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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

NOVEMBER 15, 2016

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: ANTHONY J. SANTINO,

SUPERVISOR

APPEARANCES :

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

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
2 Good Morning, please, be seated.

3 Good Morning, please, be seated. The
4 end of October is not the time of year when
5 we think about the potential dangers
6 associated with open water but emergency
7 situations can happen anywhere, at any time.

8 The Town of Hempstead is fortunate to
9 have many brave men and women who are
10 committed to protecting residents and saving
11 lives.

12 On October the 30th, the Town of
13 Hempstead Bay Constable received a distress
14 call from an individual that was taking on
15 water with flooding in the engine room.

16 Bows rendered powerless and unable to
17 move, arriving at the scene, Bay Constable
18 Dan Moran and Joseph Sismaro instructed the
19 two passenger to don life jackets and safely
20 tow the individuals to its home port in
21 Atlantic Beach.

22 Thanks to quick actions of Bay
23 Constables Moran and Sismaro, the two boaters
24 were rescued and returned safely to shore.

25 Once, more, the speedy rescue allowed

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1 the boat to be saved from further water
2 damage.

3 The Town of Hempstead Distinguished
4 Service Award is the highest honor bestowed
5 by our Township.

6 It is only presented to extraordinary
7 individuals whose selfless actions directly
8 resulted in the saving of lives.

9 Please, join us in a big round of
10 applause as we salute the lifesaving efforts
11 and present the Town of Hempstead Bay
12 Constables Dan Moran and Joseph Sismaro with
13 the Town of Hempstead Distinguished Service
14 Award.

15 I would like to be joined by
16 Councilman D'Esposito and Clerk Ahmad.

17 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
18 was heard. After, photos and presentation
19 were taken, then, the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Welcome to our
21 regularly, scheduled Town Board Meeting and
22 before we go any further, I would like to ask
23 everyone to please rise and Councilman
24 Blakeman would you, please, lead us in the
25 Pledge of Allegiance.

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1 (Whereupon, Councilman Blakeman led
2 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
4 much.

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5 Madam Clerk, would you call the 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 King-
20 Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the first
23 item on the agenda, please.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
25 of Buildings to demolish and remove two

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1 story wood frame one family dwelling with
2 attached garage and remove all litter and
3 debris from property - BELLMORE- east side of
4 Judith Drive, two hundred sixty-nine feet
5 south of Patricia Lane, Department of
6 Buildings.

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

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

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
13 may I have a motion, please.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
15 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
16 Hearing and adopt the item.

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second the motion.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
7 Sweeney?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
11 of Buildings to demolish and remove one story
12 masonry frame former American Legion and
13 remove all litter and debris from property -
14 OCEANSIDE- northwest corner of Atlantic
15 Avenue and Terrell Avenue - DEPARTMENT OF
16 BUILDINGS

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there
18 anyone that would like to be heard on this
19 matter?

20 (Whereupon, "yes, sir" was heard from
21 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please come
23 forward and identify yourself for the record,
24 please.

25 JONATHAN TAND: For the record,

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1 Jonathan Tand, Law Firm of Jonathan Tand &
2 Associates.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, be
4 seated.

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5 JONATHAN TAND: Okay, this is my
6 client, Gary Grossman, the owner of the
7 property in question.

8 Good Morning, Ladies and Gentlemen of
9 the Town Board.

10 We request - - respectfully request a
11 stay on the demolishing of this building.

12 There are issues with the DEC that the
13 property in question is in certain limits of
14 a protected stream.

15 Furthermore, my client is trying to
16 make plans to demolishing the property and
17 refurbishing the entire area on his own and
18 he would like to do it himself instead of
19 incurring expenses from the Town and the
20 taxpayers' expense.

21 He thinks he can do it more cost
22 effectively and efficiently if he did it
23 himself.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay,
25 Commissioner Rottkamp from the Building

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Department.

COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,
Supervisor and Members of the Town Board:

If you note, this property has been neglected for many, many years and it is my recommendation to the Town Board we move forward with this.

We do know there is a waterway.

There is over an acre. The whole system would have to be done dealing with the DEC requirements for the demolition, so, if they want to move on it within the next thirty days that would be great.

I would recommend the Board vote on this matter.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very much, Commissioner.

Any questions from any Members of the Board?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.

After, the following ensued.)

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

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing

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1 be closed and the item be adopted.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
3 motion.

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: Councilwoman King-
18 Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 JONATHAN TAND: Thank you for your
21 time.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

23 Next item, please.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re"
25 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit

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1 parking in OCEANSIDE (To amend Chapter 202 of
2 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
8 I will accept a Motion, please.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
10 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
11 closed and the proposed Local Law be adopted.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: 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: Senior Councilwoman
23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

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1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
3 Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
6 please.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
8 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in
9 BELLEROSE TERRACE, EAST MEADOW, ELMONT, NORTH
10 MERRICK, ROOSEVELT, SEAFORD, WEST HEMPSTEAD
11 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the
12 Town of Hempstead)

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
14 that would like to be heard on any of these
15 items on the calendar?

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

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

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
21 Supervisors, I move that the Public Hearing
22 be closed and the Local Law be adopted.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
24 motion.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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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: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

"Arterial Stops" in ELMONT, NORTH BELLMORE,
ROOSEVELT, WANTAGH (To amend Section 197-5 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.)

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,
2 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the
3 proposed Local Law be adopted.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
5 motion.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
15 Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
20 Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
23 please.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
25 'Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of

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1 Schools" in Merrick (To amend Section 197-13
2 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
4 that would like to be heard on this item on
5 the calendar?

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

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
9 I will accept a Motion, please.

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

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
14 motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
24 Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

2 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
4 Sweeney?

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5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
7 please.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
9 "No Parking - Police Vehicles Only" in WEST
10 HEMPSTEAD (To amend Section 202-57 of the
11 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
13 that would like to be heard on this matter?

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
17 I will accept a Motion.

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,
19 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
20 the proposed local law be adopted.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second
22 the motion.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.
2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?
3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.
4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?
5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.
6 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
7 Goosby?
8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.
9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?
10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.
11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
12 Sweeney?
13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.
14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
15 please.
16 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed "Handicapped
17 Parking on Public Streets" in BELLMORE,
18 ELMONT, FRANKLIN SQUARE, UNIONDALE, NEAR
19 VALLEY STREAM (Newbridge Road, Sewanne
20 Avenue, St. Paul Place, Narrows, Fenwood
21 Drive.
22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
23 that would like to be heard on this item?
24 (Whereupon, no response was heard.
25 After, the following ensued.)

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

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,
4 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the
5 proposed Local Law be adopted.

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6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second
7 the Motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
17 Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

20 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
22 Sweeney?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
25 please.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Amendment of
2 Section 302 of Article XXXI of the Building
3 Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead
4 insofar as to create a new subsection 302 @
5 THEREOF IN RELATION TO "Enacting a temporary
6 moratorium on residential development of
7 certain golf course properties" - Town of
8 Hempstead.

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9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
10 that would like to be heard on this item on
11 the calendar?

12 WILLIAM BONESSO: Good Morning,
13 Supervisor Santino, Members of the Board:

14 My name is William Bonesso. I am a
15 partner in the law firm Forchelli, Curto,
16 Deegan, Schwartz, Mineo & Terano.

17 333 Earle Ovington Boulevard,
18 Uniondale, New York.

19 I am here this morning on behalf of
20 the Woodmere Club and I am here to formalize
21 the request made yesterday by Mr. Howard J.
22 Stern, an attorney for the Board of Directors
23 of the Woodmere Club requesting that this
24 Public Hearing be adjourned as the Woodmere
25 Club is only become aware of this Moratorium

1 proposed Moratorium and the Public Hearing
2 seems that despite the fact that the property
3 clearly falls within the area that would be
4 covered by the moratorium.

5 Um, they received no notice and
6 consequently, only found out about this
7 yesterday.

8 I have only just been retained on
9 their behalf to address this and they would
10 like an opportunity to consider and study
11 what the moratorium proposes and make an
12 appropriate response to the moratorium
13 request and for that reason, they are asking
14 that the public hearing be adjourned.

15 As the Board is well aware, a
16 moratorium is a very extreme and impactful
17 course of action to take and it significantly
18 affects the property rights and property
19 value.

20 For that matter, the client also
21 wanted me to point out that at the present
22 time, there is no contract in place.

23 There is no application that has been
24 filed.

25 There is nothing that has been, um,

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1 Commenced in any way, shape or form that
2 would represent a development or sale of the
3 property in any way, shape or form.

4 So, consequently, there is no exigency
5 to the, um, to the, um moratorium
6 requirement, so, we are asking for an
7 adjournment of the public hearing so that we
8 can fully understand what is being
9 contemplated and prepare accordingly.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
11 Bonessa.

12 Is there anyone else that would like
13 to be heard on this matter?

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If not, I will
17 accept a motion.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Mr.
19 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
20 closed and the proposed amendment be adopted.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second the
22 Motion.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.
2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?
3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.
4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?
5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.
6 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
7 Goosby?
8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.
9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?
10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.
11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
12 Sweeney?
13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.
14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
15 please.
16 CLERK AHMAD: Application of Turhan AK
17 for permit to include existing gasoline
18 service station within "GSS" District with
19 new under storage tanks, new canopy and new
20 rear addition for a convenience store (Street
21 frontage and side/rear yard setback and
22 location of pumps variances required) - EAST
23 MEADOW - northeast corner of East Meadow and
24 Stuyvesant Avenues.
25 I also have companion Petition of

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1 Turhan AK to rezone from "Residence B"
2 District to "Business" District - EAST
3 MEADOW- northeast corner of East Meadow and
4 Stuyvesant Avenues.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, good
6 morning.

7 How are you?

8 Name and address for the record.

9 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Joseph F. Buzzell,
10 firm Buzzell, Blanda & Visconti. 535 Broad
11 Hollow Road, Suite B-4, Melville.

12 Um, the application, as indicated, we
13 are requesting a partially change of zone for
14 the rear portion of the property.

15 Most of the property is Business.

16 The rear portion is Residential.

17 We are seeking a rezoning of the rear
18 portion inclusion of the overall property,
19 including existing service station into the
20 "GSS" District, a special permit for
21 convenience store and there was a five
22 hundred and four square foot addition to the
23 rear property.

24 The property is located at 543 East
25 Meadow Avenue in East Meadow on the northeast

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1 corner of East Meadow Avenue and Stuyvesant
2 Avenue.

3 It has one hundred and eight feet of
4 frontage along East Meadow and about 147.38
5 feet in front of Stuyvesant which is the
6 lot's depth.

7 The one hundred feet is zoned
8 Business.

9 The rear 47.38 feet is Residence B.

10 It is improved one thousand nine
11 hundred and one square foot, one-story
12 building containing three automotive repair
13 bays and existing convenience store.

14 The site has four full service pumps.

15 One of the pumps has diesel. There
16 was, at one point, a lift located in the rear
17 of the property that has been removed.

18 There are two storage containers in
19 the rear of the property.

20 They will be removed as part of the
21 application and materials presently stored
22 there, will be removed into the, um, into the
23 building following completion of the
24 addition.

25 The business has been around for about

1 thirty years.

2 Um, our current tenant has been there
3 since 2010.

4 Hours of operation for the gas station
5 and the convenience store is 6:00 a.m. to
6 11:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday.

7 Friday and Saturday, 6:00 a.m. to
8 midnight.

9 Auto repair shop hours, 8:00 a.m. to
10 5:00 p.m., Monday to Friday.

11 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Saturday.

12 They are closed on Sunday.

13 It is auto repair work. No body work.
14 No painting, no tow trucks.

15 There are two employees for the store.
16 One stationed inside the building at the
17 register, the other person is the attendant
18 at the pumps, although, helps out in the
19 store when there are lulls, when people come
20 to the gas pumps.

21 Three employees for the mechanic's
22 shop.

23 The site will have a free air
24 compressor, while there is no back-up
25 generator or transfer switch, it is being

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1 added as part of the, um, condition.

2 Presently, there are two curb cuts on
3 East Meadow and two curb cuts on Stuyvesant,
4 we are making small adjustments, moving the
5 curb cuts a little bit away from the
6 intersection for better flow, also, to allow
7 a little landscaping, now.

8 The leader curb cut on Stuyvesant is
9 staying in its location.

10 The curb cut, um, on East Meadow
11 Avenue away from the intersection is being
12 moved a little bit further away.

13 Um, refuse collection is twice a week,
14 Tuesday and Friday, around 7:00 a.m.

15 No sale of vehicles and no lease of
16 vehicles.

17 Mr. Barry Nelson will elaborate.

18 East Meadow Avenue is a commercial
19 corridor.

20 The proposal is in character with that
21 corridor.

22 There are no gas stations within
23 fifteen hundred feet or within a thousand
24 feet.

25 The site cannot be included in the

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1 "GSS" while the residential is, um, mixed on
2 the rear portion of the property, so, we are
3 seeking to rezone that and include the whole
4 site into the "GSS".

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5 The site supports operating a service
6 gasoline station.

7 The underlying zoning is partially
8 business, now.

9 It will be fully business afterwards.

10 Um, it is over fifteen thousand square
11 feet inside while there is some site, um, um,
12 deficiency on one of the frontages, one
13 hundred and fifty is required - - required.

14 The site has 147.28 that is de mnimis.

15 We will be putting up a six-foot fence
16 against the residential property line to the
17 rear.

18 My client has spoken to that neighbor,
19 that neighbor has requested a PCV-style fence
20 rather than a stockade or chain-link fence.

21 He will recede to the neighbor's
22 request, as long as the Board approves of it.

23 It is a nicer-looking fence.

24 The neighbor has refrained from
25 putting up his own PCV fence because he had

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1 Conversations with my client.

2 There will be five foot planted
3 landscaping along that property line.

4 Open spaces will be paved.

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5 Curbs will be - - are existing but
6 they will be replaced as necessary.

7 There is refuse containers. Lighting
8 will be directed away from the residential
9 properties.

10 Open site allows for easy vehicular
11 movement.

12 There is an attendant present at all
13 times when the establishment is opened.

14 The side yard encroachments are all
15 adjacent in commercial property and they are
16 for, um, not for the building, itself, but
17 for site improvement.

18 The air compressor is in the back.

19 The business use, in terms of laying
20 out the site, given its practical
21 constraints, these facilities away from the
22 residences and not in any area where the
23 vehicles need to move is put along that side.

24 The addition is five hundred and four
25 square feet, modest in size.

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1 Half of it will be used by the
2 mechanics, half of it will be used by the
3 convenience store.

4 Um, to the extent that there are any
5 violations on the site and I have seen the
6 violations report, the exterior lift that the
7 mechanic has been operating has been removed
8 and all of the other items noted will be
9 remedied by the grant of the application.

10 Though I acknowledge the mechanics
11 have to do a little clean up independently of
12 that.

13 I was advised of that yesterday.

14 I will speak to them, today. They
15 took the lift down but they yet to get rid of
16 it and, such, um, my client is aware of the
17 required covenants and fully consents to the,
18 um, imposition of such.

19 We believe it is a positive upgrade to
20 the property and to the area.

21 Um, if the Board has any questions, we
22 will be happy to answer them, otherwise, I
23 will turn it over to Mr. Nelson.

24 BARRY NELSON: Good Morning,
25 Supervisor Santino, Members of the Town

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1 Board: Barry Nelson, 220 Petit Avenue,
2 Bellmore, New York 11710.

3 I have two exhibits.

4 I would like to hand in a packet of
5 thirty photographs that include the Nassau
6 County Department of Assessment Tax Map.

7 It is an aerial view and the rest of
8 the photographs.

9 It would be a clear representation of
10 the subject property and the surrounding uses
11 found in the vicinity of the subject
12 property.

13 The photographs were taken by myself.

14 Second exhibit is the old Nassau
15 County Department of Assessment tax, um,
16 records, for the subject property.

17 The subject property is located at the
18 northeast corner of Stuyvesant Avenue and
19 East Meadow Avenue.

20 The property is known as Section 50,
21 Lot 319 and single tax Lot 144.

22 The application is substantially what
23 is before the Board is two-fold; utilization
24 of the back portion of the property that is
25 in a Residential B zone to Business and to

1 allow the entire parcel to be within a "GSS"
2 Zoning District, Overlay District.

3 East Meadow Avenue is a main arterial
4 road, North and South.

5 It has got mixed use development.

6 We have a downtown retail professional
7 services.

8 There is, um, some residential in the
9 immediate vicinity in the Business Zone.

10 The main character of the neighborhood
11 would be one and a two-story professional
12 offices, retail and small boutique.

13 The property, just to the immediate
14 North of the subject property, southeast
15 corner of Adeline Court and East Meadow
16 Avenue is a recent development retail stores.

17 The parcel, similar to the subject
18 property with the back portion of the
19 property is in Residential B Zone came before
20 the Town Board of Appeals.

21 Formerly, it was a catering facility,
22 now, it is retail stores.

23 The Board of Appeals allowed for a
24 variance to construct the building toward the
25 rear in the Residential B District and

1 provide parking upfront, is fully developed
2 with retail stores and parking along on the
3 site along the frontage on East Meadow Avenue
4 and a portion of Adeline Court.

5 There is another development at the
6 northeast corner of East Meadow Avenue and
7 Park Avenue, the two tax lots would be
8 known as Lot 333 and 334, separate parcels
9 in Lot 320 where the property is split zone
10 with the rear portion being partially in
11 Residential B District, the business
12 upfront, other parcels allow and a Board of
13 Appeals variance for parking in the
14 residential portion of the property.

15 The subject property has been utilized
16 entirely as a single development, in
17 conjunction with the service station and
18 the service station was originally
19 developed in 1954.

20 My photographs will depict the
21 property is well maintained and in good
22 condition.

23 It has been upgraded with the pumps
24 and to the side, itself, with a
25 continuation of further landscaping along

1 the property line in the rear and some
2 fencing.

3 The only addition proposed for the
4 existing service station would be a pump
5 out in the rear, approximately, fourteen
6 feet further East of the building and
7 approximately thirty-six feet wide and
8 approximately five hundred and four square
9 feet.

10 The "C" store would be a thousand
11 square feet, approximately, nine hundred
12 and thirty square feet, rounded.

13 The applicant will maintain the three-
14 bay service repairs at that location.

15 The pump island will remain in its
16 current location with a canopy over the,
17 um, pumps.

18 There is no difference than many
19 service stations in the Town of Hempstead
20 that received similar and have come before
21 this Board with similar applications for
22 relieve in the "GSS" zoning.

23 The residential portion, in my
24 opinion, has been utilized in conjunction
25 with the Business development, um, since

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There is proposed parking and landscaping and PVC fencing.

The site will provide adequate on-site parking and some storage of vehicles that are waiting for repair and have been repaired in the rear portion and, now, it will be approved as a Business zone.

If we travel further North and South of the subject property along East Meadow Avenue, there is no immediate gas stations within several blocks.

The last gas station would be near the subject property's northeast corner of approximately Prospect and East Meadow Avenue.

It has been demolished and, now, will be a new 7-ELEVEN.

The, um, development behind the subject property lends itself toward the continued improvements of the service station.

The small "C" store, it is compatible with the surrounding uses and it is a Business zone for the majority of the front

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1 and, hopefully will be rezoned in the back.

2 I believe it is a reasonable request
3 before the Board for the rezoning, as well
4 as, the variances from the "GSS" for the
5 frontages, the setback.

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6 It is a well maintained and provides a
7 convenience for the local community, as
8 well as, all passing.

9 You really can't find any more in the
10 vicinity.

11 I believe it is a reasonable request
12 and in my opinion, it should be granted.

13 Thank you.

14 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: That concludes the
15 presentation.

16 If the Board has any questions, we are
17 happy to receive them.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you,
19 Counselor.

20 Any Members of the Board wish to ask
21 questions.

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I don't know where
23 to begin.

24 Convenience store put in, no permits.

25 Now, after the fact, you come in to

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1 get and, it was okay to put in the tents,
2 canopy, um, "well maintained"?

3 Where do I begin?

4 Let's talk about the Residential Zone,
5 that is a Residential Zone that cars park
6 all over it.

7 I was there, by there, this morning,
8 the trucks, I guess, renting space that was
9 there, the Building Department has gone
10 there, there are a number of unregistered
11 vehicles that are stored on the property.

12 I can't figure out how LOTTO okayed a
13 LOTTO machine in a convenience store that
14 shouldn't be there, that has no permits.

15 I don't get it.

16 It seems like you did everything and,
17 now, you are coming in and saying, I would
18 like to legalized everything.

19 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Well, he is coming
20 and saying he wants to legalize it.

21 He didn't do the installation, um, the
22 operator of the convenience store is only
23 there since 2010.

24 The store was existing at the time he
25 arrived at the site.

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1 He did clean up the site significantly
2 from how it looked before he got there.

3 In some capacity, he has been in the
4 application process 2011, give or take.

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: He hasn't cleaned
6 up since, then.

7 He was notified quite some time ago
8 when this first came up, when you were
9 coming in for an application and nothing
10 has changed.

11 And, you just made a statement that a
12 lot of this will be remedied with a grant of
13 the application.

14 No, it will be remedied whether or not
15 you get the grant of this application.

16 You have a lot of violations there.

17 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: There is some issue
18 of encroachment of the refuse enclosure, the
19 pole, the air compressor that would have to
20 be addressed by the application.

21 The cleaning up of the site, I agree
22 that has to happen one way or the other.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: That should have
24 happened a long time ago.

25 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I don't disagree

1 with that.

2 It has improved from what use to be.

3 And, the lift was taken out the day
4 after the Inspector noted it in the prior - -

5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: It is still there.

6 It is still piled up there. In a few
7 weeks, he will come back and it will be
8 opened again.

9 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: As I said, it has
10 to be removed.

11 It is down but it has to be taken
12 away.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: The unregistered
14 vehicles, I have been to the site a number of
15 times, I didn't observe any removed.

16 I see it in the Building Department
17 report, one of the barrels, the 55 gallon
18 drums, that are in the back of the property,
19 that I saw in the photographs, what is in
20 those five barrels?

21 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I would have to
22 check.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am sorry.
24 You mentioned in the proposed variance that
25 you wanted to move the storage, which I

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1 would assume are those barrels inside, if we
2 don't know what they are, how are we sure
3 that the Fire Marshal is going to allow those
4 barrels to be moved inside?

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5 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: The storage that
6 would be moved inside is in containers.

7 There are two storage containers.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: What about the
9 stacks of barrels that are unmarked and we
10 have no idea what is in them?

11 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I will have to get
12 back to you.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Don't you
14 think that is pretty important, not only for
15 the safety of the people that work at the gas
16 station but for the safety of the residents
17 and the first responders that are responding
18 to the location?

19 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I don't know what
20 is in the barrels.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is our
22 point.

23 And, he also mentioned there is
24 collection two times a week, correct?

25 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Yes.

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: In order for
2 the refuse to be collected, it actually has
3 to get out to the curb.

4 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: There is a refuse
5 enclosure on the site, now.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: There is
7 garbage everywhere, I mean, with the stacks
8 and stacks of tires that are at the location.

9 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Um, when I was
10 there, I saw a couple of tires on the side
11 of the - - I am not - - they are there
12 every day.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: A couple is
14 two.

15 There is more than a couple of tires
16 there.

17 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I can only attest
18 to what I saw there.

19 I am not disputing that there was more
20 there when the Inspector went down.

21 I have to take it up with my clients.

22 It shouldn't be there.

23 I am not saying it should. Um, the
24 tires that are being taken away are refuse.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

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1 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: They should be
2 taken away properly.

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay, I
4 understand the tires are being there are
5 being resold.

6 They should get off the property.

7 Nobody driving by wants to look at
8 that and, again, it is a safety issue for
9 the people that work at the gas station.

10 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: There is space on
11 the side of the building between the
12 building and adjacent strip mall and it is
13 pretty well screened by the refuse
14 enclosure, that you can put, um, something
15 like that, that might not be visible.

16 My understanding is that they don't
17 resell it.

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Are we talking
19 about this? (Indicating to photo)

20 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: On the other side
21 of it, behind it.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: It seems, aside
24 from the signage that you have there for
25 gas station, for the convenience store

1 that you are operating there that shouldn't
2 be operating there and has been operating
3 there for a long period of time and, then,
4 we put additional signs on another light
5 pole to promote what we are selling, that
6 should be sold in a convenience store, that
7 shouldn't be there to begin with.

8 It seems like, let's do whatever we
9 want to do and we will come back later and
10 we will make everything good, and, then, on
11 top of it, this Board should approve an
12 extension of what shouldn't be there to
13 begin with without permits.

14 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Half of the
15 extension is for the mechanics' bays.

16 I don't think anybody is saying that
17 that the mechanics' bays on the site of the
18 property, the other half that would go for
19 the convenience store, eliminates the
20 storage containers that are behind the
21 building - -

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Which shouldn't
23 have been there either.

24 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: I am not disputing
25 that he is trying to rectify it with the

1 Applications.

2 The storage containers would be
3 eliminated and everything moved inside the
4 building.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: What is in the
6 storage containers?

7 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Thorazine, largely
8 that they can't shelve inside the
9 establishment, other miscellaneous items
10 that they use to run the convenience store.

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Just to point
12 out, as well, these photos are pretty
13 recent.

14 Regardless where on the property this
15 is, whether it is garbage or not, it is
16 probably not a good idea for a barbecue to
17 be at a gas station, so, you probably
18 should address that, as well.

19 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: Yeah, and,
20 obviously, that has to be taken away, as
21 well.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any Members of
23 the Board want to direct questions to
24 Counsel?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: One thing

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1 I saw, since you are not approved, anyway,
2 what kind of alcohol are you selling?

3 ATTORNEY BUZZELL: They only sell beer
4 during the hours of operation until 11:00
5 p.m., Sunday through Thursday and they stay
6 open one more hour on Friday and Saturday.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I think
8 this is horrible bringing this before us to
9 see if they can make an extension.

10 This is horrible.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Senior
12 Councilwoman.

13 Any Members of the Board?

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Counsel,
17 step aside for a moment, we have residents
18 that want to speak to us.

19 Berdine Alp?

20 (Whereupon, "not going to speak" was
21 heard from the audience. After, the
22 following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Ed Clarke?

24 (Whereupon, "pass" was heard. After,
25 the following ensued.)

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Felix Procacci?

2 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
3 Barn Street, Franklin Square, New York.

4 I am speaking on this issue, because I
5 just need - - they are operating a
6 convenience store without a permit.

7 Um, you are very critical of them and
8 I applaud that, but, um, several meetings
9 ago, Bolla Market came in, the one on
10 Covert Avenue and Hempstead Turnpike and
11 they were asking for a convenience store,
12 among other things and they are operating
13 without permits and none of you said
14 anything.

15 I have spoken with the Town's Building
16 Department.

17 I forget his name, "Anthony: and he
18 said they issued violations against the
19 property but they are still operating and
20 the thing that disturbs me, you rightfully
21 criticized a business owner for not doing
22 things the proper way and in this case, but
23 in the case of Bolla Market, I remember
24 Councilman Blakeman, Supervisor Santino
25 drew accolades at them for doing

1 such a great job.

2 Yes, they did put a great property. I
3 like the way they did it but there are
4 anomalies.

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5 There were things that were not done
6 right, a number of things I am not going to
7 go into them, now.

8 I don't remember all of them but you
9 didn't say it.

10 You didn't treat everyone fairly.

11 I think everyone should be treated
12 fairly, all business owners, if you are
13 going to criticize one, you should
14 criticize each one that does the same
15 wrongdoing, so, that is all I have to say
16 on this.

17 Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any
19 other individuals that want to speak on
20 this item on the calendar?

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

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
24 I will accept a Motion, please.

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move that

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1 the Public Hearing be closed and the decision
2 be reserved.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second
4 the motion.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
19 Sweeney?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, moving on
22 the Administrative Calendar.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor, on the
24 Administrative Calendar, I have items 1
25 through 64.

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1 I also have 6 Resolutions. They are
2 of urgent nature.

3 These Resolutions appoint people to
4 the Town of Hempstead Industrial Development
5 Agency of the Town of Hempstead Local
6 Development Corporation, proposed appointees
7 are, Chairman Arthur Nastre, Member John
8 Ferretti, Member William Hendrick, Member Dr.
9 Eric Mallette, Member Floresano Girardi.

10 I apologize if I mispronounced that
11 and Member Steven Raiser.

12 These items will be 65 through 70 on
13 the Administrative Calendar.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, a Motion.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
16 Supervisor, I move the Administrative
17 Calendar in its entirety.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Senior
19 Councilwoman.

20 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have people
22 that want to speak.

23 Mr. Jack Micket? (Phonetic spelling)

24 Good Morning.

25 JACK MICKET: (Phonetic spelling)

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1 Good Morning, Supervisor Santino,
2 Ladies and Gentlemen of the Board:

3 My name is Jack Micket. I am a
4 business representative for the Internal
5 Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local
6 Union 25.

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7 IBEW represents several thousand
8 working families here on Long Island.

9 And, I am here, today, to speak on
10 Contract Number 52-2016 and PW 31-16.

11 I would like to inform the Board,
12 today, that the contractor, Facilities
13 Solutions Group awarded the contracts 52-2016
14 and PW number 31-16 is currently under
15 investigation by the New York State DOT for
16 not providing New York State Prevailing Wage
17 Laws.

18 It is my understanding that because
19 this is an ongoing investigation, it is not
20 enough of a reason to hold back on awarding
21 this contract.

22 However, I am respectfully requesting
23 that the language be added to this contract
24 and it enables the Town to terminate the
25 contract immediately if FSG or Facilities

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1 Solutions Group is found guilty of violating
2 prevailing wage laws.

3 Not only is New York State Department
4 of Labor investigating this issue, the Nassau
5 County District Attorney's Office is, as
6 well.

7 So, again, I respectfully request that
8 any language be added to the contract that
9 names the Town of Hempstead to terminate this
10 contract with FSG, if criminal charges - -
11 if they are found guilty.

12 Unfortunately, this is not the first
13 time the company has been caught violating
14 the law.

15 I have with me, today, copies of other
16 charges in which FSG has been found guilty
17 for violating prevailing wage laws in the
18 State of New Jersey.

19 These charges for not paying
20 prevailing wages are a fraction of what are
21 deemed investigated for in New York State.

22 I have numerous FSG employees
23 complaining about being paid correct wages on
24 prevailing wage projects across all Long
25 Island.

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1 As recent as yesterday, I had an
2 employee of FSG in my office and was asking
3 for some guidance on how to recover money
4 they are allegedly owed.

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5 In closing, I would ask the Board to
6 look into this matter and possibly amend any
7 prequalification requirements of bidders who
8 are bidding on Town contracts so this does
9 not happen in the future.

10 Thank you for your time.

11 I do have, um, a copy of those
12 charges, several copies, if you want me to
13 pass them forward, if you want to look at
14 them.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, give them
16 to the Town Clerk.

17 Thank you, sir.

18 Mr. Town Attorney.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There are two
20 items, Number 1, we have looked into these
21 things and find no legal basis upon which we
22 can deny them status of low bidder.

23 I can assure you, the Members of the
24 Board, together with the Department and the
25 Controller's Office will be on this because

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1 we know that there are those "investigations"
2 on going, um, but it is just not enough for
3 us to deny it but we are aware of what is
4 going on.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are very
6 sensitive to what you say and the concerns of
7 your organization.

8 JACK MICKET: (Phonetic spelling) I do
9 understand, you understand this has been
10 going on for quite some time.

11 Now, this is over a year they were
12 supposed to settle out and make restitution
13 back in October of 2015.

14 Here we are November of 2016 and they
15 are still being awarded contracts throughout
16 the Town of Hempstead and all of Nassau and
17 other jurisdictions.

18 I mean, I am just making you aware of
19 the severity.

20 This is not small dollars we are
21 talking about.

22 It is big money.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

24 JACK MICKET: Thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mary Ellen Kreye.

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

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Pass, okay.

4 Dr. Edward Field.

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5 DR. FIELD: Thank you, Supervisor
6 Santino, Good Morning, ladies and gentlemen.

7 This is regarding the matter of the
8 IDA and the school districts.

9 First, I would like to thank
10 Supervisor Santino and Councilman Blakeman
11 for swift and effective action in hearing
12 what the school district of Valley Stream had
13 to say and take appropriate action.

14 We would also like to urge you with
15 the appointment of the new IDA that the
16 Members of the IDA have open, clear and
17 effective communication with all of the
18 governmental agencies that are involved when
19 they make a decision.

20 For example, in Valley Stream, as you
21 know, we have a central High School District
22 and component Districts with the Green Acres
23 Mall.

24 District 30, Valley Stream School
25 District 30 is the principal District that

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1 the Green Acres Mall lies within.

2 The impact of the pilot that was
3 issued by the previous IDA affected the
4 central High School District, District 24 and
5 District 13 rather severely.

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6 It is essential that when discussions
7 like this are made that each district is
8 communicated with.

9 Also, please, bear in mind that we are
10 called Union Free School Districts, which
11 means we are a separate and apart from any
12 Village or Town and each School District is a
13 separate governmental agency, so, we would
14 appreciate that.

15 Regarding the Camoin Report that the
16 new IDA Board and the Town Board will be
17 reviewing, we reviewed this last night.

18 We found several areas of major
19 concern.

20 For example, we know as residents of
21 Long Island, that the School District
22 develops an expenditure side of the budget
23 and we have to live with the tax cuts.

24 Last year, for my District, it was .33
25 percent.

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1 The High School District was .2.

2 Camoin Report uses a figure 1.68
3 percent which is erroneous.

4 What I expect that they did, they took
5 the expenditure increase and assume that the
6 tax levy is the sole source of revenue for
7 the School Districts.

8 That, obviously, is not true. We
9 receive State aid. We receive Federal aid,
10 other sources of revenue.

11 So, an increase of the expenditure
12 side of the budget does not equate to an
13 increase in the taxes as revenue,
14 necessarily.

15 We did live - - each of the Valley
16 Stream Districts live with our tax cuts but
17 we are tied to the CPI, last year and most of
18 us were in the area of .2 to .4 percent.

19 So, the 1.8 percent figure that they
20 used is not a valid figure and that really
21 taints the entire property.

22 It affects the validity of the entire
23 point.

24 So, we ask that the Town look at that
25 very carefully and the questions that you may

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1 have from the School District, we would be
2 happy to answer.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I
5 might, Dr. Field, thank you so much for your
6 cooperation in the investigation, they are
7 doing to determine how the taxes increased at
8 such a high level.

9 We just got the Camoin Report, as you
10 did, yesterday.

11 I read through it. We have
12 professionals that are looking at it and
13 analyzing it for us and we will work with you
14 and communicate with you when we get the
15 results of our findings, after our
16 investigation.

17 I just want to thank you for your
18 cooperation throughout this process.

19 DR. FIELD: Is it all right if I leave
20 a preliminary analysis?

21 (Whereupon, "May I make a comment" was
22 heard calling out from the audience. After,
23 the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will call
25 everyone in turn.

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1 We will maintain good order. And, we
2 will call everyone in turn, so, please, have
3 a seat at this time.

4 (Whereupon, "I don't have my name
5 down," was heard calling out from the
6 audience. After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, you can
8 submit a form.

9 We will have a staff member come and
10 give you a form. You can be called in good
11 order and in good time, all right.

12 Janice Francis?

13 JANICE FRANCIS: Janice Francis. I
14 live - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: If you would
16 speak a little closer to the mike.

17 JANICE FRANCIS: My name is Janice
18 Francis. I live in Valley Stream District 30
19 for almost twenty years.

20 I just - - I am just really heartsick
21 over the fact that, um, for one, that our
22 taxes were raised at such an extreme level
23 that we were notified about it literally when
24 the tax bill was due and it seems that there
25 is no one that we can speak to about it.

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1 I did go to one of the other meetings
2 and pretty much everything you said fell on
3 deaf ears.

4 It seems so. I appreciate that you
5 are looking into it but the bottom line is we
6 are talking about people's lives, people,
7 families, people's incomes.

8 The holidays are coming. Everyone has
9 to come up with more money for this tax bill
10 that is due and hoping that this resolution
11 does not take a long time and that we think
12 about the people involved and realize the
13 sacrifices have to be made in order to pay
14 our tax bills.

15 And, that when this is resolved,
16 hopefully, to our advantage, that we will,
17 you know, be sending out monies.

18 So, please, keep that in mind that is
19 what we are talking about.

20 It is not just politics. It is not
21 just, you know, this outside company.

22 It is not just about rules and
23 regulations.

24 We are talking about families, homes.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are heartsick

1 about it, as well.

2 I think Supervisor Santino, Councilman
3 D'Esposito - -

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: All of us.

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5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: All of us, thank
6 you, Dorothy, we are all heartsick over it.

7 We are going to get to the bottom of
8 it.

9 It is more complicated than we
10 originally thought.

11 We are going to get to the bottom of
12 it.

13 We have professionals working on it.
14 And, we will get answers on it.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
16 much.

17 JANICE FRANCIS: What is the way for
18 us to stay informed?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will keep you
20 informed.

21 We will reach out to you.

22 Keith Davidson?

23 KEITH DAVIDSON: Keith Davidson. I
24 also just really want to echo what was said
25 before.

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1 I am relatively one of the new
2 residents in Valley Stream for the past six
3 years and, um, it is really disheartening.

4 It is upsetting.

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5 Um, I am a young resident. I am a
6 widow. When I first moved to Valley Stream,
7 my wife and I - - my late wife and I had big
8 hopes and I am also an Oncologist Nurse at
9 Sloan Kettering.

10 And, now, being, you know, coming from
11 a single-family household and to learn of
12 these increases was extremely upsetting.

13 There is a lot of sacrifices that is
14 made already to keep, you know, keep a roof
15 over my head and my child's head.

16 Um, in speaking to a lot of residents
17 in the area and all the friend's that live in
18 the area, they are feeling the pinch, as well
19 and the people that are our most valuable
20 residents are our children because they are
21 the future.

22 And, we are seeing this crunch because
23 of underhanded deals and we where we are not
24 able to get all the information that we
25 should get and the benefits.

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1 The people are working and paying
2 their taxes, paying on time, make their
3 sacrifices and, um, I really felt like it was
4 time for, you know, we all come together and
5 get help in this.

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6 Um, every year the taxes do go up for
7 just reasons but, this time, I really see
8 that, um the taxes going up and it is really
9 unnecessary.

10 There are elderly in the area that are
11 having a difficult time, um, keeping their
12 heads above water, as well and I just wanted
13 to echo that.

14 And, as one of the people that share
15 their voice of what is going on and I hope
16 that something could be done, um and there is
17 a firm investigation and things can be
18 overturned.

19 And, I know it is complicated.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
21 much, sir.

22 Francine Eisner?

23 FRANCINE EISNER: Hello.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
25 for the record.

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1 FRANCINE EISNER: Francine Eisner.
2 434 Home (as heard) Street, Valley Stream.

3 I am also a Registered Nurse.

4 I figure a lot of us here understand
5 the destitute of people living on fixed
6 incomes and, um, we are impassive people.

7 I have been in Valley Stream since
8 1957.

9 I came back to stay with Mom who needs
10 my assistance.

11 Um, I see her scrimping and saving.

12 She tried to pay the bills. We were
13 offended yesterday, deeply offended by
14 reading analysis, fiscal analysis.

15 I think it insults our intelligence.

16 Listing a thousand some-odd jobs that
17 supposedly have been created by Green Acres.

18 These are not jobs that are held by
19 Valley Stream residents who are having to pay
20 these taxes.

21 Most of them are low-wage jobs, maybe
22 a few supervisory jobs, all right a few jobs
23 like that.

24 Um, the IDA was passed because it was
25 said that it's a tourist attraction, meaning

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1 that the people from Brooklyn and Queens are
2 from abroad and live here with, um, hopes of
3 entertaining themselves.

4 Okay, you can't have it both ways.

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5 We know that people in Brooklyn and
6 Queens shop at Green Acres, most of us don't.

7 Um, if you polled the employees of
8 Green Acres, you would find very few people
9 that have gainful employment there and homes
10 in Valley Stream.

11 So, you are trying to play both sides
12 of the middle.

13 We are actually here respectfully but
14 we have been treated with distain.

15 We will not accept anything about a
16 rollback of the taxes.

17 You guys figure it out.

18 (Whereupon, applause and cheering from
19 the audience was heard. After, the following
20 ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Jack Mitchell?

22 (Whereupon, "pass" was heard from the
23 audience. After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Hertz, Mr. or
25 Mrs. Hertz?

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1 MS. HERTZ: 48 Mill Road, Valley
2 Stream.

3 I am a school teacher, which may or
4 may not have any bearing on this.

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5 As a resident of Valley Stream for the
6 past 36 years, my children are through the
7 school and we have had a very nice life, here
8 and your decision by this, whatever it is
9 called, to make the taxes so high that people
10 will not come to our development anymore,
11 they will not come to Valley Stream.

12 They will not buy our houses because
13 they don't know what their taxes are going to
14 be for the next ten or fifteen years since
15 there is a chance every year it will change
16 and go up, they won't be able to come here.

17 People are concerned about Long Island
18 and should realize we are already in a bind
19 out here.

20 And, people don't want to come. They
21 can't afford to come and you have made it
22 even harder for a man who is the third
23 largest developer in the Country, one of the
24 richest ones.

25 We can compare him to the rich

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1 Governor.

2 He is taking advantage of our people
3 and I think we have a right to tell you.

4 And, I think you have an obligation to
5 help us out.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
7 much.

8 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
9 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mian Ullah.

11 MIAN ULLAH: Mian Ullah. I come here
12 to tell you that currently I am having
13 trouble paying my bill.

14 I have three children. My wife is a
15 housewife and one thousand dollars would keep
16 me in the dark.

17 So, please, do make a decision.

18 There is no reason, Mr. Santino, you
19 are responsible for this deal.

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

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Linda Kettering.

23 LINDA KETTERING: Linda Kettering. 92
24 Forest Road, Valley Stream.

25 Thank you for hearing us on this.

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1 Most of what I want to say has been
2 covered but I will just reiterate a few
3 items.

4 I am here representing the Millbrook
5 Civic Association which is just South of the
6 Green Acres Mall in School District 30.

7 I am active in the community.

8 We go to the meetings that are
9 pertinent to our residents.

10 We have discussed things with the
11 School Board.

12 Usually, in the past, the pilots have
13 been beneficial to the area.

14 They have brought in income.

15 The problem is this particular pilot,
16 they did not have the facts and figures.

17 They were not even able to present
18 them to the school and even if we had gone to
19 the School Board meetings or even to the Town
20 Meetings, we wouldn't have had the advance
21 notice that these figures have now presented
22 us with this problem.

23 So, it was, you know, a case of too
24 little too late, the situation that the fact
25 that IDA is not supposed to support retail

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1 Development except the loophole of tourism
2 destination is, obviously, a farce because
3 Valley Stream sits on the border of Queens
4 and Nassau.

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5 How can you call that a tourism
6 destination for someone who lives one hundred
7 yards away and for them to do that seems to
8 me they were just trying to find a loophole
9 in order to appease Naseric. (phonetic
10 spelling)

11 I find that my biggest concern is that
12 the Town of Hempstead is afraid if they find
13 a way to cancel the deal with Naseric, they
14 are open themselves up to lawsuits but we
15 can't be afraid.

16 The price of freedom is the price we
17 use to fight back for the things unjustly.

18 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
19 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

20 LINDA KETTERING: I am also a real
21 estate broker in Valley Stream.

22 I was at a Closing, yesterday and last
23 week, where suddenly the home buyer, the new
24 homeowner was presented with a tax bill
25 increase over what they were told what it was

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1 going to be when they first signed the
2 contract because, now, the school taxes have
3 come out and they suddenly had to come up
4 with twelve hundred dollars more that they
5 had in escrow.

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6 These are problems we are all having
7 to go in and revise all of our numbers.

8 And, yes, it has been a very
9 attractive area to come in, for people to
10 come because we have had the taxes from the
11 Mall.

12 This is going to change remarkably.

13 We are leaving it in your hands to do
14 the right thing and right something that was
15 really pushed through incorrectly.

16 Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
18 much.

19 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
20 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Catherine Devlin?

22 CATHERINE DEVLIN: Catherine Devlin.
23 732 Seabury Avenue, Franklin Square, District
24 13.

25 Um, like everyone has said before,

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1 I want to - - I am really, you know, I have
2 lived here the past six years.

3 Within the past year, um, you know,
4 recent bonds and things that have happened
5 with Mill Road, I actually learned about this
6 in the past but my point is, basically, this,
7 at this point, the amount of taxes that are
8 being increased should not go to - -

9 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
10 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

11 CATHERINE GARRY: At this point, um,
12 at this point, I feel that I am going against
13 things that should be benefiting my schools.

14 Mill Road, the Elementary School for
15 District 13 have just passed a bond.

16 The High Schools are asking for more
17 money.

18 I like to say, yes and help the
19 schools in that but I am getting taxed out of
20 my own community.

21 I can't see, I really do, I hope and I
22 appreciate that you are all hearing us out.

23 Please, please reconsider and talk to
24 the IDA Board because I don't think I can
25 take it much longer.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
2 much.

3 Thank you.

4 Marie Antoinette Bernard.

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5 MARIE BERNARD: Good Morning,
6 Supervisor Santino.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
8 for the record.

9 MARIE BERNARD: Yes, I will.

10 Good Morning, Ladies and Gentleman.

11 My name is Marie Antoinette Bernard.

12 16 Hamlet (as heard) Lane, Valley
13 Stream, New York.

14 I am here to represent myself but to
15 represent my children who cannot come here
16 like that lady brought her child and I come
17 to represent all of my neighbors, whether
18 they are close to me, in District 30 or a
19 little further, District 13, 24, Malverne and
20 further.

21 And, also, I am here because of my
22 children and therefore that is why I happen
23 to be in front of you and demand that you do
24 what we all just pledged.

25 We put our hands on our heart and say

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1 we work for justice for all and we all
2 realize now, I am sure that it was very
3 unfair what happened to us, to the residents
4 of Valley Stream.

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5 We came to the United States and I
6 came to the United States for the
7 opportunity, I decided to be a citizen.

8 When my first child was born because I
9 decided to understand that Country, to live
10 by the rule and regulations of that Country
11 and that is also to Pledge and mean when I
12 pledge every single word I say.

13 I am not a politician and I am not a
14 lawyer.

15 The publicity on this issue is
16 striking to me.

17 I am a Physician by trade, okay, when
18 a patient comes to me, regardless of where
19 they come from, it is not about the publicity
20 of the matter, how can I swiftly address the
21 matter and that is why I want to go back home
22 and tell my children that the Town of
23 Hempstead, you, the boss will represent them.

24 You all voted for that, you will fight
25 and do what it takes for justice for all of

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1 us, every single of the votes that put you in
2 that position that you are in and we came
3 here to work hard.

4 We came to pay our taxes on time and I
5 do pay my taxes on time because it was due
6 November 10th.

7 We do what is expected from us.

8 You should all do what we expect from
9 you because we are not asking you to do more
10 than what you pledge for every time to the
11 flag, justice and fairness for all and not
12 for enriching super units.

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

15 MARIE BERNARD: Thank you very much.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

17 Rose Eisner.

18 ROSE EISNER: My name is Rose Eisner.

19 I reside on Front Street in Valley Stream
20 District 13.

21 I would say I have been in this
22 district so many years and seen many school
23 budgets go by and we in the District frown
24 about it.

25 This injustice perpetrated by this

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1 Pilot was not voted upon by the residents.

2 We had no direction, no vote. Whoever
3 decided that, they were going to drop the ax
4 on Valley Stream, we will not tolerate it.

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5 We will not stand for it.

6 It is totally unfair.

7 The people in the County, the people
8 who are in our school districts owe to us to
9 fix this, now.

10 We have all overpaid. We have been
11 told it is complicated. I know it is
12 complicated.

13 It didn't seem that complicated about
14 the ax on the school districts.

15 It is simple, just don't let them know
16 what is happening, don't send out any
17 bulletin.

18 Don't print it in all the papers.
19 Keep it quiet so nobody knows what you are up
20 to until it is too late, too complicated to
21 fix.

22 But let me tell you guys, ladies and
23 gentlemen, it is not too late.

24 When we go to the polls to vote, we
25 have to remember that it is no longer party,

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1 Political party that matters, it is
2 performance that matters.

3 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
4 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

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5 ROSE EISNER: You have to show us what
6 you can do for us.

7 Some of the Members of this Board I
8 have known for many, many years and watched
9 their progress in the political world, many
10 years.

11 You can show me what you can do. I
12 have to tell you something, I read this
13 morning a piece from a page that you probably
14 read many times, at least, so I am told.

15 "Governments instituted among Men
16 deriving their just powers from the consent
17 of the governed. That whenever any form of
18 government becomes destructive of these ends,
19 it is the right of the people to alter or to
20 abolish it and to institute new government,
21 laying the foundation on such principles and
22 organizing its powers in such form as to them
23 shall seem most likely to effect their safety
24 and happiness."

25 Now, this pilot has absolutely

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1 Affected our safety and happiness.

2 There are many people in our District
3 than ever, all the Districts surrounding us
4 that cannot pay their debt.

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5 Fix it.

6 I don't want to hear all of this talk
7 of how complicated it is.

8 Fix it. Fix it, now. Roll back the
9 taxes.

10 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
11 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

13 Annette Frederick?

14 ANNETTE FREDERICK: Annette Frederick.
15 (as heard.)

16 My name is Annette Frederick. I live
17 at 167 Cowell Avenue in Valley Stream.

18 I moved to Valley Stream in 2001.

19 I had two kids and, now, I have four.

20 My daughter has migrated from Elmont.

21 I have another one that lives with me.

22 She started school in second grade.

23 Now, I have two boys.

24 One in Shaw, one in Memorial from 2001
25 to 2015, my tax was thirty-five hundred

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1 Dollars. My taxes went up nine thousand
2 dollars by, now and we just received the new
3 school taxes, as you know, after this mess
4 that Kate Murray created.

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5 Our taxes, now, have increased nine
6 hundred and sixty-two dollars.

7 I am a stay-at-home Mom.

8 We are un-working people. My husband
9 works. He doesn't have time to stay home
10 because he has to work to provide for the
11 family.

12 I don't think it is fair for people to
13 just go and make decisions, taxation without
14 representation, make decisions on behalf of
15 all those people and just say, hey, we are
16 going to stick it to them, that is not fair.

17 Where is the fairness?

18 Since this happened, since I got this
19 letter, a lot of people didn't know about
20 this.

21 A lot of parents don't even check on
22 those papers that the school sends.

23 All they do, they just send a paper
24 back to the children, by the children, to the
25 parents, stating this is very important.

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1 You have to give it to your parents,
2 tonight and that is how I got this letter,
3 just two months ago, that is not a way to
4 inform everybody your taxes are going to be
5 high.

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6 What we need, I am still 52 years old.
7 There is a lady that lives - - she is
8 retired, her taxes went up five thousand
9 dollars.

10 God, what the heck is this?

11 I don't know how to feel.

12 My heart is burning. This brings me
13 hypertension. It is too much to handle. You
14 guys make this less.

15 The idea that it is illegal, I cannot
16 sit here. This is not right.

17 This is illegal, what you guys do is
18 illegitimate.

19 It is illegal and it is dangerous for
20 society, that group that are sitting, here,
21 you guys are dangerous.

22 That lady that is here, she is too old
23 to deal with it.

24 We are all citizens in America. We
25 deserve to live here safely, like she said.

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1 Thank you, Rosa, for saying that.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

3 Renee Rothblum?

4 Wait until you sit down and speak into
5 the microphone. Good Morning.

6 RENEE ROTHBLUM: Good Morning. My
7 name is Renee Rothblum. 89 Franklin,
8 District 30.

9 I am living history. I am a history
10 book for you because we live - - Sherman and
11 I, in Green Acres for 60 years and when we
12 moved there, there was no Mall.

13 After a while, they came to us, "can
14 we permit a Mall to be built?"

15 And, the homeowners said, "Yes, we
16 would like it."

17 And, in return, this is the best part,
18 we will receive a reduction in our taxes.

19 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
20 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

21 RENEE ROTHBLUM: A reduction and this
22 is the way life was in the old days.

23 I have some questions, here.

24 Some of them are going to be redundant
25 because the speakers that have preceded me

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1 have been very verbal and very accurate, so,
2 I am going to try to go as quickly as I can.

3 I want to know who gave the IDA the
4 permission to raise our taxes without
5 notifying or consulting people concerned?

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6 The residents of Valley Stream are for
7 the most part hardworking, you know, middle
8 class people that pay taxes and believe
9 taxation without representation, who gave
10 them permission?

11 Second question, I would like to know,
12 why is the increase listed as "increase in
13 school taxes"?

14 The money is not going to the schools,
15 rather it is going to be a deficit because
16 of the financial Green Acres Association.

17 Um, you know, having more Malls is not
18 going to improve our children's education.

19 Hanging out at the Malls is not the
20 best thing for them, so, it seems to me and
21 I am not a financial person, but it seems
22 to me there has been a little financial
23 hanky-panky going on when this money was
24 increased by increasing our school taxes.

25 Another question I would like

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1 answered, if you can, where were our elected
2 officials when this transition was going
3 on?

4 Did they participate?

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5 Surely someone had to know because
6 when we received our tax notices, the tax
7 increase was already on it.

8 So, who? Somebody got the approval
9 and when?

10 I have other things here -

11 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
12 following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Just try to wrap
14 it up.

15 RENEE ROTHBLUM: Okay, I just want to
16 read something to you.

17 It comes from the Nassau County Office
18 of Legislative Budget Review.

19 And, what they have to say is very
20 interesting, they said that the tax
21 exemptions for the Mall placed a
22 significant and volatile burden on
23 taxpayers.

24 They also said that Nassau County was
25 sluggish, relatively sluggish in their

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1 Financial growth, making it especially hard
2 for households to cover these significant
3 increases in property taxes.

4 The survey also points out what others
5 have said, that 73 percent of the Green
6 Acres Mall business comes from outside the
7 County.

8 Well, if they are benefiting, let them
9 pay for the increase.

10 Why us?

11 I am going to end because everyone has
12 said pretty much what I wanted to say.

13 I just want to add one thing, I said I
14 am living history, so, you know, I am a
15 quiet person who has worked for many years
16 and we are, now, living on a fixed income
17 and this burden is not necessary.

18 Why do you do that to us?

19 Just because we are older? I don't
20 know.

21 Thank you.

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

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Edward Kennedy.

25 Good Afternoon, Mr. Kennedy.

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1 EDWARD KENNEDY: My name is Edward
2 Kennedy. A couple of questions - -
3 (Whereupon, "speak up," was heard from
4 the audience. After, the following
5 ensued.)

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Speak directly
7 into the microphone.

8 EDWARD KENNEDY: A couple of
9 questions, I have a couple of questions.
10 I won't beat a dead horse.

11 You guys are oversight of the IDA
12 Board?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is not
14 correct, sir.

15 EDWARD KENNEDY: If you are not
16 oversight, if you are not doing the
17 oversight, you have some say on that Board?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We appoint the
19 Members, that's it.

20 EDWARD KENNEDY: You appoint the
21 Members, you are going to be responsible
22 for ultimately what they do.

23 The other thing I would like to find
24 out is what type of forensic accounting you
25 are going to be using as far as the IDA

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1 Board is concerned and how they came to this
2 error?

3 And, will the forensic accounting be
4 public?

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5 And, those are the main questions I
6 want to ask.

7 As voters, we have that power to vote
8 when it comes to your re-election and also
9 as citizens.

10 I work for New York Supreme Court, at
11 some point, depending on whether or not
12 that forensic accounting is made public, we
13 will be suing you individually and we will
14 be suing the County, so that if you do not
15 show us any forensic accounting, we will be
16 able to get it out of Discovery.

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Gloria Slawin.

20 GLORIA SLAWIN: My name is Gloria
21 Slawin. 88 Sunnyfield Lane, Valley Stream.

22 I have lived in this community forty-
23 eight years.

24 Much of what I wanted to say has
25 already been said but I did choose to speak

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1 anyway because I feel every voice needs to be
2 heard and you need to understand the
3 difficulty the citizens are feeling due to
4 this increase in taxes.

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5 I chose to live in the Millbrook
6 Section when I moved here because the tax
7 was advantageous and made it more
8 affordable to live in this area.

9 When we moved into this community,
10 Green Acres Mall was built to benefit the
11 residents of Millbrook.

12 Um, and um, with this increase in tax,
13 our lifestyle has been negatively impacted.

14 Our quality of life has been
15 negatively impacted.

16 Our raise in our school tax has not
17 benefited our children in any way and we
18 are being burdened with this too and I just
19 wanted to add that.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
21 much.

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

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Al Chase.

25 Good Afternoon.

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1 AL CHASE: Hi, my name is Al Chase.
2 100 East Melrose Street, Valley Stream, New
3 York.

4 I am a resident of District 13, also
5 retired Business Administrator of School
6 Districts.

7 I was the Deputy Superintendent in the
8 Valley Stream Central High School District
9 for several years.

10 Um, I really just have a question and
11 a comment.

12 Um, the IDA Board, do they appoint the
13 Executive Director?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is correct.

15 AL CHASE: That is correct, okay.

16 I would hope then that the Board that
17 you are about to appoint will require
18 accountability from the Executive Director.

19 When you look at the actions of Fred
20 Parola over the last many years in terms of
21 has all been for business, there has been
22 no accountability for what he has done for
23 the taxpayers for the community.

24 If you look at the articles that have
25 been in NEWSDAY recently, you can see his

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1 responses are nothing, if not indignant and
2 pompous.

3 There is no reason for this.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
5 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 AL CHASE: It is the Executive
7 Director and his Deputy, Ms. Longo leading
8 that Board.

9 These people, for the most part in the
10 past, at least, have no experience that you
11 would want for someone to be on a Board,
12 such as that, to make financial decisions
13 to be looking at what the impact is on
14 taxpayers.

15 I have known a couple of Members of
16 previous Boards and they have no
17 experience.

18 They are political appointees.

19 Let's face it, I hope, now, that the
20 people that are appointing, um, will be
21 more accountable, will be responsible and
22 will seek out a new Executive Director.

23 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
24 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Jacinta Femenias.

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JACINTA FEMENIAS: Pass.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Pass, thank you very much.

Victor Spetoluick.

VICTOR SPETOLUICK: Victor Spetouluick. I live at 69 Brentwood Lane in Valley Stream.

I have been a resident there for forty-six years.

What happened, here, was really a disaster for the community.

You have people who are retired. You have young people who are barely making it and suddenly we have taxes that came out of nowhere.

Nobody knew about that until we heard about the amount that we have to pay and, then, we learned it is not just this year, it is for ten years with the right to increase it for five years beyond that.

Um, where are they getting the money?

Seventeen and a half million dollars a year have to be made up for the Mall.

Many of the stores in the Mall were apart of chains number 1, 2, 3 in the

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1 Country in earnings just a few years ago.

2 Why did they need help in building
3 these for a pilot program?

4 The pilot wasn't born in a plane
5 coming in or leaving a ship with tourists
6 coming in from abroad.

7 We have the tourists coming in from
8 across the street.

9 So, they didn't need a pilot.

10 They just need a sign.

11 I think what you are doing with a
12 program, pilot program where people cross
13 the boundary a block or two away, I mean,
14 it is insane.

15 It is really such a stupid reason for
16 doing this.

17 Something should be done to change it,
18 so, it doesn't happen, again.

19 And, the people in our community
20 should be made whole, again.

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

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Terry Winston.

24 Name and address for the record.

25 TERRY WINSTON: My name is Terry

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1 Winston. I live at 55 Courtney Road in the
2 Village of Hempstead.

3 I would like to commend Senator Todd
4 Kamensky and Assemblywoman Michaelle
5 Solages, as well as, the resident of Valley
6 Stream for their courageous efforts to
7 right a terrible wrong, I am referring to
8 Green Acres Mall debacle.

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9 As a resident and homeowner in the
10 Village of Hempstead and I cannot only
11 sympathize but I can relate firsthand to
12 the negative impact that ill begotten
13 pilots have on homeowners and Mall business
14 owners who are oftentimes forced to
15 subsidize these tax incentives.

16 The irony of it all is that the
17 Village of Hempstead has been battling
18 pilots for some time, now.

19 And, yet, even as I speak, our
20 concerns are falling on deaf ears.

21 In spite of pilot controversies, the
22 Town of Hempstead IDA have been giving
23 pilots away in record numbers.

24 This is due, in part, to the outright
25 ill regard and unprofessional behavior

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1 that this IDA displays when you lay into the
2 public.

3 Others and myself included have been
4 present at these meetings and have been the
5 recipients of ridicule, disrespect and to
6 add more insult to injury blatantly ignored
7 by this Board.

8 I would like to bring your attention
9 to a particular incident, but, keep in
10 mind, this is one of several.

11 On September 26, 2016, at,
12 approximately, 10:00 a.m., I had inquired
13 by Resolution concerning a pilot for 50
14 Clinton Street, located in the confines of
15 the Village of Hempstead.

16 I voiced my concerns to Mr. Parola
17 concerning the required public hearing.

18 Mr. Parola informed me that the Public
19 Hearing was scheduled for September 27,
20 2016 at 9:00 a.m.

21 I was not informed by Mr. Parola, at
22 any time, that the required notice had been
23 posted in NEWSDAY on September 17, 2016.

24 I discovered, as recently as last
25 week, this notice was posted on a prior

1 date.

2 In the past, Mr. Parola has expressed
3 his sole operation is to businesses and not
4 to the Town residents.

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5 As a result of this unwarranted and
6 disgraceful behavior, I would like to
7 request removal of members sitting on the
8 Board.

9 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
10 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

11 TERRY WINSTON: The majority of its
12 members, as do most of the pilot recipients
13 are not residents on the South Shore but
14 the North Shore or elsewhere.

15 They are out of touch with reality
16 when it pertains to residents on the South
17 Shore.

18 Furthermore, they are not a true
19 diverse reflection of the residents in
20 Nassau County.

21 This ABC in its present state - -
22 excuse me, this agency in its present state
23 will continue to contribute to the demise
24 of the mass exodus of the middle class on
25 Long Island.

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1 Pilots, in general, have outlived
2 their usefulness, if, at any time, they
3 were useful.

4 This Board is as outdated as pilots
5 they frivolously giveaway and should be
6 replaced with an agency that does not
7 unjustly favor business over homeowners
8 that pay their fair share of property
9 taxes.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
11 much.

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

14 TERRY WINSTON: I am not finished.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your time is up,
16 try to wrap up.

17 TERRY WINSTON: The Village of
18 Hempstead has been plagued with a number of
19 questionable pilots to date and has been
20 the target of these tax breaks long before
21 the residents of Valley Stream, the
22 homeowners, myself included and the small
23 business owners in the Village of Hempstead
24 should be entitled to have our respected
25 pilots revisited and re-examined.

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1 The Town Supervisor was included in an
2 email that I had written voicing my
3 concerns regarding the IDA.

4 The response I received was insulting
5 because I was directed to the Town of
6 Hempstead IDA.

7 Mr. Santino's office sat on their
8 laurels, did nothing but subject me to a
9 run around.

10 I question your interests and motives
11 in this matter.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you
13 very much.

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Dennis Hershey.

17 DENNIS HERSHEY: Hello, my name is
18 Dennis Hershey. I live at 80 Center Lane
19 in Valley Stream.

20 First of all, it has not been stated
21 yet but the Maris Corporation is a public
22 corporation and for the record, the last
23 reportable quarter ending on September 30,
24 2016, they made more money than in any
25 quarter that this corporation has been in

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1 Existence, about 19 million dollars.

2 I am not going to repeat what
3 everybody said.

4 I feel that the underhandedness of
5 this situation is what bothers us, this
6 decision was made with no transparency, no
7 public input in the middle of the night.

8 I feel it is such a sweetheart deal
9 between the sales tax exemptions and
10 especially the pilot.

11 It does not sound right to me.

12 And, it has to be heavily investigated
13 by all authorities.

14 Thank you.

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

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I just have first
18 initial "K" Garry?

19 Name and address for the record.

20 KATHERINE GARRY: My name is Katherine
21 Garry.

22 I live at 109 Broadway (as heard) in
23 Rockville Centre.

24 I am here, today because I was at the
25 meeting at the IDA, when all the people

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1 from Valley Stream came forward and asserted
2 their right to justice, um, with regard to
3 the taxes.

4 Um, I totally support their, um,
5 advocacy and all the comments that each and
6 every one made here, today.

7 I also support the statement that we
8 heard from Terry Winston from Hempstead.

9 I happen to be very involved in the
10 situation in Hempstead and very much aware
11 of the devastating nature of these pilots
12 that have been, um given - - handed out by
13 the, um, IDA, as well as, by the actual
14 Village of Hempstead, itself, has given
15 some of these pilots.

16 Um, it has become so devastating for
17 the people of Hempstead that we can feel
18 sympathy and comradery from the people of
19 Valley Stream, to hear how the people have
20 been treated by the IDA, by Mr. Parola, in
21 particular, who is a very condescending
22 person and disrespects the people who come
23 forward, disregards our statements and the
24 whole Board have totally disregarded the
25 needs of the people of Hempstead.

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1 The fact that so many homeowners are
2 literally hurt from all of these pilots
3 that have been implemented over the years,
4 it is to the point in Hempstead, where the
5 community is losing like eight million
6 dollars a year on pilot tax breaks, tax
7 breaks to corporate welfare and that is
8 just for the Village.

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9 The extent it goes to the School
10 Districts is more like eighteen million
11 dollars, that is lost each year to the
12 taxpayers of Hempstead and that certainly
13 has an adverse effect on the educational
14 system there.

15 It is time to set the record straight
16 that pilots need to be terminated, not only
17 the only for Valley Stream and Green Acres
18 but for the ones in Hempstead, as well.

19 They are devastating the taxpayers,
20 hurting the communities and not bringing
21 the economic development, that is supposed
22 to be the reason for these pilots in
23 Hempstead, in particular, there are 23
24 buildings that are pilots breaks and the
25 overwhelming majority of them are for

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1 Apartment buildings that bring two or three
2 jobs in each building do not create jobs.

3 And, um, the profits just go to the
4 landlords who don't even take care of the
5 buildings properly, so, this is a very
6 serious issue for Hempstead, as well as,
7 all of Nassau County because of some of you
8 may be aware that Hempstead is under a
9 process of so called "redevelopment" which,
10 in fact, is a conversion - -

11 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
12 following ensued.)

13 KATHERINE GARRY: - - Of Hempstead.

14 If it goes through, a lot of us are
15 opposed to this program in Hempstead.

16 And, um, if it goes through, it will
17 turn Hempstead into a city and it will be a
18 real city and it will have all the problems
19 of a city.

20 It will force the homeowners of
21 Hempstead and other communities out because
22 it will not stop in Hempstead.

23 It is going all over Nassau County
24 where there are programs from high people
25 in high places overturn the middle class,

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1 all of Nassau County, perhaps, even Long
2 Island.

3 This is very serious. These pilots
4 have got to stop.

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5 And, people of Hempstead and myself
6 are calling upon the people of Valley
7 Stream to understand that the problem is
8 not just Valley Stream, it is all of Nassau
9 County and it is time for these IDA people
10 to understand the needs of the people and
11 stop giving away all over money to people
12 who are wealthy, who are millionaires and
13 perhaps billionaires.

14 Thank you.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

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

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Assemblywoman
19 Solages.

20 ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES: Good
21 Afternoon.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Good Afternoon.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon.

24 ASSEMBLYWOMAN SOLAGES: My name is
25 Assemblywoman Solages.

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1 I come here because, you know, the
2 people of the 22nd Assembly District,
3 particularly in Valley Stream are very
4 concerned with this pilot and as I have
5 done after several meetings, I reached out
6 to see what we can do to come together when
7 I return to Albany to look for ways to
8 reform IDA's because what happened, here,
9 in our area is egregious and should never
10 happen anywhere in New York State and, so,
11 I come to you on the record to, um, just
12 also reiterate something we can do together
13 or something you can do, as well.

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14 First, IDA Board Members, they need to
15 come all over the Town of Hempstead or the
16 area.

17 Many of them are not from our area, do
18 not know what our quality of life was,
19 maybe they didn't understand how much taxes
20 we pay, already.

21 In addition, the Executive Director
22 was very disrespectful to the people of
23 Valley Stream, Franklin Square and
24 Malverne.

25 There were many times we wanted Public

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1 Hearings or just an opportunity to speak on
2 current items and we weren't even given
3 that and that to me is disrespectful.

4 We should definitely close the
5 loophole, the tourist destination hole,
6 because the State Law did not say we can
7 use it for retail.

8 The loophole needs to be closed and I
9 come here because many of the residents,
10 many of the concerns we had, I came here to
11 reiterate that I am here to be a friend and
12 to work with you to reform these IDA's
13 because this can never happen to our
14 community, again.

15 We shouldn't be paying the Mall.

16 The Mall should be giving tax
17 incentives to us.

18 Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
20 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you,
22 Assemblywoman.

23 County Legislator Solages.

24 COUNTY LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Good
25 Afternoon, Supervisor Santino.

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1 Good Afternoon, Board Members.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon.

3 Name and address for the record.

4 COUNTY LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Legislator

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5 Solages. 1250 North Franklin Avenue,

6 Mineola, New York.

7 I am also a resident of School

8 District 30.

9 Good Afternoon. I am standing here
10 beside the Valley Stream residents who have
11 had their World and bank accounts shaken by
12 the Town of Hempstead IDA, imposing on them
13 the largest tax hike that any of us have
14 seen in a long time that we can find some
15 solace in the fact that the IDA that has
16 been appointed by you, has been asked to
17 resign or fired.

18 Let be honest, that will prevent a
19 similar travesty from happening to another
20 community.

21 It doesn't remedy the aggrieved
22 taxpayers that stand before you, today.

23 Now, let's begin to discuss how you
24 truly help the people affected.

25 What is your plan to fix the economic

1 | injustice for the families affected?

2 | First, we have spoken of the
3 | resignation of the Members of the Board,
4 | but we should also begin with the staff,
5 | Mr. Parola, which, to my understanding, is
6 | still the Executive Director.

7 | (Whereupon, applause from the audience
8 | was heard. After, the following ensued.)

9 | COUNTY LEISLATOR SOLAGES: Also, the
10 | IDA Board did not follow its own Charter,
11 | to my understanding, the tourist
12 | destination exception does not apply for
13 | retail, pertaining to the 1995 Hennesy
14 | Report.

15 | There are many actions conducted by
16 | the Board that are highly questionable
17 | which would make, in essence, this deal
18 | legally invalid, so, I am suggesting when
19 | we have new Board Members appointed by
20 | yourself, Supervisor, that we recommend
21 | that they reverse the prior decision or ask
22 | a Supreme Court for some sort of relief,
23 | equitable relief and injunction.

24 | We were made aware that you have
25 | intent to sue IDA, originally,

1 but have gotten little follow-up on where the
2 lawsuit stands and if it would be the most
3 valuable option to actually stop the tax
4 leak that is crippling Valley Stream and
5 the areas surrounding it.

6 There are legal remedies that can be
7 taken.

8 And, it is time to begin to explore
9 those options to relieve the overburden
10 taxpayers from this as soon as possible.

11 We have partners here that want to
12 help.

13 Let's work together.

14 Also, I am personally worried about
15 the long-term results of this with our
16 School Districts because of the shocking
17 tax breaks our kids will suffer, our
18 children.

19 The student activities and academic
20 success was put second, here.

21 And, I don't think having the
22 Executive Director of the IDA placing blame
23 on the School Districts is the right thing
24 to do.

25 They were never invited to

1 the table in the first place.

2 This is in effective dialogue that
3 further divides us and only hurts the
4 students.

5 Lastly, um, we must learn from this
6 lesson, that all Town of Hempstead
7 taxpayers are protected from future Green
8 Acres moments that put businesses before
9 taxpayers.

10 There is one way we can prevent that
11 and that is from transparency.

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

14 COUNTY LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: I will
15 wrap up.

16 The more open process, the more
17 accountable we are.

18 I am also in possession of a report
19 created by the Legislative Review Office
20 referred to in NEWSDAY and also by prior
21 speakers.

22 I have copies for all Board Members,
23 here.

24 This is a well-earned office and I
25 know the Board Members do know

1 Individuals in this office.

2 And, I have a report for everyone
3 present, as well.

4 This report is very important.

5 This is the Fiscal Impact Study that
6 should have been done in the first place
7 that wasn't done and this report shows how,
8 um, by the actions of the IDA it has
9 increased the proportional base share for
10 Class 1 properties, residential properties
11 in Valley Stream to seventeen percent as a
12 result.

13 Table 4, Page 4, of the Report, it
14 shows that you will have an increase of all
15 other Special Districts in the area.

16 That is the Town of Hempstead District
17 and the High School, the Library District,
18 the Town of Hempstead Lighting District,
19 the Town of Hempstead Park District,
20 Sanitation District 1 and, also for the
21 Village of Valley Stream, so, this is only
22 the beginning of a financial storm that,
23 already, my community cannot afford.

24 So, I am asking, respectfully,
25 Supervisor and all the Town

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1 Board Members to act swiftly and effectively,
2 you know, as a public servant for about
3 four years, I learned one important lesson
4 and that is help people but if you can't
5 help them, at the very least, don't hurt
6 them.

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7 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
8 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, I do
10 appreciate your offer of help.

11 One of the things that we find very
12 troubling, as we peel back the onion on
13 this, is the fact that the County did
14 change the base proportions and shifted the
15 burden from commercial and retail entities
16 to the taxpayers, so, we are going to be
17 looking very closely at that because our
18 initial analysis is perhaps the majority of
19 the tax increases were the result of the
20 changing of those base proportions.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: As Supervisor,
22 what I am going to do is that we all work
23 together in every level of government,
24 State, County, Town to bring relief to the
25 residents of Valley Stream, all

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1 working together on that and come up with a
2 concerted effort where we all do our part
3 to do the right thing.

4 (Whereupon, calling out from the
5 audience was heard. After the following
6 ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let's maintain
8 good order. Let's maintain good order.

9 (Whereupon, calling out from the
10 audience was heard. After, the following
11 ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Felix
13 Procacci.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
15 Barns Street, Franklin Square, New York.

16 Um, the fellow just mentioned actually
17 when they listed the numbers that are
18 appointed, I believe they listed one that
19 is already - - who didn't resign, was hired
20 since March, Girardi or is there another
21 Girardi being appointed?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, may
23 I?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is

1 the same person.

2 He is not the one resigning. His name
3 is included because they get appointed to
4 the IDA and also the Local Development
5 Corporation.

6 And, Mr. Girardi was never appointed
7 to the Local Development Corporation.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, I don't know if
9 people know that.

10 I listened to everyone speak. The IDA
11 is supposed to be an independent Board, so,
12 as far as the Town Board having an
13 influence on that is not supposed to
14 happen.

15 So, I mean, by law, I mean, if you
16 want to change the law, that they should
17 have influence, that is another thing.

18 Um, as far as making things better, I
19 am not sure if you can un-ring a bell but
20 to make things better, I think, right away,
21 I think there are things that the Town
22 Board can do, right, now.

23 And, even, today, we talked about
24 transparency, lack of transparency.

25 There is a State provision

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1 that has added to the open meetings law that
2 requires that municipalities, government
3 agencies that already have the ability to
4 broadcast meetings on line, store those
5 meetings on line, do so.

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6 And, so that really applies to us
7 because we are so called transmitting,
8 right, now.

9 We should just extend this to the IDA,
10 the BZA, all the agencies that are
11 appointed by this Board and what would I am
12 doing at justthefactsmedia.com, we have
13 been asking for many, many years is we
14 store and archive it because if you are not
15 home right, now, you can't watch this
16 meeting.

17 So, if you are at work, you can't
18 watch this meeting but, fortunately, if you
19 go to justthefactsmedia.com in a few hours
20 from, now, I will have it on my website.

21 That is unfortunate that a private
22 citizen has to do a government job for no
23 pay.

24 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
25 was heard. After, the following

1 ensued.)

2 FELIX PROCACCI: So, I have another
3 suggestion; we are talking about making the
4 residents whole, like I said, I don't know
5 the legality of IDA.

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6 There is one thing I have been talking
7 about for six years, now, these are the
8 twenty-seven mailings we received - -

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are on the
10 Administrative Calendar. Keep it on the
11 item on the Administrative Calendar, IDA
12 Board appointments and other matters. Keep
13 it on that, please.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: In order for the Town
15 Board to make residents whole next year and
16 years after, they can cut back on the
17 mailings - -

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Keep it on the
19 appointments of the IDA Board Members.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: You didn't do that
21 for everyone else.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Everybody is
23 talking about the IDA.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: I am coming up with
25 savings that the Town

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1 can give back to residents because you can
2 save millions of dollars in mailings and
3 give that money to the people who are now
4 paying their taxes right, now.

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5 You can do that before a lawsuit
6 without getting into all the legal
7 litigation.

8 You can do that, today and stop this
9 wasteful spending and use that savings to
10 make these residents whole.

11 So, it is relevant to the IDA.

12 It is relevant to this issue because
13 the Town - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Wrap up, your
15 time is expired.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: Some people got six
17 minutes.

18 Another thing, in fact, I do object to
19 the force - - what I consider the forced
20 resignation to firing these Board Members
21 and wiping them totally from the IDA
22 website, those Members that resigned under
23 pressure had sixty years experience total,
24 some of them, 1994, 2008, 1998, 2009, 60
25 years experience and, now, we are

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1 replacing them with we don't know what.

2 My question is really because you
3 didn't wait for the report to come out.

4 I waited yesterday until it came out
5 on IDA website before I could make a
6 decision.

7 You decided you were going to fire
8 this Board as a publicity stunt, in my
9 view, but you didn't even explain in
10 certain terms did these people really do
11 anything wrong.

12 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard yelling
13 from the audience. After, the following
14 ensued.)

15 FELIX PROCACCI: That was never
16 stated, that was never stated what exactly
17 what they did wrong.

18 If I am wrong, what did they do wrong
19 because I have every news article with me
20 that was printed about this and never was
21 it stated by NEWSDAY or Long Island Herald.

22 A guess from this Board, what these
23 people actually did wrong, did they do
24 something illegal?

25 That should be stated, maybe, because

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1 you get a result you don't like it, still
2 maybe legal.

3 It still maybe legal.

4 (Whereupon, yelling out from the
5 audience was heard. After, the following
6 ensued.)

7 FELIX PROCACCI: I think that due
8 process is important.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, wrap up
10 your comments.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: I wish the residents
12 - -

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Wrap up your
14 comments.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Due process is
16 important before you force people out,
17 forcing them to resign, fire people, they
18 deserve their day.

19 They deserve to have their word and
20 they have to be told what they did wrong.

21 Nothing was said and the report is
22 inconclusive.

23 The report I read that came out late
24 last night, I read a couple times last
25 night, no final results were determined

1 and, yet - -

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
3 Procacci.

4 Your time is more than expired. Thank
5 you very much, sir.

6 Thank you very much.

7 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
8 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That was the last
10 person who signed in to speak on the
11 Administrative Calendar.

12 Before we vote on the Administrative
13 Calendar, I do want to acknowledge the
14 presence of New York State Senator Todd
15 Kamensky and thank him for being, here,
16 today - -

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: - - For his
20 cooperative efforts with the Town in regard
21 to this issue.

22 So, that having been said, at this
23 point, we do have a Motion and a second,
24 so, please, on the Administrative Calendar,
25 please, call the roll.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I want to
2 sever 65 through 72.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye, with the
7 exception of Items 38, 63 and 64 which I
8 recuse myself.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye, with
16 the exception of 65 through 72.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

18 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
20 Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes, with
22 the exception of 51 which I vote no.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now with respect
24 to the items that Senior Councilwoman
25 severed, make sure we are doing it

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1 correctly, do I have a motion on those items
2 and a second, 65 through 72, I need a
3 motion and a second.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move 65 through
5 72 at this time.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the roll on
8 those items.

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: Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: First, I
19 would like to make a statement, 65 through
20 70, okay, this is my statement on the IDA
21 appointments, I abstain on any appointments
22 to the Town of Hempstead Industrial
23 Development Agency.

24 I was not notified in advance of this
25 meeting that these appointments would be

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made, today.

I was not provided with any information about the backgrounds, qualifications of individuals proposed to be appointed to the Town of Hempstead IDA Board until immediately before the Meeting.

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Second point, I have not had time to review the information which I - - so, I can make informed decision on these appointments on behalf of my constituents and I think with the statements that many have made, today, we understand we need to know these people are there for us.

I know that because I have been in the Town of Hempstead and they do not speak for me, okay.

I have been speaking out on the effects of the Industrial Development Agency benefits have on the community for some time regarding the benefits.

This issue has recently come to the forefront in the news media, this one because of the effects of the grants of the IDA benefits of Green Acres Mall in Valley Stream School District.

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1 Our School District has never been
2 concerned, has not been concerned with our
3 School Districts, for all the monies that
4 are taken out of the Districts, the Village
5 of Hempstead, where people cannot afford to
6 pay all of this.

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7 The sudden resignation of six of the
8 Town of Hempstead IDA Board Members
9 yesterday afternoon, I guess it was
10 afternoon and the immediate appointments of
11 six individuals to replace them, today,
12 appears preplanned to me.

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

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: One of
16 the Members that would be appointed and he
17 is from my District which I am very happy
18 to see somebody from my District is in
19 there and he does know something about
20 this, the affect the IDA benefits have on
21 our communities, taxpayers is too important
22 to rush through the appointments and the
23 reason I respectfully abstain from 65
24 through 70.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the roll.

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1 Thank you very much, Senior
2 Councilwoman Goosby.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
6 Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, I will
9 accept a Motion to adjourn the meeting.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we
11 adjourn the meeting.

12 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

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: Senior Councilwoman
22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

(Whereupon, the meeting was
concluded.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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