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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

APRIL 25, 2017

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
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY
- RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning and
2 welcome to the Town Board Meeting. Today we
3 will have the regular calendar, the decision
4 calendar, the administrative calendar and
5 then, the Board will stay to listen to the
6 concerns of the Public.

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7 There is a popular movie called the
8 Blind Side.

9 It is about a family that takes in a
10 young boy and changes his life.

11 That boy went onto become football
12 great Michael Oher.

13 The Tuohy Family brought him into
14 their home and had a tremendous, positive
15 influence in his life.

16 Today, we are recognizing a couple who
17 have had a positive impact on literally a
18 hundred children's lives.

19 Levittown Resident Jim and Alicia
20 Bulger who had four children of their own
21 began taking in foster children in 1986.

22 In March of this year, they brought
23 home their one hundredth child.

24 Most of the children they have cared
25 for have been faced with medical needs, some

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1 children stay for only a few days, while
2 other spend years with the family.

3 The family became so attached to one
4 of the children, the Bulgers went onto adopt
5 them.

6 Jim and Alicia have had as many as
7 five foster children to care for at a time.

8 Sometimes, the Bulgers have been given
9 time to prepare for the child's arrival and
10 other times they are called when there is a
11 need for an immediate emergency placement.

12 No matter what the situation or how
13 much time they have had to prepare, the
14 Bulgers have responded with grace and love.

15 The Bulgers have developed a close
16 working relationship with area hospitals,
17 such as, NUMC, North Shore-LIJ and Winthrop
18 where many of the children receive medical
19 treatment.

20 Some of the children who Jim and
21 Alicia have fostered may never remember the
22 time that they spent at the Bulger's home but
23 the fact that the family was there for them
24 in the time of need may have changed the
25 course of their entire life.

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1 As Author, Rio Hogarty wrote in her
2 memoir, **A HEART SO BIG** about her life in
3 foster care, fostering is one of the few jobs
4 that the ultimate goal is not to be needed
5 anymore and while the individual children,
6 the Bulgers have fostered may not need them
7 anymore, the need for foster parents is
8 great.

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9 Fortunately, the Bulgers are not going
10 anywhere and plan to continue their mission
11 of love and caring.

12 In recognition of all the lives that
13 Jim and Alicia have positively impacted, I,
14 now, along with Councilman Gary Hudes would
15 like to present the great Levittown neighbors
16 a Town of Hempstead citation, along with our
17 very sincere thanks.

18 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
19 was heard. Photos and citation presented to
20 Alicia and Jim Bulger. After, the following
21 ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the roll,
23 Madam Clerk.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman Goosby?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

12 Sweeney?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

15 X. Clavin, Jr.?

16 RECEIVER OF TAXES CALVIN: Here.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would you all

18 please rise and join me in the Pledge of

19 Allegiance which would be led by Senior

20 Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby.

21 (Whereupon, Senior Councilwoman Goosby

22 led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

23 After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item,

25 please.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
2 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit
3 parking in BELLMORE, HEWLETT, WOODMERE (To
4 amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of
5 Hempstead)

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
7 who would like to address the Board on this
8 matter?

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

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
12 then, I will accept a Motion.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
14 move the Public Hearing be closed and the
15 proposed Local Law be adopted.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
17 Motion.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'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 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
12 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in HEWLET,
13 SEAFORD, WOODMERE (To amend Section 202-1 of
14 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there
16 anyone that would like to speak on this
17 matter before the Town Board?

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
23 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
24 closed and the item be adopted.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second

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the Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: 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
entitled "Disorderly Conduct Prohibited" (To
consider the adoption of a new Section 77-9
of Chapter 77 of the Code of the Town of
Hempstead)

SUPERIVSOR SANTINO: Okay, is there

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1 anyone that would like to speak on this
2 matter before the Town Board?

3 Come on up.

4 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden,
5 Hempstead.

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6 My ears perked up, "disorderly
7 conduct", would you please tell me what this
8 is about?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra.

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is like a flag
11 in the Town.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Culver?

13 MR. CULVER: Supervisor, this is a
14 Local Law that enables the Town of Hempstead
15 to enforce disorderly conduct cases outside
16 or independently of the Nassau County Police.

17 This gives us another remedy if the
18 police are not available, then, Public Safety
19 can go and issue tickets.

20 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, so, you're
21 creating a law that is going to allow this.

22 MR. CULVER: That is right.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is not a new
24 law.

25 It gives the Town of Hempstead

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1 Department of Public Safety the ability to
2 write tickets on disorderly matters at Town
3 facilities that would be enforceable by the
4 Town, not Nassau County.

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5 DIANE MADDEN: Very good, thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're welcome.

7 Anyone else on this matter?

8 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

9 After, the following ensued.)

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

12 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
13 move the Public Hearing be closed and the
14 Local Law be adopted.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
16 the Motion.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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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 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law
12 entitled "Public Parking Fields" in relation
13 to modifying parking restrictions (To amend
14 sub-paragraph (7) and add new sub-paragraphs
15 (16) - (19) to paragraph B of Section 80-8 of
16 Chapter 80 of the Code of the Town of
17 Hempstead)

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

20 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

21 After, the following ensued.)

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

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
25 Supervisor, I move that the proposed Local

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1 Law be adopted.

2 COUNCILMAN HUDES: 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 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
21 please.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
23 "Sale of Tobacco Products, Liquid Nicotine
24 and Electronic Cigarettes," (To enact a new
25 Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there are a few people that have signed in to speak on this particular matter.

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Mr. Patrick Nicolosi?

PATRICK NICOLOSI: Good Morning, everyone.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning. Name and address for the record, sir.

PATRICK NICOLOSI: Patrick Nicolosi. 450 Lucille Road in Elmont.

I am here, today, to, um, root against this law for a number of reasons.

Every time a government overreaches, it creates two things:

It creates a problem with the legal taxpayers, storeowners and people that buy cigarettes.

And, it creates a black market for the people that sell them illegally.

The problem I have with this law is the arbitrary age 21, um, is the fact that, um for years I donated cigars in Pennsylvania to our Troops in Afghanistan.

We donate thousands of cigars to young

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1 men and woman who are fighting in offshore
2 and they range anywhere from eighteen,
3 nineteen and twenty years old.

4 And, the problem I have with this law
5 is the fact that eighteen you can go off and
6 fight a war.

7 You can get legally married in the
8 State of New York.

9 You can go upstate and hunt. Um, you
10 can pretty much do everything at eighteen
11 years old but, yet, the Town of Hempstead
12 said you can't smoke.

13 The problem I have with that law, when
14 that soldier, he or she comes home in
15 uniform, eighteen, nineteen, twenty years
16 old, are we going to stop them from buying a
17 pack of cigarettes or cigar?

18 This is an arbitrary age.

19 And, ironically, everyone in my family
20 has smoked cigarettes except for me.

21 And, here is the ironic part; today, I
22 battle, IRV cancer, Stage 4.

23 I had surgery in December and I had
24 another one in April and it is, um, pretty
25 much a very rare type of cancer, very hard

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1 for me to be here, today because I am
2 trying to get government to stop, you know,
3 in our lives and less government, lower taxes
4 and, um, and I see this is an overreach.

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5 And, I think - - I know it will create
6 a black market and it won't cure cancer and
7 it won't reduce cancer and it won't stop
8 people from smoking.

9 Like I said, I never smoked a
10 cigarette in my life but I do donate cigars.

11 And, ironically, the Doctor at Sloan's
12 and those on Long Island, this cancer has
13 nothing to do with smoking and second hand.

14 Um, I was concerned about passing it
15 onto my grandchildren.

16 It came from the environment,
17 unfortunately, it came from the environment.

18 So, before we enact laws and rules
19 against an arbitrary age, I mean, why didn't
20 you make it fifty years of age?

21 Think about those men and young boys
22 and girls fighting overseas when they come
23 home in uniform at twenty years old.

24 They go to a store, sorry, I can't
25 sell you a pack of cigarettes and, yet, they

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1 were in Afghanistan fighting a war.

2 It will do nothing except create a
3 huge black market where people will make
4 money.

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5 It will not cure cancer.

6 It will not limit people from smoking.

7 People who smoke will find a way to
8 get that cigarette.

9 Haven't we learned from the drug laws
10 that we past in this law?

11 We have a big epidemic heroin problem
12 and things.

13 Every time we pass a law against
14 taxpayers, the criminal says, thank you,
15 government, you just made me more money.

16 Think before we enact.

17 Think about those young boys and girls
18 fighting, men and woman fighting overseas
19 when they come home in uniform at the age of
20 twenty that the store will say, sorry, I
21 can't sell you a pack of cigarettes.

22 And, not only that, how do you enforce
23 something like that?

24 How do you enforce that?

25 And, think ab out the criminal saying

1 Thank you.

2 Let's be proactive, you know what the
3 Town of North Hempstead wants to do.

4 Let those young legally come into
5 Nassau County come and spend the money in our
6 stores.

7 I think this is wrong.

8 I say it as a cancer fighter, right,
9 now, this will not do anything at all except
10 create a black market.

11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

13 Michele Gerval?

14 Good Morning. Name and address for
15 the record, please.

16 MICHELE GERVAL: Good Morning. My
17 name is Michele Gerval.

18 I am from the American Heart
19 Association.

20 And, I feel, um, very opposite of what
21 this gentleman just said.

22 Um, thank you very much, Supervisor
23 and Town Council for this opportunity to
24 provide testimony regarding the proposed law
25 addressing tobacco control in the Town.

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1 The American Heart Association is - -
2 and the American Stroke Association is the
3 Nation's oldest and largest voluntary
4 organization dedicated to building healthy
5 lives from cardiovascular disease and stroke.

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6 Our mission is imperative as those
7 diseases remain our Nation's Number 1 and
8 Number 5 causes of mortality.

9 Stroke is the leading cause of
10 disability.

11 Efforts to prevent these diseases and
12 improve patients are pivotal concerns as we
13 meet our 20-20 goal; twenty percent
14 improvement of cardiovascular health for all
15 Americans, um, and twenty percent reduction
16 in cardiovascular disease and strokes and
17 deaths.

18 New York State has continuously led
19 others in the pursuit of quality tobacco
20 programs and has been instrumental in both
21 reduction and prevention of smoking for
22 adults and youths.

23 However, smoking still remains a
24 serious health issue for all of our community
25 and there is no question that tobacco

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1 products are harming our youths.

2 American Heart Association is an
3 evidence-based organization.

4 Important facts; seventy-three
5 thousand New York State High School students
6 currently smoke.

7 Ten thousand six hundred youth
8 underage become new-daily smokers every year.

9 Tobacco youths still persists as the
10 leading preventable cause of heart disease
11 and stroke in our country.

12 Ninety-nine percent of all adult
13 smokers report that they started smoking
14 before the age of twenty-five.

15 And, half of them became regular
16 smokers by their eighteen birthday.

17 If a youth reaches the age of twenty-
18 one, youth smoking, the chance of them doing
19 so plummets to two percent.

20 And, the Institute of Medicine IOM
21 Report in 2015 released found that tobacco
22 use was decreased by twelve percent by the
23 time today's teenagers were adults if the
24 minimum of age of sale was increased to
25 twenty-one years.

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1 In New York State alone, more than
2 half a million New Yorker's live in serious
3 smoke, cause illnesses and disabilities
4 resulting in about 8.17 billion dollars in
5 health care expenditures annually.

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6 It is estimated that roughly twenty-
7 five thousand four hundred people die
8 annually in New York State from tobacco-
9 related diseases.

10 Studies have shown that raising the
11 tobacco age to twenty-one will have a
12 substantial positive impact on public health
13 according to a 2015 report by the Institute
14 of Medicine, raising the tobacco sale age
15 will significantly reduce the number of teens
16 and young adults who smoke, who start smoking
17 will reduce smoking-caused deaths and
18 immediately improve the health of our young
19 adults and young Mothers who will be deterred
20 from smoking as well their children.

21 Some have made the assumption that
22 raising the age is unfair to those in the
23 Military; if you serve our Country at
24 eighteen, you should be able to buy
25 cigarettes at eighteen.

1 This argument, while a valid concern,
2 implies that smoking is a right and a
3 privilege as opposed to an addiction and a
4 societal burden.

5 In August, 2014, the Department of
6 Defense released a statement condemning the
7 use of tobacco for all Military personnel
8 stating that in the coming decade one hundred
9 and seventy-one thousand of personnel
10 currently serving are likely to die
11 prematurely due to tobacco use.

12 We know that tobacco use is
13 contributing factor to developing cancer.

14 Also, there are many other health-
15 related consequences and so, it is something
16 that we do really need to concentrate on as a
17 public health service.

18 The way I look at it, just as we leave
19 nobody behind at the combat zone and we
20 expect every effort to save the life of our
21 battle buddy that is on our right and on our
22 left, we need to do the same with tobacco
23 use.

24 In 2015, Hawaii became the first State
25 to raise the tobacco age to twenty-one.

1 And, since, then, two hundred and
2 twenty-six Cities including Kansas City,
3 Chicago, Cleveland, Boston and San Francisco
4 have followed suit.

5 In New York State, New York City,
6 Albany, Chappaqua, Cortland, Orange,
7 Schenectady, Suffolk, Sullivan Counties and
8 the Town of North Hempstead on Long Island
9 has past their own local law.

10 And, we believe it is necessary for
11 the Town of Hempstead to do so.

12 The American Heart Association's
13 believe it is reasonable to focus our
14 attention on this policy - -

15 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
16 After, the following ensued.)

17 MICHELE GERVAL: - - Strengthen our
18 efforts and build upon the existing science
19 in support of tobacco company control
20 policies, specifically of addressing the rate
21 youth smoking by redefining the legal age to
22 purchase these products at twenty-one.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Michele, I
24 want to thank you for your comments and all
25 the hard work you and Kathy Lynch and the

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1 Board at the American Heart Association
2 have done.

3 I have been a long-time private
4 supporter of the American Heart Association
5 and I want to also thank you for all the work
6 you have done educating women on the unique
7 risk that they face with heart disease.

8 So, a heartfelt thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I want to join
10 in that accolade, as a parent of a child who
11 has a serious heart condition, I applaud all
12 the work that you do and all the Members of
13 the American Heart Association to improve
14 people's health.

15 Thank you so much.

16 MICHELE GERVAL: Thank you so much.
17 Thank you very, very much for introducing
18 this bill.

19 It is very, very important.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I was happy to
21 sponsor the legislation and I am very happy
22 that you came here today to share your
23 thoughts.

24 If you could make your statement apart
25 of the record, give it to the Clerk to be

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1 made a permanent part of the record.

2 Thank you very much for all your hard
3 work.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I
5 certainly thank you as a person who has
6 worked in health care for many, many years.

7 I have seen the devastation that
8 cigarettes cause and not only that, I seen
9 many youngsters that go into stores around,
10 here and they buy cigarettes.

11 Cigarettes are so expensive. They buy
12 cigarettes instead of buying food.

13 I thank you for all the work you have
14 done and keep it up.

15 MICHELE GERVAL: Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
17 much.

18 Okay.

19 Name and address for the record.

20 CAROL MESCHKOW: Good Morning,
21 Supervisor, Town Council: Carol Meschkow.

22 Nassau Tobacco Action Coalition of
23 Long Island. TAC is one of twenty-five
24 community Grants funded by New York State

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1 Department of Health and we are located out
2 in Hauppauge.

3 And, first of all, thank you for this
4 opportunity for this educational point
5 because I think the research is clear out
6 there.

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7 Tobacco use is the number one cause of
8 preventable deaths in the United States
9 killing more than four hundred and fifty
10 thousand individuals each year.

11 The Surgeon General concludes that
12 there is no safe level of second-hand smoke
13 alarmingly.

14 The Surgeon General also calls smoking
15 a pediatric epidemic.

16 Each day three thousand two hundred
17 youth in the U.S. under the age of eighteen
18 become daily smokers and almost one third
19 will die prematurely from smoking.

20 Tragically, our impressionable youth
21 are often referred to by the tobacco company
22 lobbyists as "replacement smokers."

23 Approximately, ninety-six percent will
24 start before the age of twenty-one.

1 Our brains are uniquely vulnerable to
2 the effects of nicotine.

3 The younger the age, the greater the
4 risk of nicotine addiction.

5 Tobacco companies place most of their
6 advertising in stores where seventy-five
7 percent of teen-agers shop, at least, once a
8 week with stores located much more
9 predominately near schools obtaining nearly
10 three times the amount of tobacco aids.

11 Raising the purchase age will keep the
12 sale out of the reach of High School
13 students.

14 It is a fact that the brain doesn't
15 fully develop until the age of twenty-five,
16 affecting areas like critical-decision
17 making, controlling impulses and addiction.

18 According to the CDC, 2.3 million High
19 Schoolers and six hundred and twenty thousand
20 Middle Schoolers are currently using these
21 devices.

22 The benefit of "tobacco 20" have been
23 addressed State-wide by policy in several

24 States as mentioned before and so many
25 jurisdictions, um, in fact, it was just also

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1 passed besides the Town of North Hempstead,
2 the Village of Williston Park.

3 Smoking is harmful to every organ in
4 the body and young people who smoke are at
5 risk of immediate problems, such as,
6 increased blood pressure, asthma and reducing
7 lung growth.

8 If current trends continue today, 5.6
9 million of today's youth will die prematurely
10 from a smoking-related illness.

11 So, I will thank you for the
12 opportunity to speak.

13 We are no strangers, here.

14 We worked with you on tobacco at Parks
15 and beaches.

16 I see Dorothy look at me. I am going
17 to switch hats and, now, I am Michael.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
19 Michael.

20 (Whereupon, Carol Meschkow read
21 Michael Sulbach's prepared remarks into the
22 record as follows:)

23 CAROL MESCHKOW: (READING)

24 "My name is Michael Sulbach and I am
25 Vice-President of Public Policy and

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1 "Communications for the American Lung
2 Association in the Northeast.

3 "I apologize I am unable to join you
4 for these remarks.

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5 "Um, as part of the oldest voluntary
6 organization in America, our mission remains
7 to save lives by improving lung health and
8 preventing lung disease.

9 "We strongly support the minimum age
10 or the sale of all tobacco products to twenty
11 years old.

12 "The National Academy of Medicine
13 found that increase in the minimum age of the
14 sale of tobacco products to, at least, twenty
15 years will significantly reduce the youth
16 tobacco use and save thousands of lives.

17 "Almost ninety-five percent of adults
18 start by the age of twenty-one.

19 "A recent report from the National
20 Academy of Science found that raising the
21 minimum age to legally purchase to twenty-one
22 years old is significantly reducing smoking
23 rates.

24 "The report declares tobacco-21 can
25 prevent two hundred and twenty-three deaths

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1 "among people born from 2000 to 2009
2 including fifty thousand fewer dying from
3 lung cancer, the Nation's leading cancer.

4 "The Public Health Report indicates
5 raising the minimum age of legal access to
6 tobacco products concludes that tobacco use
7 would decrease by twelve percent by the time
8 teen-agers were adults if the minimum age
9 were increased to twenty years old.

10 "Smokers eighteen and nineteen years
11 old are major suppliers for younger students
12 who rely on friends, classmates and peers to
13 buy their tobacco products.

14 "Since students do not typically reach
15 twenty-one years old while still in High
16 School, increasing the age of sale greatly
17 reduces the number of High School students
18 who purchase tobacco products.

19 "Increasing the age of sale of tobacco
20 to twenty-one will help counter the tobacco
21 industry's efforts to target young people at
22 a critical time when they move from
23 experimenting traditionally to regular
24 smoking.

25 "The tobacco industry needs a new

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1 "generation to stop using deadly products
2 and they will not stop in their marketing
3 efforts to develop new products, such as, e-
4 cigarettes that appeal to young individuals.

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5 "More than one in four kids in High
6 Schools in New York are using tobacco
7 products.

8 "So, as it was stated before, already,
9 Hawaii, California have passed Statewide
10 laws, as we consider New York, but we can't
11 afford to wait for what may or may not happen
12 in Albany."

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

15 CAROL MESCHKOW: I thank you. When
16 you are all finished with all the other
17 speakers if it is possible, I am here with a
18 separate organization.

19 We have ninety seconds worth more to
20 say, if I can come back if, when you finish.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: In the interest -
22 -

23 CAROL MESCHKOW: I will turn it in.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Hand it in to the
25 Clerk and we will make it part of the record.

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1 CAROL MESCHKOW: I just like to say as
2 a concerned citizen the Old Bethpage
3 community is here and they are highly in
4 support of the passage of this legislation.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
6 much.

7 CAROL MESCHKOW: Thank you very much.
8 I apologize for speeding through it.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You did it very
10 eloquently and we thank you for being here.

11 Okay, that is the last slip on this
12 particular subject.

13 Is there anyone else that would like
14 to be heard on this matter before the Town
15 Board?

16 One time each, sir.

17 No one else speaking new?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
19 Supervisor, I move that we close the Public
20 Hearing and move to adopt the Resolution.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I 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?

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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 Local Law Re:

17 "Prohibiting disorderly conduct" (To add new

18 Paragraphs E and F to Section 163-32 of

19 Chapter 163 of the Code of the Town of

20 Hempstead)

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there

22 anyone that would like to be heard on this

23 matter?

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

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6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I 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 Local Law
2 entitled "Notice of Violation" in relation to
3 modified notice requirements for remediation
4 of certain chronic sanitation and property
5 maintenance violations on private property
6 (To amend Section 128-62 of Chapter 128 of
7 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there being
13 none, I will accept a motion.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
15 Supervisor, I move this Resolution be
16 adopted.

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
18 motion.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
8 Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
11 please.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Revised Public
13 Parking Field Maps in OCEANSIDE, WOODMERE
14 (Fields 0-1, 0-3, 0-12, W-1)

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

17 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

18 After, the following ensued.)

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

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
22 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
23 closed and the proposed Map be adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
25 motion.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

10 Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

15 Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

18 please.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed recommendation

20 for Historical Landmark - UNIONDALE- 650

21 Nassau Road - LANDMARK PRESERVATION

22 COMMISSION (SOLDIERS AND SAILORS MONUMENT IN

23 THE GREENFIELD CEMETERY)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Mr.

25 Saltzman.

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1 THOMAS SALTZMAN: Thomas Saltzman,
2 Wantagh, New York.

3 Good Morning, Supervisor Santino,
4 Honorable Town Board Members:

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5 I am appearing before you, today, as a
6 Member of the Town's Landmarks Preservation
7 Commission to ask your consideration in
8 granting landmark status to the Soldiers and
9 Sailors Monument that is located in the
10 Greenfield Cemetery.

11 My personal interest in this endeavor
12 came about as a result of searching EBAY for
13 postcards depicting historic buildings or
14 locations within the Town.

15 This postcard of the monument dates
16 from 1806 was a stimulating factor in this
17 location.

18 The next four photographic views of
19 the statute have been provided courtesy of
20 Cindy Mazsearski of the photo section of DGS.

21 I think they do an excellent job of
22 depicting the statute.

23 A search of Town records provides
24 information on how this monument came to
25 being just one month before the annual

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1 Town Meeting of April 18, 1887.

2 A petition from DBP Mock 527 of
3 Freeport and Moses Baldwin Post 544 of
4 Hempstead was filed in the Town Clerk's
5 Office, the petition was a compassionate plea
6 by these two grand Army of Republic Posts
7 asking the Town Board to have a Resolution
8 authorizing the appropriations of twenty-five
9 hundred dollars for a monument to appear on
10 the April Meeting agenda.

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11 A transcription of this petition is
12 located at the end of your packet for easy
13 reading.

14 The results of voting on that
15 Resolution was eleven hundred and fifty-six
16 votes for and three hundred and twelve votes
17 against.

18 The Town Board Minutes show on May 9,
19 1887, the Supervisor appointed a committee to
20 oversee the matter of erecting a monument in
21 Greenfield Cemetery in memory of deceased
22 soldiers who fought in the War of the
23 Rebellion.

24 Surprising, there is no mention in the
25 Town records of the dedication of this

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1 Memorial but an excerpt of an article in
2 the Nassau County Review dated November 27,
3 1914 indicates that it was dedicated at the
4 cemetery on May 23, 1888.

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5 The next mention of the monument in
6 Town records come from the Board of Town
7 Orders at a meeting in November of that year
8 showing that the Town Clerk, Thomas Smith was
9 paid five dollars for preparing the
10 inscription on the monument plaque.

11 And, finally, an entry in Supervisor
12 Morton Wood's account book shows payment of
13 twenty-five hundred dollars to the New
14 England Monument Company, as a way of
15 indicating Hempstead's involvement with the
16 War.

17 I have included a copy of the census
18 book from the State of New York from 1865,
19 the year in which the War ended, highlighting
20 the years 1860 to 1865.

21 In 1860, the year before the start of
22 the War, the Town's population was twelve
23 thousand three hundred and seventy-five.

24 In April, 1865, the population was
25 eleven thousand seven, sixty-four.

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1 Again, records have been listed in the
2 Town Clerk's Office to indicate during the
3 War, the total number of enlistments of both
4 soldiers and sailors was eleven hundred
5 eighty-four.

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6 Now, my math is the worst subject in
7 the World but I think the numbers indicate
8 that, at least, a large percentage of
9 residents of the Town of Hempstead served
10 during that War.

11 Um, now, we talk about the monument,
12 itself, the bronze statute was sculpted by
13 Karl Gerhardt in 1881.

14 It was cast in bronze at AMES Bronze
15 Factory in Chesapeake, Massachusetts.

16 Besides supplying most of the cannons
17 and swords used in the Civil War, the AMES
18 Company was noted for casting the doors to
19 the East Wing of the Nation's Capitol and for
20 the equestrian statute of George Washington
21 located in Union Square Park in New York
22 City.

23 Perhaps most notable in Gerhardt's
24 biograph that his formal art training was
25 paid for by Mark Twain.

1 He did manage to produce an impressive
2 amount of sculptures in his career, as well
3 as, several monuments located at Gettysburg.

4 The intrigue of this application comes
5 when we look at Gerhardt's other Civil War
6 monuments.

7 I wish I could tell you that our
8 soldiers was a unique piece of art but the
9 search of highlighted monuments in Deposit,
10 New York, Hoboken, New Jersey and Brooklyn,
11 Connecticut finds us looking at the same
12 bronze soldier.

13 The only uniqueness with all memorials
14 is the pediment that the soldier stands on.

15 Each is unique in that sense.

16 The only information I was able to
17 find about the AMES Bronze Foundry was in the
18 archives of American Art in the Smithsonian
19 Institutions.

20 There is, approximately, eleven pages
21 documenting the course of several monumental
22 projects, as well as a few pages showing the
23 price of a certain casting which might
24 indicate there were catalog sales of the
25 company and our soldiers might have been

1 purchased through a catalog.

2 Unfortunately, I have been unable to
3 find any records of the monument company.

4 Be that as it may, our soldier has
5 stood a silent vigil in Greenfield Cemetery
6 for one hundred and twenty-eight years.

7 When he was one hundred years old, the
8 Town Board passed a Resolution for work to be
9 done by the Gettysburg Restoration
10 Preservation Association.

11 Not only has he been overseeing the
12 remains of those buried in the cemetery that
13 served in the Great War, but in a sense have
14 served as a center of looking at all that
15 have been buried there.

16 My distinguished colleague on the
17 Landmarks Commission, Dr. Paul Van Wie has
18 published what might be considered a
19 compilation of buildings and places in
20 Hempstead which are or should be landmarked
21 and our landmark has garnered a page in that
22 book.

23 If granted, this monument would become
24 only the third Town landmark by the Town
25 after Rock Hall and our Town Hall.

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1 This Nation has tremendous history
2 memorializing those that have fought and
3 given their lives in defense.

4 I am hopeful that this Board will
5 grant landmark status to our memorial thereby
6 ensuring existence well into the future.

7 Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
9 much, Mr. Saltzman.

10 Joseph Hervan?

11 JOSEPH HERVAN: My name is Joseph
12 Hervan. 117 Old Farm Road in Levittown.

13 I am with the Baldwin Sons Veterans of
14 War.

15 All of our members have ancestors that
16 fought in the Civil War.

17 One of the things we do, we go around
18 and try to locate the location of graves, the
19 soldiers that died.

20 And, we recently did Greenfield
21 Cemetery and we didn't have a lot of time to
22 spend there.

23 We did a short time and we found out
24 there is eighty-four soldiers buried there
25 and, um, one of them actually of the eighty-

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1 four is Moses Baldwin, our namesake.

2 His grave is a stones throw from the
3 statute.

4 Um, the G.A.R. Moses Baldwin Camp,
5 G.A.R., we are directly descendants of that
6 camp that helped erect this statute back in
7 1888.

8 When G.A.R guys all died off, they
9 formed the Sons of Veterans of War and, um,
10 all I can say is on Memorial Day, we go there
11 and lay wreaths, our camp and also
12 organizations, American Legion and I think
13 the Town of Hempstead, they lay wreaths at
14 the Statute.

15 I think it is very important, like the
16 other gentleman said, that we preserve this,
17 the memorial of the soldiers that fought and
18 died to save the Union.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.
20 Thank you very, very much for coming in,
21 today.

22 Marjorie Peters?

23 Hi, how are you?

24 Name and address for the record?

25 MARJORIE PETERS: My name is Marjorie

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Peters.

I come from a family ancestors that are military and, um, a week ago, I got a call from a cousin who informed me that he had been researching our genealogy and told me that we have many family members who were buried in Greenfield Cemetery that fought in the Civil War.

My Father, my uncles, my brothers, my husband's Father all fought in WW2, Vietnam and Korea and, um, and I became very interested in what my husband shared with me and I did some research myself.

And, the very next day in NEWSDAY was the, um, the article on "Nod to History" regarding what we are here for, today, talking about this.

And, I have pictures of the, um, family members, um, who are buried in Greenfield, some I found of the same family are also buried in Gettysburg and also in the National Cemetery.

So, I find it very important. I am here on a very personal note.

Nothing official but, I find it, um

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1 very important that we preserve, um, the
2 history of our Nation and of our Town and
3 Country.

4 And, um, so, I am here to say that,
5 um, I hope that this Soldiers and Sailors
6 Monument gets landmark status.

7 And, I thank you and I appreciate the
8 opportunity to come here and give my
9 thoughts.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
11 much.

12 Ellen Morrison?

13 ELLEN MORRISON: Good Morning, Mr.
14 Santino and Council:

15 I am here to designate the Denton
16 Homefront as a local landmark.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
18 for the record.

19 ELLEN MORRISON: My address is 60
20 Denton Avenue in East Rockaway.

21 Believe it or not, in two hundred and
22 twenty years, I am only the third owner of
23 the home.

24 Denton Homestead is an 18th Century
25 Colonial.

1 It was actually built as a tavern in
2 1795.

3 And, Oliver Denton purchased the home
4 in 1808.

5 The architecture is absolutely
6 beautiful.

7 It is a one and a half story, um,
8 private home.

9 It has got a front porch, that is just
10 absolutely gorgeous.

11 The house has been moved three times
12 since it was originally built and it came to
13 rest where it is right, now in 1924.

14 Um, the property also has a beautiful
15 carriage house.

16 It is on an acre of property.

17 The house has hand-carved mantels and
18 tapan windows.

19 I am going to talk from my heart.

20 I am not going to read all of my
21 paperwork.

22 I grew up in East Rockaway.

23 And, I love this home my whole entire
24 life.

25 And, you look at it and you see the

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1 antiquity and the charm of it all.

2 And, the Dentons were such a permanent
3 family.

4 They helped shaped the community.

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5 Dell Denton, he was Fire Chief until
6 he was eighty years old.

7 They provide a vital role in the
8 community.

9 You walk in the home, you have to
10 think where the Hewletts gathered after
11 church and the Daisies gathered after church
12 and they went in the pallor and all gathered
13 for tea.

14 I think it is a shame that all
15 historical landmarks are being torn down.

16 Davison was torn down. Skippy's Bay
17 Shop was just torn down.

18 Very short and sweet, this morning, I
19 just want to designate it as a landmark
20 because I don't want it to be torn down.

21 A contractor is going to move it and
22 rip it down and build three houses.

23 It is happening all over Town and, um,
24 you know, I just want to do the Dentons
25 proud.

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1 They shaped our community, you know.

2 I just want to save their home.

3 Um, I think Dell Denton would really
4 appreciate it because all the spirits are
5 there and I see them.

6 I want to preserve it as a national
7 landmark, very simple, not official, just
8 homeowner that lives there.

9 It is still from the heart but I love
10 it.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Ms.
12 Morrison.

13 Thank you for sharing your thoughts
14 and thank you for the love of the community.

15 ELLEN MORRISON: You're welcome.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, I believe
17 we have a Motion and a second.

18 Anyone else on the East Rockaway
19 property that wants to speak.

20 So, we have a motion and a second on
21 the Uniondale Soldiers and Sailors Monument.

22 I need a Motion, now on the Soldiers
23 and Sailors Monument.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
25 Supervisor, I propose we close the Public

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1 Hearing and pass this Resolution.

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 and
15 it is one of the to preserve and it is so
16 important and I do visit that monument every
17 year, especially during Memorial Day.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk, just
24 for the record and the right order, would
25 you, please, call the next item.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Yes, Supervisor.

2 Proposed recommendation for Historical
3 Landmark - EAST ROCKAWY - 60 Denton Avenue -
4 LANDMARK PRESERVATION COMMISSION (DENTON
5 HOMESTEAD)

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We heard from Ms.
7 Morrison, the owners of the property.

8 There is no one else that indicated
9 that they wanted to speak on that matter.

10 I need a Motion on the Denton
11 Homestead.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
13 Supervisor, I move we grant it.

14 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
15 Motion.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
25 Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed renewal
10 contract for furnishing fire protection
11 services within the EAST LAWRENCE FIRE
12 PROTECTION DISTRICT (LAWRENCE-CEDARHURST FIRE
13 DEPARTMENT)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
15 that would like to be heard on this matter
16 before the Town Board?

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

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

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
22 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the
23 contracting adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the 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 increase and
improvement of facilities of the FRANKLIN
SQUARE WATER DISTRICT - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have one
individual that asked to speak on this.
Mr. Felix Procacci?

FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
Barnes Street, Franklin Square.

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1 Um, what is the purpose for this?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Franklin Square

4 Water District is going to install electronic
5 water meters and the cost is 1.5 million
6 dollars and so rather than bear the cost all
7 in one year, they are asking that the Town of
8 Hempstead do a bond issue for it.

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9 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, um, how can the
10 public be assured that the money being bonded
11 is going to be spent entirely for the stated
12 purpose?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, if they don't
15 spend it on the electronic water meters, they
16 are going to be committing a crime.

17 And, so, the answer is they are going
18 to raise 1.5 million dollars.

19 They are going to install the
20 electronic water meters and there are State
21 audits that are done and that is the check on
22 the Water Districts and special audits.

23 They have State audits and the State
24 audit would find that out.

25 And, we would go from there.

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1 FELIX PROCACCI: Let's say the price
2 ended up being 1.2 million dollars, what are
3 they supposed to legally do with that three
4 hundred thousand dollars that was left over?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: In layman's terms,
6 not in the terms that the accountants and
7 comptroller would use, that money is
8 returned.

9 The bottom line is it cannot be spent
10 for any other purpose if it is raised for
11 electronic water meters, it should be used on
12 that.

13 Any balance is returned.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: When you say,
15 "returned" - -

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, that is the
17 question the comptroller maybe able to tell
18 them what happens with that extra money but I
19 know that they can't spend it and I know
20 either the bond is paid down, they don't
21 raise it.

22 I think they may not even raise the
23 amount of money if it comes out to 1.2, they
24 may not raise 1.2.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Conroy?

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1 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: If there are any
2 excess funds not expanded on the capital
3 funds, it goes to pay down debt services.

4 Be rest assured any money raised for
5 this project is exclusively for the project
6 and also in terms of how do we police it, our
7 auditors, they scrutinize it.

8 Rest assure that any money raised for
9 particular capital funds is spent for that.

10 FELIX PROCACCI: Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: May I have a
12 Motion, please.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
14 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
15 that the improvements be adopted.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
17 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: Proposed increase and
11 improvement of facilities of the WEST
12 HEMPSTEAD - HEMPSTEAD GARDENS WATER DISTRICT
13 - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
15 that would like to be heard before the Town
16 Board?

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

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

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
22 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
23 closed and that this proposal be adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
25 Motion.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

10 Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

15 Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino left

18 the meeting room. After, the following

19 ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The next item,

21 please.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Woodcrest

23 Village Park Associates to rezone from

24 "Residence CA" District to "CA-S Residence

25 District - OCEANSIDE - west side of Rockaway

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1 Avenue approximately 102.83 feet North of
2 the northwest corner of West Atlantic Avenue
3 and Rockaway Avenue.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Angle that a
5 little so the Public can see it a little bit.

6 Yes, that is good.

7 Okay, Counselor, Good Morning.

8 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: Good Morning.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
10 for the record.

11 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: Michael
12 Faltischek. 1425 RXR Plaza, Uniondale.

13 Good Morning, Supervisor Santino,
14 Member of the Town of Hempstead Council,
15 pleased to be before you with this
16 application for a change of zone from CA
17 Residential to a CA-S.

18 As the Board well know, CA-S intends
19 to provide for transit-oriented development
20 in the Town of Hempstead.

21 And, in this case, it is,
22 particularly, because of the circumstances
23 surrounding the site in question.

24 The site is a five-acre parcel in the
25 Town of Hempstead, as can be seen by video,

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1 the picture on the screen above that is a
2 GOOGLE Earth image from prior to Superstorm
3 Sandy which reflects residential apartments
4 that were on the site.

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5 You will also see the water area to
6 the North is Mill River which runs along the
7 northern portion of the property.

8 You will see the Long Island Railroad
9 tracks that is the Long Beach line runs along
10 the westerly portion of the property.

11 On the South it is actually South and
12 West, we have a supermarket site, a collision
13 shop, a gas station and Atlantic Avenue and
14 Rockaway Avenue to the East which is bounded
15 by single-family residences.

16 To the North, also, is the Town of
17 Hempstead Senior Housing Development.

18 Um, regrettably the site was
19 devastated during Superstorm Sandy and was
20 beyond repair.

21 The property has been demolished and
22 currently, if you take a look at the current
23 site, photographs of the area, you would see
24 the area, now, all of the housing that had
25 been there has been removed because of the

1 damaged caused.

2 The foundation still remains pending
3 application before this Board for CA-S
4 designation.

5 As the Board knows, in the Code, it
6 specifically provides that the intent of the
7 CA-S is to provide for higher density housing
8 near railroad stations and bus routes.

9 In this instance you can readily see
10 the visibility connection of Site 2, the
11 railroad station, itself, um, with the MTA
12 and provide direct access from the site of
13 individuals walking around to the area at
14 Atlantic Avenue.

15 Um, we are hopeful that the MTA will
16 accommodate the request.

17 In terms of the bus route, there is a
18 bus route that runs along the County roads,
19 Rockaway Avenue and Atlantic Avenue.

20 It is M-36 bus route.

21 It runs directly at Atlantic Avenue.

22 We are in proximity to residential
23 zoning which is one of the characteristics of
24 the CA-S zone, that it is somewhat of a
25 distance from it.

1 However, in this instance, we have a
2 situation where the site is originally used
3 for residential purposes and it doesn't
4 change the character of the neighborhood in
5 any way by waiving that specific
6 characteristics in this Board's
7 consideration.

8 In fact, the Board has in the past,
9 recognized that not necessarily all of the
10 characteristics of the CA-Z zone need to be
11 available.

12 I guess the prime example is Barnum
13 Island Apartments which is approved for CA-S
14 zone change is not directly in proximity to
15 the railroad station or the bus routes as
16 this site is.

17 In terms of the transit-oriented
18 development, itself, it is well known and I
19 took a recent article from Eric Alexander
20 that appeared in the Long Island Business
21 News discussing the benefits of transit
22 oriented developments and continuing support
23 we found in Nassau County for that.

24 (HANDING EXHIBIT TO CLERK AHMAD)

25 ATTORNEY FALTSCHKE: And, also I

1 would like to mark as an exhibit, provide
2 announcement fairly recently from the
3 Administration of the Nassau County
4 supporting new transit oriented developments
5 in Farmingdale and affording the continued
6 expansion of those developments.

7 And, finally, a September, 2016
8 article written by Mark Hammer, entitled
9 "Long Islanders Should Embrace Downtown near
10 Railroad Stations," that is the case in this
11 instance.

12 (HANDING IN EXHIBIT TO CLERK AHMAD)

13 ATTORNEY FALTSCHER: One of the
14 characteristics of CA-S zone is to address a
15 hardship situation.

16 Here we have a situation from a storm,
17 Superstorm Sandy which destroyed this
18 residential community.

19 It appears to be a hardship on the
20 property in terms of simply redeveloping it
21 in its current state and need for greater
22 density in order to provide for an allocation
23 of the significant capital cost in this new
24 development and to permit a reasonable remedy
25 to be available to the community.

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1 In terms of the applicant, itself, I
2 would like to introduce Joshua Feil, who is
3 one of the Members of the Feil Organization
4 which is sponsor of Woodcrest Village Parks
5 Associates, the applicant in this, to address
6 the applicant's capabilities in this area.

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

9 JOSHUA FEIL: Joshua Feil. 200 West
10 Mill Rock Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.

11 I am here, today, to represent the
12 Feil Organization.

13 The Feil Organization is a privately-
14 held third generation family owned operated
15 commercial real estate business.

16 For over sixty years, the Feil
17 Organization has developed, owned, managed
18 over twenty-eight million square feet of real
19 estate nationwide with the bulk of our
20 holdings in New York City and Long Island.

21 Our current residential holdings
22 consist of four thousand three hundred and
23 sixteen units nationwide of which three
24 thousand one hundred and eighty-seven are
25 located in New York and the Long Island

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Area.

Fifteen hundred of these units are located on Long Island including the proposed project.

We currently have two additional residential developments underway, totaling, approximately, three hundred and fifteen units.

We are long-term holders focused on multi-generational portfolio group and long-term capital reinvestment.

I have, here, a list of our holdings on Long Island which I will not read right, now, however, I will submit as an exhibit for the Town Board.

(HANDING DOCUMENT AS EXHIBIT TO CLERK AHMAD.)

JOSHUA FEIL: We have achieved our success by gearing to core principles which have been the foundation of our organization for six decades, the diversity of holdings to levy fickle trends, low debt to keep capital working for us and our clients and extensive expertise in managing and operating our own properties with our own staff.

1 These qualities, combined to make
2 elimination for most real estate companies.

3 We have owned this property since the
4 mid '70's and we continue to own, operate the
5 new building for many years to come.

6 We have assembled and stellar team of
7 architects and engineers to develop the
8 design project.

9 H2M Architects is in Melville, Long
10 Island based architecture firm dedicated to
11 the creation of the highest quality
12 buildings.

13 H2M has been in business for over
14 eighty years and practicing both architecture
15 and engineers.

16 Their nearly one hundred design
17 professionals deeply experienced in the
18 managing and design of residential and
19 hospitality buildings and retail structures
20 and multi-use complexes.

21 Our structural engineers is a well-
22 established and nationally-recognized
23 structural engineering firm established
24 almost thirty years ago that brings award-
25 winning creativity, innovation and

1 Experience and structural design to a wide
2 variety of project sites.

3 Culver Roman Consulting Engineers
4 offer professional engineering and design
5 services across the following major
6 disciplines; mechanical, electrical, plumbing
7 and fire protection.

8 We thank you for your time and
9 consideration.

10 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: Thank you, Josh.

11 In terms of the project, itself and,
12 of course, subject to site plan review, um,
13 and approval, I would like to introduce
14 Robert Ikes from H2M to discuss a little bit
15 about the current concept of what is proposed
16 to be built at that time in that connection.

17 Let me point out in CA-S zoning, the
18 proposal would be fully compliant.

19 They would be permitted up to two
20 hundred and sixty-six units on the site.

21 The proposal is not looking to take
22 maximum advantage of the site, quite the
23 contrary, we plan to stay below that limit at
24 two hundred and thirty-nine units proposed as
25 stated in the application.

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1 ARCHITECT IKES: Good, Morning,
2 Supervisor.

3 My name is Robert Ikes from H2M
4 Architects and Engineers, located primary
5 address 538 Broad Hollow Road, Melville, New
6 York, 11747.

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7 I am, here, today to provide the Board
8 with a general overview of the conceptual
9 design of this proposal.

10 As it was previously stated, this is
11 an approximate 5.0-acre site.

12 This project falls for full
13 development of that property.

14 Prior to the removal of the existing
15 buildings, these buildings were multi-story,
16 multi-family structures similar to what we
17 are proposing in this application.

18 As it was also mentioned, the intent
19 is to provide multi-family housing commuter
20 housing, housing for people to take advantage
21 of public transportation.

22 The Long Island Railroad located
23 immediately to the West, as well as the bus
24 route to the South.

25 People will be looking to take

1 advantage of that if we were to live, here.

2 The proposal will call for the full
3 development of the property.

4 What that should be is new site
5 circulation throughout, which will be
6 maintaining one point of access which is
7 similar to the previous development.

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8 However, what we are doing is we are
9 shifting that further North, North further
10 away from the intersection of Atlantic Avenue
11 and Rockaway.

12 In addition to that, we are providing
13 new parking accommodations with site
14 lighting.

15 We are doing a full new landscaping
16 plan with green space, new shrubs, new
17 ornamental trees.

18 You will see a composed site plan.

19 There you go, right there. (Indicating
20 to monitor)

21 This site plan will depict a layout of
22 the building and the property.

23 We are also providing new sub-surface
24 storm water service, fully capable of
25 capturing one hundred percent of the rain

1 water within the boundary of the property.

2 And, of course, a new elevated
3 structure.

4 This structure will be a four-story
5 building elevated to protect it from future
6 floods.

7 It will be provided with new modern
8 amenities.

9 The drawings filed with the Board will
10 show a total of two hundred and thirty-nine
11 units.

12 If you could cycle through to the
13 floor plan?

14 One more, one more and one more, okay.

15 (Indicating to monitor)

16 There is a total of two hundred and
17 thirty-nine units.

18 There is a mix of studio apartments.

19 These are sized at, approximately,
20 four hundred and seventy-three to four
21 hundred ninety square feet.

22 There are one bedroom units sized at,
23 approximately, seven hundred and twenty-five
24 square feet and two bedroom units sized at,
25 approximately, one hundred and thirty-one

1 square feet - - no, I am sorry, one
2 thousand thirty-one.

3 This is going to be a mix throughout
4 the three upper floors.

5 The ground floor will be primarily
6 parking.

7 However, we are also providing some
8 points of, um, access, convenience to the
9 residents in the form of a vestibule
10 throughout.

11 So, you have access to wings of the
12 building which also provide maintenance and
13 utility space on the ground floor.

14 I do want to stress to the Board, if
15 we were to be approved for the change of
16 zone, that this will be an as of right
17 application.

18 There will respect all zoning
19 requirements, one for permitted use.

20 The building will be in full
21 compliance on a number of stories, as well as
22 under the maximum allowable light from
23 finished grates.

24 The proposal calls for twenty percent
25 less in building coverage than what the Code

1 Stipulates as a maximum.

2 With regards to setbacks, at its
3 nearest point of the front yard, we are more
4 than 2.5 times the minimum along the side
5 yards, more than double what is required and
6 more than 1.5 times the minimum requirements
7 for the rear yard.

8 We are providing sufficient funding to
9 support the building and we are well under
10 the maximum allowable density than per acre.

11 The conceptual design is also
12 respectful of the neighbors.

13 The building, for example, is in such
14 a way that the short facades are closest to
15 Rockaway Avenue.

16 These are also, um, much further
17 setback than compared to the housing
18 development immediately to the North.

19 I mentioned the nearest point it is
20 more than 2.5 times the minimum on the North
21 portion of the property.

22 It is four times that, so, we are
23 providing nice open space along the street,
24 there.

25 The building architecture

1 incorporates a mansard roof structure.

2 You can see that depicted in the
3 rendering.

4 If you could put that up, please.

5 There you go. (Referring to documents
6 & operator of the monitor)

7 So, these are elevations, so, that
8 shows the general look of the façade.

9 There is a mansard roof that wraps the
10 entire building and what that is going to do,
11 that is going to provide any screening for
12 any rooftop-mounted equipment and it is also
13 going to control the noise.

14 So, the neighbors will not see or hear
15 any rooftop-mounted equipment.

16 The property will also hold fencing
17 along both sides and rear line.

18 And, this will provide to be mutual
19 and beneficial to the adjacent property
20 owners because it will provide some sense of
21 security.

22 We are also mindful of the fact that
23 the Long Island Railroad is immediately to
24 the West and there will be noise generated by
25 the railroad.

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1 So, we are currently exploring options
2 for the residents living there.

3 It will be a combination of
4 landscaping but it will be closely spaced or
5 densely spaced shrubs which will work in the
6 specifics of the actual building structure.

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7 Um, Rockaway Avenue is a County road,
8 so, we are working with the County.

9 They have been introduced to the
10 project.

11 They have been very receptive to the
12 project.

13 Overall, it has been positive feedback
14 from the County.

15 We have also been corresponding with
16 the Oceanside Sanitation District.

17 They have served this property in the
18 past and will continue to serve this
19 property.

20 They are familiar with the location.
21 We are working with them on site circulation
22 for their trucks and coming up with a plan
23 that will work.

24 We are also working with - -

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Excuse me, sir,

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1 it is anticipated sanitation would be
2 collected in a dumpster system, through a
3 dumpster system?

4 ROBERT IKES: Yes, we have also been
5 working with Nassau County Fire Marshal's
6 Office and the local Oceanside Fire
7 Department with regards to, um, site access,
8 their emergency vehicles to make sure we have
9 proper maneuverability for their fire
10 apparatus trucks and overall, we have been
11 going back and forth coming up with a plan
12 that works for them.

13 We have been accommodating and all the
14 requests we have been working through - -

15 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: Now, I would
16 like to mark as an exhibit a letter from H2M,
17 David Mammina actually met with the Nassau
18 County Fire Marshal and Oceanside Fire
19 District to view the site, the project and
20 confirms it meets the requirements of the
21 Code and the Fire District does, in fact, ask
22 for three hydrants to be added and they have
23 been incorporated in the project.

24 ROBERT IKES: Overall the feedback has
25 been positive from the Nassau County Fire

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Marshal's Office.

We have been doing our proper due diligence and I want to say, thank you for the opportunity to testify on behalf of the application and thank you for your consideration for the change of zone.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Counsel, does that conclude your presentation?

Are there any questions?

Are there questions?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I just have a few questions.

Obviously, a concern in the area, the traffic, as you probably know, there is currently a development underway, Davison Boatyard which falls into the Village of East Rockaway.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do you want to address the traffic issue?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I will wait to the end.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead, Counselor.

ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: So, turning to some of the project impacts, specifically,

1 the traffic, um, a traffic impact study had
2 been undertaken by H2M.

3 Um, we have a traffic report that has
4 been circulated and I would like to have
5 marked as an exhibit.

6 The traffic study concludes that being
7 a replacement for residential development, it
8 had been there, um, the impacts on the
9 traffic were deemed to be minimal and that
10 there would be no adverse effect as a
11 consequence.

12 We are aware that there is a
13 development to the South and West of the site
14 but, um, the traffic from this site would
15 flow out on the East at Rockaway and traffic
16 is likely to go North rather than East and
17 West on Atlantic.

18 Although people looking to go to
19 Oceanside to the shopping centers to the East
20 would be going in that direction.

21 Um, there is very minimal to the West,
22 East Rockaway Village, itself is a small
23 community and doesn't have that much in terms
24 of demand or a traffic flow supermarket which
25 is right there.

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1 The supermarket site is in walking
2 distance.

3 It is not likely anybody is going to
4 take a car.

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5 And, again, this is intended to be a
6 transit-oriented development where people
7 using trains going into Manhattan to work and
8 to other entertainment.

9 So, as concluded in the traffic study,
10 itself, there is minimal impact.

11 The numbers are all set forth in
12 analysis for the Board's review.

13 Um, second consideration often raised
14 is impact on local schools, um, we have - - I
15 would like to have marked as an exhibit a
16 study that had been done by the Housing,
17 Inc., based on the 2015 national survey and
18 U.S. Census American Community Survey which
19 concludes that there is roughly, um, an
20 average of only forty-one children for every
21 per hundred housing in the United States on
22 the average but, in fact, the experience here
23 on Long Island is quite lower.

24 Um, in fact, Avalon, which is in
25 Rockville Centre, I handled and represented

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1 both in the Avalon 1 and Avalon 2.

2 The impact on the schools for Avalon 1
3 is four hundred and thirty-nine units is
4 twenty-two school age children.

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5 So, the expectation, here is that it
6 would be twenty or less students for the
7 number of units in question.

8 Um, that would be reflected by the
9 number of limited number of two-family units
10 compared to studios and once, where there is
11 likely to be no school-age children, so, I
12 would like to mark that, as well.

13 (HANDING DOCUMENTS TO CLERK AHMAD.)

14 Finally, needless to say, there is
15 always an economic impact from developments
16 of this type.

17 We believe there would be favorable
18 additions to the community, um, a method of
19 overcoming damage caused by Superstorm Sandy.

20 And, again, we added density which was
21 the primary benefit from converting to CA-S
22 would allow the developer to allocate that
23 cost over a larger number of units and,
24 therefore, makes it more affordable than
25 otherwise might be if the number of units

1 were limited.

2 That concludes my presentation.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

4 Councilman D'Esposito?

5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Going back to
6 the traffic, I have conducted some sort of
7 comprehensive view of the traffic and the
8 study that you presented but it is a little
9 scary, someone who travels in that area
10 often, the traffic as it is, now, it is a
11 little tough.

12 I am a little concerned about adding
13 these units and, then, the development, like
14 I said, Davison's Boatyard, but it is
15 something that we will look at.

16 I know you mentioned that you are
17 going to move the point of access North to
18 alleviate traffic off Atlantic Avenue which I
19 think will help.

20 Like I said, we will review and go
21 from there.

22 One of the things you mentioned,
23 protecting those that are living there from
24 the noise, obviously, we are not going to be
25 able to eliminate totally the sounds of a

1 train coming down the tracks but what type
2 of fencing are you planning on surrounding
3 the property with?

4 ROBERT IKES: Currently, the concept
5 shows for an ornamental fence on the side
6 yard, we would go with more of a solid
7 fencing, a PVC fencing.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: A ten-foot PVC
9 fence would work best around the property,
10 like I said, we will not be able to eliminate
11 totally a passenger train coming down the
12 tracks, at least, we can do our best.

13 I think Councilman Hudes will address
14 the landscaping but one of the other things I
15 wanted to touch on, um, parking, what is your
16 plan of stickers?

17 Will there be a guard booth coming
18 into the property?

19 How do you plan just because,
20 obviously, it is close to the train station
21 and, um, the concern is the sharing of
22 parking?

23 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: I think it is
24 the intension of the developer to use
25 stickers for the tenants.

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1 Um, we considered a gate or guard
2 booth and one of the concerns we have is
3 backing traffic up into Rockaway, that would
4 be the case.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The
6 enforcement of those stickers - -

7 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: There will be
8 on-site Superintendent. It will be
9 enforceable. It will be towaway.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Twenty-four
11 hours a day?

12 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: Twenty-four
13 hours a day, yes and in terms of the sound,
14 just to comment, yes, during site plan
15 review, we would work with the Town to
16 develop the most cost effective sound-proof
17 method to protect the residents from the
18 noise as already pointed out from rooftop
19 equipment.

20 We have a mansard.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Councilman Hudes?

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Basically, the
23 building is setup in an "H" pattern, which I
24 think it is a great initial.

25 It looks like your entrance is into

1 the center of that "H".

2 I am just curious, looking at the
3 grass area, you have there, how do you get to
4 the North parking lot?

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5 There is nothing that goes around that
6 building.

7 ROBERT IKES: Well, when you are
8 looking at this particular plan, it is a
9 little deceiving.

10 Remember, this is an elevated
11 structure, so, you can actually circulate
12 underneath.

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Okay.

14 The other questions I have are on
15 landscaping.

16 In addition to the fencing, I see you
17 are about thirty-five - - I am not sure what
18 they are, arborvitaes or what they are, but
19 it would seem to me, in addition to the ten-
20 foot fence along the fence line, there, if
21 you planted a row of leafy Cypress that grow
22 very fast and very tall, it can add height to
23 that sound barrier of the ten-foot fence.

24 And, these will grow if you start out
25 at ten or fifteen-foot height and they will

1 grow that much higher and help to the sound
2 on that property.

3 Also, I don't see a comprehensive
4 landscaping plan but I would assume you are
5 adding more than just those thirty-five
6 shrubs that are shown there in some way that
7 you are adding color and other landscaping, a
8 comprehensive landscaping plan to this.

9 Just because it is near the railroad,
10 it doesn't mean it needs to look like it is
11 near the railroad.

12 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: During site plan
13 review the development of shrubbery and
14 plantings throughout the area would be
15 undertaken.

16 I would note that the area to the West
17 along the railroad tracks, which is green
18 right, now, that is intended as recreational
19 area, walking zone, benches to be an amenity
20 for the residents, so, soundproofing has been
21 proposed and the shielding are important to
22 maintain that recreational aspect.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: My comments
24 aren't specific to this project, I think it
25 is a good thing that the Town Board is

1 considering transit-oriented housing.

2 I think it is the future of Long
3 Island, the future of the Town of Hempstead,
4 that we have seen many, many young people
5 flea to other areas because we don't provide
6 the product that they want.

7 The white picket fence does not appeal
8 to everybody and to our young people.

9 They want to be close to
10 transportation.

11 They don't necessarily want a car.

12 They want to be able to walk to
13 restaurants, laundromat and the pharmacy and
14 I am glad that the Town is considering these
15 types of communities near our transportation
16 facilities because I think they can
17 revitalize the Town.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Can I ask
19 a question; where are the dumpsters located?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The dumpsters?

21 ATTORNEY FALTISCHEK: That is still
22 being discussed with the Sanitation District.

23 It was thought that it might be at the
24 southeast corner.

25 It would appear on that current

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drawing.

It is likely to be revised and put internally on Rockaway Avenue.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any other questions from any Members of the Board?

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

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Counselor.

We have one person that signed in from the Public, Rachel Somerson.

Good Morning and your name and address for the record.

RACHEL SOMERSON: My name is Rachel Somerson. 95 West Boulevard in East Rockaway, New York.

I am a resident of Bay Park.

I am also the Vice-President of the Bay Park Civic Association, so, I am here to speak on behalf of myself, as well as, the Bay Park Civic Association.

First thing, I would like to add to the record, I believe the M-36 bus route was recently cut from the Nassau County budget,

1 so, I don't think they can rely on that for
2 busing for their transit-oriented
3 development.

4 Um, Supervisor Santino and Councilman
5 D'Esposito, I know you are well aware of this
6 intersection that crosses the railroad
7 tracks.

8 I am certain that you have sat there
9 for more than ten minutes when one or two
10 trains come, especially, at rush hour and you
11 are backed up, at least, three traffic lights
12 deep waiting for the green light over and
13 over again, when you are down on Lawson, I
14 believe it is.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Lawson.

16 RACHEL SOMERSON: Right, the owner is
17 proposing two hundred and thirty-nine units
18 where there were approximately one hundred
19 units comparing the traffic from one hundred
20 units to two hundred and thirty-nine units, I
21 think it is a significant difference but
22 however, they are saying that their traffic
23 study is showing that it wouldn't be much of
24 a difference.

25 They are proposing four hundred and

1 twenty-one parking spaces.

2 That is a lot of traffic in and out of
3 that development.

4 I am certain that most of these people
5 will not be walking to do their shopping
6 because I have seen how our Town works and
7 how few people walk around to do their
8 shopping.

9 As it was pointed out across the
10 street, there are eighty-four units being
11 built by Eastwood Atlantic, LLC.

12 There was once a boatyard there with
13 very little automobile traffic.

14 So, now, you have to take into account
15 your two hundred and thirty-nine units and
16 the eighty-four units being built within, you
17 know, less than a mile of each other.

18 When the trains approach the East
19 Rockaway station, the arms for the railroad
20 tracks go down while the train is stopped and
21 often they stay down for two or three train
22 crossings, which can take, at least, ten to
23 fifteen minutes while you are stopped at the
24 red lights and the traffic buildings up.

25 I mean if that the Town is going to

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1 allow these extra residences, they need to
2 consider something, speaking with the Long
3 Island Railroad to determine if there is a
4 way that these trains can be directed better
5 so that they don't cross while you sit there
6 and wait for one and a second and a third
7 train or if there is any possibility of
8 elevated tracks to alleviate the traffic.

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9 I think that is all I have to say.

10 Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

12 Is there any other Member of the
13 Public that would like to address this
14 particular issue?

15 Sir, your name and address for the
16 record, please.

17 PATRICK NICOLOSI: Patrick Nicolosi.
18 450 Lucille Avenue, Elmont, New York.

19 All I want to say is I want to thank
20 Bruce Blakeman, Councilman Blakeman because
21 he is one hundred percent correct and I am
22 glad that the Town is on the forefront of
23 this thing.

24 We have to change our thinking.

25 The reason why I say that, we have

1 three well-educated children.

2 Um, and two of them, my son, who is a
3 Doctor owns a house, my middle daughter who
4 has children, also.

5 My youngest daughter, who is an
6 Attorney, works in Rockville Centre, I am
7 looking around with her and, um, there is
8 nothing.

9 It is really tough.

10 A lot of my kid's friends have left
11 Long Island.

12 Our educated children, Doctors, you
13 are talking Attorneys, Teachers, we have a
14 crisis, here.

15 We really, really do and I will
16 emphasize crisis, I mean, we have this house,
17 empty-nest house.

18 We are looking and I would love an
19 apartment where I can walk to stores, have
20 the transportation,

21 There is nothing for us, either, I
22 mean, some of the properties I am looking at
23 in Rockville Centre, one townhouse was six
24 hundred thousand dollars, seventeen thousand
25 a year for property taxes.

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1 I am willing to trade off that.

2 I am so happy that this Town is
3 finally on the forefront to keep our youth,
4 here.

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5 They are the ones going to pay our
6 taxes and we have a serious housing crisis,
7 not only for young people but for, you know,
8 fifty-five and older.

9 I happen to be sixty years old taking
10 care of the Seniors is a great thing.

11 We have to look at this thing
12 comprehensively.

13 We have to address the empty-nesters.

14 All my friends have left and some of
15 my friends left to go to New Jersey.

16 They couldn't find anything on Long
17 Island.

18 Some of my friends are in North
19 Carolina.

20 Some of my friends are in Arizona.

21 We are losing good people on Long
22 Island.

23 I know about the traffic. Our
24 population hasn't grown since 1970, um, we
25 peaked it at 1.5 million.

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1 We actually have gone down.

2 We have to fix our infrastructure.

3 So, I thank you, Councilman for
4 addressing that issue and I thank the Town
5 Board for finally addressing the issue of
6 housing.

7 It must be done.

8 Thank you.

9 I appreciate that.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
11 much.

12 Is there anyone else that would like
13 to address the Town Board on this matter?

14 DAVE HANSON: Yes.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
16 for the record.

17 DAVE HANSON: Dave Hanson. P.O. Box
18 7645 in Garden City, New York.

19 I really think that this is a good
20 step moving forward, um, for the Town of
21 Hempstead and Nassau County.

22 Um, we really need this type of, um,
23 apartment and what I really think, um, two
24 things that is, you know, is of concern, the
25 traffic that the lady speak about, so, if the

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1 Developer could do more study in traffic to
2 see how they could maintain the flow of
3 traffic, that would be good.

4 And, if they could contact the
5 railroad to slow down the trains when they
6 pass, at least, it could happen.

7 Um, this is something good for the
8 Town.

9 It is something good moving forward.

10 It is something good for the seniors.

11 The taxes are killing the seniors.

12 Seniors are losing their homes for
13 taxes when they finish paying for it and we
14 must, now, consolidate departments in the
15 Town of Hempstead to cut down in taxes and
16 let Hofstra start paying their share of taxes
17 and all of these people that are not paying
18 and I think we should start the argument of
19 getting rid of all Villages and just keep
20 Hempstead Village, the Town and Nassau
21 County.

22 And, if we get rid of the Villages in
23 Garden City, Nassau County would be a better
24 County, only have three agencies to watch.

25 And, I think that is a big part of

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1 the burden of the taxpayer in Nassau County
2 is the Villages and the Village, what it
3 does.

4 We pay them one hundred thousand, two
5 hundred thousand to do nothing.

6 Give them three cars to go home, like
7 they do in the Town, bring home cars.

8 It is a way to cut taxes down when we
9 pay for the cars, we pay for the wear and
10 tear on the cars.

11 I worked for the government, Port
12 Authority.

13 I couldn't take the cars home. I had
14 to drive my own car and park in the parking
15 lot.

16 I told Santino, I want no one to take
17 the car - -

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is this on the
19 particular matter?

20 DAVE HANSON: I am speaking - -

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please.

22 DAVE HANSON: I am for this
23 development because I heard a guy talk about
24 before that is what really gets me,
25 affordable housing is very good.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are in favor?

2 DAVE HANSON: I am in favor.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
4 much, Mr. Hanson.

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5 Is there anyone that would like to
6 speak on this matter before the Town Board?

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

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

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
12 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
13 closed and we reserve decision on this
14 petition.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
16 Motion.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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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: On the Decision
10 Calendar.

11 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino
12 entered the Hearing Room. After, the
13 following ensued.)

14 CLERK AHMAD: On the Decision
15 Calendar, Supervisor, we have the Application
16 of BOLLA MANAGEMENT CORP. for a variance from
17 provisions of "GSS" Ordinance to operate a
18 new convenience store at an existing gasoline
19 service station as well as area, sign and
20 parking variances - OCEANSIDE - southwest
21 corner of Long Beach Road and Alhambra Drive.

22 We have a companion case, Application
23 of BOLLA MANAGEMENT CORPORATION for a
24 variance from provisions of "GSS" Ordinance
25 to operate a new convenience store at an

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1 existing gasoline service station as well
2 as area, sign and parking variances -
3 OCEANSIDE - southwest corner of Long Beach
4 Road and Alhambra Drive.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, a Motion,
6 please.

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
8 make a motion to grant the decision.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
10 motion.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
16 Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino
24 recused himself from the vote.

25 Councilman Blakeman did not place a

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1 Vote on the application and was not present
2 for the Hearing application before the Town
3 Board. After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, next
5 Decision, please.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Application of 141F
7 REALTY, LLC to rezone from Residence District
8 "B" to Business District - BALDWIN - east
9 side of the northeast intersection of Grand
10 Avenue and Seaman Avenue.

11 Application of 141F REALTY, LLC or a
12 permit to include existing gasoline service
13 station within "GSS" District and install
14 four pump islands with one multi-product
15 dispenser per island, erect canopy over
16 proposed island and operate a self-service
17 snack shop in office area - BALDIWN-
18 northeast corner of Grand Avenue and Seaman
19 Avenue.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A Motion on these
21 two decisions.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move we
23 grant it.

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
25 Motion.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
6 Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

9 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
11 Sweeney?

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

13 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino
14 recused himself from voting. After, the
15 following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the
17 Administrative Calendar.

18 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative
19 Calendar - -

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Supervisor
21 I make a motion the decision be granted.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: This is on the
23 BOLLA matter, made a motion that the decision
24 be granted and seconded by Councilman Hudes,
25 so, we will vote, again on the BOLLA matter.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

8 Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

13 Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

15 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino
16 recused himself from voting on the Bolla
17 matter. After, the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the

19 Administrative Calendar.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Mr. Supervisor, on the

21 Administrative Calendar, I have Items 1

22 through 48.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.

24 Supervisor, I move the Administrative

25 Calendar, Items 1 through 48 with the

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1 Exception of Item 17 and 34 which I move to
2 be tabled.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
4 second?

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
7 I have a hand up Resolution establishing an
8 Inspector General to provide and independent
9 investigator named inspector general to
10 monitor and combat waste, corruption and
11 fraud.

12 I submit the hand-up Resolution to all
13 the Town Board Members and to the Town Clerk.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
16 Attorney.

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor,
18 Members of the Board:

19 Under our rules, the vote that we are
20 about to take is on whether or not this
21 matter should be considered an emergency
22 hand-up resolution on today's calendar and
23 not other merits of the item.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, on the
25 procedural question as to whether or not this

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1 should be considered as an emergency hand-
2 up, please call the roll.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Yes.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: No.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
12 Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: No.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
17 Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the
20 Administrative Calendar, Items 1 through 48
21 with the exception of items 17 and 34 which
22 has been moved to be tabled, so on that,
23 collectively, those items absent 17 and 34 I
24 will have a Motion, please.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:

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Supervisor, I move - -

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We did that and we have second, my mistake, okay, now, with respect to those items, there are people that wish to speak on items on the Administrative Calendar and Mr. Michael Faltischek, he did sign in on the Administrative, okay, no.

Mary Ellen Kreye?

MARY ELLEN KREYE: Good Afternoon.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon.

MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

My question - - um, I have several questions; one is on, um, the first item where the house is located or the two houses in Uniondale, please.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, on Number 1, Commissioner Rottkamp?

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

The two locations are 1022 Jerusalem Avenue in the Uniondale, that was an open and abandoned one-family dwelling and detached garage and the second one was 109 Smith Street for an open and abandoned one-family

1 Dwelling.

2 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

3 Um, I am asking, also, you keep an eye
4 on 754 Henry Street because that had a square
5 sign with the "X" on it, the red sign, it is
6 not to be entered.

7 There has been work done on it and I
8 know sometimes speculators fix up houses and
9 rent out that they don't own, so, I am hoping
10 you will keep an eye on it and check it out,
11 please; 754 Henry Street.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: What was
13 it?

14 MARY ELLEN KREYE: 754 Henry Street.
15 On the Bond issue, Number 24.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, hold on,
17 let me just get to it, okay, Number 24,
18 issuance of fifty thousand dollars in serial
19 bonds, got it.

20 MARY ELLEN KREYE: So, you have
21 several bond issue and only one of them
22 requires permissive referendum, could you
23 explain?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure, Mr. Conroy,
25 do you want to go through it.

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Mr. Conroy, where are you?

This is our Town Comptroller.

COMPTROLLER CONROY: Mr. Supervisor,
Members of the Board:

As it refers to permissible
referendum, I would like to refer to our Town
Attorney to explain the need for it.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There are some
outlays that raise bonds for that under State
law that requires a permissive referendum.

Some bond outlays do not, that is why
you see a difference, the specific items that
say subject to permissive referendum because
State Law, the Public Finance Law requires
it.

MARY ELLEN KREYE: Now, that is based
on the amount?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No, it is based on
the use of the funds.

MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

On the Item Number 29.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What we are doing
is we are entering into an agreement with
South Nassau Community Hospital at no cost to
taxpayers to provide sunscreen dispenser

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1 stations kiosks at all our Town beaches so
2 that the chance of someone comes to the beach
3 that day and has forgotten their sunscreen,
4 runs out of it, while they are there, that
5 sunscreen will be available for everyone.

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6 It is a preventive measure to help
7 people protect themselves from skin cancer.

8 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you, that is
9 very impressive, my compliments.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: On Item Number 36,
12 37?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: 37?

14 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Marriage Officer?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, from time
16 to time, under New York State Law the Town
17 Clerk and public designated representatives
18 have the ability to perform wedding
19 ceremonies and from time to time we add
20 people or remove people as circumstances may
21 necessitate.

22 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Oh, I see, thank
23 you.

24 I think that's it.

25 Thank you for your time.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

2 Andrea Weingarten?

3 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Good Morning - -
4 also, good afternoon.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon,
6 now, how are you?

7 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: My name is Andrea
8 Weingarten.

9 I have lived in the Town of Hempstead
10 thirty-two years, ever since I got married
11 and I have been working for the Town part-
12 time, first part-time and, then fulltime for
13 sixteen years.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your address for
15 the record, ma'am, I am sorry, please.

16 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: My address is 16
17 Annette Avenue, Merrick, New York.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

19 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Um, so, um, this
20 is the situation, um, I have been working in
21 my present - - I started out in the Town
22 and I have been in my present position for
23 eight years.

24 About two and a half, three years ago,
25 I did take the Civil Service test because I

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1 was - - I was under the understanding that
2 was a good way to get ahead and to get a
3 promotion.

4 I scored excellent on the test.

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5 I got a ninety-five and, um, I went
6 back to the scale house where I learned - -
7 the Oceanside scale house, the Merrick scale
8 house and, um, also, Commander for a while to
9 observe their operation over there.

10 Unfortunately, I received a letter in
11 the mail and it just arrived after business
12 hours on Friday.

13 And, the letterhead mentioned that I
14 would be - - my job would be eliminated and,
15 um, I was a little bit surprised but I did
16 all I could, yesterday with one day to go
17 before today's Board Meeting to try to get
18 some alternatives.

19 In the letter, there were none.

20 Um, I was hoping I could be kept on
21 the present job in the scale house where I
22 have been doing well as ambassador to the
23 Town, meeting all of the landscapers, all the
24 homeowners throwing out their garbage.

25 I try to make a positive contribution.

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1 I work with all the people and I am
2 good at this job.

3 I was really disappointed and upset
4 and did everything that I was able to do in
5 my, um, my one-day reprieve.

6 Um, I am asking, today, since I was
7 given short notice and it is really a
8 hardship, I don't know about medical
9 benefits.

10 I don't know what I am getting. All I
11 know is that I am losing a job that I had for
12 sixteen years.

13 So, I am respectfully asking, um, for
14 the Board not to approve this so that I can
15 fully look at all my options.

16 Um, like I said, I really hope to be
17 hired by the Town and I hope the Town does
18 the right thing and takes a closer look at
19 this.

20 And, I appreciate your time and
21 attention.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
23 Attorney, if you could?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: These decisions are
25 generally made on departmental

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Recommendations.

So, I would have to go to the Department and see what the circumstances are but, generally, these are made by departmental recommendations.

ANDREA WEINGARTEN: My point is I was given no options, just a full termination, so, that is Number 1.

And, Number 2, timing, it happened in one-business day.

To check into anything is really a hardship for me and my family and I was hoping to have an extension or be able to have a conversation and get down to the some of the facts and some of the issues regarding this since it is not based on merit.

I am doing my job well.

I have been doing a shift position including working Saturdays and I have been on that job for awhile, so, I was hoping to get some further answers and maybe a little extra time to talk to some people.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This would not be the place for us to discuss the circumstances surrounding this recommendation that the

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Board has from the Department.

So, the best thing I can say to you, we will look into it, talk to the Department and see whether or not some of - - discuss it with you.

We will get back to you.

Once, again, these are departmental recommendations.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very much.

Diane Madden?

DIANE MADDEN: I cannot believe you can make the statements that you do, Santino, about saving money when you're taking food off people's plates and yet, at the Animal Shelter, you take someone who allegedly was sexually harassing people, was abusing animals and you transfer him to another job, you're not only transferring him but you make him from a kennel person to a chief, giving him power to have control over other employees while you take away a job, um, I am sure that woman is depended on.

And, I am sure that if you look into her records, she probably doesn't have one

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1 Offense against her but no departmental
2 requests, what is that Mr. Ra?

3 Is that a Commissioner?

4 Is that your Chief of Staff?

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5 That is a pretty general statement.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, the
7 recommendations come from the Department.

8 It could be the Commissioner, the
9 Department Head. It could be a Deputy.

10 It comes from a Department.

11 DIANE MADDEN: Don't you think someone
12 should have to be identified who is taking
13 away someone's job that they have had?

14 These are the cutbacks that are on the
15 mailers that we pay for.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We are not going to
17 discuss personnel, especially a person who
18 just came up to us, that is saying they are
19 going to be excessed.

20 We are not going to discuss those
21 circumstances, here.

22 However, there was a letter. I would
23 imagine someone signed the letter, so, I
24 think there is a name attached to it but I
25 don't know who that is.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: My advice is get a very
2 good Attorney, that is my advice.

3 Um, I wanted to really talk ab out
4 that transfer from the Animal Shelter.

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5 It is about fifteen months late,
6 Supervisor Santino.

7 It took lawsuits and an audit.

8 It took an audit that took someone
9 that has harassed and mishandled the animals
10 all this time.

11 Um, Item Number 43, why is it that,
12 um, because this is kind of two sided.

13 It is a victory to have him away from
14 the animals and away from the cushy life he
15 had at the Animal Shelter.

16 He was taking over with a private
17 trailer and lunchtimes and things like that.

18 I understand you have your Behaviorist
19 that is using her sixty-dollar-an-hour, one
20 hundred and nine thousand dollar salary to go
21 out and pick up everybody's lunches at the
22 Animal Shelter but I can't blame her because
23 she deserves it.

24 She wanted this job to gain knowledge
25 in as an animal behaviorist.

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1 By the way, there is still no
2 programs.

3 There is still no classes.

4 There is no kennel enrichment.

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5 I have a question because we have been
6 trying to get for many, many months, now, the
7 footage out of the Behaviorist's trailer.

8 Is there a security camera, a
9 surveillance camera inside?

10 Mr. Bann (as heard) has been quoted
11 that there is a camera in there.

12 Is that true?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the
14 answer to that question.

15 DIANE MADDEN: Can you find out?

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I can ask the
17 question.

18 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, as far as, also,
19 um, I am wondering why that dog was - -
20 putting aside the fact that he was taken off
21 his own property and killed the next day, why
22 was he brought to the Farmingdale-contracted
23 Vet and not the Valley Stream Vet?

24 The Board just approved the Valley
25 Stream Vet.

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1 Why was that dog taken so far away
2 from his home to an outside Vet?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the
4 answer to that.

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5 DIANE MADDEN: Can you find out the
6 answer to that?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I will try.

8 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, um, I don't know
9 if the Board is aware but the bullying and
10 harassment of other volunteers is still
11 taking place at the Animal Shelter.

12 Um, there is a young woman with
13 special needs that is being targeted.

14 This was told to Mr. Denning but as
15 usual, Mr. Denning has not taken any action.

16 The code of conduct - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is this an Item
18 on the Calendar?

19 DIANE MADDEN: No, not at the moment.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Then, it is not
21 germane at this point.

22 DIANE MADDEN: I do have a slip in for
23 that.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are not at
25 that part of the meeting, yet.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: Okay.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Can I just answer?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead, sure.

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There is a camera
5 being installed.

6 The camera maybe there. It is not
7 operable, yet.

8 And, the other thing, why the dog was
9 taken to where it was taken to, the
10 circumstance, the medical condition was
11 better treated in the Farmingdale location
12 than in Valley Stream location.

13 DIANE MADDEN: Well, the dog was put
14 down within hours.

15 This is a specialty Vet.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is the answer,
17 you know, they don't know they are going to
18 put the dog down while they are rushing it to
19 the Vet.

20 The idea is to save the dog.

21 DIANE MADDEN: The idea is if you have
22 a dog that need urgent attention, you bring
23 it to the closest emergency Vet.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we are not
25 on an item on this calendar at the moment.

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1 DIANE MADDENZ: I would like to have
2 that on the record.

3 Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Felix Procacci.

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
6 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

7 Um, on Item 7, the personnel issues,
8 how does one go from a kennel worker, who I
9 imagine keeps the kennels clean and takes
10 care of the dogs and cats to a chief in a
11 traffic department?

12 I really never got that promotion
13 opportunity in my job career.

14 I just - - and I never saw anyone get
15 that opportunity.

16 So, how does that happen, a coo chief?

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, if
18 there is an opportunity for someone to move
19 up inhouse and there is a candidate for an
20 opening, it is departmental recommendations.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: A coo chief, a coo
22 chief; kennel worker one day and I am a coo
23 chief the next day.

24 So, you know, doesn't that sound
25 stupid to most people, here?

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1 Can anyone stand up and defend that?

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

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, that's it.

6 Um, on the bond resolutions, I would
7 like you to pause on all of them and think it
8 over because I know there is more coming down
9 the pike, if history repeats itself.

10 You need to look at what equipment you
11 are buying.

12 I mean, you don't detail this out in
13 any specific terms in these resolutions but
14 for the last three years, they have been
15 fixing the same pothole from and the guys
16 with the salt trucks which I kind of called
17 your office a couple of times.

18 They sleep around the corner from me.

19 They do nothing.

20 They pass over the same potholes.

21 Um, Commissioner Toscano wrote me six
22 years ago, they look for potholes in the
23 street, that is why these trucks patrol
24 around the Town.

25 They don't really do anything except

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1 waste a lot of gas and time when you look
2 at these bond resolutions, again, I would
3 like you to look at the equipment that would
4 allow them to properly fix potholes.

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5 I see you have a lot of road
6 improvements here.

7 Sometimes potholes need to be fixed
8 properly because when you put asphalt on it,
9 they pop right out when the blows come the
10 next year and so, you really need to look at
11 your bond resolutions.

12 They did a good job, you look at
13 Avenue and Lexington, they did a great job, a
14 few guys, they put a proper patch, like three
15 years, four years ago.

16 It is still there.

17 It hasn't cracked. They fixed the
18 pothole.

19 The ones are up from last year, they
20 are out the last time they came out the
21 following year.

22 It is never going to be fixed until
23 you fix it right.

24 So, these bond resolutions are very
25 important.

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1 We spend a lot of money on this light
2 equipment.

3 I don't know why we need equipment. I
4 see the guys driving around in trucks doing
5 nothing with this heavy equipment, you know,
6 five-ton trucks.

7 We need to look at this. Don't vote
8 on these bond issues.

9 Make sure you have proper equipment.

10 The truck is no good unless the guys
11 have the equipment to fix the hole properly.

12 Rip it out, make a nice patch, seal it
13 at the edges.

14 National GRID does a great job doing
15 it.

16 Don't vote on these bond resolutions
17 until you got a proper mix of what you are
18 going to purchase, so, you can do the job
19 correctly.

20 Thank you.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is it on the
22 Administrative Calendar.

23 Does anyone want to speak on the
24 Administrative Calendar, on a specific item
25 on this Administrative Calendar?

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1 We have a Motion and a second on the
2 Administrative Calendar.

3 What item? You didn't sign in.

4 (Whereupon, Dave Hanson calling out
5 from the audience, "14508" was heard.)

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Public Hearing,
7 you spoke on this.

8 We are passed the Public Hearing.

9 Call the vote, please.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye except 1139
14 which I recuse myself.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye, except
19 for 23 which I recuse myself.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

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Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes except for the following which I abstain, 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 21 and 24, 25, 26, 27, 30, 41, 42 which all require the expenditure of Town funds.

You may recall I abstained the last Town Board in a request we take a pause to make sure there are no conflicts of interest and all necessary safeguards are in place.

Today I am not aware of any special measures undertaken.

I am particularly saddened by this in light of item 21, part of the Grand Avenue RFP process, I remain fully committed to Baldwin.

(Whereupon, applause from the audience was heard.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we adjourn.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

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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.

(Whereupon, the April 25, 2017,
official meeting of the Hempstead Town Board
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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