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**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**FEBRUARY 23, 2016**

**10:30 A.M.**

**BEFORE: SUPERVISOR SANTINO**

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**APPEARANCES :**

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN ESPOSITO

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN HUDES

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

CLERK AHMAD

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CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: COUNCILWOMAN KING-

SWEENEY?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

X. Clavin?

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the first  
2 item, please.

3 CLERK AHMAD: (29429) Proposed Local  
4 Law Re: "Regulations and Restrictions" to  
5 limit parking in Elmont & West Hempstead (to  
6 amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of  
7 Hempstead)

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I make a motion  
9 to sever - -

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Before we  
11 actually do that, does anyone want to be  
12 heard on this first item?

13 (NO RESPONSE)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not,  
15 Councilman?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I make a motion  
17 to sever the proposed Local Law applying to  
18 West Hempstead and move the same.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
20 motion.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: So, then, we  
22 severed the West Hempstead item, I need - -  
23 how do you want to dispose of the West  
24 Hempstead item?

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: West Hempstead,

1 I reserve decision on that and meet with  
2 the constituents ab out their concerns.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What we are going  
4 to do, then, we are going to adjourn that  
5 part of the calendar without date.

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6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
7 motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

17 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Then the item as  
24 it pertains to Elmont, do I have a motion,  
25 please?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move that.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a  
3 second?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
5 motion.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

15 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
19 Sweeney?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Just to make it  
22 clear, what we have done, here, the item that  
23 pertains to West Hempstead has been adjourned  
24 without date and we approved the Elmont item.

25 Next item on the calendar.

1 CLERK AHMAD: (29430) Proposed Local  
2 Law Re: "Parking or Standing Prohibitions"  
3 in Baldwin, Bellmore, Elmont, (NR) Lawrence,  
4 Merrick, West Hempstead & Woodmere (To amend  
5 Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of  
6 Hempstead)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
8 who would like to address the Board on this  
9 item on the calendar?

10 (NO RESPONSE)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Being none, may I  
12 have a motion.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:  
14 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be  
15 closed and the item adopted.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
17 motion.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

2 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
6 Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item on the  
9 calendar, please.

10 CLERK AHMAD: (29431) Proposed Local  
11 Law Re: "Arterial Stops" in Elmont (to amend  
12 Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of  
13 Hempstead)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
15 that would like to address the Board on this  
16 item on the calendar?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Being none, may I  
19 have a motion?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move the  
21 Public Hearing be closed and the proposed  
22 Local Law be adopted.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
24 motion.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?  
2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.  
3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?  
4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.  
5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?  
6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.  
7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?  
8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.  
9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?  
10 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.  
11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?  
12 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.  
13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
14 Sweeney?  
15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.  
16 CLERK AHMAD: (7179) Determining  
17 parcels benefited by Construction or  
18 Reconstruction of sidewalks in Baldwin, East  
19 Meadow, Elmont, Franklin Square, Garden City,  
20 Island Park, Lido Beach, Merrick, Uniondale,  
21 Wantagh & West Hempstead - Town of  
22 Hempstead, Nassau County, NY & adopting  
23 proposed Assessment Roll for the cost  
24 thereof.  
25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

1 that would like to address the Board on this  
2 item on the calendar?

3 Please come forward and state your  
4 name and address for the record, please.

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5 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday. 758  
6 Wesley Street, Baldwin.

7 Can I have some clarification, this  
8 item, itself, what exactly is it and what  
9 happens as it pertains to Baldwin?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Deputy  
11 Commissioner Mollo?

12 The item that pertains to Baldwin,  
13 what do we know, here?

14 COMMISSIONER MOLLO: Those are  
15 sidewalks that have been completed.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Why don't you  
17 come up.

18 COMMISSIONER MOLLO: These are parcels  
19 of land that we prepared the sidewalk. The  
20 Town has repaired the sidewalks and it is  
21 determined that the cost is past on.

22 META MEREDAY: Determination means,  
23 what?

24 COMMISSIONER MOLLO: The determination  
25 is that they have not paid for the sidewalks

1 and it is past on to the Town.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The way the  
3 system works is that there is a report of a  
4 broken sidewalk that is a hazard and the Town  
5 gives the homeowner the opportunity to repair  
6 the sidewalk itself.

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7 Should they not avail themselves of  
8 that opportunity, the Town, then, contracts  
9 for someone to go in and repair the sidewalk  
10 up and, then, the cost of that repair, if it  
11 is not paid by the homeowner is then, put  
12 onto their tax assessment, so, the Town gets  
13 reimbursed through the taxes.

14 META MEREDAY: So, this does not  
15 really take out of the work that is done on  
16 the business parks, the business sidewalks?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It would be  
18 exactly the same item. It would be the  
19 property owner, whether it is a residential  
20 area or business.

21 I am assuming it is residential.

22 If you are looking to find the exact  
23 parcels.

24 We can get that for you, if that is  
25 the question for you.

1 We don't have it right in front of me  
2 but, generally, that is how the system works.

3 META MEREDAY: Okay, you definitely  
4 clarified that, if we are looking at the  
5 sidewalk that needs to be repaired and I  
6 still haven't seen anything done with regard  
7 to the National building, it also has  
8 sidewalk issues.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If you have  
10 particular complaints about a parcel of land  
11 that has a broken sidewalk that you believe  
12 is hazardous, if you give us the information  
13 and give us the location of it and it goes  
14 through the system and this is ultimately  
15 what happens if the property owner or  
16 business owner does not repair it.

17 META MEREDAY: Okay, I did bring it up  
18 at the last meeting with regards to issues of  
19 the property on the corner of Stanton and  
20 Grand Avenue.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You want to give  
22 us a written complaint with that, we would be  
23 more than happy to get it and send an  
24 Inspector out.

25 META MEREDAY: Okay.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Then, there being  
2 no one else, we need a motion.

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move the Public  
4 Hearing be closed and the construction and  
5 re-construction take place.

6 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
7 motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

17 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
24 please.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Application of

1 Leon Petroleum, LLC. for variance from  
2 provisions of "GSS" Ordinance to permit  
3 alteration & extension of existing building  
4 for use as a convenience store (set back  
5 variances required) & maintain existing  
6 self-service & fuel dispenser & existing  
7 canopy on premises - East Meadow - south side  
8 Hempstead Turnpike, 348 feet east of Bly  
9 Road.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Sahn, Good  
11 Morning.

12 ATTORNEY SAHN: Good Morning, Mr.  
13 Supervisor and Members of the Board:

14 Thank you very much for the  
15 opportunity to present this application,  
16 today.

17 Along with me this morning in the  
18 Hearing Room is Chris Tartaglia of High Point  
19 Engineering and Chris is joining me and also  
20 present, today are the principals of Leon  
21 Petroleum, Mr. Alan Leon and Mr. Adam Leon,  
22 so, they are both present and can answer any  
23 questions that the Board may have.

24 As indicated in the Legal Notice, this  
25 is an application for a variance of the "GSS"

1 Ordinance, the alteration and addition to an  
2 existing building for use as a convenience  
3 store.

4 The proposed addition is one thousand  
5 fifty-two square feet and that would make the  
6 building in total one thousand eight hundred  
7 and sixty square feet.

8 The subject parcel is located at 1955  
9 Hempstead Turnpike in East Meadow and I see  
10 it is displayed on the Board and on the video  
11 screen is a site plan for this application.

12 As shown by the site plan, the parcel  
13 is rectangular in shape.

14 It is located on the North side of  
15 Hempstead Turnpike.

16 It is approximately three hundred and  
17 forty-eight feet east of Bly Road.

18 The Section, Block and Lot for  
19 reference is Section 45, Block 234, Lot 68.

20 The parcel has an overall lot area of  
21 twenty-five thousand square feet.

22 It is a rectangular piece.

23 As I indicated, the frontage on  
24 Hempstead Turnpike is two hundred feet and it  
25 has a depth on each side of one hundred and

1 twenty-five feet.

2 There are no residential properties  
3 that abut this parcel.

4 We can demonstrate that by showing the  
5 Board the area photo which, I believe, is  
6 Slide Number 2 and that is demonstrated on  
7 the location next to all business or  
8 commercial property.

9 The property is, now, zoned "Business"  
10 GSS overlay pursuant to a Town Board approval  
11 granted in 1985.

12 The canopy that, now, exists was  
13 approved by the Town Board in 1988.

14 We presently have a canopy with four  
15 pump islands.

16 There are three curb cuts on Hempstead  
17 Turnpike.

18 The existing one-story building is  
19 used as a convenience store and, again, the  
20 purpose is to expand that building so we have  
21 a total of one thousand eight hundred and  
22 sixty square feet building.

23 I appeared before this Board back in  
24 2001 actually in an application to expand the  
25 building at that time to approximately



1 Thirteen hundred square feet.

2 The building was approved in 2003 and  
3 the covenants and restrictions to permit that  
4 expansion were actually filed in the office  
5 of the Nassau County Clerk.

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6 At the time, Leon Petroleum was in a  
7 joint venture ownership of the parcel with  
8 another petroleum company and the project  
9 didn't move forward.

10 Presently, Leon Petroleum is in sole  
11 control of the property and is, now, making  
12 its application.

13 The aerial photo shows the location.

14 There is a Taco Bell to the West.

15 To the East is a four-story office  
16 building and to the North is a forty-five  
17 foot strip of land that is used for parking  
18 for the office building that is adjacent to  
19 the property just to the East.

20 The proposed expansion is solely in  
21 the front of the building towards Hempstead  
22 Turnpike.

23 It does not go toward the rear.

24 I refer the Board, now, if I could, to  
25 Slide Number 3, which is the floor plan and

1 the elevations for the building.

2 And, as indicated, here, you will see  
3 that inside the building, there would be  
4 various display areas for packaged foods.

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5 There will be no deli counter.

6 There will be no hot food preparation.

7 There will be an ADA compliant restroom  
8 facility and an area for the attendant.

9 They presently operate twenty-four  
10 hours and the intention is to continue that.

11 The property, again, is on a main  
12 thoroughfare and there is traffic that passes  
13 by on a twenty-four hour basis.

14 This is self service, but as presently  
15 constituted, the attendant is available to  
16 come out and provide service to any persons  
17 or people that need particular service  
18 because they are disadvantaged in some way,  
19 their ability to serve themselves at the pump  
20 and that would include elderly people.

21 We are showing an area where there is  
22 a generator on the site plan.

23 We will go back to that but, in fact,  
24 we are going to ask the Board for permission  
25 to have a transfer switch so that if we have

1 a portable generator, we would have that  
2 facility.

3 With respect to the operation of the  
4 store, again, usually, there is one  
5 attendant, at times, there are two attendants  
6 on premises.

7 Mr. Tartaglia has expanded the front  
8 of the building that shows a brick face.

9 There is a green façade to match the  
10 BP type of signage that is located there and  
11 it would be a consistent, harmonious-type of  
12 development of the property.

13 We are aware of an inspection of the  
14 property that was generated by the own and I  
15 would report to the Board that all of those  
16 matters would be attended to.

17 In particular, I would like to report  
18 that the ice machine and retail merchandize  
19 would be located inside of the building.

20 There was a commercial truck noted  
21 that will be removed.

22 There were some temporary signs at the  
23 building, those are also in the process of  
24 being removed.

25 There was an issue relating to wires

1 in the utility room and Mr. Leon is attending  
2 to that issue presently.

3 It was noted that the gates over the  
4 dumpster area are damaged and that happens  
5 because of the garbage trucks but they are  
6 being repaired at present.

7 There is also an emergency exit that  
8 has to be removed.

9 There was an obstruction to the  
10 emergency exit that will be removed.

11 Also, as part of the proposed  
12 renovation, all of the parking spaces will be  
13 striped.

14 So, we are attending to all of the  
15 matters noted on the inspection report.

16 I will indicate, also, that back in  
17 2003, as part of approval as a request,  
18 Councilman Hudes, we added a provision in  
19 covenants and restrictions that we will  
20 provide low-level landscaping and planters in  
21 the front of the premises.

22 And, I would repeat that  
23 representation, now and if the Board is  
24 inclined to grant this application, we will  
25 install that and improve that as part of the

1 provisions.

2 That, in essence, is our application.

3 We welcome any questions that the Board may  
4 have.

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Supervisor, I have  
6 a couple of questions.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: With respect  
9 to the problem I have, you are not charging  
10 for the cost of air, the air pump for tires?

11 ATTORNEY SAHN: No, that is against  
12 the Town Code.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Will you  
14 covenant the hours of operation?

15 ATTORNEY SAHN: Twenty-four hours, we  
16 operate twenty-four hours presently and the  
17 intention is to do that.

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: What about the  
19 sale of alcohol?

20 ATTORNEY SAHN: Well, there is a  
21 license in place.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: For 24 hours?

23 ATTORNEY SAHN: Yes, we do intend to  
24 continue that.

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Can you repeat

1 your request for a generator?

2 ATTORNEY SAHN: With respect to the  
3 generator, we request a transfer switch  
4 installation which is, now, common.

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5 Mr. Tartaglia, do you want to explain  
6 how that works?

7 MR. TARTAGLIA: Chris Tartaglia,  
8 principal of the firm High Point Engineering  
9 located at 521 Conklin Street, Farmingdale,  
10 New York.

11 Councilman Ambrosino, when the plans  
12 were originally submitted for this  
13 application but once the Local Law was in  
14 place, the Town of Hempstead required  
15 generators in all service stations  
16 facilities, the criteria - - this facility  
17 did meet that criteria.

18 However, about eighteen months ago,  
19 the Department of Agriculture and Markets put  
20 in place a regulation which superseded the  
21 Town Law, which actually required that  
22 transfer stations which are actual hookups  
23 for generators be provided in certain  
24 facilities, so, with that, we request  
25 permission from the Board to amend the

1 Application to provide a transfer switch in  
2 accordance with that.

3 We have spoken with Leon about this  
4 and they are in contact with the, um, State  
5 with regard to getting a generator as  
6 mandated by the Department of Agriculture,  
7 so, essentially, we are looking to comply  
8 with the law that is in effect.

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I just wanted  
10 to verify that.

11 MR. TARTAGLIA: Thanks for your  
12 question.

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: There is no  
14 blinding of lights onto adjacent parcels?

15 Lights will be on site?

16 ATTORNEY SAHN: Everything is self-  
17 contained.

18 There is no change proposed with  
19 respect to lighting on the canopy or on the  
20 site, itself.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anymore  
22 questions?

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Hempstead Turnpike  
24 cuts right through my district as it does  
25 Councilman Ambrosino's.

1 My continuous aid has been to soften  
2 and beautify commercial properties in the  
3 area and certainly on Hempstead Turnpike  
4 which is a very commercial area, so, my  
5 question goes as follows on this, Number 1,  
6 the building as it is designed, now, is very  
7 simply a brick front, um, nothing, no detail  
8 to it whatsoever, um, very stark, very  
9 simple.

10 There isn't a planting in front of it.

11 There isn't a container, planting in  
12 front of it.

13 What can you do to improve the look of  
14 the building where it will be, um, more  
15 beautiful for the neighbors that pass by it  
16 every day and people that pass through East  
17 Meadow?

18 Let me give you all of them at one  
19 time, maybe it will be easier for you to  
20 respond.

21 Also, looking at that landscaping  
22 plan, which I assume the landscaping plan I  
23 saw before this that I notice that the  
24 landscaping, um, grass and so forth, seem to  
25 be the back of the property and the siding



1 and everything seems to taper to the most  
2 important area which is the frontage on the  
3 Turnpike.

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4 My question would be between your  
5 exits and entrances along the Turnpike as has  
6 been done at many other service stations, is  
7 there any reason why I know there are  
8 restrictions height-wise but is there any  
9 reason why you couldn't be pulling your  
10 landscaping and coming out wider at the ends  
11 on that, your cornering, some plantings at  
12 the corners of the property and possibly in  
13 between your entrances and exits?

14 And, my last point would be at the  
15 islands, at the end of the islands, again,  
16 many of the service stations have agreed to  
17 put in planters at the ends and agreed to  
18 covenant to annuals in those planters and  
19 flowering perennials on the front side of the  
20 Turnpike and that would add a tremendous  
21 affect on softening the look of this very  
22 commercial property.

23 MR. TARTAGLIA: Thank you, Councilman  
24 Hudes. Thank you for the questions,  
25 Councilman Hudes.

1 I will take them in reverse, if I can.

2 With regard to the last question, the  
3 site plan actually does call out for concrete  
4 planters at the end of the islands which is  
5 suitable and actually, as you say, for annual  
6 planting, so, that is both on the site plan,  
7 so, we will do that.

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8 With regard to the landscaping  
9 question, around, the perimeter as Mr. Sahn  
10 mentioned in his original presentation, that  
11 there was actually a prior covenant which was  
12 never built out but there would be planted  
13 areas along the Hempstead Turnpike frontage  
14 along the curb cuts, so, we are completely  
15 going to do that, as well.

16 With regard to the same question, the  
17 tapering of the landscaping along the East  
18 and West side, what I think we can propose  
19 near the roadway, which is where it makes the  
20 most impact, is to provide some pumped out  
21 curb areas on the West side.

22 We can go around the sign with an area  
23 with five to eight feet wide and follow that  
24 all the way to the sidewalk and, then, a  
25 similar treatment along the east side where

1 we take the curb after that would lead to the  
2 property another five to eight feet creating  
3 a nice planted area for annuals.

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4 In all of those locations, because of  
5 the roadway, we would use low-light plantings  
6 because we don't want to obstruct visibility.

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: The whole idea  
8 would be to bring some color with added - -  
9 simply adding some annuals but having  
10 perennials that will flower throughout the  
11 entire season from Spring until Fall, so  
12 there are people driving through East Meadow  
13 will look at this.

14 We are trying to do this parcel by  
15 parcel along the Turnpike and we have been  
16 quite successful in getting this done and  
17 that would make a big improvement.

18 And, the other question, of course,  
19 was the building, itself, have plantings,  
20 there.

21 ATTORNEY SAHN: If we can look at  
22 Slide 3, please.

23 In this elevation, absolutely, I guess  
24 we are really open to doing anything that the  
25 Board would require.

1 I think that the brick actually it is  
2 hard to do it justice in color renderings but  
3 I think the brick is soft, perennial, nice.

4 It is something that extends  
5 throughout the ages as a classic look.

6 I think what we can do is go with an  
7 aged brick and make that look a lot nicer as  
8 far as the wall treatments go.

9 As far as what we might be able to do  
10 is put a mansard-type roof other than just a  
11 flat fascia up and that would give the  
12 building a lot more definition.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Would they do some  
14 sort of planting in the front where your -  
15 below the windows there, maybe an area where  
16 you can bump out?

17 I assume there is a sidewalk there,  
18 maybe you can bump it out.

19 It is a two foot strip along the  
20 building to add some plantings along the  
21 building there that would break this up and  
22 make this less - - look less industrial.

23 MR. TARTAGLIA: I think we can look  
24 into that Councilman Hudes, one of the issues  
25 that Michael Sahn mentioned, one of the

1 existing problems moving the building forward  
2 and pump islands, we will have twenty feet  
3 clear from the pump islands and the building.

4 If the Board is aware, twenty feet is  
5 just about the distance we need to have a car  
6 at the pump and another car drive around it.

7 So, I think we may have a difficult  
8 time creating a substantive landscaping area  
9 in the front but what I think we might be  
10 able to do is off maybe to the left side of  
11 the building, the left side, we would create  
12 a planting area there to add some landscaping  
13 and again I think if we can make this  
14 building a little bit and make the façade a  
15 lot more interesting and give it different  
16 variations as we go from top to bottom.

17 I think that will help soften the  
18 look, um, specifically because the building  
19 is set farther back, far on the property and  
20 we have the nicest impact from Hempstead  
21 Turnpike, I believe the landscaping that we  
22 are going to propose there will do a good job  
23 of it.

24 ATTORNEY SAHN: Councilman, if you  
25 would allow, we will put our thinking caps

1 on and submit a revised site plan to the Town  
2 Board to incorporate these items, um, so,  
3 that it would be a matter of record.

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4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Two more questions,  
5 Mr. Sahn, in review of the films, I am just  
6 curious, did you read the agreement that was  
7 reached with the Gasoline Retail Association  
8 by eliminating the hours of the sale of  
9 alcohol some years ago?

10 ATTORNEY SAHN: Frankly, I am not  
11 aware of it.

12 COUNCILMAN HUDES: No sale of alcohol  
13 between 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.

14 ATTORNEY SAHN: We will certainly take  
15 a look at that if that is applicable.

16 COUNCILMAN HUDES: We would like you  
17 to covenant to that, in addition to the  
18 generator.

19 I hate to harp on that.

20 Can you covenant that the generator  
21 will be sufficient so as to allow the pumping  
22 of gas in an emergency?

23 ATTORNEY SAHN: It is a very  
24 appropriate question and the answer is, yes,  
25 it will be a covenant.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any other

2 question for Mr. Sahn?

3 (NO RESPONSE.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very  
5 much.

6 Are there any members of the audience  
7 that would like to be heard on this  
8 particular application?

9 I will consider a motion at this time.

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,  
11 I move that the Hearing be closed and  
12 decision be reserved.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the  
14 motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

24 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
3 Sweeney?

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4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the  
6 Administrative Calendar.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Items 1 through 26.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any member of the  
9 Board wish to sever any items on the  
10 Administrative Calendar?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Being none, I  
13 will accept a motion.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Supervisor, I  
15 move that the Administrative Calendar be  
16 approved.

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the  
18 motion.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I do have a few  
20 folks that indicated they wanted to speak on  
21 the Administrative Calendar, so, we will move  
22 to that at this point.

23 Meta Mereday?

24 META MEREDAY: Supervisor Santino, my  
25 first question had to do



1 with Number 5.

2 There are four in Baldwin.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Right,

4 Commissioner Rottkamp?

5 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,

6 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

7 Number 5 is 2 Palm Beach Drive, Baldwin, 410

8 Dartmouth Street, 1504 Prince Street Baldwin

9 and 1897 Charmin Street Baldwin.

10 And, as far as Item Number 6, as far

11 as Baldwin is concerned, we have 2418-2420

12 Grand Avenue for unsafe two-story masonry

13 building.

14 It was an unsafe two-story masonry

15 building.

16 META MEREDAY: The previous meetings I

17 am finding it interesting that this one isn't

18 videotaped but the previous meeting was

19 videotaped, so, I am very concerned that

20 residents that aren't able to attend these

21 meetings in the daytime and the two meetings

22 that only lasted ten minutes in the evening

23 that were not given the opportunity to have

24 the video screened on a regular basis.

25 I am also learning we do have

1 other residents that would like to find out  
2 what is going on in their communities, um,  
3 through videotaping and all of this  
4 technology and we should be able to access  
5 it, um, going forward.

6 Item Number 11 and 12 with regard to  
7 these contracts, again, I continue to be  
8 concerned, um, that with regard to the Town  
9 of Hempstead, you don't seem to be tracking  
10 or, at least, documenting as far as the  
11 public is concerned, inclusion and  
12 utilization of diverse businesses,  
13 specifically, veterans, minority and women.

14 And, I continue to be concerned every  
15 time I read NEWSDAY, um, not necessarily with  
16 regard to the Town but, um, largely in our  
17 surrounding areas in the County and there is  
18 always the after affect of the lack of  
19 effective vetting, with the vetting process  
20 with regard to contracting opportunities.

21 And, I am getting a little tired.

22 I don't know if you are all tired of  
23 hearing me, but I am tired of hearing myself  
24 speak about the lack of inclusion with regard  
25 to veteran businesses and just say, we sent

1 the information out and we are in compliance  
2 is just not enough.

3 So, if I can get some clarification on  
4 the contracts for those two items, as well  
5 as, 15 and 16 because I am starting to see  
6 some similarities with these companies that  
7 continue to keep coming back around, again,  
8 for opportunities.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner  
10 Zappola, Roosevelt pool.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is my  
12 district.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner,  
14 give us a brief outline of what we are doing.

15 COMMISSIONER ZAPPOLA: These two pools  
16 are twelve years old and we put it out to  
17 bid.

18 We got two bids and they are set to be  
19 put in.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, I was born and  
21 raised in Roosevelt, specifically and I knew  
22 Mr. Walker and I worked at Roosevelt Pool  
23 and, again, my concern is that these are two  
24 predominately diverse communities.

1 And, I am asking, again, in terms of  
2 the outreach.

3 Was there any firm outside New York,  
4 even?

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5 What is the outreach with regard to  
6 inclusion for veteran-owned businesses and  
7 local-based enterprises to do the work and  
8 provide opportunities for people who are both  
9 like me who can't seem to afford to stay in  
10 these communities that they live in?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: These contracts are  
12 publicly bid.

13 They are open to everyone, every  
14 company that decides to bid on them.

15 The Town of Hempstead does not have  
16 the ability to give preferences to various  
17 groups.

18 So, these are publicly bid documents  
19 and we generally go to the lowest - - always  
20 go to the lowest, responsible bidder, so, as  
21 far as the average is concerned, it is  
22 published in a wide variety of ways to  
23 generate the greatest amount of input.

24 META MEREDAY: And, we still see that  
25 in all cases.

1 You still have to go the extra mile.

2 I am not asking you for preferences,  
3 in terms of the wide range, I don't  
4 understand why I can't seem to get a listing  
5 or percentage, in general, of how much  
6 opportunity is actually given at the end of  
7 the year, what is the breakdown of the  
8 opportunity?

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9 What is the breakdown?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The only answer is  
11 it is equal opportunity which is what the law  
12 requires.

13 META MEREDAY: There are so many other  
14 laws on the books because that alleged equal  
15 opportunity doesn't seem to go to the root.

16 Again, you need to videotape these  
17 meetings so more public can be involved with  
18 the money.

19 And, I am just hoping, I am hoping  
20 that I don't read in NEWSDAY about another  
21 contracting issue that has taken place with  
22 my tax dollars because that is getting a  
23 little tiring.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

25 Diane Madden?

1 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden. 242

2 Cherry Place, East Meadow.

3 On the items - -

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4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: With regard to  
5 the Administrative Calendar you said "21646"?

6 DIANE MADDEN: Yes, I want to find out  
7 exactly what that entails.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure, that is  
9 Item Number 14.

10 DIANE MADDEN: Correct.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Mr.  
12 Pastore, come forward, illuminate us all on  
13 this item.

14 MR. PASTORE: This is for the - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Come to the  
16 microphone.

17 MR. PASTORE: Okay, this is for the  
18 North Side Veterinarian Services.

19 Occasionally, we have to send some  
20 animals to North Side Veterinarian Hospital,  
21 for some of the services that the Shelter  
22 will not provide.

23 We have licensed Veterinarians at the  
24 Shelter but on occasion there are times when  
25 an animal need services that the Shelter

1 cannot provide, so, we send them to North  
2 Side.

3 DIANE MADDEN: Could you, please,  
4 specify, such as, what services?

5 MR. PASTORE: Such services could  
6 include trauma for an animal hit by a car or  
7 an animal has a bacterial infection, we  
8 cannot provide the service or our medical  
9 team is not available on and we send them to  
10 the hospital.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is it after  
12 hours, should that kind of care be needed  
13 when the on-site veterinarian is not present?

14 MR. PASTORE: That is correct, when  
15 the on-site veterinarian is not around, it is  
16 after hours, we, essentially, care to meet  
17 the needs.

18 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, could you,  
19 please, tell me what other contracts there  
20 are, what other veterinarian contracts there  
21 are besides this particular one?

22 In other words, how many?

23 MR. PASTORE: Other than Dr. Sing (AS  
24 HEARD) who is on-site works out, there is  
25 another one.

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: So, there is one  
2 other?

3 (WHEREUPON, "yes" was heard.)

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4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.  
5 Christine Mosen?

6 (WHEREUPON, "not speaking" was heard  
7 from the audience.)

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, you checked  
9 that.

10 Stephanie Capuano?

11 STEPHANIE CAPUANO: Sixteen years  
12 trying to help the community and I love  
13 helping the cats.

14 They are endangered. They like that I  
15 help them. Right, now, I have a cat in a  
16 trap. They took it in. They use to have  
17 this vaccine that prevented the whole colony  
18 being wiped out.

19 They took that vaccine away. Now, I  
20 don't know what to do. The cat is in a trap  
21 and need that vaccine.

22 I don't know where to take it. Why  
23 did they take away the best vaccine?

24 Can I speak?



1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, go ahead.

2 Go ahead.

3 STEPHANIE CAPUANO: The Town of  
4 Hempstead has a perfect system as far as  
5 vaccinations.

6 They did the three-in-one.

7 They did the, um, deep cleaning and  
8 long-term antibiotics which was excellent.

9 I released them in a healthy colony.

10 All the cats were safe. Now, we have  
11 this problem.

12 They just don't have this vaccine. I  
13 don't know why and Steven told me yesterday,  
14 he said, no, until they reinstate it.

15 The Town Board has to make that  
16 decision.

17 Please, please, reinstate it. I beg  
18 you. The cats really, really need this.

19 This is the only thing.

20 We go through all this trouble,  
21 trouble to trap these cats and make them well  
22 to fit them into a colony, not to jeopardize  
23 them.

24 It cost pennies. It costs very, very  
25 little.

1 It is such a great program and they  
2 just don't do that.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We hear you.

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4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We are having a  
5 meeting set up right after the Town Board  
6 meeting is over and we are hoping to  
7 reinstate it.

8 STEPHANIE CAPUANO: Thank you so much  
9 and reinstate the hours.

10 Thank you so much.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

12 Mr. Pacochia? (Phonetic Spelling)

13 MR. PACOCHIA: On the administrative  
14 Item Number 2, I reviewed that document, the  
15 association and, um, you know, it is really -  
16 - the Town Clerk is suppose to operate in the  
17 Town's interest.

18 I won't speak on many items but just  
19 one in particular.

20 This is going to come up soon, the  
21 fact that you do passports.

22 Last year I did a calculation based  
23 on the cost of advertising.

24 It cost sixty dollars per person and  
25 the biggest loss, I estimate, even in the

1 Town, I FOIL-ed the cost of the labor, the  
2 Passport Day, that Saturday, there were no  
3 records available, so, even the Town,  
4 according to the FOIL request, can't  
5 determine how much it cost per person to get  
6 a passport.

7 I used those costs for employees and  
8 the cost of the mailing was really the  
9 biggest part of it and I got sixty dollars a  
10 person.

11 If the Town Clerk's Office is acting  
12 in the public's interest, if it is really a  
13 program that people want, they will come.

14 I brought my kids and my wife to the  
15 post office and we got our passports there,  
16 to get your picture done for ten dollars at  
17 Rite-Aid.

18 To spend sixty dollars per person - -

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are speaking  
20 about the membership dues?

21 MR. PACOCHIA: Membership dues.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: New York State  
23 Association you're talking about, passports.

24 MR. PACOCHIA: The reason why this  
25 association is suppose to act in the public's

1 interest and I feel it acts for like a  
2 political organization than in the public's  
3 interest.

4 And, if you read the document about  
5 the association of - - Town Clerk's  
6 Association, it doesn't talk about politics,  
7 it talks about serving the public, if it is a  
8 valid way of using money.

9 To have this passport service, people  
10 want it, they will come.

11 You don't have to spend, you know,  
12 fifty, sixty thousand dollars of mailings to  
13 have them come.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Pacochia, in  
15 my District, the Town Clerk had a Passport  
16 Program at the Village Hall in Cedarhurst and  
17 it was packed for three hours and the people  
18 were so appreciative because a lot of people  
19 don't have time in their busy schedule to  
20 come down to Town Hall.

21 This is an example of Town Hall  
22 reaching out to the community, something  
23 that I think, even you can agree is  
24 important so that people in their busy lives

1 can have the Town Clerk, have government come  
2 to them.

3 MR. PACOCHIA: That wasn't my  
4 argument, if the passport service is valid,  
5 that is fine.

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6 Don't send out a mailing for it.

7 The post office doesn't send me a  
8 mailing for it.

9 If the Town Clerk wants to offer  
10 passport services, if the Village wants to  
11 offer passport services, that is fine.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: How else would  
13 they know?

14 How else would the people in my  
15 District know?

16 MR. PACOCHIA: We have gotten six  
17 mailings this year so far.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Pacochia, we  
19 are not talking about - -

20 MR. PACOCIA: Let's move onto the next  
21 item.

22 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, I want to  
23 say something about the Town Clerk's  
24 position.

1 We need our Town Clerk to be up-to-  
2 date on everything that is happening with all  
3 the Town Clerks in the State and outside of  
4 the State, so they can be up on the latest  
5 information, not only that, we need them  
6 networking so we can be able to serve our  
7 constituents in the best way we can.

8 So, I hope you are not saying that we  
9 should not be part of the world.

10 MR. PACOCHIA: That is not what I am  
11 saying.

12 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Well it sounds  
13 like that to me.

14 MR. PACOCHIA: That is because you are  
15 misinterpreting what I am saying.

16 What I have been saying over the last  
17 five years, it is a waste of money to send  
18 these mailings out.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are way off  
20 the item.

21 MR. PACOCHIA: Okay, fine.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are way off  
23 the item on the calendar.

24 MR. PACOCHIA: I don't believe so.

1 Number 18, I read the details of this  
2 amendment, um, the question is, where is the  
3 Memorandum of Agreement that is suppose to be  
4 in the details by State Law?

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5 State Law requires it, unfortunately,  
6 these laws made you guys, you know,  
7 responsible for transparency.

8 We spent five hundred hours to get you  
9 to enforce the law.

10 You should have the Memorandum of  
11 Agreement in the documents that you put up on  
12 line.

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Pacochia, all I  
14 can tell you is that I will look into why it  
15 was not posted.

16 As far as I know, it was given with  
17 the package.

18 I will have to find out.

19 If you want a copy of it, I will  
20 supply it to you.

21 MR. PACOCHIA: It is not about me. It  
22 should always be about the whole community  
23 being knowledgeable about what is going on,  
24 that is why I video the meetings.

25 I put them up on the web site.

1 I have gotten over five hundred hits  
2 on the video because I want people to know  
3 what is going on at these meetings and I wish  
4 you wanted that, the same thing, too.

5 And, the last item on Number 19, I  
6 didn't put that on the list but I wish you  
7 would just advertise jobs.

8 It is really not fair. I looked at  
9 these jobs. I looked at the names. I make  
10 the connections.

11 It is all friends, family, neighbors  
12 of people that work, here.

13 These jobs should be open to everybody  
14 in the community, not just the well  
15 connected.

16 Thank you very much.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There is no one  
18 else.

19 MS. DEFINA: I would.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, on an item  
21 on the Administrative Calendar?

22 MS. DEFINA: Yes.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, name and  
24 address for the record, please.

25 MS. DEFINA: Louise Defina.



1 2749 Merrick Avenue in Merrick.

2 Um, about North Side Veterinarian and  
3 what Mike Pastore said about Dr. Siegel, what  
4 happened about Hilton Animal Hospital, the  
5 Emergency Clinic in Franklin Square, Island  
6 Trees and there was also a contract, I  
7 thought, with the Emergency Clinic in  
8 Plainview?

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9 There are other off-site veterinarian  
10 contracts that the Town of Hempstead had when  
11 I FOIL-ed, maybe. It is over a year, now,  
12 but I just assumed we need all these vets.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let's get you an  
14 answer. Ms. Petri?

15 MS. PETRI: Yes, all those contracts  
16 were originally were entered into back when  
17 we didn't have the coverage at the facility  
18 that we have now.

19 MS. DEFINA: But - -

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let her finish  
21 answering the question.

22 MS. PETRI: And, I believe that they  
23 are not expired, these either expired. I  
24 will have to check or they are nearing  
25 expiring.

1 We have had T & R but there are T & R  
2 that have left, so, the contract, while it  
3 may technically exist but it has lapsed or  
4 they don't cover the services and Island  
5 Trees, I believe, wasn't equipped for T & R  
6 but I can go and check that for you.

7 MS. DEFINA: They did both, okay, we  
8 did have a lot of contract.

9 You did have a lot of vets, so, that  
10 means - -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Again, let her  
12 finish.

13 MS. PETRI: We have only one that is  
14 24 hours that we utilize and we don't have as  
15 many animals going to outside vets as we use  
16 to, so, essentially, unless it is an  
17 extraordinary circumstance that can't be done  
18 at the Shelter or after hours, the volume is  
19 not there as it was.

20 MS. DEFINA: Okay, I disagree, the  
21 volume is there because you have a lot of  
22 people complaining in the last two months  
23 about the T & R Program.

24 They are not taking appointments.

25 They are pushing people back nine

1 and ten months.

2 The Shelter is saying, they no longer  
3 have the capacity to spade, neuter and, now  
4 it is obvious.

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5 We know the answer. We know why,  
6 because you don't have these contracts  
7 anymore, so, that means Dr. Siegel came on  
8 fulltime, on the payroll as an employee  
9 instead of a contractor.

10 All this work was left for him which  
11 he, obviously, he didn't do as a contracted  
12 Vet.

13 So, he is not doing it as a payroll  
14 employee, then.

15 So, we really have hardly anyone doing  
16 spade, neuters and that clearly explains why  
17 your T & R Program has been cutback to the  
18 magnitude that it has been cut.

19 Everybody is screaming.

20 Now, you also cutback all your  
21 vaccines and I know this is not about the  
22 Resolution and I will discuss it in the  
23 public portion but that was a major program  
24 and I appreciate that Stephanie came up, here  
25 and begged you because she is a trapper.

1 She wants to continue the program but  
2 the decision that the Town Board made to  
3 cutback these vaccines - -

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First of all, let  
5 me make it clear, the Town Board did not make  
6 that decision, it was made administratively  
7 and I am directing the vaccine be reinstated  
8 immediately.

9 MS. DEFINA: Okay, Mr. Santino, before  
10 your Director cuts back other things, can  
11 they, because physically we have been telling  
12 you all along, he is not looking for the  
13 wellbeing of the animals.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is being  
15 reinstated on my order.

16 MS. DEFINA: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're welcome.

18 There being no one else on the  
19 Administrative Calendar, at this point, we  
20 moved and seconded, so, we need a vote.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: She had to step  
away.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very  
much.

Before I entertain a motion to  
adjourn, I will ask everyone, I neglected at  
the beginning of the meeting to ask everybody  
for a moment of silence for Stephen Lettis,  
Deputy Commissioner of the Information and  
Technology Department, here, at the Town of  
Hempstead who died as a result of a very  
tragic car accident a few weeks ago, so,  
would you all please join in a moment of  
silence, a very dedicated Town Employee and  
fine gentleman by the name of Stephen Lettis

(Whereupon, a moment of silence

1 was observed. After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very  
3 much.

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4 Now, I will entertain a moment to  
5 adjourn the meeting.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So moved.

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITIO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

17 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 (Whereupon, the official meeting was  
24 adjourned.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony taken at the 2/23/16 Hempstead Town Board meeting consisting of pages 1 through 54 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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