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THE NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE WILL HOLD

**MEETINGS OF
THE RULES AND FINANCE COMMITTEES**

ON

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2022 AT 1:00 PM

IN

**THE PETER J. SCHMITT MEMORIAL LEGISLATIVE CHAMBER
THEODORE ROOSEVELT EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
1550 FRANKLIN AVENUE, MINEOLA, NEW YORK 11501**

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MICHAEL C. PULITZER
Clerk of the Legislature
Nassau County, New York

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DATED: October 17, 2022
Mineola, NY



PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 210 -2022

A resolution to authorize the county assessor and/or the county treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of the

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD TO PARTIALLY EXEMPT

Certain real properties situated in various school districts, assessed to designated owners appearing on the assessment rolls for the specified school and/or county years pursuant to this resolution; pursuant to the real property tax law, the county government law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

Resolved, that the County Assessor and/or the County treasurer and/or the Receiver of Taxes of the **TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD** be and hereby are (is) authorized and directed to act upon the error and/ or errors on the specified properties as are more particularly described in the County Assessor's petition(s) no(s) **0172-2022** copies of which are annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution and which are on file with the Legislature of the County of Nassau.

PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 211 -2022

A resolution to authorize the county assessor and/or the county treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of the

TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO PARTIALLY EXEMPT

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PROPOSED RESOLUTION NO. 212-2022

A resolution to authorize the county assessor and/or the county treasurer and/or the receiver of taxes of the

TOWN OF OYSTER BAY TO PARTIALLY EXEMPT

Certain real properties situated in various school districts, assessed to designated owners appearing on the assessment rolls for the specified school and/or county years pursuant to this resolution; pursuant to the real property tax law, the county government law of Nassau County and the Nassau County Administrative Code.

Resolved, that the County Assessor and/or the County treasurer and/or the Receiver of Taxes of the **TOWN OF OYSTER BAY** be and hereby are (is) authorized and directed to act upon the error and/ or errors on the specified properties as are more particularly described in the County Assessor's petition(s) no(s) **0174-2022** copies of which are annexed hereto and made a part of this resolution and which are on file with the Legislature of the County of Nassau.

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

14th TERM MEETING AGENDA

FINANCE COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 24, 2022 1:00 PM

Howard Kopel – Chairman

John Ferretti – Vice Chairman

Tom McKevitt

Rose Marie Walker

Arnold Drucker– Ranking

Carrié Solages

Joshua Lafazan

Michael C. Pulitzer, Clerk of the Legislature

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340-22	AS	F, R	<u>RESOLUTION NO. – 2022</u> A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ASSESSOR AND/OR THE COUNTY TREASURER AND/OR THE RECEIVER OF TAXES OF THE TOWN OF NORTH HEMPSTEAD TO PARTIALLY EXEMPT CERTAIN REAL PROPERTIES SITUATED IN VARIOUS SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ASSESSED TO DESIGNATED OWNERS APPEARING ON THE ASSESSMENT ROLLS FOR THE SPECIFIED SCHOOL AND/OR COUNTY YEARS PURSUANT TO THIS RESOLUTION, PURSUANT TO THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW, THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT LAW OF NASSAU COUNTY AND THE NASSAU COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE. 340-22(AS)
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E-85-22	PK	R	<u>RULES RESOLUTION NO. – 2022</u> A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE TO EXECUTE A PERSONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF NASSAU, ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE NASSAU COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MUSEUMS AND CAMILO B. SIERRA, D.V.M. D/B/A NEW YORK EQUINE. E-85-22

NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEES MEETING

RICHARD NICOLELLO

PRESIDING OFFICER

RULES COMMITTEE

RICHARD NICOLELLO

CHAIRMAN

FINANCE COMMITTEE

HOWARD KOPEL

CHAIRMAN

County Executive and Legislative Building

1550 Franklin Avenue

Mineola, New York

Monday, October 24, 2022

2:59 p.m.

TAKEN BY: KAREN LORENZO, OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER

A P P E A R A N C E S

RULES--

LEGISLATOR RICHARD NICOLELLO	Chair
LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL	Vice Chair
LEGISLATOR STEVEN RHOADS	
LEGISLATOR LAURA SCHAEFER	
LEGISLATOR KEVAN ABRAHAMS	Ranking Member
LEGISLATOR DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON	
LEGISLATOR SIELA BYNOE	

MICHAEL PULITZER	Clerk of the Legislature
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FINANCE --

LEGISLATOR HOWARD KOPEL	CHAIRMAN
LEGISLATOR JOHN FERRETTI	VICE CHAIR
LEGISLATOR THOMAS MCKEVITT	
LEGISLATOR ROSE MARIE WALKER	
LEGISLATOR ARNOLD DRUCKER	RANKING MEMBER
LEGISLATOR CARRIE SOLAGES	
LEGISLATOR JOSHUA LAFAZAN	

A L S O A P P E A R E D:

Department of Assessment

Matthew Cronin, Acting Assessor

Dave Ross

Michelle Spara, Deputy Assessor

Mr. Diamond, Homeowner

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2 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: I'm going to
3 call the Rules Committee to order.
4 Please call the roll for the Rules
5 Committee?

6 CLERK PULITZER: Rules Committee
7 roll call.

8 Legislator Siela Bynoe.

9 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

10 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Delia
11 Deriggi-Whitton?

12 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Here.

13 CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
14 Kevan Abrahams?

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Here.

16 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Laura
17 Schaefer?

18 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.

19 CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Steven
20 Rhoads?

21 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Present.

22 CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman
23 Howard Kopel?

24 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

25 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Richard

Nicolello?

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum,
Chair.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: We have a
quorum of the Rules Committee. Open the
Finance Committee as well.

CLERK PULITZER: Yes, sir.

Roll call Finance Committee.

Legislator Joshua Lafazan?

LEGISLATOR LAFAZAN: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator
Carrie A. Solages?

LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Ranking Member
Arnold Drucker?

LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Rose
Marie Walker?

LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Legislator Thomas
McKevitt?

LEGISLATOR MCKEVITT: Here.

CLERK PULITZER: Vice Chairman John

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2 Ferretti?

3 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Here.

4 CLERK PULITZER: Chairman Howard
5 Kopel.

6 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

7 CLERK PULITZER: We have a quorum.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: All right.
9 Deputy Presiding Officer Kopel is going
10 to be making a motion with respect to
11 these items. That motion is being made
12 in both the Rules and Finance Committees.

13 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: We're going to
14 call items for both Rules and Finance
15 Committees: 339-22, 340-22, 341-22.
16 I'll make the motion for both committees.
17 In Finance, Legislator Ferretti seconds
18 and in Rules, Legislator Abrahams
19 seconds.

20 Clerk Items 339-341-22 which are
21 resolutions authorizing the County
22 Assessor and/or County Treasurer, and
23 Receivers of Taxes of the Towns of
24 Hempstead, North Hempstead, and Oyster
25 Bay to partially exempt certain real

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2 properties situated in various school
3 districts assessed to designated owners
4 appearing on the assessment rolls for the
5 specified school and county years. The
6 items are before us.

7 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Mr. Cronin, I
8 think you're gonna come up and give a
9 presentation.

10 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Good
11 afternoon, Legislature. Matthew Cronin,
12 Acting County Assessor, Nassau County.

13 I'm here today to ask you to correct
14 the 842 parcels that were here for the
15 correction of our petition for the Town
16 of Hempstead, the Town of North Hempstead
17 and the Town of Oyster Bay.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Do you want
19 to just give us a little bit more
20 description?

21 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Sure. We
22 were made aware of a clerical error in
23 our system in October. A column that was
24 on an Excel spreadsheet was uploaded to
25 the system as opposed to a different

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2 calculation. And we're here today to try
3 to rectify that situation.

4 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: So Mr.
5 Diamond, who was here before and spoke
6 before, said that his property has not
7 had any demolition, destruction or fire
8 damage in the decades he's been here. So
9 why would his property have shown up on
10 in this error?

11 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: So we have
12 quantitative adjustments on properties
13 and that would have accounted for a
14 change in the Phase and Exemption Act of
15 2020.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: But I think
17 his question was why would it have
18 affected his property in particular? Was
19 it just simply a matter of chance that
20 that the error affected his property, or
21 something else?

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: That would
23 be the facts of the -- well, a
24 quantitative adjustment on the property
25 would constitute a change in the phase

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2 and exemption amount. If it's something
3 that is an individual parcel, I'd be
4 happy to speak to the constituent about
5 that.

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Okay. But I
7 mean, just in terms of our understanding,
8 is it, when you say quantitative Blah,
9 blah, blah; is it an error?

10 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Sorry, any
11 negative inventory change on the
12 property.

13 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: In our
14 parlance, is that an error made by the
15 random error that affected his property
16 and 841 others?

17 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: It's not an
18 error, no.

19 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: It's not an
20 error?

21 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: For a
22 negative change on the parcel, no. But
23 the 842 that were uploaded in the system
24 had the wrong amount applied via the
25 exemption.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Yeah.

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I'm sorry if I'm confusing -- I'm trying to. Unless I'm not answering the question correctly.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Legislator Ferretti.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: How are you doing, Acting Assessor? I think what we're trying to get at is, from Mr. Diamond's testimony it sounded like an error like this would only happen to those properties who had a change to the property that would change their assessment because it's a frozen roll, right?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So Mr. Diamond's contention, if I'm getting it correctly, is that he did not have a change to his property. He didn't do any work, he didn't get a permit, he didn't have a fire, he didn't have construction. So why was his property one of these 842 when there was no quantitative change to

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2 to his assessment? Mr. Diamond, am I
3 getting that right?

4 (Whereupon, Mr. Diamond
5 acknowledges from the
6 audience.)

7 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I'd have to
8 look into it individually, and I can get
9 back to you on that.

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Please get
11 back to me because Mr. Diamond's one of
12 my constituents. I'll get a hold of him,
13 but I'd like the answer to that.

14 Also, Mr. Diamond brought up that
15 this error was known to the County in
16 June; is that the case?

17 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: That's not
18 true, no.

19 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. So it
20 was October. We knew nothing about this
21 until October?

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yes.

23 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: But I just
24 wanted to get those. Those are the two
25 questions I had. Thank you.

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2 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: The
3 spreadsheet was uploaded in June, but the
4 error was caught in October; a couple of
5 weeks ago.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. So it's
7 not like the County knew this in June and
8 didn't notify anybody or anything?

9 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Absolutely
10 not. As we knew, we --

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And what type
12 of notice was done to those who are
13 affected?

14 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: So we sent
15 the data files over to the receivers of
16 taxes that showed the updated
17 information. With that, I included a
18 letter that was expected to be sent out
19 once, I believe, that we voted on it
20 today, and that was going to be
21 communication that was given to all the
22 constituents that were affected by this
23 clerical error.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. All
25 right. Thank you.

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LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Have you
confirmed that this error affected --

(Whereupon, Mr. Diamond
interrupts proceeding and is
addressed.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Have you
confirmed that the universe of properties
affected by this is limited to the 842?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yes.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: So no other
properties other than 842 were affected
by this?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: That's it.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Okay.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Thank you,
Presiding Officer.

Mr. Cronin, I just have several
questions just to follow up from our
hearing from a couple of weeks ago.

So if I understand it correctly, the
data has been sent to the Assessors, and
since that point or in between that point
of when the hearing happened and today,
did the notices go out to residents

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2 correcting their --

3 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I'm not
4 sure about that. I don't know if the
5 receivers had have sent anything.

6 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: It's our
7 understanding from hearing from several
8 constituents that they have sent them
9 out. And I'm concerned because,
10 obviously, then this Body or this county
11 is participating in something that
12 shouldn't have happened or was illegally
13 happened. Can anyone in your office
14 verify whether or not those notices were
15 sent out?

16 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: We can
17 certainly look into it. I can't at this
18 moment tell you one way or the other. But
19 once again, once we did identify that the
20 issue existed, we did act upon it
21 proactively, as I said in my last
22 statement. You and I had a lot of
23 conversation. Department of Assessment is
24 notorious for being reactive to
25 situations, and this was an opportunity

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2 for me to be proactive.

3 Once I identified the issue, I sent
4 it over to the receivers as diligently as
5 I could. What they do with that
6 information is not, you know, not my
7 call. I'm not aware if there was anything
8 sent.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Can you verify
10 with the receiver taxes whether or not
11 anyone has paid the taxes?

12 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I can ask
13 for sure.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: When can you
15 get back to this Body with that
16 information?

17 I mean, obviously, we're going to go
18 forward today because it's important that
19 we are able to establish the adjusted
20 rolls or address these corrections or
21 error. We're going to have to go forward
22 with that today. And it's unfortunate
23 that that gentlemen like Mr. Diamond for
24 being in the position that they're in.

25 But I do have a grave concern. I

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2 want to ensure that whatever was done in
3 terms of the assurance between when the
4 error was found and when these actual
5 corrected statements go out: One, it's
6 actually corrected, that there is no
7 other errors. At least not with 842 or
8 any other errors. Can you verify what has
9 been issued to the Receiver of Taxes is
10 sound?

11 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I can
12 verify that. And I was just made aware
13 that the letters did go out in the mail
14 from the ones that I sent out.

15 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: They did go
16 out?

17 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yes.

18 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: All the
19 respective towns are just --

20 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: All of the
21 towns. I was just made aware of that.

22 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm hearing
23 from counsel that not North Hempstead.

24 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I was just
25 told by my administration that the

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2 letters were sent out.

3 As I said before, this was an error
4 that happened. It was a human error. Once
5 we found this out, I did my best to get
6 ahead of it and to try to make it as
7 clear for the taxpayer that this was an
8 error. I owned it and it's something that
9 they don't deserve to have an effect on.

10 I did my best to get the information
11 out there to the receivers. What they do
12 with that information; it's not my call.
13 But as the acting county assessor, I want
14 transparency for everybody, and that's
15 what I did.

16 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But if the
17 receiver receives it, they normally would
18 think to send it out because they're not
19 hearing that anything's wrong, until you
20 notify them that something was wrong
21 later on. Right?

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I'm sorry.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: For example,
24 normally when the receiver has received
25 the data -- the receiver of taxes

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2 received the data, they generally would
3 send it out. Unless they hear from the
4 County that there's an error that was
5 made.

6 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yeah. I
7 can't speak for how the receivers conduct
8 that. I really don't know.

9 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But you're --
10 So when you send the data to them, the
11 intention is for them to send it out?

12 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Eventually,
13 yes.

14 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Eventually. So
15 if they do not hear anything in regards
16 to the roll having any amount of errors,
17 they're going to send it out, correct?

18 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I can't
19 speak to that. What the receivers do, I
20 can't.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, it's
22 general intentions of what they plan to
23 do. I mean, we don't send it to them to
24 verify it. We send it to them to --

25 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I

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2 understand what you're saying.

3 Intention. Right, right, right. I
4 apologize.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: No, that's
6 okay. That's okay.

7 So just going forward, can you just
8 elaborate a little bit more on what your
9 department is going to do to ensure that
10 we don't get this level of errors going
11 forward?

12 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Right. So
13 we have implemented in our system what
14 the gentleman standing next to me and I
15 have worked on for about two years now,
16 which are review codes, drop down codes
17 in the system which will clarify things
18 like you're speaking about. It would be
19 much more focused area that we could
20 quality control as opposed to the 2023
21 tax roll in the system. A lot of that
22 data was unavailable at that time. It was
23 more scattered, if you will.

24 We've really honed it in the past
25 two years and able to identify these

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2 issues on a much tighter scale. It's
3 something that we've implemented in the
4 past two years.

5 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So you've
6 implemented some level of quality
7 assurance, correct?

8 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yes,
9 Correct.

10 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And I guess
11 from that standpoint, so when the next
12 data dump that you make to the receiver
13 of taxes -- the next data drop off, I
14 should say. When does the lead time
15 begin? When you start that assurance,
16 that quality assurance. Does that
17 begin -- because it sounded like you just
18 found the error in October after you just
19 sent it. Is this something that you're
20 going through and scrutinizing for a
21 series of weeks, months?

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Well, it's
23 something that we review on a weekly
24 basis. We do. We do quality control --

25 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Is that going

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2 forward now or that's how you did it in
3 the past?

4 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: It's how
5 we've been doing it since since May,
6 since I've gotten here.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I'm confused.
8 How come the error was found in October?

9 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Because as
10 I said, it was uploaded in June and it
11 all looked okay and that was the danger
12 of it. It was a number that looked okay
13 in the system. And once we looked at it
14 and realized that the number was not at a
15 40%, it was at a base number, it slipped
16 through and it was a human error. It was
17 something that we're forcing the system
18 to calculate manual calculations. And
19 when you upload things into a system
20 that's meant to run from A to Z without
21 any human interruption, it slipped
22 through.

23 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I'm not too
24 sure. How do you address the actual human
25 error from happening again, if you have

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2 the same quality assurance process that
3 was implemented now?

4 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Well, it's
5 a very fair question. We constantly look
6 at data. It is never -- a human error is
7 always a possibility. In a parcel count
8 of 425,000 parcels, it was something that
9 we caught. And with scrutiny and more
10 focus on it. Now that I realized how it
11 happened, we can look at it differently
12 now.

13 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: So I'm not
14 trying to put words in your mouth, can
15 you -- how can you assure this Body that
16 this error, this same type of error won't
17 happen again?

18 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Through
19 more quality control measures. Things
20 that I've continued to implement in this
21 office from day one, from both a human
22 perspective and a statistical
23 perspective, it's something that you've
24 got to go at it from two different
25 angles. And it's something that we've

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2 started to implement for the past, like I
3 said, few months and this one did get
4 through. And how do we do it? We
5 continue to move forward and to
6 scrutinize the data even further.

7 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And then I
8 just want to go back again on a different
9 point. So the folks that have paid
10 already, because we found out that some
11 people have paid already, the residents
12 that have paid already, they're going to
13 be issued a refund in April?

14 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I believe
15 June.

16 DEPUTY ASSESSOR SPARA: Michelle
17 Spara, Deputy Assessor. We've received
18 assurances from the receivers that
19 anybody who has paid before November
20 10th, they can refund right now.

21 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: They can
22 refund immediately?

23 DEPUTY ASSESSOR SPARA: Correct.

24 LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And how would
25 that refund take place?

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DEPUTY ASSESSOR SPARA: I believe it's a check issued directly to the homeowner from the receiver.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: But I guess, Michele, what I'm asking is also, how is that paid for? Is it from the County? The County Guarantees?

DEPUTY ASSESSOR SPARA: Yes.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: And do we have an idea of how much that is, of people that --

DEPUTY ASSESSOR SPARA: I do not. We don't know how many have paid, but we can find that out. I believe, as Mr. Cronin had stated, we can find out exactly how many people have paid and what that dollar amount is.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: Okay. All right.

Well, Mr. Cronin, if you could get back to this legislative body with that number.

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Absolutely.

LEGISLATOR ABRAHAMS: I appreciate

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2 it. Nothing further at this time.

3 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Okay.

4 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Thank you,
5 Presiding Officer. Minority leader asked
6 a couple of my questions.

7 Thank you, Mr. Cronin, for being
8 here and your office as well.

9 I contend that I have no greater
10 intelligence than the average person, but
11 I have a trouble understanding most of
12 the things you said.

13 Legislator Ferretti talked about,
14 for Mr. Diamond's case in particular,
15 there being a, I think he said a
16 quantitative discrepancy. But wouldn't --
17 I don't want to mince words, but isn't it
18 really more of a qualitative adjustment?
19 Because he's talking about the adjustment
20 being his house is classified as
21 something that was destruction,
22 construction, alteration, whatever.
23 That's a qualitative description. The
24 quantitative would be the amount of his
25 taxes, correct?

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2 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: No.

3 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. That's
4 where I'm losing you. So sorry. I think
5 that I always thought the distinction in
6 a qualitative means the classification,
7 the characterization of the property, and
8 the quantitative would be the amount of
9 the taxes that he has to pay.

10 MR. ROSS: Good afternoon, Dan Ross.

11 The change -- I don't want to speak
12 specifics as to Mr. Diamond, because I
13 have to do research on it.

14 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: I'm just
15 talking about the language that he's
16 used. I'm not talking about his specific
17 house. I'm just talking about how it was
18 described by Legislator Ferretti myself,
19 because I'm not understanding. I'm
20 confused.

21 MR. ROSS: So we look at things when
22 we pull things from an inventory
23 perspective. So change in data: So
24 whether we went from simplicity, from
25 three bathrooms to two bathrooms; one

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2 story to two stories; two stories to one
3 story; change in square footage, all
4 falls into the type of change that we're
5 referencing, which is quantitative or
6 qualitative?

7 MR. ROSS: It would be quantitative.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. I always
9 thought qualitative. All right, let's
10 move on. So continue. I'm sorry for
11 interrupting you.

12 MR. ROSS: That's it.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Oh. So you
14 mentioned a number to me that just all of
15 a sudden stuck out: 40%.

16 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Right. That
17 was the Phase and Exemption Act of 2020.
18 It's currently in its third year, and
19 each year the amount is reduced by 20%.

20 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So that's a
21 systemic control system.

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

23 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So now if you
24 could walk back and explain to me, that's
25 the magic number you look for when you're

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2 going over the data or no?

3 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: No, no, no,
4 no. That would be the amount of the
5 exemption that is applied to this tax
6 roll for 2023. So that phase and
7 exemption value would be you have a base
8 number that was derived from the 2020
9 final to the '21 tentative back in, I
10 think it was 2020, that was the base
11 amount.

12 So each year -- so the first year of
13 the exemption, it was 80% of that number.
14 It is reduced from your assessment to
15 create your taxable assessment. After
16 that is 60% in the next year. And then
17 we're at the third year, so it's 40%.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Now understand.
19 Thank you for that. See, that I can
20 understand.

21 So I can actually answer
22 constituents when they ask me this
23 question: Specifically, describe how you
24 learned of this error.

25 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: So we were

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2 reviewing the data in the system and I
3 had a look and I said, that doesn't look
4 right to me. There was something --
5 after we sent it out, I said that that
6 does not look like the 40% of the base on
7 the adjustment. That looks like the
8 value that we needed to subtract it by.

9 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: That was just a
10 subjective evaluation by you personally?

11 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: We had
12 interoffice -- a second look. We did look
13 at it from our Quality Control Division.
14 We did. And then we reviewed the
15 information that was brought to our
16 attention and that's what we sent to the
17 receivers with the updated data files.

18 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: And that
19 quality control is based on the
20 improvements that you said you have made
21 or worked on over the past couple of
22 years; is that what you're saying?

23 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: That's
24 correct.

25 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So when you

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2 looked over the numbers, it stood out to
3 you based on what you've been doing for
4 the past --

5 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: It was
6 identified by my quality control unit,
7 who then brought it to my attention.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: What exactly
9 did they identify and bring to your
10 attention?

11 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Saying that
12 the numbers didn't look right to them,
13 that it looked like the base amount was
14 taken as the actual exemption amount not
15 reduced to the base. And I looked at
16 that and I confirmed their suspicion. And
17 that's why I'm standing here before you
18 today.

19 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So I assume
20 going forward, your office is going to be
21 even more hypervigilant in taking a look
22 at these numbers going forward?

23 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yeah. I
24 strive every day to do a better job than
25 the day I found it, and I know it sounds

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2 it sounds corny, if you will, but I
3 really do. Every day we go in there, it's
4 a new day. And we have to look at this
5 data. It's scrutinized and it's something
6 that we -- we live and die by the data.
7 So, yes. Every day.

8 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: So you don't
9 think that this particular error
10 represents any sort of trend?

11 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: I don't
12 believe so. No.

13 LEGISLATOR DRUCKER: Okay. I have
14 nothing further. Thank you so much.

15 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Legislator
16 Ferretti.

17 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: 842 houses; it
18 was all human error, correct?

19 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

20 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Was it one
21 human? Multiple humans?

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: It was it
23 was one unit. It was one spreadsheet that
24 was uploaded.

25 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So it was one

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person that made the error, but it was --
So I guess what I want to know is, was it
something that person was just doing
incorrectly each time he or she was doing
it?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: No. It was
an upload of a spreadsheet that was put
into the system one time.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So it was one
spreadsheet with 842 parcels on it?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Yes, that
was uploaded in June.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So that person
did something incorrectly on that sheet?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: The rest of
the sheets have been looked over?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And they were
okay?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Correct. You
ever used Excel?

LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Kind of.

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: You can

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2 hide columns and delete columns. The
3 wrong column was presenting itself as the
4 one to load. It was a human error.

5 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So the wrong
6 column was presenting -- So in other
7 words, the column that was supposed to be
8 checked, or whatever, for the phase in,
9 wasn't?

10 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.
11 It was hidden.

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And so all 842
13 on that sheet, didn't get to phase in.

14 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: They got
15 the wrong phase in the wrong number.

16 So I say it's just simple math. If
17 the base number was 100 and the reduction
18 needed to be 20%, you should subtract 20
19 from that. The new base should be 80.
20 Instead, 20 was uploaded as the new
21 exemption amount.

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Instead of?

23 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Eighty.

24 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. I guess
25 my point is, this was something clearly

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2 identifiable in terms of how the error
3 happened. It was only one employee,
4 correct?

5 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Correct.

6 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. All
7 right. I just didn't know if it was like
8 840 different errors.

9 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: It was one
10 error.

11 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: So essentially
12 one error that affected 842 parcels.

13 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: That's
14 exactly right.

15 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Okay. Thank
16 you.

17 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: So you
18 mentioned quality control. So what
19 systems or procedures have you put in
20 place to say, double check to make sure
21 that this type of error does not --

22 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: We look at
23 things from a both human perspective and
24 now a statistical perspective. We have an
25 analytics group that has now in the past

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2 six months taken front and center in the
3 check of the Quality Control Division. So
4 one of them being a no bias, very
5 numerical perspective. And one is a very
6 assessment appraisal-related perspective.
7 So the combination of the appraisal
8 background and the statistical
9 background, you do get a double look at
10 these parcels. And 842 parcels on the
11 roll of 425,000, something that I do take
12 personally. And a number like that, I
13 would like to bring it to zero. It's
14 something that, once again, we look at
15 this from a perspective of every single
16 bit of data. Whether it be I think 842
17 parcels is 0.001% of the assessment roll
18 the tax roll, but it still means
19 everything to us. So it's something that
20 we look at from two different angles now.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Legislator
22 Deriggi-Whiton.

23 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: I just
24 want to take a moment to tell that as a
25 Legislator, I appreciate your approach to

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2 this, how you handled it from the time
3 you came here. You owned it and you
4 explained how it happened.

5 I can be honest. I might not
6 completely comprehend what you said in
7 some ways. And I think I'm not alone. But
8 I do appreciate that you did not did not
9 try to hide it or in any way disown it.
10 So that's refreshing. And I understand
11 how complicated this process is. And I
12 appreciate your candor and just being
13 straight with us.

14 I have one question: Do you feel
15 that this roll that we're about to
16 approve, you're confident it's accurate?

17 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: 100%.

18 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: All
19 right. Thank you.

20 ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: Thank you.

21 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Mr. Diamond,
22 since this affected your property, did
23 you want to add anything else?

24 MR. DIAMOND: There are two issues
25 here and that and they're getting

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2 confused. The first issue is the fact
3 that the properties were changed in the
4 first place. They were changed back in
5 June with no notice to anyone, no request
6 for correction of errors, no transparency
7 at all. Even if the changes were valid,
8 then they still should have been done
9 with transparency, with informing the
10 homeowners that, yes, we're making a
11 change to your property and this is why
12 and here's your chance to dispute it.
13 That's why I'm getting so angry sitting
14 here and listening to to this, because
15 that's one big piece. And nobody is
16 addressing the fact that these changes
17 were made in the first place.

18 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: They said
19 that although the error occurred in June,
20 they didn't discover it until October.

21 MR. DIAMOND: That that error is a
22 second piece.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: If the
24 mistake that occurred was not known until
25 October, how could they have notified you

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2 that they had made an error?

3 MR. DIAMOND: That wasn't a mistake.
4 They consciously, they consciously went
5 into the system to change the assessment.
6 The way they did it was the mistake. But
7 they actually went in and consciously
8 changed the assessment. Do you agree with
9 that, Mr. Cronin?

10 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: No, Mr.
11 Diamond. Address your comments to us.

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Can I just --
13 can I ask you a question, Mr. Diamond?
14 If I understand where you're coming from,
15 I think it's what I was kind of asking
16 the acting assessor before, I believe the
17 acting assessor stated that these errors
18 only happened to properties that had
19 quantitative changes; is that correct,
20 Acting Assessor? And that goes back to
21 the information he's going to be
22 providing to me. Because according to
23 you, your property did not undergo any
24 act that would result in a quantitative
25 change to your assessment. Because with

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2 a frozen roll, the only reason you'd have
3 a quantitative change is if you made a
4 modification to your property, there was
5 destruction, fire, whatever, and you're
6 saying you didn't do that. So I think we
7 already kind of addressed that.

8 MR. DIAMOND: Not quite. Sorry. But
9 the point I'm trying to make is that even
10 if they were justified in making those
11 changes, they made them back in June and
12 they made them without any information to
13 the homeowners.

14 When I got my bill on October 3rd
15 and I looked at my bill and I looked and
16 saw that the TPP, which was supposed to
17 be 73, was actually seven, that's when I
18 knew that a mistake was made. But the
19 fact that they went in and made that
20 change in the first place without
21 notifying me --

22 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: But was your
23 assessment changed?

24 MR. DIAMOND: Yes. Okay. There's two
25 issues here. There's the issue of making

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2 the change in the first place, which was
3 not a mistake, at least according to
4 them, but was something that they
5 consciously did.

6 But the second issue is that when
7 they went to make this change, they
8 messed it up by putting in the amount of
9 the adjustment, not --

10 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I get it, I
11 get it. And I think that we're going to
12 get the information from the Department
13 of Assessment that's going to at least
14 shed some light as to why your assessment
15 was changed.

16 But in terms of when you talk about
17 the transparency component, obviously
18 they're going to tell us why they changed
19 your assessment. But generally it may be
20 because you made a modification to the
21 property. And when you do that, what
22 comes with that is a change to your
23 assessment.

24 MR. DIAMOND: But if they can show
25 me what criteria they used to decide that

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2 my property is one of the 842, I'd be
3 willing to accept.

4 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: And that's
5 what he's told us. He's going to get me
6 the information. I will be --

7 MR. DIAMOND: You're still missing
8 my point. Okay. Don't you agree that
9 when they made the decision to make that
10 change, that they should have informed me
11 first? Wouldn't that be transparency?

12 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Are you
13 referring to a change in your assessment?

14 MR. DIAMOND: Yes, they went and
15 changed by assessment.

16 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Everyone is
17 sent a copy of their assessment in the
18 mail.

19 MR. DIAMOND: Right. No, no. They
20 did that after the fact.

21 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: Look, I think
22 that we're kind of saying the same thing
23 and we're going in circles. The bottom
24 line is they comply with all the
25 statutory requirements in terms of

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2 sending you your proposed assessment.

3 MR. DIAMOND: So you're saying that
4 by going in after the fact and making a
5 change to the base exemption that,
6 therefore, changed my net taxable value,
7 that going in and doing that was totally
8 legal without informing me?

9 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: What I'm
10 telling you is I've asked for the
11 information from the acting assessor. If
12 he provides me information that indicates
13 that there was lack of notification as
14 the statute requires, that's certainly
15 something we're going to address.

16 MR. DIAMOND: You're dodging the
17 issue.

18 LEGISLATOR FERRETTI: I'm not. I'm
19 not. I think we've gone over this.

20 MR. DIAMOND: I don't understand why
21 when they first made this change,
22 homeowners weren't informed.

23 LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: This is --
24 okay. Now, I think we've gone completely
25 around the circle. I've said this before.

They've told you they inadvertently
changed those 842 --

MR. DIAMOND: No. You're blending
the two --

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: No, you're
misunderstanding.

MR. DIAMOND: They're separate
issues.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: You're simply
not understanding what they're telling
you, basically. I mean, I understand it.

MR. DIAMOND: I understand it a lot
better than you do.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Okay. Okay,
we're good. All right. Thank you, sir.

MR. DIAMOND: It's two separate
issues here.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: All right.
Thank you, sir.

I would like to say that a couple of
my legislative colleagues have indicated
they appreciate your transparency. I
would echo what they said, Mr. Cronin.
And I would also say I would give you

some credit for at least moving to
swiftly fix this.

So did you have anything else you
want to add?

ACTING ASSESSOR CRONIN: No, I'm
okay. Thank you.

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Any other
legislators?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: So we're in
committees. I guess we'll have a vote in
Finance first.

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Okay. Finance.
Members of Finance voting on items 339,
340 and 341. All those in favor of
passing those three items, please say
aye.

(Whereupon, all members of
the Finance Committee respond
in favor.)

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

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LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Those items
passed unanimously. Thank you.

Motion to adjourn Finance made by
Mr. Ferretti and seconded by Mr. Lafazan.

All those in favor of adjourning
Finance, please say aye.

(Whereupon, all members of
the Finance Committee respond
in favor.)

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Any opposed?

Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Finance is
adjourned.

(Whereupon, Finance
Committee adjourns, 3:33 p.m.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Rules
Committee same three items: 339, 340 and
341. Any further debated discussion?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Hearing none.
All in favor signify by saying aye, Rules
Committee.

(Whereupon, all members of
the Rules Committee respond in
favor.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Passed
unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Legislator
Rhoads, seconded by Legislator Schaefer.
All favor of adjourning Rules signify by
saying aye.

(Whereupon, all members of
the Rules Committee respond in
favor.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Those
opposed?

(Whereupon, no verbal
response.)

LEGISLATOR NICOLLELO: Rules is
adjourned.

(Whereupon, the Rules
Committee adjourns, 3:34 p.m.)

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