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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

TOWN HALL PAVILION

10:30 A.M.

MAY 24, 2016

BEFORE: SUPERVISOR ANTHONY J. SANTINO

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APPEARANCES :

- SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO
- COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN
- COUNCILMAN HUDES
- COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO
- COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY
- RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN
- TOWN ATTORNEY RA
- TOWN CLERK AHMAD
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER
- TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY

1 (Whereupon, Receiver of Taxes Donald
2 Clavin led the Assembly in the Pledge of
3 Allegiance. After the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please call the
5 roll.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
15 Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman
20 King Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING SWEENEY: Here.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald
23 Clavin?

24 RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay,

1 first item, please.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
3 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit
4 parking in Baldwin, Bellerose Terrace, East
5 Atlantic Beach, Oceanside, Seaford, West
6 Hempstead, Woodmere (To amend Chapter 202 of
7 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there
9 anyone that would like to be heard on this
10 item on the calendar?

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

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

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:
16 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
17 closed and the local law be adopted.

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

8 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
10 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
12 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in
13 Baldwin, Oceanside, Roosevelt, Woodmere (To
14 amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town
15 of Hempstead)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
17 that would like to be heard on this item on
18 the calendar?

19 (NO RESPONSE)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: May I have a
21 motion.

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move the hearing
23 be closed and the proposed Local Law be
24 adopted.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
10 Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

15 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
17 please.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
19 "Arterial Stops" in Baldwin, Elmont,
20 Roosevelt, Wantagh, Seaford (To amend Section
21 197-5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Samantha
23 Gallo.

24 SAMANTHA GALLO: I worked on the
25 seeing a Stop sign on Grand Avenue in Elmont,

1 New York, um, there are no Stop signs at
2 night, you can speed down the street.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
4 much, Samantha. Thank you to all the
5 students at Sewanhaka.

6 Is there anyone else that would like
7 to be heard on these items?

8 (NO RESPONSE)

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, I will
10 accept a motion.

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Supervisor, I
12 move the Public Hearing be closed and the
13 proposed Local Law be adopted and a big thank
14 you to the Students of Sewanhaka for making
15 this happen.

16 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
17 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

8 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
10 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
12 "Prohibition of Left Turns" in Baldwin (To
13 amend Section 197-15 of the Code of the Town
14 of Hempstead)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone that would
16 like to be heard on this item?

17 (NO RESPONSE)

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

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

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

8 Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

13 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

15 please.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re"

17 Establishing fees for certain off-street

18 parking deficiencies at places of public

19 assembly" (To amend Chapter 96 of the Code of

20 the Town of Hempstead insofar as to create a

21 new Section 96-5.1)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There are a

23 number of people that would like to be heard

24 on this item.

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor

1 I move that Section 96-5.1, subdivision C be
2 amended to provide that all fees collected
3 hereunder be transferred to the public
4 parking field fund devoted to maintenance
5 increase and improvement of public parking
6 fields in the Town of Hempstead.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Does anyone wish
9 to be heard on the amendment, not the law,
10 the amendment?

11 (NO RESPONSE)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
13 call the roll.

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: Senior Councilwoman
23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

3 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: So, now, the item
5 stands amended.

6 Now, we will hear the actual Hearing
7 on the proposed law.

8 Erica Dubno.

9 Name and address for the record,
10 please.

11 ERICA DUBNO: Yes, Your Honor, Erica
12 Dubno. Fahringer & Dubno, 767 Third Avenue,
13 New York, New York.

14 I represent the owners of 3500 Sunrise
15 Highway in Wantagh.

16 Thank you, Your Honor, at the outset,
17 I would like to point out that there is no
18 rational basis for the law.

19 It only targets public assemblies as
20 opposed to other types of uses that also
21 require off-street parking variances, such
22 as, office buildings and hospitals, certainly
23 if the Town is looking to raise revenues
24 could be making money through all of those
25 sources, as well.

1 In addition, it imposes undue burden
2 to establishments that are protected by the
3 First Amendment because it targets public
4 assemblies, it relates to churches,
5 synagogues, temples and places that also
6 enjoy entertainment or provide entertainment
7 that is protected by the First Amendment,
8 such as cabarets.

9 Third, it does not meet constitutional
10 muster because the provisions are unclear and
11 vague.

12 It is unclear as to whether it
13 provides or it would apply to establishments
14 that have a public assembly but through some
15 cause it required it to laps and it would,
16 now, have to pay a new fee.

17 Furthermore, what if the fee was paid
18 previously and the person changes the use
19 from just a cabaret to restaurant with a
20 cabaret, would that require a fee to be paid,
21 again?

22 Um, we have been told that parking
23 variances run with the land and the question
24 is if you previously had a parking variance,
25 would you have to pay these fees?

1 Finally, we question the Town's
2 authority to charge for off-street parking on
3 State roads.

4 We appreciate the panels consideration
5 in that regard. Thank you, again, sir.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

7 Wayne Edwards?

8 Name and address for the record.

9 WAYNE EDWARDS: Good Morning, Mr.
10 Supervisor, Members of the Board:

11 My name is Wayne Edwards. 333 Earle
12 Ovington Boulevard, Uniondale, New York.

13 Mr. Supervisor, I represent several
14 clients for real estate owners within the
15 Town of Hempstead with substantial holdings
16 and wish to indicate that they feel that this
17 law as proposed will have a chilling effect
18 on development.

19 In 96.1, the Public Assembly Law,
20 public assembly has a law definition, it
21 includes restaurants, it includes movie
22 theaters, it includes gyms, it includes
23 places of worship, so on and so on, in June
24 of 1957, Town of Hempstead.

25 The Town enacted parking regulations

1 or parking requirements in a zoning
2 Ordinance.

3 Fortunately or unfortunately, a lot of
4 commercial real estate development that we
5 have in the Town of Hempstead was built prior
6 to that date, so, basically, our downtowns,
7 those service municipal lots do not have the
8 required parking.

9 There has been a major impact and I am
10 sure this Board is aware of it, the Internet
11 on retail development within the Town, within
12 the Country.

13 This year, Amazon will become the
14 largest retailer of clothing, beating out
15 Macy's and Federated Stores.

16 So, the question comes down as clients
17 owing properties within these downtown areas
18 serviced by municipal lots, they have to find
19 tenants.

20 And, as we go around the Town, we see
21 who the tenants are, they are restaurants.
22 They are gyms. They are, um, churches.

23 They are various other types of public
24 assembly.

25 The question is, how do we fill that

1 up and still have to pay this fee?

2 Now, I live in Merrick, as many of you
3 are aware, if we take Merrick as an example,
4 the movie theater will require a fee of three
5 hundred thousand dollars.

6 I was involved in that transaction for
7 the tenant.

8 The landlord didn't have three hundred
9 thousand dollars.

10 The tenant didn't have three hundred
11 thousand dollars to pay in order to develop
12 that but that was an integral part of
13 Merrick's development.

14 The same thing can be said for
15 Synergy, a group of stores, recently.

16 The Merrick Playhouse Theater wouldn't
17 have been developed if it was required to pay
18 a fee.

19 This is part of the downtown
20 revitalization that this Board is looking for
21 but with this law, it is not going to occur.

22 Take Bellmore, which is also going
23 through a revitalization, one of the most
24 successful revitalizations within the Town of
25 Hempstead.

1 The Bellmore Movie Theater wouldn't
2 have been built.

3 Mateo's wouldn't have been there and
4 various other uses that are filling in on
5 retail sites, wouldn't have been there, if it
6 is restaurant.

7 There isn't enough room within these
8 transactions, in the rental to pay these
9 fees.

10 So, on behalf of my clients, I would
11 like to request this Board to basically look
12 at this law.

13 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
14 following ensued.)

15 WAYNE EDWARDS: I am trying to
16 conclude, to live within the three minutes.

17 And, basically, take a look at it.
18 There are other ways to raise fees, to
19 maintain the municipal lots.

20 A lot of communities use business and
21 grouping districts, parking districts, their
22 taxes are spread out in the business
23 community and wouldn't impose a burden on
24 development within the Town.

25 I want to - - especially, my old

1 Hometown of Baldwin, this will kill the
2 development, the revitalization of Baldwin,
3 so, on behalf of my clients, I thank you very
4 much for this time.

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Counselor, I
6 want to make some remarks with respect to
7 what you had to say.

8 What this fund will do, it will enable
9 us to add new parking, to maintain the
10 parking that we have, now, to improve the
11 parking that we have, now.

12 In addition, let's say, for instance,
13 a business entity needs five spaces on this
14 and would have to pay three thousand dollars
15 for space, that is fifteen thousand dollars
16 per year, a developer can roll that into
17 their mortgage, amortize it. It is seven
18 hundred fifty dollars a year for five spaces,
19 that is a hundred fifty dollars to a space,
20 one hundred fifty dollars per space is cheap
21 compared to other municipalities and
22 certainly if you compare it to New York and
23 we want to improve our Business Districts and
24 that is why we are doing that.

25 WAYNE EDWARDS: Counselor, can I

1 Answer that for a second?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Sure.

3 WAYNE EDWARDS: I understand that you
4 are talking about small deals that might be -
5 - I will use an example of the Bellmore
6 Theater or Seaford Theater or the, um, or the
7 Merrick Theater, the Outback Restaurant,
8 there isn't enough fat in these deals, maybe
9 on the small deals when we are talking about
10 fifteen thousand dollars.

11 There is fact there is not enough fat
12 in those deals and trust me, I am a
13 transactional attorney.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: A very good one,
15 too.

16 WAYNE EDWARDS: Thank you. I
17 appreciate that.

18 We are working on very small margins,
19 here. I have seen deals die on the basis of
20 paying fifty thousand dollars for an air
21 conditioning unit.

22 My feeling is - - my feeling is, is
23 that if I understand raising funds and
24 maintain these things that basically is a
25 Parking District or Business Improvement

1 District would work a lot better and spread
2 it out among the people that do business and
3 whether it is a retail tenant versus a public
4 assembly tenant, you know, everybody should
5 have to pay, that we are all using parking
6 during the day, it is basically retail.

7 It is public assembly but all our
8 businesses should have to pay for it, that is
9 what the Board should want.

10 I know it is an additional tax and fee
11 but it is better than deals dying.

12 I am dealing with tenants who are,
13 basically, have enough money to open up a
14 restaurant and the landlord is not going to
15 eat the fee.

16 They will have tenants pay the high
17 rent or not pay the fee at all, split it and
18 there is no money left.

19 So, I am talking from personal
20 experience, a lot of personal experience,
21 years and years of personal experience and we
22 don't have that money.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

24 William Bonesso?

25 WILLIAM BONESSO: Good Morning,

1 Mr. Supervisor, Members of the Board:

2 William Bonesso, Forchelli, Curto,
3 Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo and Turano. 333 Earl
4 Ovington Boulevard, Uniondale, New York.

5 I, too, am here on behalf of a number
6 of clients, as a Zoning Practitioner, that
7 appears both before this Board and the Board
8 of Appeals on a regular basis for parking
9 variance applications.

10 They have expressed concerns about the
11 proposed legislation which we feel is overly
12 burdensome and overly broad.

13 As the previous speaker, we feel there
14 are better alternatives to address the
15 concerns of the Town, such as, Business
16 Improvement Districts and Parking Districts.

17 The impact on non-profits should be
18 significant, particularly, I represent quite
19 a few Orthodox synagogues, churches and
20 various other places of worship.

21 This would have significant impacts on
22 their ability to expand in different areas.

23 Um, there are also commercial clients
24 who would be significantly affected.

25 I think one thing for the Board to

1 consider, also, in the legislation, the way
2 it is written when it takes effect, it
3 applies to any - - if it were to be
4 adopted, it applies to any applicant or any
5 project that doesn't presently have a
6 public assembly license at the time of its
7 enactment.

8 There are a number of projects that I
9 personally have of clients who have been in
10 the pipeline and have been working towards
11 getting approvals, building permits filed
12 and applications scheduled who have no idea
13 that this was on the horizon, who, quite
14 frankly, an impact like this would derail
15 their applications entirely, so, I think
16 that it should be considered, hat if this
17 is enacted, its application would apply to
18 items from a different prospective.

19 In other words, perhaps grandfathering
20 anything that has been filed with a
21 building permit application.

22 Lastly, I think the Board should
23 consider before enacting on this
24 legislation, I think it should take a
25 comprehensive look at the present parking

1 requirements that are contained within the
2 Zoning Ordinance.

3 I don't believe they have been updated
4 in many, many years and quite frankly, in
5 doing what I do before Boards of Appeals, I
6 know that based upon ITE standards, many of
7 the requirements existing in the Hempstead
8 Building Zoning Ordinance for parking for
9 different uses are extremely burdensome and
10 perhaps too restrictive.

11 So, I would ask the Board to do a
12 comprehensive review of its zoning parking
13 requirements before taking any action like
14 this.

15 Thank you very much.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Bonesso.

18 Julie Marchesola?

19 JULIE MARCHESOLA: Good Morning,
20 Supervisor.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

22 JULIE MARCHESOLA: Good Morning,
23 Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

24 My name is Julie Marchesola and I am
25 President of the Nassau Council of Chambers

1 of Commerce.

2 Many of you already know me in my
3 position and have very nice working
4 relationship with all of you.

5 I hope to continue that in the future.

6 Um, the Nassau Council of Chamber of
7 Commerce represent six thousand Main Street
8 businesses in Nassau County.

9 Over thousands of which are located in
10 the Town of Hempstead. Many of us as main
11 stream business owners located in the Town
12 of Hempstead rely significantly on the Town
13 of Hempstead parking lots in order to
14 conduct our businesses.

15 Many of who are restaurants, as most
16 of you know, many as restaurants share the
17 Town of Hempstead parking lots in order to
18 get their Board of Zoning Appeals approval
19 and, um, assembly permits, parking assembly
20 permits.

21 Under the Ordinance as it stands and
22 what is being proposed, it is not going to
23 work for future developments of our
24 downtowns.

25 Many, as such as, Baldwin are

1 undergoing revitalization programs, many like
2 Merrick and Bellmore that have been very
3 successful rely on restaurants and places
4 of public assembly.

5 This causes undue financial burden on
6 anyone coming to make an investment in our
7 downtown, take part in our revitalization
8 programs, as well, invest in their
9 community.

10 Many of our merchants live and work in
11 their communities.

12 The restaurants that they serve are
13 their customers.

14 Um, it has become a hardship to do
15 business, um, many of whom have really just
16 invested to buy themselves a job.

17 We are asking that this three thousand
18 parking proposal, um, not become effective.

19 We are asking at the very least a
20 postponement be granted, so that we can
21 further discuss this.

22 This has to be within the Town of
23 Hempstead, a long-term plan of how parking
24 is going to be appropriated among all of
25 those businesses.

1 With the new resident parking along
2 the South Shore, we are ensuring that with
3 residents and although we have not asked
4 for business parking permits, um, which may
5 have to come next, we have to share those
6 lots with a significant number of residents
7 in the Town of Hempstead.

8 Um, so, we like to keep an open
9 communication with you.

10 We would like to participate in some
11 kind of committee where we can further
12 discuss what can be done and um - - and I
13 am hoping a postponement at this time be
14 granted.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you
16 very much. I appreciate your comments.

17 Caprice Rines?

18 CAPRICE RINES: Good Morning. My
19 concern with this - -

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
21 for the record.

22 CAPRICE RINES: I am sorry. Caprice
23 Rines. 29 Kowmia Avenue, Hempstead, New
24 York.

25 I feel very strongly that we should

1 postpone this.

2 I think this should have been brought
3 to the business people like in the
4 Roosevelt area that are trying to pull
5 themselves up and change the area.

6 I think that this will hurt people who
7 are trying to develop areas like Roosevelt
8 and Baldwin.

9 They are doing a great job in that
10 area.

11 It is going to fall on the taxpayers
12 eventually because business people that are
13 coming to develop those areas, they are
14 going to put it off on us, the taxpayers.

15 Myself, I am trying to get back into
16 business.

17 I have been disabled since 2000 and I
18 want to change that situation.

19 So, I am looking into ways of getting
20 back into business, not collecting social
21 security checks anymore.

22 So, what are we doing?

23 Those of us that are trying to get
24 into real estate and development, we are
25 trying to change that.

1 So, now, this is a new burden on us.
2 We have to change the parameters here in
3 Nassau County in the Town of Hempstead.

4 We can't do things willy-nilly
5 anymore.

6 That is what we are doing.

7 I think we are nickel and diming this
8 thing.

9 Let's do a comprehensive look at the
10 whole thing, not just a small way and
11 involve everyone, bring everyone to the
12 table and let's do it in a comprehensive
13 manner.

14 Like the woman said before me, how
15 convenient are people, not just a few - -
16 excuse me, to sit on the Board and making
17 the decision and saying, well, we are here.

18 We don't feel that we are being heard
19 because we are not - - we are not being
20 heard and we feel disrespected and showing
21 at the polls.

22 Now, it is showing at the polls.

23 We are asking you here to come as a
24 committee bring those that live in the
25 community.

1 We want to be heard. We are not being
2 heard. We don't want to show it at the
3 polls.

4 Help us, help you. Let's bring all
5 this here together. Let's do it together.

6 I think that in the long-run, when we
7 look at everything that is obsolete, that
8 is sitting on our books, let's change
9 things and let's do things a little bit
10 differently.

11 I am sitting here because I was
12 concerned.

13 I don't want to sit home collecting a
14 social security check.

15 I want to be active, again.

16 I love my community. I feel for my
17 community and I want to do what is right.

18 I don't want to fight with anybody. I
19 want to work together and I think that is
20 the best thing that we need to do to better
21 our community.

22 If we could do that, we can make a
23 good change for the Town of Hempstead.

24 Thank you.

25 (Whereupon, the bell rang.)

1 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
2 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Thank you
4 very much.

5 I am concerned about the community
6 that is why we are having a Public Hearing.

7 The Public Hearing is so you can be
8 heard.

9 We are not doing anything behind your
10 back.

11 When we had this last meeting, it was
12 on the back of this, (indicating to
13 calendar) that we were calling this Public
14 Hearing today.

15 If you look on line, look on our WEB
16 site, you can see when they are being held.

17 We are holding the Public Hearing
18 today for the purpose of having, you know,
19 all of you to come in.

20 The problem - - we are not doing
21 anything behind your back.

22 CAPRICE RINES: Putting it in the
23 newspaper.

24 Someone told me - - told me about it.
25 I don't get the Business News.

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It is on
2 our WEB site. It is on the Town of
3 Hempstead WEB site.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I wanted to give
5 you some comfort with regard to Urban
6 Renewal Projects, that is what the Federal
7 Government calls it.

8 We call it Suburban Renewal Projects,
9 such as, what we are anticipating doing in
10 the Baldwin and things that we are
11 anticipating doing in Roosevelt and other
12 areas including my District.

13 This would not apply to Urban Renewal
14 projects.

15 CAPRICE RINES: Thank you for making
16 that clear.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
18 much.

19 Rori Gordon?

20 RORI GORDON: Good Afternoon. My name
21 is Rori Gordon. 25 Kristen Lane,
22 Hauppauge, New York.

23 Mr. Blakeman, where does it say it is
24 not going to apply to whatever you
25 mentioned?

1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: When Urban Renewal
2 Districts are formed, they have a different
3 set of rules, that is why he said we are
4 not involved.

5 RORI GORDON: Because I didn't see it
6 at first, I am curious.

7 And, Mr. Blakeman, you said the fee
8 was per year?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: No, no.

10 RORI GORDON: Yes, you did.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What I said if
12 you amortize it like every developer does,
13 they roll it into their mortgage and you
14 amortize it over the course of a twenty
15 year mortgage, it comes out to one hundred
16 and fifty dollars per space.

17 RORI GORDON: I am sorry, I
18 misunderstood you.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: It is okay,
20 maybe I didn't explain it well enough.

21 RORI GORDON: I will take that.

22 Back to the last meeting that we had,
23 Joe, you said the variance runs with the
24 land, um, if you need a variance, then you
25 would need to have this

1 Public Assembly accommodation, parking

2 attached to you.

3 I went over and over it, you were
4 never really clear if you already had a
5 parking variance and your public assembly -
6 - one of the zoning lawyers said it was in
7 limbo, where does that put you?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If I understand you
9 correctly, are you saying that you already
10 have a restaurant use and, now, you are
11 going to expand, you have a restaurant use
12 and you got a variance, is that right?

13 Is that what you are saying?

14 RORI GORDON: Yes.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: And, then, what is
16 the next step?

17 RORI GORDON: You're telling me the
18 variance runs with the land but that is
19 only for special people, that is not with
20 everybody, some have to renew their parking
21 variances?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you currently
23 operate a business and have a Public
24 Assembly License and sell that business and
25 the next person uses it for

1 the same use, this does not apply.

2 RORI GORDON: That is not what I am
3 asking.

4 If you have a variance and your public
5 assembly license is in limbo because the
6 BZA is holding it up, where does that leave
7 somebody?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, it would
9 depend on what the effective date of the
10 law is but right, now for purpose of
11 building permits are not at issue, right,
12 now.

13 If you have a parking - - if you
14 already have a parking variance, this would
15 not apply.

16 RORI GORDON: Listen, I am not going
17 to beat around the bush, in Bellmore, I
18 have a parking variance there forever.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: So, you are good.

20 RORI GORDON: Then that is that.

21 In Wantagh, there was a parking
22 variance for forty-two years, that should
23 be good, too?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am not familiar
25 with the history of the

1 Wantagh variance, so, I have to look at that.

2 RORI GORDON: I am taking your word
3 for that, it is the same situation in both
4 places, if you are saying Bellmore is okay.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am not one
6 hundred percent sure.

7 RORI GORDON: Okay, okay, I am not
8 going to go there with that.

9 Um, what is troubling and listening to
10 everybody, here, today, is you guys are
11 going after small businesses and Mr.
12 Blakeman, the way you chopped it down, it
13 is the initial outlay that is going to kill
14 people and they don't have it, that is the
15 bottom line.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Actually, the
17 studies have shown that across the United
18 States and particularly here in the
19 Metropolitan area, parking impact fees
20 actually improved in downtown districts
21 because they provide for additional parking
22 of municipal lots and maintenance of those
23 municipal lots and allows us to expand
24 those commercial areas, allows them to grow
25 and, in fact, the areas that it

1 has been enacted are prospering very, very
2 well.

3 RORI GORDON: Where is that?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I will give you
5 an example, the Village of Cedarhurst, they
6 imposed parking impact fields a number of
7 years ago and I can't think of a more
8 vibrant retail district than the Village of
9 Cedarhurst.

10 RORI GORDON: And, it is just for
11 public assembly, is it for public assembly?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am not sure
13 exactly. I am not aware what their law is.
14 I am aware they do have fees and it is
15 worked very well for them.

16 RORI GORDON: I think it is prejudice
17 picking on public assembly.

18 There are so many other places that
19 you guys can make money if you want to go
20 that route.

21 Everyone owns a business across the
22 board.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: It is not about
24 making money.

25 The money does not go into

1 the General Fund.

2 The money goes into a Parking-
3 dedicated Fund that we must spend on
4 parking.

5 So, it is actually going to be used to
6 enhance all the parking areas, so, in fact,
7 if we don't have - - if we have this kind
8 of money, we are forced to spend it on
9 parking.

10 RORI GORDON: Okay, let me ask you
11 this question, you weren't here last
12 meeting?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: No, I was in
14 Israel.

15 RORI GORDON: Oh, that is so nice. I
16 have a business and I have to pay one
17 hundred thousand dollars and it goes into
18 some General Fund, I would be so upset
19 that, that money wasn't fixing the potholes
20 on the street that I am paying that parking
21 fee for.

22 It is going into a General Fund.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: It is not going
24 into a General Fund.

25 RORI GORDON: It is going into a

1 Specific - -

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: A Parking Fund.

3 RORI GORDON: A Parking Fund, so, it
4 is not going to fix the street that I am
5 paying for?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is a whole
7 another issue. You wanted to talk about
8 commercial districts and that is what - -

9 RORI GORDON: You said commercial, I
10 was talking broad spectrum.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You know what,
12 we are talking about apples and oranges.

13 RORI GORDON: Okay, that is fine. I
14 have one more question, um, can somebody
15 explain to me how the process will work if
16 a new business is going to come in, um, and
17 they go through this process, when will
18 they get the um, bill for the parking?

19 How does that work?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You will know what
21 the bill will be when you find out how
22 short you are on parking spaces and you
23 will pay the fee at the time you are
24 getting the building permit.

25 RORI GORDON: It is something that

1 the Building, um, Department will have like
2 building permit.

3 They will have a fee and a parking fee
4 on that?

5 I am asking.

6 I am trying to figure it out.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Essentially, yes.

8 RORI GORDON: So, a person would have
9 to go before the BZA before they would know
10 if this would apply to them, is that
11 correct?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: When you go to the
13 BZA for your "parking variance," you will
14 know at that point how many spots you re
15 short, that is what your application is
16 for.

17 RORI GORDON: I know a lot.

18 First-time business owners, they are
19 completely ignorant and they go through the
20 whole process and not know because somebody
21 in the Town didn't tell them what to do,
22 aka, I am going to use the example, the
23 Windows Law, all the people freaked out
24 because they saw in NEWSDAY they ran into
25 the Building Department and they got

1 all crazy because there was no communication
2 there.

3 Can you kind of follow that?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I follow what you
5 are saying.

6 RORI GORDON: That would be terrible,
7 a guy comes in and he goes through the
8 process and nobody says anything to him
9 and, look, I got a lot of experience doing
10 this, now, unfortunately, I put it in my
11 book.

12 People that don't have experience can
13 be blown up by this.

14 It is a lot of money, a lot of money.
15 Thank you. I appreciate you clarifying,
16 especially Bellmore, I appreciate that.

17 Thank you, Board, for listening.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Billy Deen?

19 BILLY DEEN: Billy Deen. 27 Irene
20 Lane, Commack, New York.

21 Good Morning, Board. A lot of things
22 have been covered, a lot of great points of
23 attorneys representing clients and, um, and
24 citizens, a lot of questions, I would ask
25 are cleared up.

1 The one thing that I am not sure
2 about, I am going to ask about is the
3 certainty of the way the Resolution
4 was written, the example being if
5 there is a public assembly license,
6 that is being held in abeyance, a
7 public assembly cannot be issued if
8 there is an open building permit, we
9 have been told but public assembly is
10 active but held in abeyance is that
11 going to be affected by this
12 Resolution?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This law, as
14 currently written, applies to when you
15 get your building permit, okay, it
16 does not apply to when you get a
17 public assembly license.

18 It applies to those businesses
19 that need public assembly licenses
20 when you get your building permit,
21 that is when it applies.

22 BILLY DEEN: I understand that,
23 Mr. Ra, if there is, for example, in a
24 restaurant, a bar is moved and they
25 didn't apply for a building

1 permit to move that and when an
2 Inspector came in they realized there
3 is a Code violation and then that
4 business has to apply for a supplement
5 or building permit would that effect
6 this business as far as - -

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again,
8 it applies to when your building
9 permit is issued.

10 It is the best answer I can give
11 you. If the law is in effect and I
12 have no idea what the Board is going
13 to do, let's assume the law goes into
14 effect July 1st, it will apply to
15 building permits issued on and after
16 July 1st.

17 BILLY DEEN: It is very common
18 for every small business to have some
19 sort - - types of violations.

20 The Code of 96, building code,
21 where they made an adjustment inside
22 their facility and, then, an Inspector
23 will pick up on it and ask to file for
24 that adjustment.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you have

1 a Code violation, that would, I would think,
2 that you already have a building permit.

3 BILLY DEEN: You would have a building
4 Permit.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Okay, you correct
6 your Code violation but you already
7 have a building permit.

8 BILLY DEEN: If they ask you to file a
9 supplemental to correct the problem,
10 would that be considered a building
11 permit or supplement to the building
12 permit, is it going to be effective?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Caldwell, if I
14 may, Mr. Supervisor?

15 CHIEF PLANNING EXAMINER CALDWELL: Mr.
16 Deen's question is if he has an existing
17 parking variance for a space and the changes
18 that he makes to that space to not require an
19 additional parking variance, would he somehow
20 be backed into having to go back to the Board
21 for the parking variance and pay those fees,
22 again, I think that is what you are asking.

23 BILLY DEEN: Yes.

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you have an
25 Existing parking variance that runs with

1 the land, so, that does not - - you already
2 have a parking variance.

3 BILLY DEEN: I am just trying to
4 Clarify.

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you are talking
6 About a specific case, I would like to have
7 the documents in front of me.

8 I can answer but generally speaking,
9 this applies positively into the
10 retroactive.

11 BILLY DEEN: Thank you, Mr. Ra.
12 Just the fees you are talking about, the
13 Abatement, put the fees into a Parking Fund.

14 If off-street parking is done on the
15 State road, such as, Sunrise Highway and we
16 Maintain pretty high taxes to maintain those
17 Roads, is any of these fees on Sunrise
18 Highway, off-street parking, three thousand
19 dollars a spot, are any of those fees going
20 toward the State or is it all going toward
21 the Town of Hempstead?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All going through
23 the Town parking lots, that are Town parking
24 lots.

25 It has nothing to do with whether

1 it is on a County road, or State Road.

2 It does not go to fix, it does not go
3 to maintain or enhance the roadway.

4 It goes to enhance or maintain the
5 parking lots.

6 BILLY DEEN: Parking lots, okay. So,
7 there seems to be a little bit of conflict of
8 interest there if you pay for all these spots
9 on Sunrise Highway, the State Road, our fees
10 are going to take that particular spot on the
11 State Road, which we are already paying taxes
12 on, it seems like a little bit of double-
13 dipping in the Town of Hempstead.

14 We are paying taxes on the State Road
15 and we are paying for it if this Resolution
16 should pass, we are paying three thousand
17 dollar spots on State Roads.

18 It looks like a little double-dipping.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is not a State
20 Road, Mr. Deen.

21 It is on the parking lots that are
22 generally behind stores.

23 It is two different things.

24 BILLY DEEN: I respectfully agree with
25 that.

1 (Whereupon, the bell rang.)

2 BILLY DEEN: It is a State Road, off-
3 parking on Sunrise Highway is a State Road
4 and this could potentially be charged three
5 thousand dollars a spot for a car that did
6 not park on a State road.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is an
8 interesting interpretation.

9 BILLY DEEN: True, thank you.

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

13 Felix Procacci?

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci.

15 Franklin Square, New York. I
16 just have one question regarding this parking
17 lot fund.

18 Will there be any prohibition from the
19 Town Board just passing another Resolution
20 that moves the money out of the Parking Lot
21 Fund into some other fund?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let's have the
24 Town Attorney answer the question.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The law is

1 currently written so that the money is to be
2 used for the maintenance, let me get the
3 right language, maintenance and increase and
4 improvements of parking fields.

5 Are you asking can the law be changed
6 at some time in the future to make the money
7 be paid to the General Fund?

8 Is that the question?

9 FELIX PROCACCI: I was a little more
10 specific than that, can you just pass another
11 Resolution that moves the money out of the
12 Parking Lot Fund into some other fund?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

14 FELIX PROACCI: Okay, because that
15 typically happens a lot and, um, people need
16 to be aware when you go to the School Board,
17 they pass a budget, today, tomorrow, they can
18 change everything and you don't know what is
19 going on.

20 Thank you.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Procacci, so, I
22 understand, you are talking about people have
23 paid into the Fund, can the Town take that
24 money and transfer that money or
25 prospectively once the money is paid to that

1 Fund, it is in that Fund.

2 The Town cannot take that money and
3 put it in the General Fund but prospectively,
4 the law could be changed, future fees could
5 go to a different Fund.

6 FELIX PROCACCI: I didn't even go that
7 Far. I was asking for just to make it very
8 simple.

9 You collect the fees. It is a hundred
10 dollars in the fund as of September 30th,
11 prior to the Budget and what you did at the
12 meeting is you passed the Resolution that
13 transfers fifty dollars of that hundred
14 dollars into the General Fund into the
15 Department of Highways Fund into some other
16 Fund, I believe the Town is allowed to do
17 that by Resolution, so, you can change all
18 of that on a piecemeal basis, that is my
19 understanding of the law the way, you know,
20 municipal home rule works, is that correct?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What you did is
24 simplify the question into a very complex
25 matter because there is parking field funds.

1 There are certain public field funds.

2 COMPTROLLER: I think what Mr.

3 Procacci is talking about is inter-fund
4 transfer between funds.

5 However, we are precluded at the end
6 of the year, those funds must be reconciled.

7 Those funds stand on their own without
8 those transfers. It is done inter-year
9 temporarily reconciling.

10 We cannot, by law, move money form one
11 Fund to another fund because it affects the
12 taxing jurisdiction.

13 Each fund stands on its own.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: You can't do it
15 without some sort of Resolution?

16 You can pass a Resolution tomorrow and
17 the next meeting and say, okay, we will move
18 this money out of that fund into another
19 fund?

20 COMPTROLLER: Not allowed to do that.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: You are absolutely
22 not allowed to do that?

23 COMPTROLLER: These dollars that we
24 are talking about, parking fields, inure to
25 the benefit exclusively for parking fields

1 that is the end of it.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: You can't pass
3 Another law that supersedes that?

4 COMPTROLLER: No.

5 FELIX PROCACCI: I find that hard to
6 Believe. You say it, I will believe it.

7 COMPTROLLER: That is as the law is
8 currently, that is exclusively where we are
9 at.

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am not sure I
11 understand what you are saying.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand you can
13 pass any Resolution at the next meeting, the
14 money that is collected is collected, the
15 thousand dollars from now until the next
16 meeting, you can pass a Resolution at the
17 next meeting, move money from fund parking,
18 to fund Highway.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, money
20 already collected, put in that und cannot be
21 transferred to the General Fund, that money
22 can't be touched.

23 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
25 much.

1 FELIX PROCACCI: How about another
2 fund besides the General Fund, any fund?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There are different
4 taxpayers in different funds, that is why the
5 answer is not black and white.

6 There are different taxpayers, for
7 example, I don't even know if this exists,
8 the Franklin Square Public Parking Field
9 District, if only Franklin Square residents
10 pay into that, you couldn't take money from
11 Seaford, put it in different taxpayers for
12 different funds.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
15 much.

16 Anyone else on this matter? Name and
17 address for the record.

18 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Of Course. Mary-
19 Ellen Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

20 In Uniondale, we have a parking
21 District. I would like to know why other
22 communities don't have a parking district
23 and why you have to go through this arcane
24 procedure in order to maintain the parking
25 districts?

1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All communities
2 do have parking districts.

3 Uniondale is not the only one.

4 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Then why go through
5 this procedure?

6 Why isn't this a taxing district in
7 that area rather than this, "pay for space"
8 situation?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The concept is to
10 use the funds raised through - because we
11 have a deficit of parking in our downtown
12 areas, it is to use the funds raised through
13 this program to enable us to enhance and
14 improve the parking opportunities in our
15 downtown areas which actually inure to the
16 benefit of the businesses, the shops that
17 exist in those areas because the parking
18 will be more of it.

19 It will be better parking. It will be
20 newly paid lot, better lighting and things
21 that fund those monies will be used to
22 enhance the parking in those areas.

23 So, that is why, you know, as opposed
24 to just raising the tax, those that actually
25 are creating the concept is that the

1 businesses that are actually creating the
2 need for the additional parking bear the
3 cost.

4 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Now, Bellmore is
5 part of this.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any
7 unincorporated area of the Town is part of
8 this.

9 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: I am familiar with
10 Bellmore.

11 Does that mean you would be buying
12 additional lots for additional parking
13 because I see houses - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It could take
15 any form either additional lots, depending
16 upon the location, it could be garage parking
17 but it could also be repaving lots.

18 A lot of time you restripe a lot, you
19 can get more spots in it.

20 It could be better lighting, just
21 better amenities to enhance our downtown
22 area.

23 It could be used for the improvement,
24 the enhancement of parking, so, that
25 encompasses everything.

1 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Does Bellmore have
2 a parking district?

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Yes.

4 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Does that include
5 the area behind the theater?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: The one theater
7 along Petit Avenue, there is a Parking
8 district field behind the one on Petit.

9 The one that is further North, the
10 larger theater has a parking field there.

11 There is another parking field that is
12 part of the internal parking district.

13 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: That is behind - -

14 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Further down?

15 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Yes, off Grand
16 Avenue, well, let's take the one behind the,
17 um, movie theater, I can't remember the name
18 of that street, but South of Oak Street.

19 Did you say that the movie
20 theater owns that parking lot?

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Part of their
22 property.

23 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Because I do know
24 that is often not in great condition.

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Absolutely,

1 Right.

2 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: That is not part of
3 this at all.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: This is a private
5 lot.

6 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: You think by
7 restriping - -

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I gave one
9 example of what the money can be used for,
10 okay.

11 It could be used to purchase
12 additional land, to build additional parking.

13 It could be used to enhance the
14 parking that we currently have, which means,
15 repaving and restriping the lots.

16 It could be used for lighting other
17 lots to make it more welcoming and more
18 friendly for people that shop in the
19 evenings, things of that nature.

20 It could be used for anything that
21 improves the parking, expands or improves the
22 parking in unincorporated areas of the Town.

23 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: My opinion is that
24 it needs further work and ask you to reserve
25 decision and go back to the drawing board.

1 Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
3 much.

4 Is there anyone else that would like
5 to be heard on this matter?

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

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, I will
9 accept a motion.

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

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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: Senior Councilwoman
23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

3 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
5 please.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
7 "Foreclosures, undertakings and maintenance
8 of premises" (To amend Chapter 128 of the
9 Code of the Town of Hempstead insofar as to
10 create a new Section 128-61-1)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have a
12 number of people who have asked to speak
13 about this.

14 We will start with Martha Ann Brady.
15 Good Morning.

16 MARTHA BRADY: Good Morning. My name
17 is Martha Ann Brady, Uniondale.

18 I have lived in Uniondale since
19 1948.

20 I was brought up there. I own my
21 own house for forty years.

22 I maintain my own house as a single
23 person, a widow.

24 To watch and look at these houses that
25 are blighted, boarded up and some where they

1 are boarded up, they are raided, meaning that
2 the electrical copper piping is stolen out of
3 it for thieves' benefit is a disgrace.

4 We have 67 houses in Uniondale that
5 are in foreclosure and to be more transparent
6 I work for the Dimes Savings Bank of New York
7 for 17 and a half years before we were thrown
8 out by WAAMU, okay, which, then, went under,
9 also.

10 These banks need to take the
11 responsibility, not just the money.

12 When they filed for foreclosure, they
13 should have twenty-five thousand dollars that
14 they make sure that it is boarded up, that
15 it is secured, that the lawns are cut and
16 taken care of, that the snow is taken care
17 of because the snow, they don't care.

18 They got their bonuses and their
19 big offices.

20 This is a disgrace for the neighbors.

21 It doesn't happen in Garden City.

22 It doesn't happen in Rockville Centre,
23 But, it can happen in Uniondale, Hempstead,
24 Roosevelt, Westbury and these banks have to
25 be held to task.

1 I am angry about it because it affects
2 our properties because if they don't pay for
3 it and take care of it and sometimes there
4 are some bad things are going on when those
5 homes are closed, foreclosure from the
6 realtors, from the banks, from the lawyers
7 and this is a disgrace.

8 You are going to drive out homeowners
9 who want to stay here by not making the banks
10 toe the mark.

11 Thank you.

12 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
13 was heard.)

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. James
15 Jacobs? Good Morning.

16 JAMES JACOBS: Good Morning,
17 Councilwoman Goosby, James B. Jacobs.

18 I live at 5 Ascot Court in Uniondale.

19 The reason I am here, today, the fee
20 to the bank to help take care of the zombie
21 homes and a long-time resident of twenty
22 years, it is important if they are good
23 corporate names to take care of the property
24 and whoever is responsible, I am, here, to
25 support that.

1 To me it is a responsible citizen.

2 To where we live at my home, Ms. Goosby is my
3 Representative.

4 It has always been quality of life. We
5 work hard for our homes and our children.

6 Excuse me, it is a long day for me.

7 Also, we want to make sure we live in
8 Nassau County with peace of mind. You live
9 in that place, in a home, for whatever reason
10 it goes into foreclosure, now, you have an
11 eyesore with the criminal element involved.

12 As a long-time resident and Ms. Goosby
13 knows and Mr. Santino, we support you, as a
14 resident of the hamlet of Uniondale, make
15 sure we have corporate neighbors, who is the
16 person, that to me is showing responsibility
17 and a good neighbor.

18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.
20 Thank you for being here.

21 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
22 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mary-Ellen Kreye.

24 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Mary-Ellen Kreye.

25 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

1 I am in favor of this and, um, I would like
2 to think that perhaps it might help prevent
3 so many of these foreclosures because the
4 banks very frequently are not willing to
5 renegotiate the mortgages and this would,
6 at least, give them a, um, second thought.

7 It is not big bucks.

8 The twenty-five thousand is not a
9 lot of money but, I think it will be helpful
10 in any case and, um, I concur with the
11 comments of my fellow Uniondale residents.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
15 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Martin Melkonian.

17 MARTIN MELKONIAN: Martin Melkonian.

18 Good Afternoon. My name is Martin
19 Melkonian. I am a forty-five year resident
20 of Uniondale.

21 And, I am very pleased to learn of
22 the Board's recommendation that the twenty-
23 five thousand dollar fee be applied to the
24 banks as my previous neighbors mentioned.

25 This is a very serious problem in

1 Uniondale.

2 We have so far identified 67 homes
3 that are in great disrepair and it is
4 important that we prevent additional homes
5 for this to happen.

6 So, I concur with my neighbors,
7 Mary-Ellen, Martha and James and hope the
8 Board will follow through on this twenty-
9 five thousand dollar fee.

10 Thank you very much.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

12 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
13 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Felix Procacci?

15 FELIX PROCACCI: On this law, what
16 does "vacant" mean?

17 And, how is it determined whether a
18 house is vacant?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Muller?

20 COUNSELOR MULLER: William Muller.

21 M-U-L-L-E-R, Counselor to the Supervisor.

22 Vacant is how we view vacant houses,
23 now, no one lives in the house for several
24 weeks and that would be vacant.

25 People know what vacant houses

1 are.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, because I have
3 a neighbor, who went to India for a whole
4 year , so, sometimes it appears vacant when
5 it is not.

6 COUNSELOR MULLER: I want you to know
7 though, if your neighbor went to India for
8 a year, if the bank forecloses on that
9 piece of property and the property has a
10 violation on it, the Town would be able
11 to go through those violations with the
12 finances established.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, does
14 there need to be permission from anyone,
15 the owner, the Town or anyone before
16 doing maintenance on the property?

17 COUNSELOR MULLER: I don't
18 represent the foreclosed bank, that is
19 foreclosing.

20 I will tell you this, the fund
21 would allow the Town of Hempstead to fund
22 the upkeep on that property to prevent the
23 safety violation.

24 The lender can't hirer its own people
25 or its own company?

1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Depending on the
2 terms of the mortgage agreement with the
3 lender and the homeowner.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: That would be if it
5 is moot, it is not specified. Who would do
6 the maintenance in case of foreclosure?

7 I don't remember in my mortgage, maybe
8 it was there.

9 COUNSELOR MULLER: Every person has
10 that.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: I just want to make
12 sure I have that.

13 So, can the person that - - so, can
14 the person with the lien on the property, on
15 the foreclosed property, go in to the
16 interior of the property and inspect it for
17 violations?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It depends on the
19 mortgage and mortgage note between the lender
20 and the owner of the property.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: There is no higher,
22 as far as property rights, constitutionality?

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There is nothing to
24 do with this law that we are talking about
25 today.

1 It is a private matter between the
2 lender and the owner of the property.

3 FELIX PROCACCI: So, in a case where
4 it is not specified, can the person with the
5 lien on the property go into that home?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, Mr.
7 Procacci, it depends on the language of the
8 mortgage.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're asking for
10 a private legal opinion.

11 It has nothing to do with the Town,
12 that is not something we can answer.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: I thought the law - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The law only
15 pertains to the Town of Hempstead, only goes
16 into effect when it is triggered by a
17 foreclosure.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: Understood, on a
19 foreclosure, on a foreclosure, can the person
20 with the lien on the property go into the
21 interior of the house and inspect the
22 property?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Again, that is
24 between the lender and the lendeer.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: If the person with

1 the lien had to fix a roof, replace something
2 on the interior of the house, electrical,
3 because it violates Town Code, would they be
4 allowed to fix the problem?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is between the
6 lender and lendeer.

7 This law only permits us, the Town to
8 use its police powers should certain repairs
9 not be made, we are able, then, to draw on
10 the twenty-five thousand dollar fund and go
11 in and make the repairs.

12 Obviously, for banks and lending
13 companies to put up the twenty-five thousand
14 dollars, we expect it to be an inducement to
15 them to either sell the homes quickly to
16 people that will move in and be viable
17 neighbors or to do whatever it can do under
18 the law to effectuate repairs, so, we don't
19 have to.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: Yes, I understand.

21 What I am trying to get out, during
22 the foreclosure process - -

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I know what you
24 are trying to get at, our Town Attorney to
25 give a private legal opinion.

1 Let me suggest - - let me suggest you
2 call a lawyer of your acquaintance and ask
3 that question.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: That is not what I am
5 trying to get at.

6 What I am asking for is the Town says
7 that the lender is responsible for repair in
8 violations, now, it is very hard - -

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
10 Supervisor, I would like to move and close
11 the Public Hearing.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: I am trying to ask
13 some questions.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think you asked
15 it seven times and we answered it.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: I didn't even use up
17 my time, here.

18 I want to get clarification, what this
19 means. I am not sure.

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We put the burden
21 on the bank to then do whatever it has to do
22 with the homeowner in order to effectuate the
23 repairs.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: During foreclosure
25 process, the bank does not have ownership,

1 is that correct, during the process?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No.

3 FELIX PROCACCI: They are responsible
4 for everything that happens to the property.

5 They can do whatever they want once
6 they take title.

7 This law, correct me if I am wrong,
8 takes into account during that process, can
9 the bank do what it wants to do to that
10 house?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It puts the burden
12 on the lending institution or mortgage
13 holder to do what it has to do in order to
14 make those repairs, whether that be take
15 the homeowner to Court and get permission
16 from a Court, whether it be to enforce it,
17 whether it is to enforce the language of
18 the mortgage and whether or not it has the
19 right under the mortgage to do so.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: One more question,
21 multiple lienholders, how would that work?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Generally speaking,
23 the primary lienholder would be - - all of
24 them would be notified.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Who would put up the

1 twenty-five thousand, the first one or second
2 one or both of them?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Generally, the
4 primary one.

5 FELIX PROCACCI: I think you should
6 change the language to reflect that.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
8 much, Mr. Procacci.

9 There being no one else that signed
10 in.

11 (Whereupon, "I did" was heard calling
12 out from the audience. After, the
13 following ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Nice to see you.

15 CAPRICE RINES: Caprice Rines,
16 Supervisor Santino.

17 I think you called a spade a spade and
18 that is good.

19 I think the language of it was
20 concerting.

21 I live in the Village of Hempstead and
22 we have a lot of zombie homes and what I
23 know in the Village of Hempstead, what we
24 do is we cut the grass if the grass is not
25 cut and we bill the homeowner.

1 If it has to be - - snow has to be
2 removed and they remove it and they bill
3 it.

4 They put it on the taxes.

5 What is the actual language of this
6 legislation?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Muller?

8 COUNSELOR MULLER: One thing it would
9 do is when the fund is generated, the Town
10 would be able to immediately use that fund
11 to maintain that property and there are,
12 let's say, the grass gets high and people
13 tend to have dumping situations which we
14 see in vacant houses, that people
15 unfortunately use as a dumping ground,
16 nobody should have to live with that.

17 The Town Board and Supervisor don't
18 think that anybody should live next to an
19 adjacent house that is an eyesore.

20 This would allow the Supervisor and
21 the Town Board and the majority of phone
22 calls that we get are complaints about
23 this, we are able to use that fund
24 immediately, hire somebody, contract
25 somebody.

1 They will be out and clear it and we
2 will draw down that fund.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What you
4 described before in the Village of
5 Hempstead, the taxpayers of the Village of
6 Hempstead bear that expense.

7 It is not recouped until it goes on
8 the tax roll, on a tax bill and the lien
9 comes for sale, that could be several years
10 that the taxpayers, essentially, are
11 footing the bill.

12 Whereas, with respect to this law,
13 now, it is going to be the lender and the
14 mortgage company because they have its
15 money, what is essentially an escrow
16 account, that we draw down on, so, there is
17 no cost to taxpayers to effectuate things,
18 like cutting the grass, spinning off
19 graffiti, things of that nature.

20 COUNSELOR MULLER: The other thing we
21 are going to do is have a Public Hearing a
22 month from, now, where this Commissioner of
23 Buildings should be able to do instead of a
24 Chapter 90 proceedings, say, you have an
25 unsafe structure and it takes several

1 months for us to come to do it, we will be
2 able to use this fund immediately where we
3 couldn't.

4 The Town will have a fund that will be
5 able to be - - immediately be able to
6 effectuate a repair because there is a
7 violation there instead of waiting.

8 You can't assess building violations
9 onto the back of the property tax bill.

10 CAPRICE RINES: Probably, what he was
11 asking if there is a mortgage, we can go to
12 the bank and you can say, you have to give
13 us the money because they have been sitting
14 on monies for years and I am appalled by
15 these banks.

16 They are giving the CEO's monies like
17 they did a good job and they haven't done
18 anything for the people at all, especially,
19 predatory lenders who have been after most
20 people who couldn't afford the mortgage and
21 they are not living in the home and most of
22 them are in homeless situations, now, so, I
23 do applaud you for looking at ways to go
24 after the banks, so, they can get off of
25 some of the money that they are sitting on

1 for all of these years.

2 And, so, I think that this is a good
3 idea, a very good idea but my concern is
4 with this law, as well, this is my concern
5 what you said, sell the homes and get
6 people in these homes, that is one thing I
7 do like, that we can get taxpayers on the
8 tax rolls.

9 But my concern is for other people
10 that are kicked out of homes.

11 We can get them back in the homes.

12 Let's get them back in their homes.

13 So, I do applaud this initiative.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
15 much.

16 Rori Gordon?

17 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon. 25 Kristen
18 Lane, Hauppauge, New York.

19 This is a very interesting approach.
20 My question is, um, I know it was - - it is
21 going to affect Greece, New York, Rome New
22 York, where else?

23 COUNSELOR MULLER: There was some in
24 the Midwest but I will say the Town Board and
25 the Supervisor are on the forefront of

1 this idea.

2 I am saying the Supervisor and Town
3 Board are in the forefront of this idea.

4 RORI GORDON: No, I think it is a
5 good idea.

6 I just want to know where it is
7 happening?

8 COUNSELOR MULLER: It was passed in
9 Greece, New York.

10 Three weeks ago, it was done in
11 Cleveland. It was done on a lot of old
12 Industrials around the Great Lakes. I will
13 give you citations.

14 RORI GORDON: Okay, do you know how
15 long it was done in Cleveland or wherever?

16 COUNSELOR MULLER: I don't, I don't.

17 RORI GORDON: It would seem to me
18 like the majority of Baltimore, all the
19 depressed areas in the United States should
20 have this law and it just seems odd this is
21 the first time that I ever heard of it and I
22 want to know if it is successful.

23 My concern, Board, is that the banks
24 are going to come out and they are all going
25 to be upset and be suing and, ultimately,

1 we all know when somebody sues the Town, the
2 taxpayer is left holding the bag, that is my
3 big concern.

4 I think it is a great idea and I hope
5 it works.

6 And, just for an example, there was a
7 situation, it was November, 2015, I believe
8 the Town demolishes Veterans house, when he
9 was away and had surgery.

10 This was in the Town of Hempstead.
11 This home is vacant and somebody's wires got
12 crossed and they destroyed this guy's home,
13 how do you know?

14 That is my concern. How do you guys
15 know?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have the
17 power, now, absent this law, to demolish an
18 abandon home, that if we, the Board,
19 determine is a hazard to the community.
20 If you want to know the details, steps, we go
21 through before it comes to the Board, Mr.
22 Rottkamp, Commissioner Rottkamp, I am sure
23 will be happy to go through the whole process
24 with you.

25 That has nothing to do with this

1 Law. We have that power, now.

2 RORI GORDON: So, the guy's house, the
3 Veteran, his house got destroyed.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It has nothing to
5 do with this law. If you want to know - -

6 RORI GORDON: That was considered a
7 blighted house?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I am sure, Mr.
9 Rottkamp will be very happy to go through the
10 details.

11 It has nothing to do with this law
12 that we are talking about right, now.

13 RORI GORDON: Okay, I think it is a
14 good law. I don't think it is a bad law.

15 I am hoping there is not litigation
16 with the banks that they start suing the
17 Town of Hempstead.

18 You can't do this, you know, I
19 don't know where it has been proven.

20 I do have the law, here, from Upstate.

21 It was three weeks ago.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We believe we have
23 the authority.

24 RORI GORDON: I hope that it is. I
25 just want to bring to your attention in

1 Greece, twenty-fiver percent of the homes are
2 bank-owned. Twenty-five percent of them are
3 by salebyowner and fifty-five percent are
4 pre-foreclosure and I know why they
5 instituted the law and I get it.

6 I know you want to try to do the right
7 thing by the community and I do appreciate
8 this.

9 I just hope there is no litigation
10 because, ultimately, the taxpayer will be
11 left holding the bag.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
13 much.

14 Anyone else on this matter before the
15 Town Board votes?

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

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Being none, I
19 will accept a motion, please.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
21 Supervisor, I move that we close the Public
22 Hearing and adopt the law.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

8 Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

13 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk,

15 call the Administrative Calendar.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Items 1 through 26.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, the
18 only slip I have in for the Administrative
19 Calendar - - before that, does any Member
20 of the Board wish to sever any item on the
21 Administrative Calendar?

22 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

23 After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

25 then, move the Administrative Calendar.

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.

2 Supervisor, I move the Administrative
3 Calendar in its entirety.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The only slip I
6 have put in for someone that wanted to speak
7 on items on the Administrative Calendar was
8 Mr. Procacci, so, Mr. Procacci?

9 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci.
10 1165 Elm Street, Franklin Square.

11 I just want to speak on item 26, I know
12 it is calling of a Public Hearing, um, I
13 read the law, um, to me it is not very clear
14 there are press releases, here, kind of
15 indicating only one country specified in
16 recent NEWSDAY article - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is not
18 correct, Mr. Procacci. I am telling you
19 that is not what the law says.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: I know it does, no,
21 the news article only mentions one country,
22 the law specified fifty countries, NATO
23 treaty, real treaty, one thing is, what is
24 the definition of "business reason"?

25 The reason for not doing business

1 with one of these countries has to be a
2 business reason but this law, essentially,
3 if you were barred from somebody from doing
4 business with the Town, you are not doing it
5 for a business reason.

6 You are doing it for an ethical reason
7 as stated in the law.

8 But, that person or that business
9 maybe boycotting a country or whatever for
10 ethical reasons, not an anti-semitic reason
11 or any other nefarious reason, so, the thing
12 is I am not sure when you say "business
13 reason", I am not sure - - I understand that
14 definition as it pertains to this law.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Muller, can
16 you come back to the microphone, please.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Before Mr.
18 Muller give the legal analysis, the rationale
19 for this legislation - - proposed local
20 law is that we want to make sure that people
21 who do business with the Town of Hempstead
22 are not boycotting any of our allies, that
23 is why our allies and we feel that if
24 business is succumbed to that type of
25 pressure, that those in businesses that do

1 not want to do business with and the BDES is
2 just one example of a very horrific example
3 of academics of entertainers and anti-semitic
4 people, anti-Americans who would like to put
5 Israel out of business, not only through war
6 but also by strangling their economy.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Muller, would
8 you like to illuminate - -

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
10 Supervisor, may I interject. I don't think
11 it is really, um, this is coming up on the
12 next meeting and we don't think we should be
13 allowed to discuss it at this meeting.

14 It is for the following meeting.

15 Everyone would have the opportunity to
16 read about it and know what is going on.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Senior
18 Councilwoman is one hundred percent correct.

19 It is my mistake that we are discussing
20 it. We are simply calling a Public Hearing
21 for a particular date.

22 The matter will be on for a Public
23 Hearing assuming this Administrative matter
24 passes and at that point it could be properly
25 discussed.

1 All we are really doing, today is
2 discussing is calling the Hearing for a
3 particular date.

4 If you want further information, you
5 are here and you are asking questions, if you
6 want further clarification, Mr. Muller would
7 be more than happy to meet with you after
8 the meeting to give you clarification.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: On the issue of calling
10 the Public Hearing - -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes?

12 FELIX PROCACCI: I don't feel that the
13 Hearing should be called until all the
14 language is well defined.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We believe it is
16 well defined. Thank you very much.

17 Call the roll, please, on the
18 Administrative Calendar.

19 (Whereupon, "May I ask a question, may I
20 speak on other topics" was heard from the
21 audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the
23 Administrative Calendar, not on the Public
24 comment, which item?

25 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Mary- Ellen

1 Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

2 I have a question on Number 10, Senior
3 Enrichment, various institutions accepting,
4 um, support.

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

6 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: What type?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: People donate
8 things all the time to our Department of
9 Senior Enrichment.

10 I mean, I remember at times a piano, I
11 am not saying that is what this is, there is
12 a list of things but they will donate any
13 number of different things to enhance a board
14 game or, you know a shuffle board set, things
15 like that donated all the time.

16 And, we actually have to have a
17 Resolution to accept them to the Town.

18 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: And, the item number
19 25, the Resolution calling a Public Hearing
20 would that be something similar to what you
21 are doing for the - -

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, it pertains to
23 commercial properties.

24 MARY-ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

25

1 Anyone else on the matter of the
2 Administrative Calendar?

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

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the
6 Administrative Calendar, there being none,
7 the Motion has been moved and seconded, so,
8 please call the roll.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
18 Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

23 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A motion, please.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.

1 Supervisor, I make a Motion to close the
2 meeting.

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

7 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
13 Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

16 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman King-Sweeney?

18 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 (Whereupon, the official meeting was
20 concluded.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony taken in the matter of the
Hempstead Town Board held on May 24, 2016
consisting of pages 1 through 85 inclusive is
an accurate transcription of my cryptic
notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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