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## PRESS RELEASE

On Monday, the Woodbury Town Board commenced a lawsuit against the Village of Woodbury in Orange County Supreme Court seeking to invalidate two deeds that were signed by former Supervisor David Sutz.

Last year, former Supervisor Sutz proposed that the Town Board convey the Town's highway garage property to the Village in exchange for the Village's Earl Reservoir Park. The Town Board discussed the proposed property transfers during several public meetings in 2017, but no determination was ever made as to exactly what property or properties would be conveyed to the Village. There was no further discussion of the property transfers after the Town Board's July 2107 meeting.

Just recently, the Town Board learned, for the first time, that former Supervisor Sutz recorded a deed in August 2017, that conveyed virtually all of the property behind Town Hall to the Village. The Town Board never authorized former Supervisor Sutz to deed those properties to the Village. Although former Supervisor Sutz remained in office for more than four months after he deeded the properties to the Village, he never notified the Town Board members that he had done so.

The Town Board has referred this matter to the New York State Comptrollers' Office, and has been advised that an investigation and audit of the property transfers will be conducted.