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Mr. Vilhel Anglade
977 Steele Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Anglade:

Thank you for your e-mail yesterday about the New York State Public Service Commission hearing on Long Island American Water's proposed rate increase. It was good to hear from you. I always appreciate it when neighbors take the time to contact me regarding matters of local concern; it allows me to better represent the community on the Town Board.

The hearing that physically occurred in the Nathan Bennett Pavilion of Town Hall yesterday was not a Town hearing. Our township allowed the New York State Public Service Commission, based in Albany, to utilize our local facility in order to make their forum more accessible to our neighbors, especially during their fact-finding process.

Nevertheless, neither Supervisor Kate Murray nor I hosted or participated in this forum nor will cast any votes on this matter, as it is not coming before Town government.

The Public Service Commission is a regulatory agency whose responsibilities include oversight of public utility and telecommunication industries in New York State. While I oppose any current water rate increase for an already overburdened resident, I must respectfully refer your comments and concerns to the Public Service Commission – the State governmental agency that will ultimately vote to decide the matter.

Thank you again for contacting me. Although this topic is outside my jurisdiction, I will work to advocate for you, your family, and neighbors. Please do not hesitate to contact me again if I can be of any assistance concerning any local, municipal matter. As always, I can be reached in my Town Hall office at 516-812-3200 or via e-mail at asantino@tohmail.org.

Sincerely,

ANTHONY J. SANTINO
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CC: New York State Public Service Commission ✓