1 2 3 4 5	TOWNSHIP OF BERKELEY PLANNING BOARD IN THE MATTER OF: SOUTH SEASIDE PARK HOMEOWNERS DE-ANNEXATION PETITION HEARING	1 2 3 4 5	NAME OF WITNESS PAGE KENNETH MOORE 5	E
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14 very brief, about whether or not petition signers
15 would have an opportunity to come back as rebuttal
16 witnesses.
17 I'm glad to report that my clients
18 have decided, with my advice, that there is enough
19 evidence that has been placed in the record by the
20 petition signers. So, I would like to present a
21 rebuttal witness tonight, expert testimony by
22 Mr. Moore, who has testified before in this matter.
23 I will probably have another expert, but I didn't
24 want to bring them both the same night, not knowing
25 whether or not -- you know, you don't want to keep

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1 an expert here for a couple hours and then find out
                                                                1 the CFO.
2 that they can't testify. So, I think Mr. Moore is
                                                                                  Did you also read the reports of
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 3 the only one on tonight. And if the board is ready,
                                                                3 Mr. Camera, along with his testimony?
 4 we'll proceed with his rebuttal testimony.
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                                                                                  Yes.
                  MR. WINWARD: Yes, we accept his
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                                                                                  Okay. And anything else or was that
 6 qualifications. He's testified before us
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                                                                   pretty much it?
 7 previously.
                                                                                  That was a lot. Yeah, I recently
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                                                                  read the most recent ordinances and then also
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
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                                                                  whatever documents are posted on the township's
                  MR. MICHELINI: And he still remains
10 under oath, I think, even though it's been a couple
                                                               10 website that seem relevant to me for the --
                                                               11 preparing for this.
11 of years.
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                                                                                 Okay. So, as a rebuttal witness, I'm
                  MR. McGUCKIN: Why don't we just redo
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13 it.
                                                               13 going to ask you specific questions, because a lot
                                                               14 of specific things came up. But if you have the
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                  MR. MICHELINI: You want to redo it.
15 Go ahead.
                                                               15 opportunity and you want to give an opinion on
                                                               16 something, go ahead and do it. It will condense
16 KENNETH MOORE, having been duly sworn, according to
17 law, upon his oath, testified as follows:
                                                               17 this procedure so I don't have to ask you as many
18 EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:
                                                               18 questions. Okay. So, I'm going to -- one of the
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                  Mr. Moore, I know your credentials
                                                               19 things that came up in the testimony, I think
20 are in the record and I don't want to go over all of
                                                               20 Mr. Wiser actually asked the question about it, but
21 them, but just tell me very briefly in a sentence or
                                                               21 it could have been somebody else.
22 two, remind the board what your expertise is in.
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                                                                          He's asked only a few, right, Mr. Wiser?
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                                                                                  MR. WISER: Only when it was
                  Well, I was a certified public
24 accountant for approximately 45 years, registered
                                                               24 pertinent.
25 municipal accountant for 42 years. I'm also a
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                                                                                 Okay. There was a question about the
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1 certified municipal finance officer. 2 Okay. And you've worked for 3 another -- a number of municipalities and a number of municipal entities, correct? 5 Probably 50 different municipalities. A 6 Okay. And so, I know you've already given testimony in this matter, correct? 8 A Correct. 9 And as a rebuttal witness, I asked 0 10 you to review certain documents and testimony. Can 11 you tell this board what testimony and documents you 12 reviewed in preparation for your testimony tonight? 13 Α I reviewed all of the testimony of 14 the CFO.

That would be Mr. Ebenau? 0

16 Correct. Α

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17 Over multiple hearings, correct? Q

18 At least four that I recall --Α

19 Q

20 A -- reading. The administrator.

21 Mr. Camera? Q

22 Mr. Camera. The police chief. Α

Okay. Karin DeMichele? 23 Q

24 Right. And I read the report, the 25 original report of the CFO and the revised report of

1 numbers that you relied upon in your report. Can 2 you tell us, first of all, generally, what numbers you relied or were utilizing in your report when you first gave your testimony a couple years ago. 5

Α I relied upon the year 2014 for both 6 the assessments and the expenditures and revenues. 7 And one of the reasons I did that was, it was after 8 the completion of that calendar year. So that we 9 were dealing with, you know, strictly realistic real 10 numbers, not necessarily budgeted numbers.

11 Q So, is there a difference between 12 budgeted numbers and actual real numbers?

Ouite a difference. Α

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What is that? Q 15 Α The budget's prepared as a guide to 16 determine what amounts the municipality is allowed 17 to spend during the year. It does not necessarily 18 mean they are going to spend those funds. So, it's 19 just strictly a guideline and puts a cap on what 20 they can spend during the year. On the revenue 21 side, it's the ability to anticipate revenues based 22 on the prior year to offset the levy. But it's not as accurate as the

23 Q 24 actual numbers, correct?

25 Α That's correct.

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And you used the actual numbers for
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2 the year 2014, you didn't use the budget for the
 3 year 2014, correct?
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                  That's correct.
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 5
                  And Mr. Ebenau, what -- I understand
          Q
 6 he used numbers from 2017, I believe was his
   testimony. Were they actual numbers or budgeted
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   numbers?
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                  They were the budgeted numbers.
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                  Okav. And so, to know whether or not
11 his numbers were accurate, you would have, actually
12 have to look at the actual revenue and expenditures
13 for the year 2017, correct?
                  Right. You could not do that until
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15 some point in 2018 --
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                  Right. And here we --
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                  -- when they're audited or verified.
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                  And there's no testimony in the
19 record that you read that those numbers that he
20 relied upon with the budget were consistent with or
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22 A Correct.
23 Q Do you have an opinion as to whether
24 or not it's more accurate, in the work that's being
25 done here and the testimony about the numbers, as to

21 the same as the actual numbers for 2017?

be utilized, could be utilized to offset any cost of
de-annexation if there was de-annexation, correct?

A Well, there would be two points to
that. One, if the budget was, you know, much more
accurate in what was going to be spent, it would be
allowed to use to lower, you know, the de-annexation
amount. Second, if the funds available from the
excess budget could be used as surplus to offset the
levy also.

Q Okay. And in terms of the overall
assessment, you read the testimony about how

Mr Ebenau Came -- based his first report on

10 Q Okay. And in terms of the overall
11 assessment, you read the testimony about how
12 Mr. Ebenau came -- based his first report on
13 11.27 percent assessment that was South Seaside's
14 portion of the overall assessment in the
15 municipality. Did you read that testimony?
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16 A Yes.

17 Q Okay. And it turns out, after my 18 cross-examination, I think it came down to 10.66 19 percent?

20 A Correct.

21 Q And that's, actually, similar in 22 terms of the assessment numbers that you had going

23 back to 2014. I think yours was what?

24 A 10.68.

25 Q So, it's come down slightly in a few

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whether you use budgeted numbers or actual numbers?

A Well, you know, once again, when you deal with a budget, you're talking about setting limits on how much the municipality can spend in all of the line items in the budget until you get to November when you're allowed to do certain transfers. The, what I found was, in researching what monies were not spent in the budget, it was in excess of, you know, a couple million dollars. So that the budget was overstated if he was relying on the budget to determine what the costs were.

Q So, you say over a couple million
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14 did you come to that view?
15 A Oh, I went on the township's website
16 and reviewed their documents, the documents that
17 were available. Some of the documents were not
18 completely up-to-date.

13 dollars. Is that based on historic analysis? How

19 Q So, you looked at documents that were 20 available, and it's accurate to say that the budget 21 was overstated by a couple million dollars?

22 A Unspent by a couple million dollars.

23 Q Unspent.

24 A Right.25 O Okay.

Q Okay. And that unspent money would

1 years?

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2 A Right. Slightly.

3 Q Which means that the trend is that 4 the assessments are increasing on the mainland, 5 correct?

6 A Based on those numbers, yes, I agree 7 with that.

8 Q Now, Mr. Ebenau in his report, he 9 relied upon, in his testimony -- and you can, if you 10 read it differently than I'm going to state it, you 11 can tell me. But he indicated that he did not 12 verify the information provided by the department 13 heads. Do you recall that testimony?

A Yes.

15 Q And how important is that in the 16 context of the report that he gave, as you read it? 17 A The content with regards to his

17 A The content with regards to his 18 report or the accuracy of his report?

Q Both those things. The accuracy?

20 A Well, it seems extremely inaccurate 21 in that he relied on information handed to him with 22 seemingly no backup detail to, you know, indicate

23 where these numbers were derived from.

Q He just assumed that they were correct, I believe, is what his testimony was?

1 Yes. 2 Q In the analysis that you did, how 3 does that differ from the analysis that you did? Well, my analysis was based on five 4 5 criteria that I used and developed percentages with 6 to determine, you know, the cost associated with those percentages. For instance, there's --8 Q Let me stop you. Just, why don't you 9 take a moment and reeducate us all about that. 10 Because, honestly, it's been a couple of years. So, 11 tell us what your methodology was. And you can 12 expand on that a little bit. 13 Okay. Once again, my methodology was 14 to determine factors that could be used to determine 15 the cost. And I had five different factors that I 16 used. One was -- and I don't know if we need to get 17 into all of them. But, you know, that would be up 18 to you. One was the number of line items in the tax 19 duplicate, which was approximately 1,400 that 20 related to South Seaside Park versus 28,000 that 21 relates to the entire township. So, you separated out the line items 23 that were specific to South Seaside Park for actual 24 expenditures? 25 A Right, and then that developed a

1 later, the police, it was, you know, \$1.6 million 2 that related to those criteria that I developed for 3 savings. 4 As opposed to Mr. Ebenau's report of 5 what, 162,000 initially? 6 Α Correct. 7 And then he corrected that by about a 0 8 half a million because of the debt service, correct? 9 A Correct. 10 And then he made further corrections 0 11 upon my cross-examination? 12 Minor ones, but yes. A 13 So, you're about a million dollars Q 14 apart or so. 15 Million and a half. A 16 Q Million and a half. 17 A Yeah. 18 Q Okay. So, go ahead. 19 So, in addition to that, I also Α 20 calculated what the savings would be from the 21 reserve for uncollected taxes. 22 Did Mr. Ebenau do that? He testified 23 about that. Did he actually calculate the savings 24 for the reserve for uncollected taxes? 25 Α No.

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1 percentage of 4.6 percent. So, I used the 4.6 2 percent, any cost, actual cost that related to the 3 tax assessments, for instance, the tax assessor's 4 office, the tax collector's office. Because there's 5 no possible way you can say there's no cost involved 6 with South Seaside Park when they take up four and a 7 half percent of the line items. You know, if they 8 do appeals, that's a cost. If they pay a tax bill, 9 somebody has to be there to collect it. All those 10 things are costs that relate to South Seaside Park. 11 And I did that, as I said, for five different 12 criteria. The streets, the number of people, the 13 houses and road improvement. So, those items I was 14 able to use to determine what the costs were, based 15 on the different budget line items, expended line 16 items of the budget. And that was my criteria to 17 develop what the costs were. 18 And with regard to when you factored Q

19 into account the costs that would be saved in the 20 event of de-annexation, what were your general 21 conclusions? I don't want to go into everything, 22 but just give us a synopsis of what your conclusions 23 were.

24 A Initially, without factoring in, 25 which I'm assuming we're going to get talking about 1 Q Are you certain of that?

2 A Yes.

Q Okay. And so, what did you determine the savings for reserve, the reserve for uncollected taxes?

A Just based on his numbers, the 7 \$162,000 plus the five, five and a half million -- 8 no, \$550,000 for debt service.

Q Per year?

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10 A Per year, since we're doing one 11 calculation. That the reserve would go down by 12 \$134,000, which if you base that against this 13 162,000, which you said were the cost savings, it's 14 82 percent difference.

Q So --

A By just leaving that out.

17 Q Right. So, for us nonfinancial 18 people, okay, and I would include myself in that, 19 let me try to unpack that a little bit. So, the 20 reserve for uncollected taxes, if I understand it,

21 and you can correct me if I'm wrong, is, basically, 22 additional money that is budgeted to collect for

23 taxes to cover people who don't pay their tax? Or

24 why don't you explain it. Let's go there, instead

25 of me trying to restate it. Go ahead.

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                  I think you've done a very good job.
                                                                 1 his numbers, you stated that utilizing his
2 It is a budgeted line item that is used to make sure
                                                                 2 methodology and his numbers, the amount that would
 3 we, or on a cash basis, we collect 100 percent of
                                                                 3 be saved in the -- in this reserve would be how
 4 our money, so we can operate the budget. Because
                                                                   much?
 5 based on the prior year, if the collection rate was
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                                                                                   $134,000.
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 6 70 -- 98 percent, we came up two percent short in
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                                                                                   A hundred -- you'd have to add that
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 7 the cash collections.
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                                                                    to the 162?
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                  Right.
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                                                                                   Okay. And that's actually 84
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                  well, if that continued, we'd be in a
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10 deficit.
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                                                                   percent?
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                                                                                   82 percent.
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                                                                                   82 percent of the 162?
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                  So, based on that information, you
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13 have to budget that, which increases the budget.
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                                                                                   Yeah.
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                  So, you increase it by the percentage
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15 that you need to to cover the uncollected reserve?
                                                                15 in your opinion?
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                  From the prior year.
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                                                                                   In my opinion, yes.
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                  The uncollected taxes?
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                                                                                   And that's if you utilized his
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          A
                  Yes.
                                                                18 methodology?
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                  So, if you didn't collect two percent
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                                                                                   Just his, his -- just his numbers,
20 from the prior year, you increase your budget, maybe
                                                                20 right.
21 take all your items and then add another
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                                                                                   Now, there was a question with regard
22 two percent, something of that nature?
                                                                22 to police and whether or not you had indicated in
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                  Well, that's not exactly true. You
                                                                23 your report or in your testimony that there were 102
24 have to take all of your budget items, less your
                                                                24 police officers. Can you clarify what your report
                                                                25 is based on and what that 102 number means?
25 revenue, plus all of the levies of the other three
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1 entities that we collect for.
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                  Okay.
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                  So, it's not just the
 4 30 million-dollar budget, it's $100 million that the
 5 calculation's based on.
                  Okay. So, it's based upon the
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 7 regional school tax?
                  District school tax --
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          Α
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                  District school tax.
          Q
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                  -- and the county.
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                  And the county?
          Q
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                  And the municipality.
          Α
                  But the idea is to cover the
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14 uncollected amount that will exist in every budget,
15 there's going to be some taxes not collected,
16 correct?
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                  Correct. But our obligation to the
18 other entities is that we have to pay them
19 100 percent.
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          Q
                  Right.
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                  So, even, even if we didn't -- were
22 able to control it, we still have to pay them
23 100 percent.
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25 account, and if he had taken it into account using

So, Mr. Ebenau did not take that into

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The 102 is the total amount of Α employees that are budgeted in that line item. Okay. For the year that you were 3 Q 4 looking at? 5 2014. And that number doesn't seem Α to have changed based on his, his information. 7 Okay. And how many police officers Q 8 were there? In my calculation, there was 68. And Α 10 that's, that's the number I used. And I used the 11 102 only as a divider of operating expenses. So, I 12 wanted to attribute, you know, what operating 13 expenses were related to one person out of 102. 14 So, the operating expenses would 15 cover both police officers and non-police officers 16 in the department, would it not? 17 Right, there's only one line item for Α 18 other expenses. 19 Okay. So, was it accurate to use the 20 102 number in the calculation that you utilized? 21 Yes, I felt it was, yes. Α 22 Okay. And you didn't -- you weren't 23 saying that there were a hundred -- even if you said 24 in the record that there were 102 police, you didn't 25 mean that there were 102 police officers in the

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1 terms of the manner in which you've just described
2 it?
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                  Correct. It was 102 employees based
 4 on -- in that budget line item, which encompassed
 5 dispatch and crossing guards and clerks. So, they
   were all --
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                  Class ones and class twos and --
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                  They were not even considered in any
9
   of that calculation.
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                  Okay. All right. Class ones and
          Q
11 class twos --
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          Q
                  -- were not considered?
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          A
15
                  Okay. So, reading that testimony of
16 the chief, I believe, brought that up in her
   testimony, that does not change your opinion in any
   way, what she said about what you testified to in
19 terms of the number?
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          Α
                  No.
21
                  Anything else that you want to
22 clarify with regard to that or not?
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                  The police as a whole?
                  Yeah, the police as a whole, why
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25 don't you tell us about that.
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1 being. 2 And you were using actual numbers, Q 3 correct? 4 Actual numbers, correct. And second, 5 the ratio of the patrolman to a sergeant, is about 6 five to one. So, he gave no consideration that a sergeant had to be, you know, an accessory, maybe that's not a good word talking about the police, but a supervisor --10 Attached to a certain number of 0 11 officers? 12 -- to five people. Right. So, I used that calculation. He did not use any, any 14 calculation involved in what the cost benefits were, 15 PFRS, social security, health benefits, which are substantial. 17 And all those cost benefits apply to 0 18 every officer, correct? 19 Absolutely. Α 20 And some of them apply to other Q 21 employees in the department, correct? Which I in no way calculate or use in 23 the, you know, calculation to determine the cost of 24 a police car. 25 Q So, you were conservative in that

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25 his testimony?

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                  Well --
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          Q
                  You saw Mr. Ebenau's report --
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          A
                  I did.
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                  -- and how he treated the police,
 5 right?
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                  Correct.
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                  Go ahead.
          Q
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                  Well, first of all, his, you know,
9 calculation on the cost and how many officers are
10 involved in a car, was, he used three officers,
11 which would account for 24 hours a day. However,
12 police don't work seven days a week. They get
13 probably a large amount of vacation, sick time,
14 and -- and, once again, only work five days a week.
15 So, when I did the calculation, I based it on that
16 it would take five officers in a car to man a car
17 for a year. And, you know, since that's what we're
18 basing this on, a year's worth of expenses, number
19 one. Number two, when he used an amount of, in
20 excess of $90,000 for salaries, I'm not sure where
21 he could have got that. Because I used it based on
22 the number of officers that were patrolmen. So, my
23 number was only $77,000. So, there was a $20,000
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24 difference between what he thought the salaries of a

25 patrolman are and what the actuality really ended up

24 1 regard? 2 Yes. The other thing is that he did not attribute any cost to a police car. The police cars are used in South 5 Seaside Park, are they not? I think they drive, probably have to 6 7 drive them over there and park there and drive them back. So, three, three cars a day have to move between, you know, Berkeley Township and 10 South Seaside Park to meet that ratio. So, you 11 know, I tried to develop miles per day and then 12 miles per year. And then cal -- use the IRS 58 13 cents per mile calculation, since we were not 14 provided with any, you know, material information 15 that would allow us to get an exact cost. 16 Now, you know that we asked for that 17 information, you testified to it last time, correct? 18 Α 19 And the list of things that we asked 20 for, was with your assistance, I believe, that we 21 came up with? 22 Α Yes.

24 to some of that information. Did you see that in

And, apparently, Mr. Ebenau was privy

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                  I did.
                  To this day, have you been provided
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          Q
 3 with any of that specific police information
 4 regarding the number of police officers that are
 5 actually over there, shift information, and other
 6 things that might be related to cost?
                  No. And the other thing is, you
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8 know, just, just, I'm sure everybody remembers a
9 number, that my calculation, based on the
10 information I just provided, was that each car cost
11 $841,000 a year. And two cars is, you know, a
12 million, six. So, that's kind of relevant
13 information.
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                  So, let's say, what does that cost
          Q
15 per -- in terms of de-annexation, how does that
16 translate in terms of cost savings?
                  Well, the cost savings would be, you
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18 know, $840,000 a car. If two cars were used in the
19 calculation, which I believe there was testimony
20 that stated there were two cars.
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          Q
                  Two cars over there frequently.
                  Right. Plus all the other costs , it
          Α
23 would eliminate any, any increase in the municipal
24 levy.
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                  So, assuming that two cars were
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Now, Mr. Ebenau gave specific
 2 testimony that, having experience in other
 3 municipalities that had financial issues, such as
 4 Paterson and Camden and maybe others as well, that
 5 he thought that the municipality could recover from
 6 de-annexation. In one place, he said in five years
   or less. Do you recall reading that testimony?
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          Α
                  Yes.
                  And in another place, I believe he
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          Q
10 said within a few years, right?
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          Q
                  And that's using his numbers, not
13 your numbers, using his numbers?
14
                  Correct.
          Α
15
                  Okay. And his numbers would indicate
          Q
16 a much greater impact from de-annexation, I think he
   said 12.7 cents per hundred of tax assessment,
18 right?
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          Α
                  Yes.
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                  Do you agree that, with his
          Q
21 assessment, that within less than five years and
22 perhaps in a few years, that the impact of
23 de-annexation to the mainlanders, the mainland
24 taxpayers, would, essentially, be eliminated?
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                  Based on his numbers, they would be
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1 eliminated from going over to South Seaside Park, 2 based on your analysis, there would be no increase 3 in the municipal levy, correct? 4 Correct. 5 So, you would still have those, the 6 school tax, right? 7 Yes, the local school tax. Α 8 The local school tax, correct. We, 9 we had proposed there would be no decrease in the 10 local school tax, correct? 11 Correct. A 12 And what would that number be in 13 terms of per hundred of assessment to pay for the 14 local school tax? 15 It would be .07 --Α 16 Q Okay. So --17 -- cents. A 18 Q -- seven cents per hundred? 19 Α

21 eliminated associated with de-annexation, that's the

22 only expense that would exist --

Correct.

-- right?

Yes.

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Okay. But if the other expenses are

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28 1 eliminated. Based on my numbers, they don't exist, 2 but --There would be no -- essentially. very little impact based on your numbers or no 5 impact? 6 Α Right, correct. 7 Go ahead. What were you going to Q say? You started to say something and I cut you off. I apologize. 10 Α I've already forgot what I was going 11 to say. 12 Okay. So, one of the things that he 13 testified to as well is that he had projected for 14 budgetary purposes that there would be a \$50 million 15 increase over the next five years in ratables. Your 16 analysis doesn't even take that into account, does 17 it? 18 A 19 And if you had, that would even make 20 your analysis stronger? 21 Yes. Α 22 And do you doubt his projection in Q 23 any way? 24 I don't. I mean, the way he stated 25 it in his testimony, was that he was using that

29 1 \$50 million to calculate how, in budget 2 considerations. In other words, if we wanted to 3 keep the tax levy the same --4 Right. Q 5 Α -- which in a lot of places happens, 6 and the rate the same, we would be able to increase the expenditures and be absorbed by the increase in assessments. 9 Q There's been some concern, especially 10 in the senior communities, about the impact of 11 de-annexation and whether or not it's going to 12 increase the taxes for people that are on a fixed 13 income, living on social security, in a senior 14 community, such as, Holiday City or Silver Ridge 15 Park or, you know, any number of senior communities 16 that do exist in Berkeley Township, so we understand 17 that concern. How does -- now, I know your basic 18 opinion is that there's going to be very little 19 impact or no impact, correct? 20 Α Correct. 21 But assuming Mr. Ebenau is right for 22 a moment, and there is a limited impact for a few 23 years, how is it going to affect seniors who are, 24 you know, making, basically, living off their social 25 security, maybe a small pension, how is it going to

1 taxes are frozen based upon whatever they are that year, correct? 3

Α Yes.

4 And then they pay the tax and any 0 increases in subsequent years, but then they get a check back to cover the difference between what they were paying in tax and what the increase is? 8

Α Correct.

9 So, essentially, their taxes are Q 10 frozen, right?

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12 And for a lot of the people in Q 13 Holiday City or in other senior communities, based upon what you know of the demographics of Berkeley Township, are their taxes going to go up?

16 Α Not in that case.

17 And do we have any idea how many Q 18 people would be subject to the tax freeze?

19 I do not. A

20 Okay. But the tax office would have Q 21 that information, would they not?

22 Yes.

23 Q Talk to us a moment about state aid. 24 I know that you had talked about state aid for the 25 school system previously. And had indicated, to my

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1 affect them?

If they've registered for the tax 2 Α 3 freeze in the State of New Jersey, it won't affect them at all.

5 Q And what is the income for the tax 6 freeze that you're allowed to have and what's the threshold for that?

For 2017, 87, over \$87,000. 8 A

9 Per household? Q

10 Yes. A

11 So, that would be more than anybody's 12 social security, correct?

13 Α As far as I know.

14 Nobody out there is getting 87,000 in 15 social security, not even a husband and wife,

16 correct?

17 Α Absolutely not.

18 Okay. So, if you have a modestly, a 19 modest income family in Holiday City, that's making 20 less than \$87,000, their taxes can be frozen,

21 correct?

22 Α Yes.

23 And that means that they have to pay

24 the tax but then they get the difference, if

25 they're -- in the year in which they apply, the

1 knowledge, that this board or the town has the

2 ability, so the municipality and/or the board has

3 the ability to obtain a state aid calculation; is

4 that correct? Or maybe you can correct me on that.

5 In the event of de-annexation.

Well, prior to de-annexation, if you 6 7 were to supply the Department of Education with

8 information, they would have the ability to

9 calculate this. The formula is very complicated,

10 and goes across demographics, salaries, students.

11 All, all different things would be factored into

12 that calculation. You know, based on the fact that 13 South Seaside Park might be a little more affluent,

14 especially in the average assessment value.

15 Well, the average assessment, I 16 believe, it was 486,000 or something like that.

Okay. Α

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18 As compared with the mainland which 0 19 was much less. I mean, the average senior

20 assessment, I believe was, and I may be a little bit

21 off, was -- I think the average home was, in

22 Mr. Ebenau's report, was just under 200,000, I

23 believe it was 199,000 --

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25 0 -- 500, and the average senior home

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1 was around 127 or 128,000. So, based upon those
2 relative numbers, South Seaside Park being in the
3 high 400,000's and the average home in the mainland
 4 being around 200,000, the average home in the senior
 5 communities, none of which exist as communities,
6 although there's a lot of seniors in South Seaside
7 Park, being in the 127 to 128,000 range, how does
8 the school aid -- how would the school aid be
9 applied, given those relative numbers in assessment?
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                  Well, based on a conversation I had
11 with a business administrator in Egg Harbor
12 Township, she indicated that those different factors
13 would all come into play, and her feeling was that
14 federal --
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Hold on one second.
16 Can we at least identify the person --
                  MR. MICHELINI: Sure.
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: -- who's giving this
19 hearsay testimony through your expert?
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                  Who did you talk to?
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                  Yes. Hang on. Her name is Shondra.
22 She's the business administrator for Egg Harbor
23 Township.
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: School district or the
25 township?
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And what did you find out from
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   speaking to Shondra?
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                  Her feeling was that because of the
 4 change in the, what I described to her, the
  valuations and the assessments, that she thought
   there would be federal stabilization aid that might
   be able to go to the school.
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                  Why is that? Based upon what
 9
   factors?
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                  All those numerous factors.
11 assessments, demographics, population, student
12 count. Although the student count in this case is
   probably immaterial.
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                  The assessments, obviously, would be
          0
   a big change in terms of the average assessment?
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                  Because South Seaside Park's is
          Q
18 higher. And, actually, I said it was 486. It's
19 actually, looking at Mr. Ebenau's report, his first
20 report I don't think it changes, 408,000. The
21 township generally was 199,5 for the average home,
22 and senior communities was 127,000. So, I just want
23 to correct my own reference to the value in
24 South Seaside Park.
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          So, it was -- she indicated to you that she
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1 THE WITNESS: School -- I'm sorry. 2 The school district. 3 MR. McGUCKIN: Egg Harbor Township 4 School District? 5 THE WITNESS: School district, yes. 6 MR. MICHELINI: And is that --7 MR. McGUCKIN: Do you know her last 8 name? 9 THE WITNESS: I do, if I can find it. 10 MR. MICHELINI: Take your time. 11 THE WITNESS: It's Shondra Anaya, 12 A-n-a-y-a. 13 As a financial expert in this matter, 14 would it be part of your duties to talk to people in 15 education to determine whether or not -- as an 16 expert, would it be part of your duties to try to 17 find out about this school aid issue, to talk to 18 people who are in a position to know, such as an 19 administrator, business administrator in a school 20 district? 21 Well, certainly, in light of the fact 22 that it was brought up a number of times in 23 testimony, yes. 24 Okay. So, you investigated it? Q 25 Α Yes.

1 believed that state aid would be available? Federal aid --2 A 3 Or federal aid? Q -- under the term of stabilization. A 5 Okay. But that is still something that could be determined in some respect by the 6 7 municipality, correct? I believe if they were to ask the Department of Education, they should be able to get better information than this. 11 And you can't do that as an expert Q for the petitioners in this case, correct? 12 13 Α Department of Education would not 14 give me that information. 15 0 You tried? 16 I did. Α 17 So, assume for a minute that 18 Mr. Ebenau is correct and there's going to be some 19 kind of increase in taxes. Historically, have you 20 looked at what the levies have been and whether or 21 not there have been increases, which would be 22 similar to that which Mr. Ebenau thinks is going to 23 happen, in the event of de-annexation? 24 Α Yes. 25 MR. MICHELINI: Can you pull that

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1 information out. We'll have it marked. 2 (The Schedule was marked as A-95 for 3 identification.) I'm going to show you what's been 4 0 5 marked A-95. Can you explain to us what A-95 is? This is a schedule that goes from the 6 year 2010 to 2018. 7 8 Q What is it? 9 That's what I'm going to tell you. Α 10 Okay. Sorry. Q It represents the total budgets, the 11 12 changes in dollars in the total budgets, changes in 13 percent in the total budget, the tax levies from 14 2010 to 2018, and those changes and percentage 15 changes. Okay. So, in the event of Q

16 17 de-annexation, what is the percentage change, if you 18 know, that Mr. Ebenau would think would happen based 19 on his numbers? Do you know what that is?

Might want to restate that. I'm not 20 21 sure where you're going.

Okay. Well, I'm trying to apply 23 Mr. Ebenau's numbers to this, what you have in front 24 of you.

25 Α Well, for an example, the levy for

That the township is not adverse to 2 raising the levy.

3 Okay. In the event of de-annexation, the levy would raised, correct?

5 It could be, based on the CFO's Α 6 report.

Based upon Mr. Ebenau's report --Q

8 A Correct.

9 -- it could be raised? And if it Q 10 were raised based upon Mr. Ebenau's report, that 11 would be consistent with what has been done 12 historically; would that be accurate to say?

13 Α Yes.

14 MR. MICHELINI: Can we have this 15 marked in evidence. There would not be any 16 objection, I don't think, Mr. McGuckin. It was 17 marked for ID. You can mark that in evidence.

18 (The Schedule was marked as A-95 in

19 evidence.)

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20 Anything else you want to say about 21 that exhibit?

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23 Now, you mentioned, you mentioned a Q 24 little bit earlier something about the bonds or

25 ordinances that you reviewed. Did you review, since

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1 2018 went up \$1.588 million.

Q Okay.

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3 Which is approximately half of what 4 the associated 10.66 percent is to South Seaside 5 Park.

Okay. So, that was for one year that 6 7 the -- in a regular year, without de-annexation, the levy went up --

> One and a half million dollars. Α

10 -- one and a half millions dollars? 11 Okay. Can you tell us what it is for the 12 other years? And that is the way to relate it.

13 Thank you.

There seems to be a slight pattern in 14 15 the way that the levies are increased. In 2017, it 16 went down, \$47,000. And, in 2016, it went up a 17 million dollars. In 2015, it went up 54,000. In 18 2014, it went up 2.1 million. And there's increases 19 each year other than -- and I certainly wouldn't 20 want to speculate that they were in certain election 21 years.

22 Okay. Well, we don't do that then. Q

23 Α Okay.

24 What is the point of your bringing 25 out that information before this board?

1 your last testimony here, did you review any 2 additional capital bond ordinances?

Yes, the last four or five ordinances 3 that were, you know, adopted by the governing body.

5 And would that be over a period of years, do you know? 6

7 Approximately three years. Α

Okay. And what did you find by 9 reviewing capital bond ordinances, if anything? I 10 don't know if it matters.

Well, my intent, upon reviewing the 11 12 ordinances, was specifically to look to see what 13 roadwork was going to be accomplished in

14 South Seaside Park.

15 0 And for, let's say, the last three 16 years, 2016, '17 and '18, did you find anything 17 specific in the ordinances? I mean, the ordinances, 18 capital bond ordinance, cover all kinds of things,

19 right?

20 Well, once again, I focused on the 21 roads.

22 Road improvements in South Seaside Q

23 Park?

24 Right. The ordinances range from 25 seven and a half million dollars, eight and a half

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1 million dollars, in that range each year, which
2 seems to be a pattern. And even in the past, it
 3 seemed to be that would be their pattern. But, as I
 4 say, their ordinances are very specific as to what
 5 roads they intend to repair.
                  And from your review, are there any
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7 roads mentioned in the last three years which would
   indicate repair of roads in South Seaside Park?
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                  No.
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                  Now, the -- I may have asked you
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11 this. Mr. Ebenau never asked you for anything in
12 terms of what you did in your report, correct?
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          Α
                  Correct.
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                  He never asked you for any
15 documentation, correct?
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                  Correct.
          Α
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          Q
                  He never called to chat?
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                  He never called to discuss your --
20 his findings?
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          Α
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                  Or your findings, rather?
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                  Or his findings?
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          A
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1 merging with Seaside Park, they would get a 2 ten percent decrease overall on their taxes. And that would be the same today as 4 it was when you originally testified three years ago, correct? To the best of your knowledge? Well, once again, I'd have to look at how their ratables, assessments and levies took place. But, you know, based on the information that was in the CFO's report and the slight changes that occurred, would have to be very, you know, small. Anything else that you want to say in 11 12 rebuttal about the CFO's report, or have you covered 13 everything, as far as you know? And you can take a 14 moment and look at notes, if you like, and see if 15 there's anything else that you would say in rebuttal 16 of his report. And then I'll ask you about 17 Mr. Camera's report. 18 Α No, I think we've covered pretty much 19 all those areas. Okay. Now, you also indicated 20 0

21 earlier that you read the administrator's report, 22 right?

23 A Correct.

24 And that also commented on financial Q 25 matters, did it not?

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You were willing to do that, were you
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2 not?
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                  I think you made that offer and
   proposal last time you testified --
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                  Yes.
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                  -- correct? And no one took you up
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   on that?
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                  Correct.
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                  But you did actually talk to
11 Mr. Ebenau when you were doing your report, correct?
                  I talked to him very early on in the
13 process and asked if he would send me a few
14 documents, which he was very happy to do. Some of
15 which he asked me, I guess because of his position,
16 to OPRA the information, which we did.
                  But he was useful in that regard?
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                  Absolutely.
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                  Are there specific advantages to
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20 Seaside Park, not South Seaside Park, Seaside Park,
21 to de -- for de-annexation?
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          Α
                  Yes.
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          Q
                  What are they?
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                  Well, I think in my report, I
25 indicated that with the -- South Seaside Park
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1 Α Correct.

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And what is your response, generally, 3 to his report? Insofar as the financial matters. I'm not asking about anything else.

5 Α Well, the report presented no numbers 6 that could be verified. There was no documentation 7 as to any of the conclusions. I found the report to 8 be, you know, not in complete agreement with the 9 CFO's report, because numbers that the CFO said were 10 savings were never indicated in the administrator's 11 report.

12 Additionally, his conclusion was that he 13 relied specifically on the CFO's report to say that 14 those numbers were much better, and we've already 15 seen that quite a few of those numbers were 16 completely inaccurate.

And certainly, you follow the

18 cross-examination of the testimony, Mr. Ebenau had a 19 initial report which showed that South Seaside Park 20 was 11.27 percent of the overall assessment of the 21 municipality, and I cross-examined him probably for 22 the better part of at least one meeting to 23 demonstrate that it was 10.66 percent. Did you 24 agree with that? 25 Α Absolutely.

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And does that give you any pause as
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2 to the reliability of his report when there's such
 3 an error of that nature?
                  It certainly did. And, you know,
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 5 some of the other information, for instance, the
   public works amounts that he used in the report, had
 7 no backup information attached to them. They were
8 interesting, to say the least, in what they
9 represented. For instance, one of the numbers was
10 fuel cost of $503. Okav. Where did that come from?
11 The tipping fees, I think he reports that they're
12 somewhere around $39,000. If you take the
13 percentage of residents in South Seaside Park and do
14 that calculation, comes up just under $90,000.
          The administrator indicated that that number
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16 was insignificant and, you know, the difference,
17 $50,000, that's a third of 162,000. So, might be
18 insignificant. But it's a relevant number based on
19 his report.
                  Right. And based on his report it
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          Q
21 would make his cost savings number of $162,000,
22 about 30 percent or so off?
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                  Right.
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                  And that's without taking into
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25 account the reserve for uncollected taxes, which

1 Judge Addison's decision from 35 years ago or whatever it is at this point? 3 A I did. 4 Okay. And was there any discussion 0 of finances in that report? There was some discussion about 6 7 the --8 Or that decision? I'm sorry, I said report. Go ahead. There was some discussion about? 9 10 The finances and how that, in that Α judge's opinion, they would be nullified in less 12 than three years, based on the --MR. McGUCKIN: All right. I'm going 13 14 to stop you for one second. We went round and round 15 on this two, three years ago about Judge Addison's opinion and its relevance to this proceeding. 17 MR. MICHELINI: I think it's 18 relevant. 19 MR. McGUCKIN: And I know you think 20 it's relevant. I think you thought that three years 21 ago. I think the board concluded that it was not, 22 because the statute is somewhat different and the 23 law is different, and the facts are different. And 24 to -- it appears that it's being used to argue that

25 Judge Addison's decision is somehow evidential in

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1 represents 82 percent of that 162, and without 2 verifying all the numbers --3 Α Right. 4 -- for the department heads, correct? Q 5 Right. And also, I just, the other 6 thing -- and I'm glad you mentioned, did I think of 7 anything else -- is the way that he calculated what 8 the debt would be for South Seaside Park upon 9 de-annexation. And he had a number of about five 10 and a half -- \$550 million in annual fees that we 11 have to pay. And he concluded that he was basing 12 that on amounts beyond, beyond bonded debt, for 13 instance, amount, you know, that you could debt --14 15 Α -- on the ordinance. But that 16 doesn't indicate that there is going to be debt 17 issued. You can cancel the ordinance and then the 18 debt would go away. So, that could be significant. Okay. Just getting back to 20 Mr. Camera for a moment. In fairness to Mr. Camera, 21 he's not a financial expert, so we'll leave him 22 alone at this point. And he admitted that. You

Did you have an opportunity to read

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23 read that, correct?

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1 this proceeding as it should relate to this petition 2 and its de-annexation. And the testimony now is --3 I don't recall this being any different than what was tried to be brought in three years ago. Am I 5 incorrect in that? MR. MICHELINI: Well, my position is 7 that it is relevant, because it's the closest thing 8 that we have. The only other cases that we have are 9 from other municipalities. The only -- the case --10 there are several reported cases. They're from 11 other municipalities. If we're going to look to 12 those cases for guidance, why wouldn't we look to 13 the case that was decided right here, where several 14 of the issues are identical. Some of them -- the 15 only thing that's really different is, the burden 16 has changed under the statute. The burden used to 17 be on the municipality, the burden is now on us to 18 show that there isn't any significant detriment to 19 the municipality and that the petitioners will 20 benefit. That burden used to be on the 21 municipality. But, otherwise, it's almost an 22 identical situation. It's the same people, the same 23 area of land, seeking de-annexation, with very 24 similar arguments.

MR. McGUCKIN: I just want to be

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1 clear. We went through this before. And I believe
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2 the board said no, it's not relevant and it
 3 shouldn't be presented.
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                  MR. MICHELINI: Okay.
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Is that the purpose of
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6 the testimony? Is there something different than
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   what we talked about previously?
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                  MR. MICHELINI: Honestly, I don't
9 remember what we talked about previously. This
10 hearing has been going on for three years. My point
11 in having Mr. Moore speak about it is to show what
12 Judge Addison -- to bring out what Judge Addison
13 decided and what the impact --
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: That's an argument --
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                  MR. MICHELINI: -- of the taxes would
16 be. And how that relates -- what the impact of
17 de-annexation would be, not the tax. The impact of
18 de-annexation upon the municipality in terms of
19 finances. And if that was 35 years ago, it had a
20 certain impact. And if it's similar to today, I
                                                               20 that.
21 think this board could look at that as relevant and
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22 something to be considered. But if the board
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23 doesn't want to hear it, that's up to the board. It
24 would be over my objection.
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: It's up to the board.
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MR. MACKRES: Yeah. A lot of 3 information was different. So, compare the two from four decades ago, I mean --MR. MICHELINI: That's not specifically what I'm comparing, but go ahead. MR. MACKRES: But, I mean, you're 8 bringing it to a financial expert and asking for his 9 opinion on those matters. And, I mean, I can tell 10 you the stories I remember as a kid, and I'm 42, so. 11 these towns have grown dramatically. To talk about 12 the demographic differences, it's apples to oranges. 13 So I'm a no for that. Thank you. MR. BACCHIONE: The decision of this 15 planning board is going to be based on the testimony 16 that you provided regarding this application for 17 this de-annexation. So, I agree with Mr. McGuckin 18 that I don't see a relevance to bringing up a 19 decision over 35 years ago. That's my opinion on MR. BELL: I concur. MR. WINWWARD: I kind of feel like, 23 too, it's a whole different world now. You know, 24 just things have changed so much. It's really --25 and we're not going to be asked to vote on and

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1 I would just indicate that we went through this two 2 and a half, three years ago. And the board at that 3 time concluded that it was not relevant. Number 4 one, it was 30 some years ago. Number two, the 5 statute has been amended. And number three, in this 6 case -- in that -- before you were trying to get it 7 through lay witnesses, now you're trying to bring it 8 through a financial expert. I just --MR. MICHELINI: To testify 10 specifically about the financial aspects of that 11 decision. Nothing else. MR. McGUCKIN: Of the case from 35 13 years ago, with different finances, different facts, 14 than this one. I don't see the benefit of it or the 15 fact that it would not be prejudicial, so -- but, 16 again, it's up to the board, not me. 17 MR. WINWARD: Do we have any thoughts 18 or comments from anybody on the board? Go ahead, 19 Nick. 20 MR. MACKRES: I think, looking at 21 financial numbers from three to four decades ago, I 22 mean, pension payments were different, health care 23 was different, population density was different. I 24 mean, I'm sure zoning and codes was different. 25 MR. McGUCKIN: School funding was

52 1 consider a decision from 35 years ago. We got to 2 base it on the numbers, the facts, the testimony 3 from today, last two, three years, you know, 4 relevant testimony. So, I kind of think we're all 5 in agreement. And, naturally, our professional, we 6 have to give a high esteem to his opinion too 7 because that's what --8 MR. MICHELINI: Sure. MR. WINWARD: -- he has -- does for a 10 living and is a subject matter expert. So, I think 11 I concur with his decision. 12 MR. MICHELINI: Just in --13 MR. WINWARD: Seems everybody on the 14 board kind of feels that way, that 35 years ago is 15 not relevant to now. 16 MR. MICHELINI: And just, for the 17 record, I'm just going to state my position, then 18 we'll move on. 19 My position is that that decision can 20 provide guidance. It's not necessarily binding in 21 any respect. But it certainly can provide quidance, 22 because the parallels between that decision of 35 23 years ago and today are closer than any other 24 de-annexation decision that exists out there. And 25 when this matter is looked at, the case law's going

1 to be looked at in terms of all the other decisions 2 that have been made. There aren't too many. 3 There's only a few. Okay. But I'm sure that Mr. 4 McGuckin will happily argue those other cases when 5 we get -- if we, if we get to court, he will be 6 arguing those other cases. I think it makes sense 7 for this board to be guided by information that's 8 available regarding a different case involving the 9 same exact piece of land. And they -- you folks are 10 intelligent enough to figure out what's different. 11 But the board has ruled. I understand it. I 12 respect it. I think it provides tremendous 13 guidance. And I think it's a mistake. And it's 14 over my objection. Thank you. 15 MR. WINWARD: You're welcome. 16 BY MR. MICHELINI: 17 Okay. Mr. Moore, unless there's 18 something else that you would like to bring to the 19 attention of this board, we'll wrap up. So, is 20 there anything else that you want to say? 21 The only thing that I'd like to say, 22 and I've seen this in numerous testimonies and in 23 the CFO's report, his indication that he feels as 24 though the debt of the schools goes to the 25 petitioner. That, of course, is not in any way

The first question I have, at last 2 month's hearing, a certain member of the public 3 talked about the senior tax freeze. He apparently 4 was subject to the senior freeze. There was an 5 issue with his -- he raised his house as a result of 6 Sandy, and that changed his assessment and changed 7 his -- I don't know whether it changed his status. 8 I don't know that that's the correct term, but it changed the amount he had to pay. He had to pay 10 more than he was --11 MR. MICHELINI: Assessment. 12 MR. WISER: -- under the senior 13 freeze. 14 He asked whether any tax changes, any 15 tax increases that might result from de-annexation 16 would have a similar impact on his taxes. And, you 17 know, he asked it. I don't think he expected an 18 answer. I was wondering if you had an answer. 19 THE WITNESS: I don't. but I did read 20 that. And that same thought crossed my mind when he 21 was talking about an added assessment, because 22 that's going to change his tax base, which I agree 23 with. I mean, certainly, this de-annexation law 24 hasn't been tested as to what would happen in that 25 case. So, I mean, are the assessments of

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1 true. The debt of the school stays with the school. 2 And in the case of the regional school, the debt's 3 already built into their levy. So we understand 5 In the case of the local district school, why 6 would the petitioner, in any way, have to be 7 obligated to their debt. They wouldn't be. If they 8 were, wouldn't that debt calculation come off the 9 levy? So, it's a moot point. I know that's been 10 discussed numerous times and I just wanted to say 11 something. 12 And if they were to get the debt, it 13 would come off the levy so it would save the town? It would be a moot point. 14 15 Okay. It would be a moot point. And 16 an argument could be made that if they're to get the 17 debt, then they should get a percentage of the 18 assets as well, correct? 19 Which is never going to happen. Α 20 MR. MICHELINI: Right. Thank you. 21 Okay. That's it for Mr. Moore. Any questions? MR. McGUCKIN: I have a few. I'm 23 sure -- I don't know if, Stu, do you want to go or 24 do you want me to go? 25 MR. WISER: I can go.

1 South Seaside Park following them to, let's say, 2 Seaside Park, and nothing happens, or is there an 3 equalization that's going to take place because 4 their assessments are at 92 and ours are at 97 and a 5 half? I can't answer that. But, I mean, I do 6 believe that's a fair question. 7 MR. WISER: So, you don't know. I 8 mean, we don't know. 9 THE WITNESS: Took a long time for me 10 to say I don't know. 11 MR. WISER: Okay. Fair enough. 12 I recall in your first round of 13 testimony, you had made some assumptions about 14 layoffs for the police department. 15 THE WITNESS: Go ahead. 16 MR. WISER: You're --17 THE WITNESS: Shaking my head. 18 MR. WISER: -- opening your mouth to 19 talk and nothing's coming out. 20 THE WITNESS: Well, I wanted you to 21 finish your question. 22 MR. WISER: Well, we've had a number 23 of the senior staff in the administration say there 24 would be no layoffs should de-annexation occur. We

25 had the administrator say the same thing. And I'm

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1 just wondering, have you read that?
                  THE WITNESS: I did.
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                  MR. WISER: Did you read those
   transcripts?
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes, I did.
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                  MR. WISER: Okay. Does that change
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7 your opinion at all?
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                  THE WITNESS: Not at all. And the
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9 reason I say that is, number one, in my original
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10 report, I never talked about layoffs. Because in
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11 the original report I did, there was not a factor
12 that related to a specific police car. That --
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13 because I did -- I was under the impression there
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14 were no police in South Seaside Park. And it was
15 brought up later that there were police cars over
16 there on a full-time basis. So, in the initial
17 report, when I did the calculation, I said, based on
18 the number of people, here's what the cost related
19 to the total expenditures would be. And let's say
20 the number was $270,000. And don't quote me on
21 that. Okay. And how did I relate to that layoffs.
                                                               21 report.
22 I did not relate it to layoffs. I said, if we were
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23 to lower the overtime by that amount, because,
24 obviously, if they're patrolling and doing less in
25 an area, maybe the overtime would go down. So, I
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1 to pass those tax increases onto the people, that's
2 their decision. And maybe they will, based on, you
3 know, their levy attitude.
                  MR. WISER: So, your first report
  assumed no layoffs?
                  THE WITNESS: Correct.
                  MR. WISER: Just cut back in
  overtime, that kind of thing?
                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
                  MR. WISER: Your second report
11 assumed layoffs?
                 THE WITNESS: Correct.
                  MR. WISER: Which one are we to rely
14 on in terms of the numbers to do an analysis?
                 THE WITNESS: Second report that has
16 two police cars. Because now there's testimony
17 saying, there was two police cars. And I, as I
18 indicated, when I first did this, my indication to
19 me was, they did not have a full-time presence
20 there. That was what was told to me when I did the
                  Subsequent to that, that's why
23 there's two subsequent reports, that's the reason.
24 So, the one we rely on is, in my opinion, the second
25 supplement it says there's two police cars.
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1 never said layoffs. I said, if we could lower the 2 overtime, because we're not providing any -- any 3 services to South Seaside Park, would that be a 4 savings. That's what I said. And in every case, 5 every case, of all the expenditures I did, that was 6 mv indication. MR. WISER: Okay. But in your 8 supplemental report, you spoke about removing one 9 car, two cars and three cars from -- or maybe it was 10 just one, two -- but removing cars from 11 South Seaside Park? THE WITNESS: Absolutely. And then 13 that is true. Once I did the supplemental report. 14 based on the information that there was at least 15 one, probably two cars there, then I absolutely 16 agree with you. I said, there's -- those are the 17 costs associated with that. And they have the 18 potential to lay off that many people. Now. I also read the administrator's 20 indications. And I also read the CFO's indication 21 that they were going to make the decision as to who 22 gets laid off. I also saw in the cross-examination,

23 Mr. Michelini was able to elicit information that

25 prerogative of the elected officials. If they want

24 said, that's not your prerogative, that's the

MR. WISER: Okay. 1 MR. MICHELINI: Can I follow up with 3 a question on that, if that's okay, and then you can go back. 5 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI: Where did you -- did you read in the 6 Q 7 record anywhere that there are two police cars? 8 Α 9 Okay. And do you remember where you Q 10 saw that, if you know? Certain residents testified to that. 11 12 And I believe also somebody on the governing body 13 indicated that there were two full-time police cars 14 there. 15 0 The only person on the governing body 16 here is Mr. Bacchione. That's whose name I saw. I'm sorry. Α 18 I did not mis -- didn't want to mispronounce your 19 name. 20 All right. Any -- okay. So, you saw 21 that in the record as well? 22 I did, yes. Α 23 MR. WISER: Okay. So, use the second 24 report, that's what you're telling us? 25 THE WITNESS: Supplemental report.

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                  MR. WISER: Thank you. I --
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Any aid.
                  THE WITNESS: That's okay.
                                                                                 MR. WISER: Well, no, this is the
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                  MR. WISER: Your conversation about
                                                                3 first time that federal aid is being discussed. So,
 4 state aid and then federal aid. You spoke to the
                                                                  anything that we would have talked about would have
 5 lady at the Egg Harbor Township Board of Education,
                                                                   been state aid?
 6 their business administrator?
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Okay. But I was
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
                                                                  talking about all aid. Aid's aid.
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                  MR. WISER: How much of the
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                                                                                 MR. WISER: So, when you were talking
   particulars of the information that would relate to
                                                                  about all aid and we had this discussion about the
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10 this Board of Education, the Berkeley Board of
                                                               10 formula not being followed and there really being no
11 Education, did you relay to her in order for her to
                                                               11 way to tell year to year how much money is going to
12 make a decision?
                                                               12 be allocated to a particular district, that would
                                                               13 then apply to the federal aid as well as the state
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                  THE WITNESS: Okay. You know, I
14 asked -- here's what I asked her. I said, what are
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                                                                  aid?
15 the criteria, if you know, to determine how state
                                                               15
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: I agree.
16 aid is calculated, or any aid that the school might
                                                               16
                                                                                 MR. WISER: So, there's really no way
17 get? She went down the list, demographics, numbers
                                                               17 to know?
18 of students, population, income levels, those
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: I agree.
19 things. I said okay. If, in this situation, the
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                                                                                 MR. WISER: Okay.
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20 assessments were to go down, do you believe there
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Yeah. And I tried to
21 could be a chance to get additional federal
                                                               21 make that point clear. And, you know, in all of the
22 stabilization aid? And that's what she indicated.
                                                               22 presentations, we're not showing any state aid
23 She did not say state aid.
                                                               23 increase, reduction. You know, all of the
                  MR. WISER: Okay. Is -- this is the
                                                               24 calculations that we present, and even the CFO's
25 first time that I think we're hearing about federal
                                                               25 doing the same thing, we can't determine that. So,
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1 stabilization aid. What is that?
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                  THE WITNESS: That's money that you
 3 get from the federal government to try to equalize,
 4 you know, school systems so they have funds. It's
 5 the same as state aid, but it's from the federal
   government.
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                  MR. WISER: And are there towns in
 8
   New Jersey who get that?
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                  THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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                  MR. WISER: Which ones? Can you tell
   us a couple?
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                  THE WITNESS: All of them.
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                  MR. WISER: All of them?
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                  THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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                  MR. WISER: Is there -- other than
16 the formula that she alluded to, that you said she
17 alluded to, is there a formula as to how much a town
18 gets based on its characteristics?
                  THE WITNESS: I believe, yes. But,
20 once again, that formula is very complicated. I
21 think I testified before, and in my report states
22 that it hasn't been followed specifically for a
23 number of years.
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                  MR. WISER: Well, that was state aid,
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25 not federal aid?

1 no one's changing that. I was just voicing an 2 opinion if we could get information, then it's possible that there could be a savings. That's all. MR. WISER: Maybe, kind of -- okay. 5 I get you. 6 You had, with respect to the bond 7 ordinances, and please correct me if I'm wrong, you had said that the bond ordinances were very specific as to what roads were going to be addressed, and so, 10 from that, you could tell that there were no line 11 items applicable to South Seaside Park? 12 THE WITNESS: In the recent ones? 13 MR. WISER: Yes. 14 THE WITNESS: Yeah, in my report, I 15 mean, I listed bond ordinances going back probably 16 five or six years in there. And in there indicated 17 South Seaside Park roads. So, if -- and I am --18 obviously, no one has this report, which I don't 19 know why you wouldn't keep it near you at all times. 20 But in here --21 MR. WISER: I don't want to fall 22 sleep when I'm driving. 23 THE WITNESS: Sorry. Would I be 24 allowed to just --

MR. WISER: Well, no. It's in

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1 evidence, and I remember it in broad strokes. I
                                                                1 would happen?
 2 guess my question is, and maybe I'm remembering it
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 3 incorrectly, so please refresh my memory --
                                                                                  And she doesn't know if that would
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                                                                          Q
                  THE WITNESS: Right.
                                                                   happen?
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                  MR. WISER: -- if I'm wrong. My
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 6 recollection is, when you first presented that, you
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                                                                                  Okay. Did you talk to any other
 7 said you couldn't -- could not determine the amount
                                                                   school administrators about this?
                                                                7
 8 of funds spent in South Seaside Park because it was
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                                                                          Α
                                                                                  No.
9 not that specific.
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                                                                                  What experience do you have with
                                                                          Q
                                                               10 federal stabilization aid as a municipal accountant,
10
                  THE WITNESS: But, no, I couldn't
11 determine the funds but I could identify that roads
                                                               11 registered municipal accountant?
12 were listed in there. The problem is, in bond
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                                                                                  I've audited 50 schools.
13 ordinance -- so, in the bond ordinance, we have 15
                                                               13
                                                                                  Okay. And is this funding directly
14 different categories that they're going to spend
                                                               14 paid by the federal government to the local school
15 money on, of which they're fairly specific. Okay.
                                                                  district?
16 And as honing in on the roads section, it lists the
                                                               16
                                                                                  Yes.
                                                                          Α
17 number of roads and what their names are. So that,
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                                                                                  And do you know how much Berkeley has
                                                                          0
18 when I did this, for instance, in 2010, there was
                                                               18 received or Central Regional?
19 $1.4 million for roads. And they listed some roads.
                                                               19
20 21st Avenue from Bay, Bayview to Ocean, and Surf
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                                                                                  Did you look at any of those numbers
                                                                          Q
21 Avenue from Bayview to Central. I never was able to
                                                               21 as part of your analysis of this whole financial
22 obtain information that said, of the $1.4 million,
                                                               22 picture?
23 did it all relate to that or not? I mean, the
                                                               23
                                                                                  No. And the reason is because I was
24 administrator's here. I mean, he might have some
                                                               24 not predicting any change in amounts.
                                                                                  Did you look at the school funding
25 idea. But I would say no. I mean, I've done enough
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MR. WISER: And I guess my question,
with all of that, I understand exactly what you
asid, is, is the way that the current bond
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5 ordinances are crafted, the same or different than 6 the older ones?

7 THE WITNESS: Same way.

1 of these to understand that.

8 MR. WISER: Okay. That's all I was

9 trying to get.

10 THE WITNESS: Okay. I'm sorry.

11 MR. WISER: Okay. No problem.

Mr. Chairman, that's all I really

13 have.

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MR. McGUCKIN: I have a couple.

15 MR. WINWWARD: Yes, please proceed.

16 EXAMINATION BY MR. MCGUCKIN:

17 Q You were talking about the federal 18 stabilization aid. I wrote it down. You said it 19 might be -- according to you, she indicated to you 20 it might be able to go to Berkeley, is that what

21 your testimony was?

22 A Yes.

23 Q Is that what she said?

24 A Yes.

25 Q So, you don't really know if that

1 formula here in New Jersey and whether it's changed 2 for Berkeley aid?

A I mean, in the last year or two, it 4 has changed. But I have not been involved in, once 5 again, seeing the calculation and how much is going 6 to be reallocated to the different schools.

Q So, you don't know that either?

8 A I don't know that either. And once 9 again, I'm not projecting any change in the school 10 tax from what we've all reported.

11 Q I believe you indicated, this is what 12 I wrote down, and I could have missed it, but you 13 said something about the number of students was 14 immaterial when you were talking about the federal

15 stabilization aid.

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16 A One student.

17 Q I'm sorry?

18 A One student.

19 Q And the Egg Harbor Township school 20 district that Shondra talked about, how is that

21 similar to what Berkeley has here?

22 A It's a school district.

23 Q Yeah.

24 A It's a school district.

25 Q That's it?

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1	A	That's it.	1	BY MR. McG	UCKIN:
2	Q	It's a regional school district? Is	2	Q	I'm going to get to the reserves in a
3	there a regio	onal part of it as well?	3	second.	
4	Α	They have a regional school there,	4	A	Okay.
5	yes.		5	Q	I'm just talking about in general
6	Q	Do they also have a local school	6	terms. If	a municipality prepares a budget and they
7	district?		7	prepare who	at their expenditures are anticipated to
8	A	Yes.	8	be, would	it be appropriate for them to at least
9		MR. WISER: May I follow up? What is	9	intend to	generate a surplus from that, so at the
10	the regional	school in Egg Harbor Township?	10	end of the	year there's some money left or, God
11		THE WITNESS: It encompasses some of	11	forbid, the	ere's another hurricane, they have
12	mainland and	Linwood. Linwood's involved.	12	additional	funding available to themselves?
13		MR. WISER: Not Egg Harbor Township?	13	A	Well, I think you're, you know,
14	No.		14	trying to	delve into the mind of every municipality
15		THE WITNESS: Okay. So, you're more	15	and how the	ey operate.
16	familiar with	n that.	16	Q	well, let me rephrase it.
17		MR. WISER: I live there.	17	A	Everyone's different.
18		THE WITNESS: There you go. Maybe	18	Q	Let me rephrase it.
19	redirect the	question.	19	A	Okay.
20	BY MR. MCGUCH	(IN:	20	Q	Every budget has to be approved by
21	Q	You talked about the municipal	21	the local	finance board, correct?
22	budgets and t	the surplus that was part of	22	A	Yes.
23	Mr. Ebenau's	calculations, as far as him using the	23	Q	Does the local finance board have a
24	budgeted amou	ınts, correct?	24	regulation	or a policy as to the amount of surplus
25	Α	Yes, I did.	25	that can b	e anticipated for the following year?
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Okay. And that's a normal practice 2 to budget for purposes of creating a surplus; is 3 that not correct?

I would not say that.

5 So, townships do not, as part of 6 their budget, at least anticipate a potential surplus for the following year?

8 Not necessarily. I mean, if you look 9 back at the amounts that were reserved in prior years, some were as low as \$200,000. So, I don't 11 know if I would consider that anticipating surplus.

12 Do you know which years those were? 0

13 I think it -- that -- what's in 14 evidence?

15 MR. MICHELINI: Where is that

16 document in evidence?

MR. McGUCKIN: I have it here. I 18 need it back because I do have a question about it.

THE WITNESS: No, this -- this is --20 this is the one that's, has the reserves on it. So,

21 in 2013 --

22 MR. MICHELINI: Different document.

23 THE WITNESS: -- the reserve that was 24 ended up in revenue was \$204,000.

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Anticipated but not raised. 1 A 2

You were talking about, how do we raise surplus, not how we anticipate surplus.

And do they have a percentage or a policy as to how much could be applied in any particular year, leaving a certain amount?

You can apply all of it up to the A cash amount.

10 By cash amount, you mean they still 11 have to reserve something?

No. There's two -- two kinds of surplus, there's cash surplus and noncash surplus. 14 You could use it all with the permission of the 15 local finance board. So, the cash, noncash surplus

would have something to do with deferred charges in the calculation.

18 Is the local finance board normally 0 19 allowed to use all of your surplus?

20 Α Rarely.

21 I just want to be clear. It's your 22 testimony that, whether it was 10.66 or 10.68, the percentage of tax base that would, the township 24 would lose if this de-annexation occurred, is what?

25 Α 10.66.

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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you.
                                                                                  And didn't Mr. Michelini, after
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                  MR. WISER: Based on what year's
                                                                 2 telling Mr. Ebenau what a terrific financial expert
                                                                 3 he is, indicate that he would be able to prepare
 3 numbers?
                  THE WITNESS: '17.
                                                                 4 budgets that, within a few years, the township would
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                  MR. WISER: 2017 numbers?
                                                                   be able to weather the storm and go forward in a
 6
                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
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                                                                   more stable base?
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                  MR. WISER: Okay.
                                                                                  I did read that.
                                                                          Α
 8
   BY MR. MCGUCKIN:
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                                                                                  And he indicated that he thinks he
9
                  The reserve for uncollected taxes,
                                                                   could accomplish that within three years or five
          Q
                                                                 9
10 did you do an analysis of the percentage of
                                                                   years, correct?
11 properties that are in tax arrears in South Seaside
                                                                11
                                                                          Α
                                                                                  Yes.
                                                                12
12 Park versus the balance of the municipality?
                                                                          Q
                                                                                  And the only way that can happen,
13
                                                                13 according to Mr. Ebenau, would be based upon how
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14
                  So, when you talked about the reserve
                                                                   much tax revenue the township wishes to raise as
15 for uncollected taxes, if the rate of unpaid taxes
                                                                   part of its tax increase?
16 on the mainland was much higher than that in
                                                                16
                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: I'm going to object
17 South Seaside Park, would that in any way affect
                                                                17 to that, because that's not what he said. He also
18 your determination?
                                                                18 talked about cutting costs, you know, among other
19
                  If anybody could prove that, yes.
                                                                19 things. So, I think the --
20 However, the other side of that would be that we're
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                                                                                  MR. McGUCKIN: I'll rephrase it.
21 then going to receive additional delinquent interest
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                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: I think the sentence
22 because people didn't pay, which is 18 percent.
                                                                22 is --
                  Well, if they're no longer part of
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                                                                                  MR. McGUCKIN: I'll rephrase it.
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          Q
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24 the town, that may not be the case, that's why I
                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: The question is not
25 asked. Did you do any calculation in that regard?
                                                                25 accurate.
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                                                                                  MR. McGUCKIN: I'll rephrase it.
                  No.
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                                                                                  When Mr. Ebenau testified that things
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                  When you talked about Mr. Ebenau's
 3 testimony regarding the township recovering from the
                                                                   could be recovered, that he would include, according
 4 financial loss, and he indicated it could take five
                                                                   to Mr. Michelini, at least, that the -- that would
 5 years or a few years, do you recall that testimony?
                                                                   include cutting services, correct, or employees,
 6
          Α
                  Yes.
                                                                 6
                                                                   correct?
7
                  And I believe you testified, I just
                                                                 7
                                                                                  Cutting the budget.
          Q
                                                                          Α
8 want to be clear, is that basically a function of
                                                                                  And you do that through services or
                                                                 8
                                                                          Q
 9 how much the township wishes to raise taxes to
                                                                   employees, correct?
10 recoup, assuming his numbers are correct, that would
                                                                10
                                                                                  Or other expenses.
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11 be a function of how much the governing body wishes
                                                                                  Or other expenses?
                                                                          Q
12 to raise taxes, would it not? So, if they wanted to
                                                                12
                                                                                  Or different health care plans or --
                                                                          Α
13 do it all in two years, they could do two large tax
                                                                   numerous. Don't have another bond issue that you
14 increases and recoup that going forward, wouldn't
                                                                   have to have interest expense. There's every line
15 that be correct?
                                                                15 item --
                  My reading of his report, I felt had
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                                                                                  Which mean less services would be
16
17 more to do with added assessments and then also
                                                                17 available or less work would get done, correct?
18 controlling cost, not so much levy increases.
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                                                                                  I didn't say that.
                                                                          Α
                                                                19
                  Well, you read Mr. Michelini's
                                                                                  Well, if you don't do the bond work
20 blistering cross-examination of Mr. Ebenau, I'm
                                                                   and you don't borrow the money to do the work, then
                                                                21 less work would get done, correct?
21 sure, correct?
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                                                                                  Less equipment would be bought, less
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                  MR. MICHELINI: Thank you. Somebody
23 recognized it.
                                                                23 roads would be up-to-date. So, instead of repairing
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24 the road one year, maybe you put off for a year.

So, it's a function of what the

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Q

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Did you not?

I did.

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1 governing body wishes to do to recover that loss,
                                                                                  So, if the petition of the
                                                                   petitioners is granted, the petitioners would
 2 correct?
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          A
                  I agree with that.
                                                                3 receive a 40 percent tax decrease as a result of
                  How much they'll do in one year, how
 4
                                                                   de-annexation?
          Q
 5 much they'll do in five years, how they spread that
                                                                5
                                                                          Α
                                                                                  Based on my calculations.
 6 impact across the period of time, correct?
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                                                                                  Has anyone ever discussed with you
                                                                  why you did not include that in your report?
                  I agree with that.
 7
          Α
                                                                                  I included what the savings would be
8
                  And at the end of that period of
                                                                8
9 time, when it's becomes stable again, the township
                                                                9
                                                                   for the new combined South Seaside Park and Seaside
10 has lost that forever, correct? That revenue that
                                                               10 Park.
11 is gone, because the 10.66 base is no longer there,
                                                               11
                                                                                  I'm just talking about the
                                                               12 petitioners who are paying your freight. Did anyone
12 that's gone forever. So, that's basically the new
13 base for the township taxpayers, correct?
                                                               13 ever ask you to do a calcula -- strike that. Did
                  Well, certainly, the assessed basis
14
                                                               14 they ever ask you to do a calculation and/or did you
15 is gone forever until you get new assessments, yes.
                                                               15 put it in your report?
16
                  Okay. Now, I think we asked you this
                                                               16
                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: I'm going to object.
                                                               17
17 last time, and because you brought it up, I'm a
                                                                                  MR. McGUCKIN: That's two questions.
18 little curious. You calculated the impact of
                                                               18 And I'm going to withdraw that.
19 South Seaside Park being de-annexed on the rate
                                                               19
                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: Yeah. And not only
20 payer, the tax rate and what the people in
                                                               20 that, the discussions, all of the discussions are
21 Seaside Park would be paying in their taxes,
                                                               21 through me. So, they're, you know, they're
22 correct?
                                                               22 privileged discussions. Just like a draft of a
23
                                                               23 report would be a privileged discussion.
          Α
                  Yes.
                  And you calculate that the people in
                                                               24
                                                                                  MR. McGUCKIN: If he raises --
24
          Q
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                                                                                  MR. MICHELINI: The board is the one
25 Seaside Park would see a ten percent, roughly, a
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1 ten percent decrease in their property taxes, 2 correct? 3 A Correct. 4 And you calculated what the tax Q 5 impact would be in Berkeley Township, correct? 6 Α 7 0 And what the loss would be for the 8 mainland residents or the rest of the residents of 9 Berkeley Township, if South Seaside Park was 10 de-annexed, correct? 11 A Correct. 12 Has anyone ever asked you to conduct 13 an analysis of the tax impact for the residents of 14 South Seaside Park if they were to become part of 15 Seaside Park? Has anyone ever asked you to do that? 16 Yes. I believe this board did. Α 17 Q And did you do that? 18 Α And the impact for the residents of 19

20 South Seaside Park, if de-annexation would occur,

21 what is your opinion as to what their taxes, would 22 they be -- would they increase or decrease?

And by how much?

Approximately 40 percent.

Decrease.

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1 who raised it, not us. So --MR. McGUCKIN: I will rephrase it. 2 Has anyone, other than Mr. Michelini, 3 4 ever asked you to calculate, or the board, excuse 5 me, anyone other than Mr. Michelini --MR. MICHELINI: Or my clients. 6 7 -- or the board --MR. McGUCKIN: Well, no, if your 8 9 clients asked you, that's different. MR. MICHELINI: No, no, no. Because 10 11 anything my clients would ask would be through me. MR. McGUCKIN: No, no. 13 Mr. Michelini, let's be clear. If you asked him, 14 that's one thing. If one of your clients asked you, 15 that's not subject to the attorney-client privilege. 16 unless Mr. Michelini was present and that was part 17 of it. And if it's that the case, you'll raise the 18 objection. 19 Other than Mr. Michelini or the 20 board, has anyone asked you to calculate the tax 21 savings for the residents of South Seaside Park if 22 their petition were successful? 23 Α 24 Q And your understanding is, they would

25 receive a 40 percent tax decrease if de-annexation

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1 occurred based on what you have examined so far?
                                                                 1 before. You looked at the more recent bond
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                                                                 2 ordinances to see if road work was done in
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                                                                 3 South Seaside Park over the last these years, but
 3
                  Do you believe that would be --
 4
   should be a substantial factor in this board's
                                                                   your prior report looked at bond ordinances going
   decision?
                                                                   back even longer, correct?
                  I don't -- I don't know. That's not
                                                                 6
                                                                                  Correct.
 6
                                                                          Α
   my decision.
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                                                                                  Did you ever do an analysis as to how
 8
                  As an expert, is it something that
                                                                 8 much money was spent in South Seaside Park by
   you believe would be appropriate for the board to
                                                                 9 Berkeley Township capital or general funds,
9
   consider?
                                                                10 subsequent to Superstorm Sandy, to help the
                                                                11 community recover over there?
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          A
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                  They shouldn't consider it?
                                                                                  That information wasn't available to
          Q
13
                                                                13 me.
          A
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                                                                                  How about the bond ordinances that
14
                  We talked about the -- I'm looking at
                                                                          0
15 A-95 now, the, I call it a spreadsheet, for lack of
                                                                15 were issued in late 2012 and early 2013 or 2013 and
16 a better term. It shows that, according to your
                                                                16 '14 for bond work that was done in South Seaside
17 calculations, the total change in the township
                                                                17 Park?
18 budget has been 7.7 million over that period of
                                                                18
                                                                                  I think I indicated the roads that
                                                                          Α
19 time. Does that sound about right to you?
                                                                19 were mentioned on here in the bond ordinances. They
20
                                                                20 didn't specifically say they were a result of the
          Α
                  Yes.
21
                  Would it be fair to say that
                                                                21 storm. They just --
22 5 million of that was in 2013? According to your
                                                                22
                                                                          Q
                                                                                  Those are, you said those are for the
23 number, $4,942,889 increase in taxes in the --
                                                                23 roads the last three years when there's none in
                                                                24 South Seaside Park?
24 excuse me -- increase in the total budget in 2013
25 over 2012?
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                                                                                  No. I said -- and I also went back
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                  I'll take your word.
                                                                 1 and said, in my original report, it went back to
          Α
                                                                 2 2010. And I, I read off a number of roads.
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                  That would be the year after
   Superstorm Sandy, correct?
 3
                                                                 3
                                                                          Q
                                                                                  Okay.
 4
                  Okay.
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                                                                                  So, I think if you looked at my
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                  Is that correct?
                                                                   original report, it's going to indicate the roads
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                  I don't know that.
                                                                   that were included in the bond ordinances.
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Yeah.

7 If Superstorm Sandy occurred in 2012, 8 the next budget year would have been a very 9 difficult time for Berkeley Township, correct? 10 You would have to sit down and 11 analyze the budget to determine what they -- what 12 they budgeted in relationship to that. 13 Now, I understand in that year, there was an 14 emergency pass that would be included in this 15 budget, which I believe you just finished paying 16 off. I haven't. But I don't live in 17 18 Berkeley Township, unfortunately. So, of the 7.7 million, 5 million of it was 20 in one year? 21 Α 22 And that was the year after 23 Superstorm Sandy, correct? 24 A Correct.

And I believe you clarified this

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7 And how many of those were from 0 South Seaside Park? 8 9 That's what's in the report. Very Α 10 few. 11 Okay. How about other bond work in Q 12 South Seaside Park, besides roads? Well, there's no way to determine 13 14 what was spent specifically in South Seaside Park. 15 I believe the CFO indicated that he felt it was a 16 proportional amount, which would be somewhere in the 17 five and a half million, four and a half million 18 dollar range that would have been spent over there, 19 based on the debt. 20 And I'm sure you've been asked this 0 21 question before if you ever litigated matters. Just 22 to be clear, you may have done this previously, I 23 assume you're being paid for your testimony on 24 behalf of the petitioners?

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Okay. And how much were you
                                                                1 would see no benefit, but that would be for only
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                                                                2 those seniors that are in the program and don't
2 retained -- how much have you charged the
 3 petitioners for your services up-to-date, including
                                                                3 crest the total. So what you were saying is that
 4 for tonight's meeting?
                                                                4 it's associated with baseline if you collect social
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                  From when I started this seven years
                                                                5 security, is much less than the $87,000, so many of
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   ago?
                                                                6 the seniors would not see a tax increase because
                                                                7 they're most likely in the tax freeze program. But
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                  Correct.
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                  Maybe $25,000, maybe 30.
                                                                8 that may or may not be true, because you could have
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                                                                9 income coming from a job or you can have additional
                  And you started seven years ago, you
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10 said?
                                                                10 income from investments that combined with your
                                                                11 social security may crest you or beyond the
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                  So, you were retained in 2011?
                                                                12 threshold so you wouldn't qualify, correct?
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                                                                                  THE WITNESS: Yeah. I never said
                  Yes.
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                  And have you been paid for that
                                                                14 that it was just social security. I said, $87,000
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15 already?
                                                                15 and I agree 100 percent with what you're saying. It
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                  I'm paid up-to-date, yes.
                                                                16 counts all their dollars.
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you. That's all
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                                                                                  MR. ORIS: Correct?
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                                                                                  THE WITNESS: So, you know. I think
18 I have.
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                                                                19 we were just using social security as some kind of
                  MR. WINWARD: Jim, do you have some
20 questions?
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                  MR. ORIS: Just a couple of follow up
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                                                                                  MR. ORIS: That's where I was going.
22 questions.
                                                                22 Seems like you're extrapolating that many -- because
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                  With regards to the bond ordinance,
                                                                23 of that -- because the threshold was much their
24 you had indicated that there were general bond
                                                                24 higher than social security, it almost seemed like
25 appropriations or bond ordinances and I haven't
                                                                25 you're extrapolating or assuming that many or all of
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1 reviewed them, but I'm assuming that there is
2 equipment purchases, maybe garbage trucks, there
 3 could have been police cars and the like. So, would
 4 it be safe to assume that those support vehicles and
 5 other similar appurtenances, a percentage of that
 6 benefits South Seaside Park, even though it's not
 7 specifically stated, it's for the township as a
8 whole? So if you buy a garbage truck, it benefits
9 the entire town, including South Seaside Park?
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                  THE WITNESS: I agree with that.
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                  MR. ORIS: When you had talked a
12 little about the tax freeze, it just struck me and I
13 thought of this because my neighbor across the
14 street had told me that he now is out of the senior
15 tax freeze. And I know from your testimony and he's
16 out of it because his income exceeded the threshold.
17 I think you had said it's now $87,000.
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                  THE WITNESS: Right, but in 2016 it
19 was $70,000.
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                  MR. ORIS: Right, so it's been --
21 it's changed?
                  THE WITNESS: Yeah, it changes every
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23 year.
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                  MR. ORIS: Correct. So, but you had
25 said that if the seniors in the tax freeze, they
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1 them would not see a change in their taxes because 2 they're in this program, but, in fact, you need --3 it's your total income, not just your social security? 5 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. MR. MICHELINI: Just for the record, 6 7 I believe the planners have said what the average 8 income is for the households in the mainland Berkeley. I'm going to say it's in the \$46,000 10 range or less, which would put them all under the 11 limit. 12 MR. ORIS: Average is different than 13 all. The way I heard the testimony it almost seemed 14 like we were making the assumption that all seniors 15 are not going to see a tax increase. I just wanted 16 to make sure I understood that wasn't what you were 17 saying. 18 THE WITNESS: It was not. 19 MR. ORIS: And then just the police 20 cars, you had indicated that you assumed five police 21 officers --22 THE WITNESS: Yes. 23 MR. ORIS: -- in a car? And I kind 24 of lost that. So you were saying it's five police

25 officers in a car where Mr. Ebenau assumed three,

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1 but your number came to basically a car is $840,000
                                                                1 use the word layoff because I have to drive in and
2 a year, that includes the police in the car?
                                                                2 out of Berkeley Township. What I'd like to say is,
                                                                3 that's the cost associated with South Seaside Park,
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
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                  MR. ORIS: And so your assumption is
                                                                4 however, those costs are then disseminated around
 5 that those, the car, two cars, and the police
                                                                5 the budget or removed from the budget, that would be
 6 officers associated with that, then would not be
                                                                6 up to the discretion of the elected officials. And
   required if de-annexation were to occur?
                                                                7 that's what I'm saying. Not that there's going to a
                                                                8 layoff. Here's the cost associated with the police
                  THE WITNESS: I'm saying that they
   serve South Seaside Park at the moment.
                                                                9 car in South Seaside Park.
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                  MR. ORIS: Correct.
                                                                                 MR. WINWARD: And I have one last
                                                               11 question to clarify. I thought you had said earlier
                  THE WITNESS: So they would no longer
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                                                               12 that the residents of South Seaside Park would get a
12 be serving South Seaside Park, that's what I'm
                                                               13 ten percent in reduction in taxes if they joined
13 saying.
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                  MR. ORIS: Right. So then what
                                                               14 Seaside Park and then later you said 40 percent in
15 you're saying is then to achieve the savings of 1.6
                                                               15 taxes?
16 plus million dollars, the cars and the police
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Let me --
17 officers would need to be laid off?
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                                                                                 MR. WINWARD: It's a little
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                  THE WITNESS: Correct.
                                                               18 confusing.
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                  MR. ORIS: I just wanted to make sure
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: The whole combination
                                                               20 of South Seaside Park and Seaside Park, once
20 I understood that.
                  And then lastly, I think you had said
                                                               21 combined, would all receive ten percent.
22 that the local school district is -- it was seven
                                                                                 MR. WINWARD: And 40 would just be
23 cents per 100?
                                                               23 for South Seaside Park?
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                  THE WITNESS: .7 cents, .07.
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Correct. Because of
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                  MR. ORIS: For the local?
                                                               25 the amount of assessments that are associated with
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                  THE WITNESS: Just for the local.
                                                                1 Seaside Park and South Seaside Park it's -- there's
                  MR. ORIS: For the local school
                                                                2 a large influx of assessments going in there. Their
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 3 district?
                                                                3 assessments are at about a billion, one and we're
                  THE WITNESS: Right. And once again
                                                                4 adding in, you know, five, 550 million,
 5 no one's questioning that that's going to change. I
                                                                5 considerable.
 6 certainly am not.
                                                                                 MR. ORIS: Through the chair, If I
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                  MR. ORIS: Right.
                                                                7 may. Just for the board's clarification, when
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                  Mr. Chairman, that's all I have.
                                                                  you're saying 40 percent, that's the municipal tax
 9 Thank you.
                                                                9 rate only or is that municipal, county and regional
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                  MR. WINWARD: Okay. I think some of
                                                               10 school district?
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11 us on the board have some questions too. Given what
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: That would be
12 Jim just asked, I don't know if it was just a
                                                               12 everything. Of course the biggest piece is going to
                                                               13 be the school district. Because that's going to be
13 misstatement, but how can a car get laid off? More
                                                               14 absorbed by a higher assessment base, with no
                  THE WITNESS: Well, I mean, you'd
                                                               15 additional cost going to the district.
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14 like sold or --15 16 have to look at how many cars you replace each year. 17 And if it's not on the road and we don't have it and 18 there's no cost, fuel, maintenance, tires, then the 19 cost of the car goes away. I'm not saying you 20 retire the car, but it doesn't function as a car. MR. WINWARD: Instead of doing 21 22 layoffs, could the township also do like through 23 attrition with officers retiring and stuff, reduce 24 it that way? 25 THE WITNESS: Okay. I don't want to 16 MR. ORIS: Thank you. 17 MR. McGUCKIN: Just on that issue. 18 Are you aware if that 40 percent figure had ever 19 been communicated to the petitioners before the 20 petition was filed? 21 THE WITNESS: No, I've never 22 communicated to anybody until tonight. 23 MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you. THE WITNESS: I did it for my own 25 calculation in case somebody on the board asked me.

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                                                                1 some island I guess.
                  MR. McGUCKIN: Thank you.
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                  MR. WINWWARD:
                                 Do we have any other
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                                                                                 MR. MACKRES: It's right over there.
 3 questions from -- Nick.
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: I don't know that.
                  MR. MACKRES: I have some questions.
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                                                                                 MR. MACKRES: It's on the way there.
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 5 Thank you, Mr. Moore, for coming. I do have some
                                                                  You can't miss it.
   questions for you. They're going to be a little all
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Because it looks like a
   over the place. I may have to come back again.
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                                                                  Pelican?
                  You were talking about doing actual
                                                                                 MR. MACKRES: You will miss it. If
                                                                8
9 versus budgeted numbers. Thank you for doing those.
                                                                  you don't pay attention you will miss it.
                                                                                 MR. WINWARD: I think the residents.
10 And I'm also going to assume when you mean actual,
                                                               11 the original residents, were Pelicans.
11 you mean audited numbers?
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Sorry.
                  THE WITNESS: No, I mean expenses,
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                                                                                 MR. MACKRES: Okay. So, that
13 expense numbers.
                                                               14 calculation since that was such a big issue either
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                  MR. MACKRES: And those actual
15 expense numbers were received from?
                                                               15 make or break could have an impact on your numbers
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                  THE WITNESS: Your reports, internal
                                                               16 again. Not that I'm asking you to redo them, but I
17 reports. You work off the Edmond system. There's
                                                               17 just want to put that down because that was a big
18 something called a budget status report, which I
                                                               18 issue before, what about Pelican Island.
19 received from your municipality, and they're the
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                                                                                 we talked about school districts. I
20 numbers I used.
                                                               20 never heard of federal stabilization aid. You said,
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                  MR. MACKRES: And are those audited
                                                               21 I don't know if you misspoke, but I heard that when
22 numbers?
                                                               22 Mr. Wiser asked you who actually gets federal
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                                                               23 stabilization aid, you said all of them get it or
                  THE WITNESS: After the fact they
24 would be audited, yes.
                                                               24 all get them.
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                  MR. MACKRES: Okay. You spoke about
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1 a police car and that seems to be what makes or
2 breaks this budget. I recall the police department
 3 talking about Pelican Island, and they would still
 4 have to go over there. Did you account for the fact
 5 that they would still have to cover Pelican Island?
                  THE WITNESS: I did not.
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                  MR. MACKRES: You did not account for
8 that. Do you think that would have a major change
 9 if they still had to send police cars over there on
10 a 24/7 basis to cover that island?
                  THE WITNESS: It certainly could if
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12 they're the same police cars that are now on
13 South Seaside Park, which I'm not aware that that's
14 true or not. I mean, does Pelican Island have its
15 own police cars or are they the same ones that are
16 in South Seaside Park?
                  MR. MACKRES: If I recall correctly
18 the testimony was it's the same vehicles since they
19 pass Pelican Island to get to South Seaside Park,
20 but I may be wrong.
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                  THE WITNESS: So they pass by there
22 but they don't station themselves there?
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                  MR. MACKRES: Do you know where
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24 Pelican Island is in relation to --

THE WITNESS: I do not know. It's

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1 this way, all the municipalities that or school 2 districts that I audited had stabilization aid. MR. MACKRES: Had stabilization aid? 3 4 THE WITNESS: Yes. 5 MR. McGUCKIN: Federal or state? THE WITNESS: Federal. It was called 6 7 stabilization aid. I'm assuming it came from the federal government because --8 MR. McGUCKIN: Are you aware that the 10 school -- Mr. Mackres's comments are absolutely 11 appropriate. The state's stabilization -- the 12 stabilization aid that's included in a school budget 13 is state money, it's not federal money. It's part 14 of the school funding formula. Are you aware of 15 that? 16 THE WITNESS: I am. And also they 17 get transportation aid and they get other aid, but 18 there's a piece of federal aid that comes in also. MR. McGUCKIN: Is that distributed 20 through the state and included in the stabilization 21 aid or direct, payment directly to the town --22 school board? 23 THE WITNESS: I think it comes from 24 the state.

MR. McGUCKIN: So it goes through --

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1 it's part of the stabilization aid it that the state
                                                                                 Roughly ten percent of the township
2 disburses?
                                                                  of 10.66 percent of the township assessment is from
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                  THE WITNESS: Yes.
                                                                3 South Seaside Park, correct?
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Not directly to the
                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Yes.
 5 school district from the federal government?
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                                                                                 MR. MACKRES: And they are part of
                  THE WITNESS: Correct.
                                                                6 wards one and two. Now the homes -- well, parts of
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                  MR. McGUCKIN: Okay. Thank you.
                                                                  wards one. I'm sorry. In my -- I'm going to bulk
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   Sorry.
                                                                8 them together, east and west, wards one and two and
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                  MR. MACKRES: I've just never heard
                                                                 three and four. And we talked about the senior
10 of it, so. I know it's a complicated formula.
                                                               10 homes being of lesser value, and wards one and two
11 Maybe you're confusing it with equalization aid.
                                                               11 are higher value assessed homes, and on the island
                  MR. McGUCKIN: I understand what he's
                                                               12 they're predominantly much higher. Personally I'm
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                                                               13 going to assume that most of wards three and four,
13 saying now.
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                  MR. MACKRES: Okay. It's a pass
                                                               14 the senior areas, have the senior tax freeze. And
                                                               15 with that being said, if more than ten percent of
15 through somehow.
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                  THE WITNESS: It is a pass through.
                                                               16 the assessments are going, and half the town is not
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                                                               17 going to get increased, what will happen to the
                  MR. MACKRES: So -- and we don't know
18 those percentages. And there has been history --
                                                               18 remainder of wards one and two on their increases?
19 are you aware there has been history of school
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                                                                                 THE WITNESS: Well, the tax -- I
20 districts receiving zero increases in aid or if not
                                                               20 mean, you're going to prepare your budget, have a
21 aid, getting cut across the board for many years?
                                                               21 levy based on what you normally do. If you're in
                                                               22 the tax freeze program, the State of New Jersey
                  THE WITNESS: And I agree. I mean,
                                                               23 sends you back the difference. So it does not
23 do we understand why? Okay.
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                  MR. MACKRES: So I think politics and
                                                               24 affect the township in any way. All it effects is
25 economy has a lot to play with that.
                                                               25 how much people in or out of the tax freeze have to
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100 THE WITNESS: We can't talk about 1 pay in total. 2 that. 2 MR. MACKRES: So the State --MR. MACKRES: And then -- and nor 3 THE WITNESS: So let's go to your 4 it's difficult to predict as well. When times are 4 example with wards three and four that are 5 good, times are good. I guess when times are bad, 5 100 percent or somewhere that number in the low 6 the locals have to pick up the difference and have 6 income. So none of those people would see a tax 7 to take action as administrators to take care of 7 increase. Whatever the tax increase was imposed by 8 those. So with those off comments I just made, I 8 the governing body, would be reimbursed by the State 9 of New Jersey back to those people. So they would 9 want to get back to this. You spoke about the senior tax 10 have zero effect. So, you've made a great case for 11 freeze. So, we have four wards, wards one and two, 11 the de-annexation. Thank you. 12 and three and four, are you familiar how they're 12 MR. MACKRES: You're welcome. I was 13 broken up? 13 thinking my taxes would double. 14 THE WITNESS: No. THE WITNESS: No, not at all. No. MR. McGUCKIN: That also assumes the MR. MACKRES: So, South Seaside Park 15 16 is part of ward one. Basically, a rough way to say 16 state fully funds the senior freeze. 17 this is anything east of the Parkway is wards one 17 THE WITNESS: Well, we can assume a 18 and two, west of the Parkway is three and four. The 18 lot of different things, but we --19 Councilman can probably give a better demographics 19 MR. McGUCKIN: Just want to be clear. 20 statement on this. But wards three and four are 20 I hear the state has a little financial trouble. 21 predominantly, if not all, senior housing. And 21 MR. MACKRES: So it's a liability, 22 wards one and two have some but no where's near as 22 not a guaranteed. 23 much. So, I'd like to go along with this scenario 23 THE WITNESS: Well, and we also can 24 and get your opinion on it as an expert for the 24 assume that they might increase the amount of from 25 petitioners. 25 87,000 to 190,000.

1 MR. ORIS: Through the chair, if I 1 going to apply it to the remainder of Berkeley 2 might. But I think what I heard Mr. Moore's 2 Township, and across the board this is the impact to 3 testimony was that you didn't have -- you didn't 3 the average? 4 have the numbers or percentages of the seniors in THE WITNESS: No, its impact 4 5 the tax freeze program, correct? everybody, not the average. THE WITNESS: I do not. 6 MR. WISER: Yes. I'm sorry. 7 7 MR. ORIS: You don't have them. THE WITNESS: We're talking rates or, 8 THE WITNESS: I do not. you know, increases versus dollars that he 9 associated with the \$199,000 house. I didn't do any MR. ORIS: So it's just an assumption 10 as to how many seniors are in the program? 10 comparing of houses and I just did calculations THE WITNESS: Ward three and four. 11 based on totals. 11 12 MR. ORIS: That is not accurate, 12 MR. WISER: Okay. So, did your 13 totals take into consideration there would be some 13 correct? 14 THE WITNESS: I don't know. people who the increase would not apply to because 15 15 they're senior frozen? MR. ORIS: So you don't know, so it's 16 inaccurate to say? 16 THE WITNESS: It applies to 17 everybody. 17 MR. MICHELINI: Hold on. He was 18 answering the question based on the assumption that 18 MR. WISER: Well, I thought you 19 Mr. Mackres presented, which was most of ward three 19 said --20 20 and four are seniors, and assuming that they're THE WITNESS: The senior frozen thing 21 going to be subject to the tax freeze. That was the 21 is a state program. It's nothing to do with the 22 basis and the premises of Mr. Mackres's question. 22 Berkeley Township. It's a state program. 23 And he answered it in that context. 23 Berkeley Townships taxes are computed the same 24 before and after the de-annexation. The assessments MR. ORIS: Correct. However Mr. 25 Moore's testimony was that he does not know the 25 don't change because you're in the freeze program

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1 and you're not. You and I discussed this. They get 2 their money back. So if in this year they pay \$200

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3 and next year they pay 250, they write a check to 4 the township for 250. They then take a piece of

5 paper and send it to the State of New Jersey, and

6 say, I paid 250. I'm only allowed to pay two, send

7 me my \$50 back, that's the deal.

MR. WISER: So, I want to make sure I understand this, because that's not the way I

10 understood it. So I'm glad you're clarifying.

11 So, it's a reimbursement, it's not 12 that they don't pay, it's they pay their full

13 assessed amount, times whatever the levy is, times

14 whatever the tax rate is. They pay their full 15 assessed amount times that and then anything above

16 whatever that number is gets reimbursed?

17 THE WITNESS: Correct.

18 MR. WISER: So they're out of pocket

19 until they get their reimbursement check?

20 THE WITNESS: Correct.

21 MR. WISER: I did not understand that

22 was the way it worked. Thank you.

23 MR. WINWARD: Brian?

24 You have another question, Nick? 25 MR. MACKRES: I do. Thank you. I'm

1 percentage of seniors in the tax freeze program, 2 correct?

3 THE WITNESS: That's correct.

4 MR. ORIS: Thank you.

MR. MICHELINI: And he said that before. That has nothing -- that hasn't changed.

7 MR. WISER: May I just follow up on

8 the senior freeze thing for just a moment.

The numbers in your report in terms 9 10 of the impact to the amount of taxes to be paid

11 should de-annexation occur, the amount of taxes

12 that -- was it the median assessment would pay,

13 should de-annexation occur, whatever that number

14 was, I don't remember what that number was.

15 THE WITNESS: In supplement two? .07.

16 MR. WISER: Okay. Did that take into 17 consideration there was some number of households

18 that would not see an increase?

19 THE WITNESS: I'm not sure what that

20 means.

21 MR. WISER: Is it -- let me try to --

22 let me ask a question and then -- is it not true 23 that your numbers and Mr. Ebenau's numbers said,

24 okay, this is the average, we're going to take the

25 number that is lost from the de-annexation, we're

1 really interested about the senior freeze. And so, 2 good, bad, whatever it is, I just want to put it 3 down on the record because I don't know the answers. 4 So the reimbursement is that just for municipality 5 or is it county -- municipality, county and schools 6 or just municipality? 7 THE WITNESS: Total tax. MR. MACKRES: Total tax, everything across the board. Okay. Thank you. 9 10 I'm going to go back to the schools. 11 And, you know, we're not going to talk about 12 services. We don't have the school experts here, 13 special ed., and stuff like that for the schools. 14 Personally I think the NJDOE, department education 15 might get involved in this, because there is 16 historical information about this and precedent set 17 by another township of trying to withdraw from 18 Central Regional. And instead of being taxed 19 through their property and assessments they want to 20 become a sending district somewhere else to save on 21 taxes. Have you -- are you aware of that? 22 THE WITNESS: No. 23 MR. MACKRES: Okay. So have you done 24 any of those calculations if Seaside Park had -- if the decision. They're trying to withdraw from and become a tuition paying district as opposed to a constituent district, which assesses their property value for purposes of their taxes.
THE WITNESS: But no, I have not done any calculations. This is the first time I'm ever hearing of this.

8 MR. MACKRES: And I've been notified
9 those costs are about 100,000 on each side. But
10 that's -- I know one side and that's speculation. I
11 was a board member years ago. So, how much of that
12 holds true today is a different story, but that's
13 where I'm coming from.
14 And nobody -- you haven't received

And nobody -- you haven't received any checks or payments direct or indirect from any corporations or anybody else outside of South Seaside Park.

THE WITNESS: No, but if you gave me some names, I would write letters.

20 MR. MACKRES: Okay. Thank you for 21 answering that.

22 MR. WINWARD: How many more questions 23 did you have? John has some.

24 MR. MACKRES: I'm sorry. Why don't 25 you go.

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1 Park withdraws from Central Regional, successful in 2 that lawsuit?

25 South Seaside Park joined Seaside Park and Seaside

3 THE WITNESS: Wow. All the
4 calculations that I did and the CFO did said that
5 those tax dollars and assessments would flow to the
6 next community and that Central Regional would not
7 change in any way. Now, I don't know what could
8 happen, you know, going forward with these
9 scenarios, but based on all the information we've
10 provided, it's, tax dollars go from here over there,
11 in conjunction with the assessment. So there is no
12 effect on anybody in Berkeley Township.

MR. MACKRES: That I understand and I
believe you on that. And that's -- it's a wash,
because it will get passed from one to the another,
so Central Regional. But where I was going was, you
had done the calculation for the taxpayers if they
withdrew and de-annexed from Berkeley Township, but
if they also withdrew from Central Regional and
became a sending district, what their tax rate would

THE WITNESS: Wouldn't that have to be up to Seaside Park to make that decision if they joined up with them?

21 drop to?

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MR. McGUCKIN: They've already made

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1 MR. MICHELINI: I don't want to bring 2 him back, so let's try to --

3 MR. BACCHIONE: Thank you, Mr. Moore, 4 for your testimony this evening.

You mentioned earlier in your
testimony, I believe the conversation with you and
Mr. Michelini was about the police in South Seaside
Park. And you mentioned the words vacation and sick
time, that's where you lost me. Can you expand on
that for me, so I can understand what you were --

11 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. So if we 12 have three policeman that are on a rotation that go 13 three in a day eight hours, eight hours, eight

14 hours. Okay. They only work five days. So that 15 leaves two days of three, eight hour shifts open, 16 which equates to one man. Each police officer of

17 the these five gets sick time, which might be four 18 weeks a year, vacation time, holiday time. All of

19 which equate to another person. That's where that 20 came from. Does that make -- I see you're still

21 quizzical. 22

MR. BACCHIONE: No, I understand your math. I'm just thinking that would happen in any part of Berkeley Township, should we send two cars out to Holiday City, the same if one gets sick or on

THE WITNESS: They can raise their 1 vacation we have to replace that? 2 THE WITNESS: Absolutely. 2 budget over \$2 million and still have no tax MR. BACCHIONE: And I quess it's safe 3 3 increase. 4 to say that the police officers here in Berkeley I 4 MR. ORIS: The levy would need to 5 believe get paid vacations, and paid sick time up to increase though because their expenditures would go 6 a certain number of days, correct? up, correct? 7 THE WITNESS: Correct. 7 THE WITNESS: No. because of the 8 MR. BACCHIONE: Okay. All right assessments. I'm saying -- let's take two steps here, because we're asking two questions. 9 thank you for clearing that up. 9 10 THE WITNESS: Thank you. 10 First if they do nothing, they save MR. WINWARD: Fred or Red, do either 11 ten percent. Then somebody -- the board asks me to 11 12 of you have any questions. Dominic? 12 say, well, would there be a detriment to 13 13 South Seaside Park? Obviously that answer's no. MR. LORELLI: I'd just like to say as 14 a senior citizen that rebate works very well. Those 14 Would there be a detriment to Seaside Park? And 15 who don't have it, you'll love it when you do have 15 they asked me to see if I could calculate what that 16 it. 16 might be. So my calculation was, that based on 17 MR. ORIS: Through the chair, I just 17 their current budget, and adding in the new debt 18 payment that they would have to make, they would be 18 have one more question. 19 So I think you had indicated that up 19 able to raise their budget by over \$2 million and 20 until tonight you had not shared with anyone, I 20 not have a tax increase, a levy increase. Does that 21 think is what you said, that the residents of 21 answer? You're not sure. 22 South Seaside Park would save 40 percent on their 22 MR. ORIS: It provides a little more 23 tax, total tax bill. So, is there -- has that --23 clarity for the board. But the question was: Did 24 that's not in your report or it is in your report? 24 you account for additional expenditures that would 25 THE WITNESS: It's only in my report 25 occur, that would naturally occur? Because earlier

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1 in that they combined with Seaside Park and they get 2 the ten percent --3 MR. ORIS: The get the ten percent 4 savings. 5 THE WITNESS: Right. I did not -- in 6 any way no one asked me to prepare that. I did it 7 for my own, you know, gratification. MR. ORIS: And so then I'm assuming 9 then in your report there's assumptions about what 10 Seaside Park might have to add to their staff, or 11 their fleet, or their garbage trucks and it accounts 12 for the fact that their trucks would wear out sooner 13 because now they have to cover more mileage or 14 police cars would wear out sooner because they'd 15 have to cover more mileage, all that's accounted 16 for? 17 THE WITNESS: There is the exhibit 18 called A-54. 19 MR. ORIS: I'm sorry. 20 THE WITNESS: A-54. 21 MR. ORIS: What is that?

THE WITNESS: It's --

MR. ORIS: That's your exhibit?

THE WITNESS: Yeah. And they --

MR. ORIS: So I can refer to that?

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1 you had said the services are services and there's 2 expenses associated with it. So, when you add more people, and while it's -- while their full-time population is small, their summertime population of 5 South Seaside Park is much, much larger. So, again, 6 they would need additional services, i.e., clerks, people, maybe additional police officers, in the 8 summertime their garbage, you know, their vehicles 9 are going to wear out more quickly because they're 10 covering more mileage. Did you account for that 11 when you -- is that all in A-57 or --12 THE WITNESS: A-54. 13 MR. ORIS: A-54? 14 THE WITNESS: No. I have no idea 15 what they're going to do. If anybody in this room 16 can tell me that, I'd be happy to put it in the 17 report. I don't know if they're going to hire more 18 police, if they're going to buy more cars. Are they 19 going to have more bonded debt? Are they going, 20 because of the revenue that they get in from 21 South Seaside Park, have an offset? I can't tell 22 you that. All I can tell you is the calculation I 23 did said they could increase their budget by \$2 24 millions, which is a significant amount in their 25 budget.

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1	MR. ORIS: So you didn't forecast	1	MR. WINWWARD: I just had one last
2	what their additional expenditures would be.	2	question too. So this is something you did, you
3	THE WITNESS: There you go.	3	consulted with Seaside Park or you just did it on
4	MR. ORIS: So that's a big assumption	4	behalf of the residents of South Seaside Park?
5	I think.	5	THE WITNESS: No, the board asked me
6	THE WITNESS: It's not an assumption	6	to look at the consequence of what might happen to
7	at all.	7	the South Seaside Park residents if this occurred.
8	MR. MICHELINI: Object to form.	8	And so the two things I did was look at the debt
9	THE WITNESS: No one asked me that.	9	calculation, which of course goes down also. And
10	who could make that assumption?	10	the, you know, budget that Seaside Park currently
11	MR. ORIS: Your savings is predicated	11	has.
12	on an assumption that won't exceed the two million	12	MR. WINWWARD: Their finance
13	dollars that they could increase it by.	13	department wasn't part of your report, their input?
14	THE WITNESS: I'm only telling you	14	THE WITNESS: Absolutely not.
15	they can increase the budget by \$2 million, that's	15	MR. WINWARD: Okay. Just wanted to
16	all I'm saying. If you have enough foresight to	16	clarify that.
17	project the future, be my guest.	17	Nick, I think we're going to be
18	MR. ORIS: That's two and a half	18	wrapping it up. If you think a question that you
19	cars? \$2 million is two and a half cars?	19	might have is very relevant.
20	THE WITNESS: 1.6.	20	MR. MACKRES: I have two.
21	MR. ORIS: I'm sorry. One car is?	21	So, we talked about transferring one
22	THE WITNESS: 841?	22	to the other and services a great deal. Those
23	MR. ORIS: SO	23	services that are going to be detracted and lost
24	THE WITNESS: 1.6.	24	from Berkeley Township, one or two police cars and
25	MR. ORIS: Two cars is 1.6.	25	other services and so forth that you talked about,

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                  THE WITNESS: Yeah.
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                  MR. ORIS: I'm sorry.
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                  THE WITNESS: Thank you.
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                  MR. ORIS: Yeah, so that's only 1.6.
   You said two million is what they could raise it.
                  THE WITNESS: Right. So they still
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   have $400,000 leeway.
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                  MR. ORIS: Two and a half cars?
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                  THE WITNESS: Yeah, if they think --
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                  MR. ORIS: 2.2 cars.
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                  THE WITNESS: -- to have -- and
12 remember they're only driving a block. They're not
   driving 30 miles in each direction.
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                  MR. ORIS: In the summertime there's
15 quite a few calls.
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                  THE WITNESS: They're driving a
17 block.
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                  MR. ORIS: In the summertime there's
19 quite a few calls, so there's a lot of miles.
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                  THE WITNESS: We don't know that
21 because no one provided us with the call
22 information.
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                  MR. ORIS: I think there was
24 testimony to that effect but I'll stop there.
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Thank you.

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1 to maintain those same services at South Seaside 2 Park, that cost would be transferred? THE WITNESS: I don't --MR. MACKRES: Say it's two cars or one car, to maintain those same services wouldn't you have to -- garbage, whatever it is, wouldn't you have to transfer those costs to Seaside Park? THE WITNESS: That was the questions 9 we were just discussing here. And I can't answer 10 that. Are they going to need one car, two cars, 11 trash pickup? Do they pay the police officers THE 12 same salary? Did they have 15 sergeants? I don't know. I wasn't asked to do that. 14 MR. MACKRES: Okay. So, from --15 we're talking about three years of testimony here, 16 from what I've been hearing, and all I know it's one 17 of the major reasons for this, is not just for 18 locality and to be near each other, but also the 19 lack of services being provided. And we've heard 20 great testimony on that. If there's going to be, 21 you estimate, a 40 percent reduction in taxes, for 22 South Seaside Park, and even with the same amount of 23 services, where is most of that money going to come 24 from? Where is most of that 40 percent reduction 25 going to come from? Why are their taxes going to go

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1 down 40 percent? Is it schools? Is it township?
                                                                 1 see specific streets in South Seaside Park, right?
2 Can't be county.
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                  THE WITNESS: No, the county's the
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                                                                                  And you saw them in the prior years?
 4 same, but the school amount will go down, because
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 5 you're now adding those students to whatever school
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                                                                                  You didn't see him in the last three
 6 the Seaside Park has. Okay. But you're adding
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                                                                   years, correct?
7 $550 million or $544 million in ratables. So if you
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8 take the same levy, because there's no additional
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                                                                                  You weren't looking at them to see if
9 cost, and add those ratables in, you're now
                                                                   there was equipment purchased that might benefit the
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10 spreading the cost over all these additional people.
                                                                   mainland and South Seaside Park, correct?
11 Does that make any sense?
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                                                                                  You weren't doing that. There's no
                  MR. MACKRES: Yes.
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                  THE WITNESS: And the same, you know,
                                                                13 breakdown in the bond ordinances of that, correct?
                                                                                  No. I mean, it's township equipment.
14 it's the same thing with the services. We're now
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15 adding in $544 million in ratables, and they're
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                                                                                  Right. Some equipment could be used
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16 going to absorb some of the services of
                                                                16 99 percent of the time or even 100 percent on the
                                                                   mainland and only one percent on the other, on the
17 Seaside Park, and that's where the savings comes
18 from.
                                                                18 barrier peninsula, correct?
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                  MR. MACKRES: So predominantly the
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                                                                                  It's possible.
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20 saving are going to come from the school tax levy,
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                                                                                  It's possible. Anything is possible
                                                                          Q
21 the local tax.
                                                                21 with regard to those expenses. It's impossible to
                                                                22 break them down from the bond ordinances unless
                  THE WITNESS: School and, yes,
23 probably some from the municipality, but as I say
                                                                23 they're specifically called out like the streets
24 off the top of my head I can't give you the
                                                                24 were called out, right?
25 breakdown on that. Because, as I say, I looked at
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                                                                                  And that's all I specifically looked
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1 this just for my own information. Why did that
                                                                 1 at.
2 stick in my head? I don't know.
                                                                                  And as far as the state aid goes for
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                  MR. MACKRES: And that's assuming
                                                                 3 the school district, that's something that you tried
 4 that, you know, with the larger township there is
                                                                 4 to find out, but this municipality has the ability
 5 the assumption that they're more efficient as well,
                                                                 5 to find out in a more specific way, that meaning
 6 but that may not always hold true. So it's going to
                                                                   Berkeley Township, correct?
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 7 be predominantly the local, the school tax levy.
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                                                                                  Yes.
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                                                                                  Has anybody ever told you that the
 8 Okay.
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                                                                   township has done that in some way?
                  That's it. I don't have anything
                                                                 9
10 else. Thank you, sir.
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                                                                                  No.
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                  MR. WINWARD: Okay. Thank you very
                                                                                  Did you read that in the testimony of
12 much, Mr. Moore, for your testimony.
                                                                12 anybody?
13 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. MICHELINI:
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                  Couple of follow-ups, Mr. Moore. Are
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                                                                                  Do you know if the board has done it
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15 you aware the engineering cost? Did you see that in
                                                                15 in some way through their professionals?
16 the record, how much they've spent in engineering as
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17 of last November in experts, the board has spent?
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                                                                                  And yet you brought that up years
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                  I read something.
                                                                18 ago?
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                  It's over $300,000.
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          Q
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                                                                                  Correct? You talked about the
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                  I did, yeah.
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                                                                21 reserve for uncollected taxes, and how there was a
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                  Do you recall that?
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22 question posed to you about, well, if the collection

23 rate is better in South Seaside Park, then by losing

24 that tax base and those taxes, that that would be

25 detrimental somehow to the mainland, and then you

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The bond ordinances, when you were

24 looking at the bond ordinances, you had looked at

25 prior bond ordinances then the last three years to

1 countered by saying that the interest on uncollected 2 taxes would compensate for that; is that correct? 3 A 4 And that interest is 18 percent, Q 5 right? 6 A 7 So if less taxes are collected, you're going -- the township recoups that through charging interest of 18 percent, right? 9 10 Correct. A 11 Even though those taxes payers who 12 aren't paying their taxes, even though they're not 13 paying that 18 percent, things go to tax sale and 14 it's bid up to 18 percent, correct? That wouldn't effect the township. 15 A 16 MR. MICHELINI: Do you have a 17 question? 18 MR. WINWARD: No, we were --19 MR. McGUCKIN: I do, but I don't want 20 to interrupt your flow. 21 MR. MICHELINI: Well --22 BY MR. MICHELINI: 23 In terms of the police the initial 24 study that you did in terms of the police without

1 in one direction away?

Well, certainly the car cost should A 3 go down.

4 What about other services, such as, recycling or snow plowing or any of those things that require a vehicle to go 16 miles?

Well, I mean, the snow plowing I 7 Α believe we contract out.

> Q Okay.

9 10 Okay. So that, you know, Α 11 theoretically might not change. That would 12 disappear because you say you're not doing this. 13 You know, once again, it's hard to say. Certainly 14 having a shorter distance, the equipment if they're 15 taking equipment from here over there would be less. 16 Because now you don't have to go the miles and take 17 it back, which is 30 miles round trip. So anything 18 that has to do with moving vehicles or personnel 19 from Berkeley Township to South Seaside Park should

20 be reduced by joining up with Seaside Park. 21 Q And in terms of the 10.66 number, the 22 assessment has been thrown around a lot, but that's 23 a gross number. In terms of looking at impact, you 24 have to look at the net number, the net effect, to

25 Berkeley Township in the event of de-annexation.

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1 impact of the police with -- without regard to the 2 two cars, and your conclusions out of the initial 3 report? In other words, you didn't take that into 4 account initially, correct?

25 taking into account two cars, right, what was the

5 Α I did not take that there was two 6 cars. I took into account that the population 7 represents about four and a half percent. So if you got four and a half percent and the police serve 9 100 percent, you know, that cost associated with the 10 four and a half percent is what I put in my report.

11 Okay. And then, is that different Q 12 than -- how is it different once the two cars were 13 taken into account in the supplemental?

Because I added the two cars. And 15 the two cars don't directly go against the line 16 completely for police. The pension has its own 17 line. The fuel costs have their own line. The 18 health care has its own line. So those are

19 scattered throughout the budget. I did not change 20 those in any way. They stayed the way they were. Okay. So, if the services, including 21 22 police and other services, only have to be provided 23 from a block way, is it fair to say, in your expert 24 opinion, that that would be a significantly less 25 cost than if they have to be provided from 16 miles 124

1 It's not just that they're losing 10.66 percent of 2 an assessment. You have to take into effect,

account, the cost that they're going to be losing as well, correct?

5 Α well, the 10.66 is only assessments.

6 Q Correct. 7 The costs in my mind have little to Α do with that. Based on what I did, I told you I had 9 five categories. I based my cost based on those. I 10 did the cars, I did -- based my cost on that. So 11 the assessments are the assessments, which only are 12 used to generate a rate, not a levy, not anything 13 else. And that's what this is. So I'm saying, 14 here's what the costs are. The ten percent is what 15 we're trying to makeup. So let's say it's \$3 16 million represents ten percent, so in the -- we're 17 trying to say, what costs out of the \$3 million that 18 we're losing, theoretically, because assessments are 19 going away, can we account for savings, that's what 20 I'm saying.

21 MR. MICHELINI: I have no other 22 questions.

23 MR. McGUCKIN: I know, Mr. Chairman, 24 it's late, but I got to get to this. 25 MR. WINWARD: Yes.

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1 FURTHER EXAMINATION BY MR. McGUCKIN:
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                  You're indicating that there's
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 3 information the township can get that you can't
 4 regarding school funding. What is it exactly
 5 school -- that the funding that you can't see, that
 6 the township can get, that you don't believe you can
 7 get.
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                  Any of the state funding. They could
9 ask the Department of Education based on
10 information, demographics, student changes, would
11 you run this calculation and indicate to us if there
12 is or isn't a change.
                  In representing municipalities,
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14 you've done that before for municipalities?
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                  Yes.
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                  Have you done that in the current
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17 administration?
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                  Here?
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                  In the current administration in
          Q
20 Trenton?
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                  Yes, I called them up and they
22 wouldn't give it to me.
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                  Have you done it for a municipality
24 where they would give you that information?
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                  No, the municipality had to ask for
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Are you aware of it ever being done
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3 since that time where a town has asked the state to
4 calculate what their -- what may be their school
  funding formula, or their school funding in the
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  future?
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          A
                  No.
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          Q
                  Since 2005?
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                  Have I? No.
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                  Are you aware of any town that's been
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11 able to do that? Because I'm not and I'm a
  municipal attorney. And I'm telling you right now,
13 that doesn't happen, not currently. That does not
14 happen. They will not calculate for you what your
15 school funding may be next year if this factor is X
16 and that one is Y. Just does not happen anymore.
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                  Once again -- and I'm going to agree
18 with you, maybe it can't happen. Nick might have a
19 better idea. I don't know. But, once again, we're
20 not taking any of that into a calculation on these
21 reports.
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                  All I'm trying to clarify, you
23 clearly left the impression, through Mr. Michelini's
24 questioning, that the township could easily get this
25 information and provide it. And I know for a fact
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1 BY MR. McGUCKIN:

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1 it.
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                  Have you done it for a municipality
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   on behalf of a municipality?
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                  Have you ever done it on behalf of a
   municipality?
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          Q
                  So you said you've done it before?
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                  I've done de-annexations where we
10 have to have the municipality -- okay. I see where
11 you're going. Let me retract back. If I was the
12 expert for the municipality, which I've been, I was
13 able to contact the DOE, because I had the
14 permission of the municipality.
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                  And what is the information you asked
16 them?
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                  Would you calculate what state aid
18 will be if these things occur.
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                  When was the last time you did that?
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                  Wow. I'm trying to think when
21 Strathmere took place. You might have an idea also.
22 Maybe 6, 7 years ago.
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                  MR. WISER: Strathmere was roughly
24 2005ish.
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THE WITNESS: So 13 years ago.

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128 1 that's not true. And I'm trying to test your 2 knowledge of that fact. And what you're telling me 3 is the last time you're aware of it happening was 4 '05. And you're not aware of it ever being done 5 since then? 6 Α Okav. 7 Is that correct? Q 8 Α I agree. 9 MR. WISER: I need to chime in here, 10 if I could. The township could not get that 11 information in '05. The school board asked for that 12 information as part of the Strathmere de-annexation 13 and it was not -- they said they could not do it. 14 So, I don't believe your recollection is correct on 15 that. 16 THE WITNESS: My recollection was 17 that somebody at the board of ed. ran a calculation. MR. WISER: My recollection is Mr. 18 19 Garcia, who is I think your associate at the time, 20 tried to get that in and they said they could not do 21 it. 22 THE WITNESS: Okay. So once again, 23 let's throw that out and say there's no -- here's 24 what the school number is and we're not getting any

25 state aid change. I'm good with that.

	MR. MCGOCKIN. IIIat 3 IIIIe. 1		ciiougii:
2	understand. I just want to make it clear that's	2	THE WITNESS: No, it's not. It's
3	your testimony. This point about the town could get	3	based on assessments.
4	this and you couldn't, I just wanted to clarify that	4	MR. ORIS: It's just completely based
5	on the record.	5	on percentage of assessments?
6	THE WITNESS: Okay.	6	THE WITNESS: Absolutely, yes.
7	MR. MCGUCKIN: Thank you.	7	MR. ORIS: So you accounted for that?
8	MR. MICHELINI: And in the record,	8	THE WITNESS: Yes.
9	this was brought up three years and there's no	9	MR. ORIS: Okay. Thank you.
	indication that anybody in the town tried in three	10	MR. WINWWARD: All right. Well,
	years. Certainly it could have been tried, then		thank you very much for your testimony. And that
	we'd really know, wouldn't we.	12	concludes this portion of the meeting for tonight.
13	MR. MCGUCKIN: The local boards of	13	(Matter adjourned.)
	education didn't know until this September what	14	(Hasser augustinear)
	their school funding was going to be as of July this	15	
	year, three months after the budget year started.	16	
	It doesn't happen. It's impossible. But thank you.	17	
18	MR. WINWARD: One more question from	18	
	the board planner.	19	
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	MR. ORIS: Just one more question. I		
	apologize. Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the	21	
	indulgence.	22	
23	So with the Central Regional is the	23	
	school is the sending district, I should say the	24 25	
23	receiving district for Seaside Park. And they have	23	
1	a contain percentage that they pay of the total	1	132
	a certain percentage that they pay of the total	1	
	levy.	2	CERTIFICATE
3	THE WITNESS: Based on assessments.	3	T I TAIRA CIU I TVAN UTI I a Nabani
4	MR. ORIS: Based on assessments. So,	4	I, LINDA SULLIVAN-HILL, a Notary
	when the total assessed value of if de-annexation		Public and Certified Court Reporter of the State of
	were to occur, the total assessed value of Seaside		New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is
	Park would go up, correct?		a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings as
8	THE WITNESS: Yes.	_	taken stenographically by and before me at the time,
9	MR. ORIS: And then we would expect	9	place and on the date hereinbefore set forth.
	then Central Regional would need to re-evaluate the	10	
	percentage that Seaside Park, the new Seaside Park,	11	
	would need to pay?	12	
13	THE WITNESS: It's automatic based on	13	Notary Public of the State of New Jersey
	assessments.	14	My Commission expires January 26, 2021
15	MR. ORIS: Is that in your	15	
16	THE WITNESS: Yes.	16	Dated: October 27, 2018
17	MR. ORIS: That's in your	17	
	calculations?	18	
19			
20	THE WITNESS: Yes, it's in all	19	
	THE WITNESS: Yes, it's in all calculations.	20	
21	THE WITNESS: Yes, it's in all calculations. MR. ORIS: The percentage of savings?	20 21	
21 22	THE WITNESS: Yes, it's in all calculations. MR. ORIS: The percentage of savings? THE WITNESS: Yes.	20 21 22	
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