Time noted: 9:45 a.m.)

CERTIFICATION
I, DENISE MANTEKAS, a Notary Public
in and for the state of New York, do hereby certify:
THAT the witness whose testimony is herein
before set forth, was duly sworn by me; and
THAT the within transcript is a true record of the testimony given by said witness.

I further certify that $I$ am not related, either by blood or marriage, to any of the parties to this action; and

THAT I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this $28 t h$ day of August, 2020 .


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