1 DIVISION OF TAXATION
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
2 STATE OF NEW JERSEY
PUBLIC HEARING
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IN THE MATTER OF:
6
2016 MUNICIPAL PROPERTY TAX
7 REVALUATION FOR SOUTH RIVER,
NEW JERSEY
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10 HELD AT:
VFW HALL
11 31 REID STREET
SOUTH RIVER, NEW JERSEY
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DATE TAKEN: WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2016
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1 (Whereupon, the following is
2 transcribed:)
3 MR. SHILLING: Good evening, and thank
4 you for attending this public hearing, notice of
5 which has been published in local newspapers that
6 circulate in Middlesex County. My name is Dennis
7 Shilling, and I am the Deputy Director of
8 Operations for the New Jersey Division of Taxation,
9 which is a part of the New Jersey Department of the
10 Treasury. Seated next to me is Patricia Wright,
11 Deputy Director of Compliance and Enforcement and
12 Property Administration.
13 We are here tonight pursuant to
14 N.J.S.A. 54:1-26 to receive public comments on the
15 Division's ongoing investigations in several
16 municipalities that have been delinquent in
17 conducting a revaluation of property. The purpose
18 of a revaluation is to distribute the property tax
19 burden equitably among all property owners within a
20 municipality according to the true value of their
21 property. Basically, it is conducted to ensure
22 that the owners of properties with the same value
23 and within the same municipality are paying the
24 same amount of property taxes based on current and
25 accurate property data. The Division already has

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1 investigated other towns besides yours. The need
2 for an investigation is determined strictly by
3 objective criteria.
4 For instance, the City of Elizabeth
5 has not had a property revaluation in 39 years.
6 Jersey City has not had one in 27 years. And
7 Dunellen has gone 33 years without a revaluation.
8 Property assessment data for all three
9 municipalities is not in compliance with State law,
10 which is why the Division ordered them on April 4th
11 to conduct revaluations.
12 We are here tonight as part of our
13 ongoing investigation to hear about your
14 experiences in paying property taxes in the Borough
15 of South River, and your thoughts on this issue.
16 However, as a matter of policy, the Division does
17 not comment on ongoing investigations. Therefore,
18 we will be unable to take questions from the
19 public. However, we have provided a brochure at
20 the registration table that explains what happens
21 during a municipal revaluation. We hope that will
22 answer many of your questions. You can also go on
23 line to the Division's website to obtain more
24 information.
25 The New Jersey State Constitution of

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1 1947 contains what is known as a uniformity clause
2 that requires all property taxes to be assessed
3 uniformally statewide. As the State's taxing
4 authority, the Division is required to ensure that
5 all towns and counties comply with the
6 Constitution. Hundreds of towns throughout the
7 state are in compliance. However, there are more
8 than 30 towns that have not had a revaluation in
9 more than 25 years. Your town is one of them.
10 After reviewing all of the testimony
11 that you provide this evening, and relevant data,
12 the Division will make a determination as to
13 whether this municipality is in compliance with
14 State law. That determination will be announced
15 at a later time.
16 Once again, we will not make any
17 further public statements until our investigation
18 is completed. Besides testifying, you may also
19 submit written comments to the Division at
20 PropReval@treas.nj.gov. And that is spelled
21 p-r-o-p-r-e-v-a-l @ t-r-e-a-s. n-j. g-o-v. Or, you
22 may send it to the following address: New Jersey
23 Division of Taxation, Attention Property
24 Administration --
25 A VOICE: Hold on. I can't write that

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1 fast. Division of what?
2 MR. SHILLING: New Jersey Division of
3 Taxation, Attention property Administration, 50
4 Barrack Street -- B-a-r-r-a-c-k -- P.O. Box 240,
5 Trenton, New Jersey, 08695.
6 A VOICE: Can we have that e-mail
7 address again, please?
8 MR. SHILLING: Yes. The e-mail
9 address is PropReval@treas.nj.gov. It's
10 p-r-o-p-r-e-v-a-l @ t-r-e-a-s. n-j. g-o-v.
11 Every citizen has a right to be heard.
12 Therefore in order to ensure we hear from as many
13 citizens as possible, we ask that you limit your
14 public comments to no more than two minutes.
15 A VOICE: Can we ask for an extension?
16 A VOICE: You can't be serious.
17 MR. SHILLING: If it turns out based
18 on the number of speakers we have, that it looks
19 like we will have plenty of time, we can certainly
20 extend that time a little bit. What we don't want
21 it someone coming up here and speaking for a half
22 an hour, which means other people that would like
23 to speak won't be able to speak. We just want to
24 make sure that everybody who is here that would
25 like to express their thoughts has an opportunity

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1 to do so. That's the only reason we're trying to
2 limit the time frame.
3 When arriving at the microphone,
4 please state your name, spell your name, and state
5 your town of residence. Please remember that
6 written submissions of any length will be reviewed
7 and considered by the Division.
8 We will first open the floor to any
9 public officials in the audience, and then take
10 comments from other citizens. Thank you for your
11 anticipated cooperation. Based on the sign-in
12 sheets for those folks who indicated they wanted to
13 deliver remarks, I have those sign-in sheets. I
14 will call your name so you can come up to the
15 podium. When we get through this, if there's
16 anybody who indicated they did not want to make any
17 comments and has changed their mind and they would
18 like to, then assuming we have some time we will
19 then allow those folks to come up to the
20 microphone, also.
21 First we're going to ask for Mayor
22 Krenzel to come up to the mich., please.
23 MAYOR KRENZEL: Just two items.
24 Definitely pick up "Understanding Revaluations",
25 it's available back there. Also the information

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1 that -- like the e-mail address and the other
2 address, is on our borough website. So if you
3 don't have it, you can pick it up there.
4 I'm John Krenzel, 42 Wilson Avenue,
5 South River. Of course I'm a resident, and as you
6 said, the mayor. You know, as to homeowners,
7 you're right, New Jersey Constitution Article 8,
8 Section 1, Paragraph 1 requires property to be
9 assessed for taxation by general laws and uniform
10 rules for all real property. State law defines
11 that standard as true value. True value is
12 defined as what would be a fair and bona fide sale
13 by a private contractor. A homeowner's tax bill is
14 determined by a number of factors; the market
15 value, cost of governmental services, cost of
16 public schools, availability of other revenue, tax
17 exempt property in the town, and the total value of
18 all taxable properties in the town.
19 South River is facing a second round
20 of buy-outs under the Blue Acres program created in
21 the wake of Hurricane Sandy. The first round of
22 buy-outs, according to the South River tax
23 assessor, was a 3.571 million dollar loss of
24 assessed value. Translated to true value or
25 market value, that loss is somewhere in the area of

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1 11 million dollars. That was for 63 dwelling
2 units and does not take into account the loss of
3 commercial property.
4 The second round of the buy-out
5 program is showing similar interest. Possibly 80
6 homes to go. Using the percentage of participation
7 from the first round, South River is looking at a
8 loss of 63 to 67 homes, which means another loss of
9 11 million dollars of market value. To do a
10 revaluation now does not make sense. No one can
11 value South River's property until the second round
12 is complete. If the objective is equality,
13 everyone paying their fair share, that fair share
14 -- based on the value of the private ownership of
15 real estate in the town -- cannot be ascertained
16 until the second round is completed. No one can
17 know and will not know the value of a exempt
18 property in the town and the total value of the
19 taxable property in the town until the second round
20 of buy-outs is complete. South River is facing a
21 fiscal crisis. The town has lost $68,000.00 a year
22 in taxes, and is facing another loss of $68,000 a
23 year or more in tax revenue. The school system has
24 lost 131,000 and is phasing a similar amount.
25 Everyone agrees everyone should pay

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1 their fair share, especially in that in this day in
2 age. Now is not the time, though, to reassess.
3 That time is after the second round of buy-outs.
4 If the State moves to order a reassessment, it must
5 not occur until after the second round of buy-outs.
6 Otherwise, you will not get a proper valuation of
7 the town. Thank you.
8 MR. SHILLING: Thank you, Mayor. One
9 thing I wanted to do is just to apologize to
10 everyone up front for any names that I
11 mispronounce. In some instances I'll try to
12 pronounce them and spell them if I'm not sure whose
13 name it is. But, I do apologize if I mispronounce
14 anybody's name.
15 Next up, Mr. Fred Goff. Mr. Goff?
16 MR. GOFF: No. I didn't want to --
17 MR. SHILLING: Okay. I guess my
18 first one I'm probably mispronouncing. Looks like
19 Emory Spirko.
20 MR. SPIRKO: I follow the Mayor?
21 That's gonna be kind of rough.
22 MR. SHILLING: State and spell your
23 name.
24 MR. SPIRKO: Emory Spirko.
25 S-p-i-r-k-o. You know, in South River we're

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1 unique. We have a real estate tax, and let me tell
2 you something, our taxes is high. In comparison,
3 it is high. Maybe you come back with the laws and
4 you say that, hey, this constitution says this, the
5 State constitution says this and that. But when we
6 look at dollars, that's what needs to be important
7 to us, is what we pay.
8 And when we look at this, we have also
9 -- we have to buy our electric from the town. And
10 they raise money that way. So they keep our real
11 estate taxes down, because the money that they earn
12 from selling us the electricity is applied to the
13 budget. So when you look at that, that's fine.
14 But I know you were talking about the law and State
15 constitution. But I just want to bring that up,
16 that we're unique in that way. So, just because
17 somebody says, hey, their taxes are cheap -- but
18 they're not.
19 And another thing I wanted to bring up
20 is this; I don't know if this is true, but this was
21 told to me about thirteen years ago by a person at
22 the Middlesex County office, tax assessor. They
23 told me that if the State initiates a revaluation,
24 the State has to pay for that revaluation. If the
25 county initiates the revaluation, the county has to

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1 pay for it. And if the municipality issues the
2 revaluation, they have to pay for it. And these
3 things that come to my mind, and I just can't
4 understand what was so important about this time
5 and coming here and worried about us. I think we
6 have to worry about the spending in New Jersey,
7 what's going on there.
8 I just want to thank John Scala over
9 there. To me he's the icon of South River. That
10 man is a thorn in a lot of people's side, but he's
11 out there to protect the people. And if it wasn't
12 for him, I wouldn't be here to talk. And another
13 reason is, I do say to the people come to South
14 River, come to the revaluation. They say what's
15 the use? It won't mean anything? Will it mean
16 anything? I don't know.
17 And one more thing I got to say is
18 that this is an interesting start I want to bring
19 up. I met a guy and we were talking and he was
20 telling me about hatred. And I was surprised. And
21 I haven't seen this guy for a while. He had so
22 much hatred in him. And I says, why are you
23 carrying all that luggage? He said, I just hate
24 certain people. And he's telling me who he hates.
25 And he says when that guy dies, he's going to pee

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1 on their grave. I said, I thought about it for
2 awhile and I said, boy, when I die I'm going to
3 make sure my grave is up in a mausoleum.
4 MR. SHILLING: Thank you, sir. Next
5 up, Gail Samuel.
6 MS. SAMUEL: Gail Samuel.
7 S-a-m-u-e-l. That's pretty easy. I hope this is
8 easy because I'm a nervous wreck.
9 My reason for being here is that I
10 moved into South River when I was 19. I'm 66 now,
11 and I still love South River. Unfortunately, with
12 the news that this is happening, a lot of houses
13 are going up for sale. And I'm really concerned
14 that our tax deficit, as you all are talking about,
15 is going to be greater.
16 The Mayor already mentioned one of my
17 points, was the second revaluation. But there's
18 also building going on. And that's not going to be
19 done for awhile. And that's going to effect what
20 the overall tax rate, I would assume, is going to
21 be in our town. There's a lot of seniors here,
22 and some of them are barely making it. You know.
23 We keep getting crushed every which way. I
24 understand that we should pay what's right, and I'm
25 willing to do that. But, when I was reading this

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1 booklet -- and maybe I'm all wrong, and you can't
2 answer me, so that's not going to help -- but, it
3 said that the revaluation is made based upon your
4 house. But your house and it's value is also
5 determined by your neighborhood, the empty houses
6 in your town, the flood zone -- all those things.
7 And, another point in it it said that they make a
8 couple of chances to come. I work. I barely made
9 this meeting coming straight from work. What if
10 I'm not home? You're just going to make an
11 evaluation on my home and give it a value, which
12 may not be right. I know you can appeal it, but I
13 don't know. I think that we need to figure a way
14 to make it fair for everybody. But I don't want it
15 to be the loss of the houses we got that happened
16 from Sandy, effect those people that have worked
17 their whole lives for their homes and may lose them
18 if there's a really big revaluation. And that's
19 pretty much all I have to say.
20 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next we
21 have John Scala.
22 MR. SCALA: Before I go any further,
23 you took ten minutes of the public's time, so you
24 only got two hours, it's got to be 8:10. At ten
25 minutes after eight, I would appreciate. You took

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1 ten minutes of the public. These people have the
2 right to speak. Now, let me ask you a question --
3 MR. SHILLING: Can you spell your name
4 for the record?
5 MR. SCALA: S-c-a-l-a. John. I want
6 to say something here. First of all, the Mayor has
7 come up a hundred percent good. But I'm going to
8 follow the same --
9 A VOICE: Use the mich.
10 MR. SCALA: Okay. Don't mind me. My
11 voice is loud. I don't even need that. I talk
12 loud.
13 Anyhow, population in South River is
14 16,400. Occupied was 5,652. I read this at the
15 council meeting, I'm going to read it again tonight
16 for the State because the State don't believe what
17 the hell is going on in this State. Population of
18 renters unoccupied is 5,180. Household
19 individuals under eighteen is 2,058. Vacant
20 property in South River, 305. Vacant for rent,
21 117. Vacant for sale, 58.
22 I want to tell you something. The
23 State is losing 50,000 people a year that's moving
24 out of the state for one reason. We are in the
25 highest taxes in the nation, and the most corrupt

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1 in the nation. And something has to be done. When
2 you go back and tell your assembly and senate to
3 wake up what the hell is going on in this state.
4 And I'll tell you, it's a shame. It's really a
5 shame. We have an assemblyman in Old
6 Bridge/Sayreville by the name of Wisnicki, wasted
7 80 million dollars on the George Washington Bridge.
8 How come you don't say nothing about that? We lost
9 57 homes in this town. We got to maintain that
10 property. We lost all the ratables on that. And
11 the winter and summer we got to cut the grass and
12 everything to stay whole. We got to pay for it.
13 We have 2,154 senior citizens and disabled veterans
14 in this town. How could these people in this town
15 survive on a fixed income? More seniors than
16 working people. Half of the people in this state
17 are unemployed, can't find jobs. The politicians
18 sold us out to China. The hell with China. Worry
19 about the people in America. They put them in
20 office.
21 And I know you can't answer -- this is
22 my turn for revaluation, sir. I'm 88 years old. I
23 went through 2007 in Perth Amboy, and I went in
24 South River in the 70's with this. And let me tell
25 you, I got hit bad. I don't know why. I don't

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1 know why I got hit bad. And I live on the worst
2 street in South River. The Turnpike Road, with all
3 the garbage trucks going into Edgeboro. Where in
4 the hell is all of that money going to? Where is
5 all the State lottery money go? Where is all the
6 wasted money going in the state? I tell you
7 another thing, we got 552 superintendents of
8 schools in the State of New Jersey in 21 counties.
9 Name me one state that has every town has a
10 superintendent. You can't name no state. None.
11 Jersey. There's where your money is being wasted.
12 So, forget the revaluation here.
13 Forget the revaluation. You go back -- I urge you
14 to tell your assemblymen and senator to wake the
15 hell up and do something for the people in New
16 Jersey. Stop letting the people move out of
17 Jersey. In South River you're going to have 58
18 homes that -- and before the year is over, I
19 guarantee it be over a hundred. People are moving
20 out the same way. They can't afford to live in
21 Jersey.
22 Why do we have to have all these
23 taxes? We got lottery, casinos, everything. Where
24 the hell does all that money go? Think of the
25 senior citizens in this town that built this town

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1 up, and are disabled veterans that went and fought
2 for this country so you got a job and everyone of
3 you got a job here. If it wasn't for the
4 veterans, half the people wouldn't even be in this
5 country. That's all I have. Thank you.
6 MR. SHILLING: Thank you.
7 MR. SCALA: Don't forget you took ten
8 minutes of the public'S time.
9 MR. SHILLING: We will do our best TO
10 make sure that everybody who wants to be heard is
11 heard.
12 Next up, I believe this is Gil Sossa?
13 MR. SOSSA: No. My points were made
14 already.
15 MR. SHILLING: Eladio Torres.
16 MR. TORRES: E-l-a-d-i-o.
17 T-o-r-r-e-s. 87 Monticello Way, South River.
18 I used to live in Sayreville. And in
19 Sayreville I was paying 4,000 something yearly
20 taxes. I moved to South River and I started
21 paying $7,000.00. Which was a little hard, but I
22 understood it would probably go up. And now I'm
23 paying 13.5K. And it doesn't stop. Every year it
24 keeps going up.
25 So, what happens when a person has to

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1 deal with something like that? They have to make
2 adjustments. Right? So what do I do? I lower
3 my car insurance from a full coverage to a
4 liability. I cancel my vacation. I cancel my trip
5 away. I switch from two-ply to one-ply. What
6 else can I do? Every year it keeps going up.
7 You know that when you increase taxes, what's going
8 to happen? You're going to have consequences.
9 We're going to stop buying things. We're going to
10 stop shopping. We're going to stop going to
11 restaurants. The other day I got a call, go visit
12 your restaurants in South River. I used to go like
13 three times a week. I don't go out to restaurants
14 anymore. I try to balance my budget. My wife
15 and daughter still go to restaurants. My daughter
16 is starting college now. We don't get any loans.
17 So, what else am I supposed to do? If I want to
18 sell the house, how am I going to sell the house?
19 Who's going to pay principal and on top of that
20 1,500 in taxes? How are you going to sell your
21 house? Who's going to buy the house? That's why
22 you have a lot of empty houses when you walk around
23 in my neighborhood.
24 I'm hoping that somebody listens and
25 somebody cares. I don't know if anybody really

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1 cares except us. That's why we have to come
2 together. That's all I have.
3 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next we
4 have Ana Fulup.
5 MS. FULOP: F-u-l-o-p. I live in
6 South River sixty years exactly already. I came
7 as a Hungarian refugee from 1956. This lovely town
8 give me and my family a home. My children went to
9 school. My parents -- they died. I pay my taxes,
10 I pay my bills. Fine. I understand the town has
11 expenses, to give me something back, that's fine,
12 too. But, the Sandy in South River that could not
13 be prevented. When I went to the Army Corp. Of
14 Engineer meeting and I complained to them about
15 this area of the flooding, they told me sorry we
16 cannot do nothing because we cannot disturb the
17 life line of this river. Who is more important?
18 The walking talking people or the birds who fly?
19 And as I look around, since we are at 60 years ago
20 full of energy working, building this town up. Now
21 I'm 76, I'm not ashamed to say. Now weak, some of
22 us unfortunately very, very sick, they have
23 problems. So, if something could be done this
24 river, that's could have been prevented. So since
25 I came from a revolution, I live that one through

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1 thank God. Now look like we're going to have a
2 senior citizen revolution in South River. Because
3 we just cannot -- we're done, and ready to go.
4 Florida, Carolina. I don't want to leave the South
5 River. I love this town. I've lived here my life
6 like a young person, you know. So it's have to be
7 done. Let's see some more survey about this
8 river. It could be drenched. It could be
9 corrected. And let the poor birds fly their home
10 or someplace else. And they going to come back
11 anyway. Because like some people still come back
12 to South River, also. Thank you.
13 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next up we
14 have councilman -- I'm having trouble reading your
15 last name. Is it Trenga?
16 MR. TRENGA: Trenga. Mike Trenga.
17 T-r-e-n-g-a. Councilman Michael Trenga.
18 I would just like to say a couple of
19 things. Our town was hit by Hurricane Sandy.
20 We've had buy-outs here. We have a second round
21 of buy-outs going, the Blue Acres program, which
22 has taken about $275,000.00 out of our budget.
23 Between the businesses that are lost, between the
24 houses that are gone and they're vacant lots now at
25 this point. I say to you this; the State of New

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1 Jersey is doing exactly what these people have
2 said. You're just driving people out of this
3 state. The people can't afford to live here
4 anymore. I drive a hundred miles to work every
5 day to make a living. You guys want to raise the
6 gas tax, you want to raise our property tax, you
7 want to raise this tax and that tax. I got a
8 little thing to say to you. Okay? You spend 750
9 million dollars for all your politically connected
10 firms to manage a pension fund. Why don't you
11 hire one person for $350,000.00, and there's your
12 money for your gas tax so that you don't have to,
13 obviously, effect people like me and all the people
14 that go to work and commute.
15 And also, too, we're the highest taxed
16 state in the nation. When is it going to stop?
17 When is the madness going to stop? When are the
18 bureaucrats and the Senate and legislature going to
19 come together and figure out what we need to do
20 here, and make it affordable for people to live.
21 People are exiting this state in droves because
22 nobody can afford to live here. Me and my wife
23 both work, and we barely pay our bills. And I live
24 in a town where relative to some other towns we
25 have a much more affordable base. I have senior

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1 citizens here -- we have a large senior citizen
2 population, we have a lot of disabled vets. We
3 have people that just can't afford anymore money
4 out of their pockets. What are people supposed to
5 do when they can't afford to pay their property
6 taxes? What do they do? What if they can't tell
7 sell their house? So, these are the things that we
8 have to think about.
9 We've got a second round of buy-outs
10 with Sandy. What I am proposing is we do a four
11 year moratorium on a revaluation in this town. And
12 after all the buy-outs are done from Sandy, and
13 after everything is said and done then we can talk
14 about the State of New Jersey coming in and doing a
15 revaluation. I think that's fair.
16 Enough. Enough is enough already.
17 We pay the highest taxes in the country, between
18 the payroll taxes and the taxes on this, if you die
19 you pay a tax, if you live you pay a tax, if you
20 work you pay a tax, if you go to school you pay a
21 tax. Enough already. It is enough folks. And
22 with that being said, I hope you can reconsider and
23 understand where we're coming from in this
24 community. Thank you.
25 MR. SHILLING: Thank you, councilman.

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1 Next up we have Alan Kana.
2 MR. KANE: Hi. I'm Alan Kane.
3 K-a-n-e. And I'm with Greenberg Management. We
4 own a property on Main Street. It is a 32,000
5 square foot commercial, light industrial building.
6 We've been in this town for forty years. And we
7 have seen our taxes increase in the last five years
8 at an average of two percent per year. Our
9 current tax bill is approximately $38,000.00 a
10 year. We are having a lot of difficulty
11 maintaining our tenants at a level, at a rent level
12 that would allow us to handle that kind of tax
13 burden. It's become quite difficult for us.
14 We are under the assumption that if
15 there is a revaluation in this town, that our tax
16 -- that our properties, the values will be
17 increased, and that will result in additional tax
18 burden on our building, on or property. We don't
19 know that we would be able to sustain and maintain
20 that property if our taxes go up anymore than they
21 have.
22 And just so you know, our building is
23 on partial flood plane. During Hurricane Sandy we
24 had approximately $400,000.00 in flood damage. We
25 made a commitment to this town to stay here to

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1 support the mainstream and support this town. Like
2 I've said, we've been here for forty years.
3 However, if we find the valuations do go up, then
4 we will have to rethink our ability to stay in this
5 town. And possibly in this state.
6 So, I hope you'll take my comments
7 into consideration as you make your decision.
8 Thank you.
9 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. I'm going
10 to struggle with this one, also. First name is
11 Eugene, it's Urbanik, maybe.
12 MR. URBANIK: Gene Urbanik, I'm a
13 resident of South River, life-long resident.
14 U-r-b-a-n-i-k.
15 Dennis and Patricia, I really have to
16 question the format of this meeting. You gave a
17 brief opening statement. You referred people to
18 the State statute. Simple questions can't be
19 answered? I mean, we have a room full of people
20 wondering why it took over thirty years for the
21 State to take action on this reval. How did we
22 get to this point?
23 And you pick the most unrealistic
24 time. This borough has taken the brunt of the
25 economic crisis of 2008, and certainly of

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1 Hurricanes Irene and Sandy. I echo Councilman
2 Trenga and Mayor Krenzel's comments along with the
3 other speakers. You can't realistically place
4 property values when there's so much uncertainty.
5 The second round of buy-outs is not complete.
6 During the entire duration since the last reval.,
7 this borough has been promised a flood control job.
8 State and federal officials campaigned on this year
9 after year. During Hurricane Sandy, flood waters
10 were up to these doors. Were halfway up Main
11 Street. And since then, no word on the flood
12 control job.
13 Now, the State of New Jersey is well
14 aware, the biggest news in the State yesterday was
15 the completion of the Bound Brook flood control
16 job. Over 250 million dollars was spent in that
17 community in Federal and State aid. They now have
18 real estate stability. They now have realistic
19 FEMA flood insurance. This community is
20 completely in uncertainty. How could you expect
21 people to invest in this community when they don't
22 -- they have no idea where property values are
23 going? The previous speaker, a business owner.
24 Who would open a business right now? Whether it be
25 a business, a rental property. You simply don't

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1 know where we're going to.
2 So, again, I echo Mayor Krenzel's
3 comments that no action should be taken until the
4 Blue Acre buy-outs are done. But furthermore,
5 until that flood control job is done here like it
6 was done in the Borough of Bound Brook, no action
7 should be taken.
8 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next up is
9 Caroline Lodia? No? Okay. James Hutchison.
10 MR. HUTCHISON: Thank you. That's
11 Council President James Hutchison.
12 H-u-t-c-h-i-s-o-n.
13 As we stand in a hall that is
14 associated with our VFW vets, I'd like to take
15 first off an opportunity to thank all the vets, the
16 VFW, the American Legion, and certainly our entire
17 country. Because of their bravery, we are free.
18 Thank you.
19 I'd also like to make a suggestion.
20 I see that the revised date on your pamphlet is
21 March 17th, 2016. I think it would have been a
22 good idea to include the website, all the e-mail
23 address, all the information on this so that you
24 don't have to repeat that. So there should be
25 revision of August 2016 to include that, for all

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1 the people that are coming in.
2 Next. We've heard the Mayor, we've
3 heard Councilman Trenga, we've heard other citizens
4 talking about the impact of Hurricane Sandy and
5 Hurricane Irene. As they correctly stated, we had
6 the original buy-out, which was 62 homes.
7 Personally, I was one of them. My wife and I were
8 one of them. I know the impact that the hurricane
9 had. I know the impact of having eight foot of
10 water on your first floor, and being rescued by a
11 jet ski. I also know the impact of what this
12 entire community felt. It's still happening
13 today. It did not end in October of 2014.
14 There are people that live down on
15 Water Street that did not take the buy-out that are
16 still there. They have to worry about a full
17 moon, they have to worry about the tidal calendar
18 just to make sure the water isn't coming up pretty
19 much on a daily or weekly basis. So they're not
20 thinking about a revaluation of their property
21 taxes, they're thinking about how am I going to get
22 through the next day. Enough.
23 So when you're thinking about that,
24 the impact of Sandy, again, the second round of
25 buy-outs now. The previous speakers -- and I

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1 agree a hundred percent with the Mayor, I agree a
2 hundred percent with Councilman Trenga, with
3 Mr. Urbanik, there's absolutely no reason why we're
4 doing a revaluation now. It's like having a white
5 sheet of paper that's blank, because you don't know
6 the evaluation process. There is no way you can
7 sit there and say this is what the home is worth,
8 because the impact of the second round of buy-outs
9 will impact what in fact the houses are worth.
10 You cannot do that. It's taking a dart, putting a
11 blindfold on, and throw it against the wall. And
12 even then is it even going to land on the wall?
13 Impossible. It's an impossible task.
14 So, you need to stop this madness --
15 Mr. Trenga -- this is ridiculous. If you go
16 through it now, you mine as well just light a match
17 and burn the document. It is worthless. We need
18 to go through the revaluation process after, at the
19 very earliest, the second buy-out. And again, as
20 someone who went through that, I know it doesn't
21 happen in a day, a week, or a month. We were
22 bought out and it took -- the property went down,
23 it was well over a year. So, this is going to be
24 a couple of year process until this all works its
25 way through.

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1 As far as I'm concerned, I don't think
2 we should see this until 2019 at the very earliest,
3 but probably 2020 would be at least the first
4 opportunity. And as Mr. Urbanik stated, let's get
5 some flood control in this area so that South River
6 doesn't mean "look out for the South River". It
7 means we are safe here in South River from the
8 flooding.
9 One other thing. I've talked to
10 people associated with municipal governments and
11 have gone through this. And the idea is that a
12 third of the people or a third of those in the
13 revaluation process have an increase. A third
14 have no impact. And a third they're supposedly
15 lowered, their taxes get lowered. I make a public
16 statement right now to State of the New Jersey, I'd
17 like to know at least one property owner who saw a
18 decrease in their taxes and came into the municipal
19 building and said "thank you for the reval.". I
20 think that would be Claude Rains, the invisible
21 man, because I don't think that exists.
22 The economic times right now in the
23 country, in the state, in the county, and here in
24 South River, they're devastating. We have a very
25 large population of senior citizens. But most

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1 importantly, a revaluation in South River will
2 effect every single taxpayer. And it will be a
3 negative impact. Cannot happen. Cannot happen.
4 This must be rethought with proper mines and proper
5 thought processes that come through and make sure
6 you make the right decision. And the right
7 decision is not now.
8 My one final comment is this. We
9 heard someone talk about North Carolina, Florida,
10 moving there. My mother and my sister live in
11 North Carolina. And it's amazing, in their small
12 area of Salsbury, North Carolina everybody they run
13 into she says, oh, they're from Sayreville, they're
14 from maybe Rumson, they're from -- it's like North
15 Carolina is now New Jersey South. Because people
16 can't afford to live here. And not only that.
17 When you leave New Jersey you pay an exit tax. So
18 you pay to live, you pay to die, you pay to move.
19 Our pockets are empty. Enough of the madness.
20 Think about it. Not until 2020. Thank you.
21 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. I'm going
22 to give this a shot. First name is Steven, it's
23 Crocato? Close? Not even close?
24 MR. CROCATO: Here. But I'm not
25 coming up.

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1 MR. SHILLING: Okay. Thank you.
2 Joseph Povia.
3 MR. POVIA: How you doing? My name is
4 Joseph Povia. It's P-o-v-i-a.
5 I've only been a resident of South
6 River for about sixteen years now, so I'm not a
7 long resident. But me and my wife love this
8 community. It's got a lot of deep route community.
9 And we wanted to raise a family when we moved here.
10 And one of the reasons we moved to South River was
11 the taxes were reasonable as compared to the other
12 municipalities. Over the years it's going up, and
13 everybody has to pay their fair share, like you
14 say. But I'd like to just have one question.
15 How can the State who has -- we have a governor
16 who's been fighting with the Board of Education,
17 fighting with pensions, worried about gas taxes,
18 stopping all roadwork; how can you guys talk about
19 reassessment and revaluation when I've got a road
20 in front of my kid's school -- they're eleven years
21 old now -- and for three years we've been asking
22 the town when are you going to repave this road.
23 My wife just got off with the town administrator,
24 Finch I think the guy's name was, Zedric Finch, and
25 he basically stated that the reason why that road

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1 has not been fixed, even though we've been told the
2 last couple of years it was going to be fixed, was
3 because of the governor's decision to halt road
4 work. Well, excuse me. Wasn't that only like two
5 months ago that this became a factor, when this
6 road has been in disrepair for three years. I
7 don't know if you've been around our town or in
8 front of our school, the grade school, but I have a
9 truck and I'm afraid to go down this road in my
10 truck. It's like a back road from a back woods
11 country. I don't know how you can talk about
12 reassessment and raising taxes when we have roads
13 in this town and other problems, such as flood
14 zones and everything. That's all I have to say.
15 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next up is
16 Barry Greenberg.
17 MR. GREENBERG: I don't have anything.
18 MR. SHILLING: Anthony Razzano.
19 MR. RAZZANO: Thank you. It's
20 R-a-z-z-a-n-o. And I'm a resident of South River.
21 I spent all my life in South River one way or
22 another, either living here or teaching here. And
23 I'm wondering -- well, first of all, before I do
24 this. You can't answer questions because of
25 statute. Is that right? You just answered the

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1 question. I got it.
2 Let me point something out about
3 statute. I taught here for 35 years. I'm on my
4 second term on the Board of Education. There is a
5 statute that says that the State of New Jersey
6 mandates Boards of Education to do something, the
7 State must pay for any mandates. That statute has
8 been ignored since it was passed. So we are
9 paying extra because the State refuses to follow
10 that statute. And then you come and you want to
11 charge us more money. You must not -- not you
12 people -- but you, the State of New Jersey, must be
13 out of your minds.
14 Secondly. The other thing that's
15 ignored is the State constitution, which you tell
16 me you have to follow tonight. The State
17 constitution says -- and it was held up in court
18 when Christie Whitman was governor -- that the
19 State must fully fund the pensions. And that has
20 been ignored since Christie Whitman was governor.
21 And all the governors since then. But you can't
22 answer questions because the statute or the
23 constitution says you're not allowed to. Shame on
24 you. You can if you want to. You simply don't
25 want to.

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1 If you do a reval., and then a couple
2 of years from now the true value of homes go down,
3 will you come back and re-evaluate and lower the
4 taxes? Maybe you ought to think about that.
5 Okay? Clearly you haven't studied -- well maybe
6 you have, I don't know because you won't talk to us
7 -- you need to study the impact. And you've heard
8 tonight some of the things that are going to be
9 impacted. Now, we don't live in a flood zone. We
10 live on a side of a hill, all the water goes down.
11 We don't get any water in our basement. But so
12 what. It doesn't matter. I'm still going to be
13 impacted. If my taxes go up just a little bit, we
14 got one of two things we can do. We can sell the
15 house, and if it doesn't sell we have to abandon
16 it. Wouldn't that be nice. A whole bunch of
17 houses abandoned in a nice residential area, thanks
18 to the revaluation. And I'm not kidding. You
19 hear everybody here.
20 Now, I share the logic of Mayor
21 Krenzel and Councilman Trenga and Councilman
22 Hutchison, and the passion of Mr. Scala. You just
23 can't do this. The impact will be such on the
24 school system that I don't know what we're going to
25 do. I really don't. Because people will be

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1 moving out and nobody will be taking their places,
2 in some cases. And that's going to put the school
3 system in a bigger bind. The State cuts the aid to
4 the school districts throughout the state. And we
5 have to get along on a shoe string. We have to
6 fire teachers because the state doesn't live up to
7 its responsibilities. Well, I'm asking you ladies
8 and gentlemen to please live up to the
9 responsibility and find that a revaluation at this
10 time in South River cannot be done. Bottom line
11 is we simply can't afford it. Thank you.
12 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Next we
13 have Teresa Hutchison.
14 MS. HUTCHISON: Good evening,
15 everyone. Teresa Hutchison. H-u-t-c-h-i-s-o-n.
16 T-e-r-e-s-a, the first name.
17 Ladies and gentlemen, now, I know you
18 folks have heard a lot of maybe what you would
19 consider -- well it is -- it's opposition to this
20 proposed revaluation. But you have to step back a
21 little bit and think. Think about the folks here
22 in South River. This is not a rich town. Hey,
23 we're rich in heart, rich in spirit, but this is
24 not a rich town in terms of our pockets.
25 This town suffered through the 2008

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1 downturn, like we all did. This town suffered
2 through Hurricane Sandy, like many towns did. But
3 this town right now there are folks working two or
4 three jobs and paying multiple taxes, and they have
5 to decide, okay, what am I going to do? Am I going
6 to pay my property tax and pay all these multiple
7 taxes that other folks mentioned, or am I going to
8 buy a gallon of milk today? I got to find which
9 store, is it Shop-Rite or is it Stop N' Shop, where
10 is the milk on sale, where is the bread on sale?
11 How am I going to put food on the table for my
12 kids. This town is suffering. It's suffering.
13 Now, it's understood, we all
14 understand that at some point or another there has
15 to be some revaluation. We understand that.
16 But, like you've heard from many folks, we are
17 going through a second round of buy-outs. You
18 heard from my husband, we were one of the families
19 that got hit with Sandy, but we were one of many
20 families. And even the families that got the
21 buy-out, even those families are still trying to
22 climb back up out of the hole. Because
23 everybody -- buy-out, not buy-out -- everybody lost
24 because of Hurricane Sandy. Everybody.
25 So, now, we're having a second round

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1 of buy-outs. Like you've heard, we don't know what
2 that's going to mean in terms of numbers. There
3 is no logical reason to proceed right now. You
4 need to have the numbers. You cannot make a
5 determination if you don't have the facts. You
6 won't have the facts until that second round comes.
7 There are people waiting with baited breath, am I
8 going to be able to stay in South River or do I
9 have to flee to another town out of state?
10 Everybody is waiting and suffering. And now you
11 folks came to South River -- and we appreciate
12 that, and you allowed us the opportunity to speak
13 and we certainly appreciate that. But please,
14 hear us. And understand us. Because we, South
15 River, is not saying never, we're just saying not
16 now. Thank you.
17 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. From the
18 sign-in sheets, that was the last one we had that
19 indicated they wanted to speak. If there's anybody
20 that has changed their mind and indicated they did
21 not want to speak and would now like to, you can
22 certainly approach the microphone. We'll make sure
23 that everybody gets an opportunity to go. We have
24 plenty of -- we have quite a bit of time left that
25 we can use.

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1 MS. OLSEN: Sue Olsen? O-l-s-e-n.
2 As you've heard a lot about our Sandy victims in
3 out town, we have one citizen here four years she's
4 been out of her house. You are going to reassess
5 a house that is uninhabitable. How is that
6 possible? She pays taxes on this house every
7 month. She cannot close for another 120 days.
8 That means another quarter of taxes being paid.
9 She doesn't even live in this county. She moved
10 to Monmouth County, but would like to be back here
11 in South River. She will take the buy-out. She
12 will wait the 120 days. It's not her fault that
13 the State takes so long with the red tape, the blue
14 tape, the pink tape, the purple tape, every tape
15 possible.
16 We also -- I get a lot of phone calls
17 on what's going on in South River and how people
18 can get help. People can't afford to pay their
19 rent. I got a phone call two days ago, somebody
20 asking for help to pay their taxes here in South
21 River. Which is totally sad. And you want to
22 re-evaluate. What is this person going to do?
23 Are we going to end up to be a homeless town? All
24 these empty homes with homeless people walking
25 around our town? It shouldn't be that way. It's

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1 too early to re-evaluate our town. Wait for the
2 second round of buy-outs.
3 Also, you know that the food banks,
4 the numbers are growing. And they're growing big
5 time. When I started at the Spotswood food bank
6 we had numbers of 200. We are up to over 750
7 families. And you want to re-evaluate our town.
8 Is the State trying to drive all us New Jerseyans
9 out of the state? I'll leave you with that.
10 MR. SHILLING: Thank you.
11 MR. CIULLA: Councilman Tony Ciulla
12 Borough of South River. C-i-u-l-l-a. You heard
13 all the statements from a lot of the residents
14 here. We're all very, very mad about all of this,
15 I should say. It's not the time. But I have a
16 question. I see three people up here, one texting
17 on her cell-phone. I see five people in the back
18 on their cell-phones. How many people from the
19 State are we paying for this meeting tonight? I
20 know you can't answer that question. But it's our
21 taxpayers' dollars paying for all you people here
22 to play on your cell-phones. Not right. Thank
23 you.
24 MR. SHILLING: Would anybody else like
25 to come up to the microphone?

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1 MR. FORGUE: My name is Scott Forgue.
2 F-o-r-g-u-e. I grew up in this town. Mr. Urbanik
3 was one of my teachers. I'm listening to what
4 everybody is saying here, and it's all true. I'm
5 listening to what everybody was saying here about
6 the flooding and people not having money. And I
7 see it every day, more people losing jobs. We're
8 in a recession. It's getting worse. People can't
9 afford paying more. What are we going to get in
10 return for paying more? You guys are here, you
11 set this up, it was postponed how many times. But
12 nobody can answer anything. Like the gentleman
13 just said, people back here, people up here, nobody
14 says anything but you can talk on the phones, text,
15 do whatever. How are you going to help us? What
16 happened to property tax rebates? Took that away
17 from us, too, right? Taxes go up every year you
18 got to pay for things. But how about we stop
19 paying for unnecessary things. We keep giving to
20 places that shouldn't be getting money from us.
21 And the State needs to start looking at how we can
22 keep people here and create jobs and bring more
23 money in, instead of costing more money and people
24 leaving.
25 MR. SHILLING: Anyone else?

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1 A VOICE: You've already made up your
2 minds.
3 MR. SHILLING: If nobody else has any
4 comments -- I thought I heard somebody interested
5 in making a comment. If nobody has anymore
6 comments, I'm going to go ahead and conclude the
7 meeting.
8 A VOICE: I have a question. Anybody
9 up there taking any notes on anything that was said
10 today?
11 MR. SHILLING: She's the transcriber.
12 A VOICE: I can't see her.
13 MR. SHILLING: Yes. We have a
14 record --
15 A VOICE: She's actually working for
16 her money.
17 MR. POVIA: I have something to add.
18 Joseph Povia. As they were just saying, what are
19 we getting for our dollars? Like I said in my
20 speech, we can't even get a road in front of our
21 school. When my wife is talking to some Zedric,
22 the administrator of South River, and when she
23 makes a comment and his response back is "noted".
24 I mean, really? I mean, all we're asking for, if
25 we're going to pay higher tax dollars, what are we

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1 going to get for it? And that's it. Thank you.
2 MR. SHILLING: Thank you.
3 MS. CHRISTIANO: Natalie Christiano.
4 C-h-r-i-s-t-i-a-n-o.
5 Two years ago I decided to retire.
6 So when I decided to retire, my financial guy said,
7 well, before you do this you got to give me a list
8 of your expenses so I can make sure you can afford
9 to live. So I gave it to him. Within months
10 after that my electric bill went up 25 percent. So
11 how could I give basically him a budget and then it
12 change?
13 My taxes now. I have less than a
14 thousand square foot house. My taxes are about
15 $4,400.00 a year. Maybe to everybody that's a
16 great figure, but you should see how small my house
17 is. You come down my street, there's grass
18 growing. Now, I'm the only Polish/Italian lady
19 that would sweep the street, and I would go out
20 there with my leaf blower, blow the whole street
21 down -- because I live on a dead end -- and I also
22 would poison the weeds so that it would look nice.
23 I've been in that house 28 years. I
24 think I made it past the last revaluation. I
25 don't know what's going to happen this time. If my

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1 house is evaluated, and it could be four times the
2 amount, I can't live there and pay $16,000.00 on
3 less than a thousand square foot house. Actually,
4 I only live in 625 square feet of it because the
5 upstairs is slanted and so damn hot you can't live
6 up there. So, my concern is don't do this yet.
7 Give us a chance, give me a chance to get on social
8 security so I can afford the increase, maybe.
9 And the other thing is, my mother's
10 house was on the cause way. I saw it get knocked
11 down. I saw that crane go into the roof, into my
12 bedroom. And let me tell you something, I thought
13 I was a strong person. Nothing breaks your heart
14 more than that. The only consolation is, no one
15 will ever live in that house. We lived there.
16 Thank you.
17 MR. SHILLING: Thank you.
18 MR. SAPATA: John Sapata.
19 S-a-p-a-t-a.
20 I guess one of the arguments I guess
21 the State would have for revaluation is that for
22 "X" amount of years South River isn't paying their
23 fair share of taxes. I will present to you that
24 in comparison to the money that we get from the
25 State and from New Brunswick, South River paying

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1 more than their fair share. Because none of that
2 money comes back to us. And for what we pay in
3 taxes and what we get from the State and the
4 county, I think is much more disproportional to
5 other states. We don't get the funding for our
6 schools like other towns get. We don't get any of
7 that. And if you look at the other towns that's
8 been forced in revaluation, we're distinguished by
9 the fact that we've been dealing with the after
10 effects of two hurricanes. Thank you.
11 MS. SAMUEL: Just a final thing. Two
12 things, actually. One is I think that listening
13 to all the people here, you really should think
14 about what you're doing, and how it's going to
15 effect not just our town, but New Jersey, as well.
16 Because if we all leave, there isn't going to be
17 anybody to pay your taxes. And right now I think
18 we need to wait, as they said, until a lot of the
19 things that are up in turmoil get settled.
20 The second thing, and this isn't for
21 you guys so much as it is for the people in power.
22 I pay my taxes, I work, I pay payroll taxes, I try
23 to be a good citizen and do all those things. I
24 really recent the fact that you're standing behind
25 a statute that says you can't answer my questions.

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1 I pay you. I pay everybody. We should have some
2 input. Now, if that's not able to be done, just
3 hearing us is like throwing paper in the wind.
4 Because I don't know that anybody is going to care
5 what we have to say. And I think what we all said
6 was very important. And I think on all levels of
7 the State of New Jersey, they should start
8 listening. Thank you.
9 MR. SHILLING: Thank you.
10 MS. MOSKAL: Hi. Nicole Moskal.
11 M-o-s-k-a-l. 22 Raritan Avenue, South River. I
12 moved into town about eleven years ago. Shortly
13 after that the real estate market took a tank. My
14 house, still, it's probably worth about two-thirds
15 of what I paid for it. There's two houses, I live
16 on the corner, there's two houses on the side
17 street behind me that's abandoned, foreclosed,
18 whatever. They're overgrown ridiculous. I don't
19 know if people are paying taxes on those or not.
20 But I'm at the point, I can't leave if I wanted to.
21 I couldn't afford it. Unless I walk away, too.
22 Right? So, now I'm wondering, okay, if a
23 revaluation comes along and, you know, my taxes
24 have gone up in the eleven years that I've been
25 there probably about thirty percent. It's about

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1 $2,200.00 they've increased in that time. Where
2 does it end? You know? Now is it going to go up
3 another two thousand, three thousand? And I have
4 no way out. And I'm sure there's probably a lot
5 of people in town that are in that same situation.
6 That's all. Thank you.
7 MAYOR KRENZEL: I started and I'll be
8 the last one to finish. For the record, Mayor
9 John Krenzel. I was the first speaker and I'll be
10 the last.
11 You've heard the people speak today.
12 They're quite passionate in what they said.
13 They've made sense. And I hope that you'll hear
14 them and consider them. And just for the peoples
15 edification, if you go on line to look at the last
16 council meeting at the comments, you can run ahead
17 to see the comments, and when Mr. Scala is speaking
18 he turns the microphone over to Fred Carr, and Fred
19 Carr explains how the process will work after this.
20 It's a good tutorial, and it's interesting. And
21 you can learn a lot from it.
22 I thank you all for coming. And I
23 thank you for your comments. Give yourself a nice
24 round of applause.
25 MR. SHILLING: That will conclude the

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1 meeting tonight --
2 MR. SCALA: No. No. I want to get up
3 again. I'm sitting over there listening to all the
4 people here. I'll talk. I'm sitting here, I'm
5 sitting here listening to all the people and
6 there's something I forgot, and I'm going to tell
7 you right now.
8 I tell you what, in my opinion -- not
9 even my opinion, I think the revaluation should be
10 held off the next five years. Let us go through
11 with the rest of the housing that we got to
12 demolish. We got to make up these taxes. I think
13 the State should reimburse every penny that we've
14 lost since Sandy, all the homes, to help us out.
15 We can't afford revaluation. I know what
16 revaluation is. I didn't bring something here
17 tonight I brought at the council meeting last week.
18 I know what revaluation is. It hurted me in 2007
19 in Perth Amboy, it hurted me in the 70's in South
20 River.
21 So, I would like to hear you listen to
22 me and take it back to assembly and the senate and
23 hold off South River for the next five year until
24 we get all our houses, everything, taken care of.
25 We got businesses in the town, we got businesses in

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1 the state that are leaving the state because of the
2 high taxes. All the other countries give the
3 business people lower taxes. Why is New Jersey so
4 damn high on taxes? They're driving businesses out
5 of here. They're driving people out. I brought it
6 up before, 50,000 people moved out of Jersey and
7 then moved to North Carolina. North Carolina is
8 New Jersey right now, just what was brought up
9 tonight.
10 So, I urge you to go back to the
11 assembly, senate, whoever the hell it is, hold off
12 for the next five years. Thank you.
13 MR. SHILLING: I want to make sure
14 everybody has an opportunity, but if nobody else
15 has any comments -- sir?
16 MR. MILNER: Briefly. Yes. Jim
17 Milner. M-i-l-n-e-r.
18 My wife and I, we live in East
19 Brunswick right now. And when my daughter became
20 pregnant with our granddaughter, we did everything
21 we could and scraped everything we had and bought a
22 house in South River for her to, well, rent from
23 us. Break even. Whatever. Right? So she'd
24 have a wonderful place to raise our granddaughter,
25 and a safe place and in a really nice town. And

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1 now having multiple homes is not cheap, and we're
2 not wealthy. So, we're seriously considering
3 selling our home and moving to South River with my
4 stepdaughter. And what some of the people had
5 said prior is that people want to move to a town
6 that is affordable, that they can actually maybe
7 put some money away, have a retirement. Now we
8 have to rethink and see what happens, whether or
9 not we can even keep the home that we have provided
10 to our daughter for our granddaughter to live in.
11 So, I think I speak for everybody when
12 I say to please hold off on this. Please go back
13 to whomever you have to report back to. Explain
14 the unique situation, fairly unique situation that
15 South River has with all the demolition that has to
16 go on, all the buy-outs, so that all of the homes
17 that are in the flood zones that really can't be
18 occupied are taken care of. And then we really
19 have a good base to figure out what the taxes
20 should be in reality.
21 I have a lot more to say, but I can't
22 think of it right now. But, thank you.
23 MR. SHILLING: Thank you. Anybody
24 else? It is now 7:21, and that concludes tonight's
25 hearing. Thank you.

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2 concluded at 7:21 p.m.)
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