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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

March 8, 2016

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: SUPERVISOR SANTINO

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APPEARANCES :

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN HUDES

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

CLERK AHMAD

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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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-
Sweeny?
COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENY: Here.
CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald
Clavin?
RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.
SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item,
please.
CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
of Buildings to demolish & remove a two story
partly constructed wood frame one family
dwelling with detached garage and remove all
litter & debris from property - MERRICK -

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1 East side of Montauk Avenue, 490 feet of
2 Merrick Road - Department of Buildings.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
4 who would like to be heard on this item?

5 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, I will
7 accept a motion, please.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
9 Supervisor, I move the Public Hearing be
10 closed and the item adopted.

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
12 motion.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

22 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

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COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re
"Regulations and Restrictions" to limit
parking in Lido Beach (To amend Chapter 202
of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
that would like to be heard on this item?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.
After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
I will accept a motion, please.

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I move
that the Public Hearing be closed and the
item be adopted.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

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COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTION: Next item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Parking or standing prohibitions" near
Garden City & Merrick (To amend Section 202-1
of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
that would like to be heard on this item?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
can I have a motion, please.

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move the
Public Hearing be closed and the proposed
local law be adopted.

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second
the motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

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CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Arterial Stops," in Oceanside & Woodmere (To
amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town
of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would anyone like
to be heard on this item?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.)

SUPERVSIOR SANTINO: If not, may I
have a motion, please.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move the
Public Hearing be closed and the item be
adopted.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
2 motion.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

12 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

14 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
18 please.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
20 "Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of
21 schools" in Merrick & Seaford (To amend
22 Section 197-13 of the Code of the Town of
23 Hempstead)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would anyone like
25 to be heard on this item ;on the calendar?

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(Whereupon, no response was heard.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, may I have a motion.

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I move the Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item, please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed "Handicapped parking on public streets" in Elmont, Merrick

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1 & Wantagh (Pelham Street, Beach Drive,
2 Mermaid Avenue, Sycamore Avenue.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would anyone like
4 to be heard on this item on the calendar?

5 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
6 After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Being none, I
8 will accept a motion.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I
10 move that the public Hearing be closed and
11 the item be adopted.

12 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
13 motion.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

17 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

23 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

4 please.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed acquisition by
6 eminent domain of premises pursuant to the
7 Urban Renewal Plan for the Roosevelt Housing
8 Improvement Area & to allocate advance
9 payment sums for such acquisition - Roosevelt
10 - 38 Whitehouse Avenue - Department of
11 Buildings (RONALD ALEXANDER)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have a John
13 Moss.

14 JOHN MOSS: Good Morning. I hand-outs
15 for the Board.

16 My name is John Moss. I work with the
17 Department of Planning & Economic
18 Development.

19 Um, we are looking to acquire two
20 parcels of property that meet the criteria of
21 the Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area
22 Renewal Plan.

23 These two properties are essential for
24 access to some landlocked properties that we
25 already own which will be developed as single

1 Family housing under the terms of the
2 Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area, Urban
3 Renewal Program.

4 With regard to 38 Whitehouse, actually
5 with regards to both properties, they have
6 already been found by the Building Department
7 to be safe for Human Habitation.

8 There have been some citations issued
9 and postings, I believe, the Town Board has
10 actually, um, acknowledged and approved those
11 actions by the Building Department.

12 Also, the Department of Planning had
13 an Architect take a look at the properties
14 and issue the property - - it appears that
15 the Architect's conclusion is that the
16 property needs to be demolished.

17 They have a blight affect on the
18 neighborhood.

19 Um, pursuant to the procedural laws,
20 all letters were provided to owners of each
21 of the properties and carbon copies of those
22 offers were sent to the bank account of the
23 attorneys representing the independent
24 foreclosure actions.

25 The offers were made at the

1 highest approved appraisal that is required
2 under the procedural law.

3 No response was received, um, for
4 those offers and being - - basically being
5 rejected at this point.

6 Um, I know that on 38 Whitehouse
7 Avenue, there was a foreclosure sale which
8 occurred in the middle of February.

9 I have spoken with the auction clerk
10 and confirmed with him that the bank action,
11 um, credited this and purchased back the
12 property.

13 However, there is no new record title
14 owner, yet, I assume, the closing has not
15 occurred.

16 We did, the Department of Planning,
17 actually, sent a Notice of this Hearing to
18 the Attorney representing in that action, so,
19 everybody is notified with regard to what we
20 are looking to do.

21 Um, if there are any questions with
22 regard to what we are trying to do with the
23 property, landlocked property, Marie Domino
24 is here, from the Department of Planning, who
25 can certainly field any questions with regard

1 to these items.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone?

3 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. Moss?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

5 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. Moss, those
6 are - - those areas, the properties, I saw
7 both of those homes, I know we are discussing
8 38 and 64 - -

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Actually, if we
10 can, if you would, Madam Clerk, call the
11 second item since we are talking about it, we
12 will deal with them jointly because they are,
13 essentially, the same.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Yes, companion Hearings,
15 proposed acquisition by eminent domain of
16 premises pursuant to the Urban Renewal Plan
17 for the Roosevelt Housing Improvement Area &
18 to allocate advance payment sums for such
19 acquisition - Roosevelt - 64 Whitehouse
20 Avenue - Department of Buildings (Luis
21 Zaldivar)

22 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We have the two
23 of them together, alright.

24 I think these homes are in terrible,
25 terrible shape.

1 We visited and we drove up as far as
2 we could into the back and all the garbage, I
3 guess, is still there, so, I would move these
4 proposed Resolutions and I would like to, at
5 this time, if I can just accept it.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If I can,
7 Councilwoman, ask if there is anyone in the
8 audience that would like to speak on these
9 matters?

10 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
12 any Members of the Board have any questions?

13 There being none, would you call them
14 jointly, Madam Clerk for a vote. We have a
15 motion, I need a second.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

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COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
much.

JOHN MOSS: Thank you very much.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the
Administrative Calendar, call the
Administrative Calendar.

CLERK AHMAD: Administrative Calendar,
this morning, we have Items 1 through 54. I
also have two Resolutions that are of urgent
nature to be added to the calendar.

The first Resolution is a Public
Hearing on a Local Law, new paragraph,
Section 163-37 of Chapter 163, Town of
Hempstead in relations to prohibiting
vehicles with expired registration stickers
or inspection stickers entering Town marinas
and dock property.

This will be Item 55 on the
Administrative Calendar.

Second Resolution is a Resolution

1 Calling a Public Hearing on a Local Law to
2 add a new paragraph "P" of Section 79-15 of
3 Chapter 79 of the Town of Hempstead in
4 relation to prohibiting vehicles with expired
5 registration stickers or inspection stickers
6 from entering upon Town Housing property.

7 This will be Item 56 on the
8 Administrative Calendar.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Items 1 through
10 56 on the Administrative Calendar, does any
11 Council Member want to sever any item on the
12 Administrative Calendar?

13 There being not, I will, then, accept
14 a motion on the Administrative Calendar on
15 Items 1 through 56.

16 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. Supervisor,
17 I move the Administrative Calendar 1 through
18 56.

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
20 motion.

21 SUPERIVSIOR SANTINO: Now, we do have
22 a few members from the public that have
23 signed in to discuss items on the
24 Administrative Calendar.

25 David Schwarts?

1 (Whereupon, "I pass" was heard from
2 the audience.)

3 Dominick Cazza? (phonetic spelling)

4 Name and address for the record?

5 DOMINICK CAZZA: Good Morning,
6 Dominick Cazza. 405 Coolridge Road, Rockville
7 Centre, New York.

8 Um, first of all, I want to say I am
9 very encouraged with the progress the Town of
10 Hempstead has made with respect to the Web
11 site, the progress showing, um, the agenda
12 minutes, so, it is a work in progress. Thank
13 you.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're welcome.

15 DOMINICK CAZZA: (PHONETIC SPELLING)
16 Second, um, the Powersail, Inc., item, that
17 is on 43.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

19 DOMINICK CAZZA: For whatever reason,
20 maybe, it was an oversight, that particular
21 contract and, um, wasn't the - - and all of
22 that are not on the agenda, so, um, would you
23 let me know who is the principal of this
24 Power Charter?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Baykitch?

1 DOMINICK CAZZA: If maybe we have that
2 put on.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we will
4 certainly do that.

5 (Whereupon, "I don't have that. It was
6 printed out," was heard from the audience.)

7 DOMINICK CAZZA: And, the only other
8 request as a "work in progress" as these
9 contracts are on the Web sites, maybe every
10 six months, we can do accumulative contracts,
11 how many were awarded to so and so, so we can
12 get an idea if it has been, you know, fairly
13 rewarded.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are going to
15 have this before the meeting is over.

16 We will give you all the information
17 that you need.

18 Felix Percochi?

19 FELIX PERCOCHI: Felix Percochi.

20 (Phonetic spelling) 1165 Long Street,
21 Franklin Square, New York.

22 Um, Administrative Item Number 4, um,
23 regarding the Atlantic photo fees, um, are
24 these fees going to apply for passport
25 photos?

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk?

CLERK AHMAD: Yes, Supervisor.

FELIX PERCOCCHI: Are they going to apply to the citizen I.D. cards?

CLERK AHMAD: No, Supervisor.

FELIX PERCOCCHI: Are they going to apply to child I.D. cards?

CLERK AHMAD: No.

FELIX PERCOCCHI: We received a mailing from, you know, the Town Clerk made no mention of passports. I didn't speak about the additional fees and what we are going to be charged.

Since you spent a lot of money sending these handouts to inform the public, so, it is said it would be helpful if we give full disclosure as to the costs of passports, okay.

Um, and Items Number 8 through 24, these are all fee increases, I will just put it into one question, what is that stated revenue that is going to be added, you know, to the Town Budget, you know, you know, based on these fee increases?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Comptroller

1 Conroy?

2 COMPROLLER CONROY: Can you repeat
3 the question.

4 FELIX PERCOCCHI: How much revenue is
5 going to be added to the Town from all the
6 fee increases in Items 8 through 24?

7 COMPROLLER CONROY: It is a very
8 subjective question in that there are a lot
9 of variables.

10 Most of these fees should create
11 increases, whether or not it would have an
12 adverse impact on that, to answer your
13 question, we will need on year's worth of
14 history and I can be in a better position to
15 discuss that.

16 FELIX PERCOCCHI: I understand why you
17 can't give me an exact number, but, usually,
18 there is always projections just like when
19 you pass the 2016 budget, you didn't know if
20 all the expenses would be the way you say it
21 is but you make projections.

22 When you make these fee increases, why
23 don't you give projections because you have
24 to add something to the budget?

25 COMPROLLER CONROY: It is

1 Subjective and with the budget we take a
2 conservative approach to the budget to take
3 that approach would be - - put something out
4 there that may not be realized.

5 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Well, you always do
6 that with the budget, that is - -

7 COMPTROLLER CONROY: By definition
8 with a zero-base budget, you need a base
9 year.

10 You need history, so, again, to answer
11 that question, a year out, we have a base
12 year history.

13 FELIX PERCOCCHI: You will assume
14 this, just to be clear, you have to put some
15 number in the budget.

16 You are going to assume that you will
17 make the same revenues as the same year.

18 COMPTROLLER CONROY: At the point that
19 we start to have some history.

20 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Item Number 53,
21 regarding the prohibition of fee-base air
22 compressors at gas stations, why was this law
23 passed or proposed?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have for
25 sometime, Mr. Percocchi had a law in

1 the Town of Hempstead that required that free
2 air be proposed at all service stations in
3 the unincorporated parts of the Township.

4 What the law, as it was originally
5 passed, which is more than twenty years ago,
6 it permitted machines, air machines that had
7 coin slots in it, that as long as there were
8 certain signage, decal or whatever, that
9 indicated that air was free upon request,
10 what our inspectors, who enforced this found,
11 is that most - - the way it was being done,
12 you have to come inside the gas station
13 convenience store, whatever is there, get a
14 token, go back out and most people where
15 essentially like that extra burden was such
16 that they were paying the dollar to get the
17 air, so, that the law as being, essentially,
18 clouded.

19 By what we are doing, here, is
20 tightening it up to prohibit the installation
21 of air machines with coin slots.

22 They would have to just be the old
23 fashion ones that work without a coin slot,
24 they just work.

25 The free air will actually be

1 free.

2 Because the law, as it existed was
3 being violated, essentially, that made it
4 very onerous for somebody to get the free
5 air.

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6 This way, we will ensure that the free
7 air will be available.

8 It is a very user-friendly, customer-
9 friendly, taxpayer friendly item.

10 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Were gas station
11 owners notified of this legislation that was
12 on the calendar, today?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is on the Web
14 site.

15 FELIX PERCOCCHI: A mailing wasn't
16 sent out to each gas station owner?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Not to my
18 knowledge.

19 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Is it the plan to
20 notify gas station owners after today that
21 they have to comply with this law?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is on the Web
23 site and it is going to be subject to a legal
24 notice, I would say.

25 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Essentially

1 if they don't happen to read the paper and
2 they don't know the law exists because they
3 don't go on the Web site regularly, they will
4 be fined, how much?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is funny how
6 you suggest we do a mailing when you usually
7 suggest we do things on the Web site and send
8 out an email, so, it is on the Web site.

9 It is subject to a legal notice that
10 would go into the official newspaper of the
11 township and that is the answer.

12 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Okay, since you
13 bring it up as my criticism of mailings, you
14 know, these are mailings that do not - - that
15 do not provide adequate information like the
16 fee increases for the passports and stuff.

17 My feeling is that these mailings, if
18 they were comprehensive, I would not have an
19 issue with it.

20 If they were not excessive, I wouldn't
21 have an issue with them.

22 The reason why I have an issue with
23 the mailings, first, nobody knows what they
24 cost.

25 Second of all, they are not

1 Comprehensive, even this most recent one, I
2 got several days ago, doesn't have ten dollar
3 cost for the photos on that.

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4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any
5 other items that you want to talk about on
6 the Administrative Calendar?

7 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Yes, I do, Item
8 Number 44, Case 7, a month ago, over a month
9 ago, this has to do with the employees, I
10 said this many times, I have an issue. I
11 FOIL the open jobs more than a month ago and
12 the FOIL Officer, now, it is five weeks, I
13 believe, if I got it right.

14 It is past the twenty days. It is
15 loser to thirty business days, which is
16 excessive.

17 It should be twenty-five business days
18 including the five days of notification, they
19 needed more time according to Marie Jerome,
20 in the FOIL office to get this to me.

21 If people wanted to know about the job
22 openings in the Town of Hempstead do they
23 really have to be twenty-five to thirty
24 business days to find out if there are
25 openings?

1 My FOIL request is passed. It is a
2 violation of State Law.

3 If you really want to abide by the
4 law, you are violating State Law for what
5 purpose?

6 You really don't know what job
7 openings are available in the Town of
8 Hempstead?

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, may
10 I?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I have to check
13 with Personnel but I don't know that there is
14 such a list and so I will see why you are
15 being delayed.

16 If there is no list - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If I may, with
18 respect to Mr. Sammon, most of the jobs we
19 have in the Town of Hempstead are governed by
20 Civil Service, so, obviously, there are
21 always in the Civil Service Office, there are
22 lists of upcoming tests and, then, your
23 office that are not subject to Civil Service
24 tests, we maintain files of people that fill
25 out applications and, then, as

1 necessary, those applicants are consulted to
2 fill those other positions that are not
3 subject to a test, that is basically, how it
4 works, right?

5 PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER SAMMON: Yes.

6 FELIX PERCOCCHI: If there is a
7 request from a Department Head saying, I need
8 so and so type of people to the Personnel
9 Office, there would be a record that I would
10 receive as part of my FOIL request?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, the Civil
12 Service list are online. How does it work,
13 Mr. Sammon, as administrative needs come up,
14 departmental needs?

15 PERSONNEL COMMISSIONER SAMMON: The
16 Department would contact my office to discuss
17 this.

18 FELIX PERCOCCHI: It would be a
19 written request?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Not necessarily.

21 FELIX PERCOCCHI: There would be no
22 paper generated for a job opening?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Not necessarily,
24 it is a case by case basis.

25 FELIX PERCOCCHI: You see

1 the thing is on a FOIL request, I accept the
2 fact when you say no records are found, that
3 is fine and no records exist but that means
4 you keep no records of requests as Personnel
5 Director, a department head, to the Personnel
6 Director, so, there are no records?

7 In government, if there is one thing I
8 know, they keep records on everything.

9 Everything is done by request, a form
10 to be filled out and you are saying you just
11 talk by word of mouth and run an operation by
12 the size of the Town of Hempstead by word of
13 mouth with Personnel?

14 I find that hard to believe and the
15 thing is why does it take thirty days for me
16 to find out that there is no list?

17 I am finding out at a Town Board
18 Meeting, not through my normal channels.

19 Most people don't have the time to
20 come down to the Town Board Meeting to find
21 out answers and you are making it very
22 difficult and you know, it is against the
23 law.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, would you
25 address the issue of the FOIL request.

1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: As I said to you, I
2 believe your FOIL request asked for a list of
3 open positions or jobs in the Town of
4 Hempstead and I am not sure there is such a
5 list.

6 FELIX PERCOCCHI: I also asked for
7 applications.

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You want people who
9 have applied?

10 FELIX PERCOCCHI: Yes, I asked for
11 jobs, you can cross out and I will add the
12 twenty-five cents, cross out all - -

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You are not getting
14 applications from me unless they are already
15 hired.

16 You can have my job application
17 because I am here, but you can't have job
18 applications for people that just applied.

19 FELIX PERCOCCHI: You can cross out
20 all the - - redact the names, the birthday -
21 -

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No, it is - -

23 FELIX PERCOCCHI: I just want to see
24 who applied.

25 You can just leave the job

1 title that they are applying for.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Percocchi,
3 you are not going to get that.

4 But, I think we have answered the
5 question and your time is up.

6 FELIX PERCOCCHI: You didn't properly
7 apply to the FOIL request. It is against the
8 law.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is fine.

10 FELIX PERCOCCHI: That is fine?
11 To violate the law if fine?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Have a nice day.
13 Call the roll on the Administrative
14 Calendar, please.

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'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

24 COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

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COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye, I am
happy to vote for Item 33 and I want to thank
you for all the great work that you have
done. I look forward to playing there this
Summer.

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Motion to adjourn
the meeting.

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I make a motion
we adjourn.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor,
just so I don't leave that last statement
hanging, the Town of Hempstead is in
compliance with all of the laws of the State
of New York and the Federal Government.

FELIX PERCOCCHI: Absolutely not.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do I have a
"second" to close the meeting?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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