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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

SEPTEMBER 19, 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 DUNNE

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

CLERK AHMAD

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK DIANA MULLER

TOWN ATTORNY RA

COMPTROLLER CONROY

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Welcome to our
2 regular Town Board Meeting.

3 We have a Public Hearing calendar,
4 Administrative Calendar and, then, the
5 public-comment session.

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6 At this time, before we begin, I would
7 like to call on Councilwoman Erin King-
8 Sweeney to lead us in the Pledge of
9 Allegiance.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Hand over
11 your heart.

12 (Whereupon, Councilwoman Erin King-
13 Sweeney led the Assembly in the Pledge of
14 Allegiance. After, the following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
16 much.

17 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call
18 the roll.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman

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D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald
X. Clavin?

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item on the
calendar, please.

CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
of Buildings to demolish and remove the one
and one half story wood frame dwelling with
attached garage and remove all litter and
debris from property - EAST ROCKAWAY (7
BAYVIEW STREET EAST) - North side of Bayview
Street East, 224 feet East of East Boulevard
- Department of Buildings.

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

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1 before the Town Board?

2 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

3 After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

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5 I will accept a Motion, please.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.

7 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be

8 closed and the decision be granted.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
10 the Motion.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

25 Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
3 please.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
5 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit
6 parking in Bellmore, East Atlantic Beach,
7 Franklin Square, Hewlett, near Island Park,
8 Merrick, South Hempstead, Uniondale, (To
9 amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of
10 Hempstead)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
12 that would like to be heard on this item
13 before the Town Board?

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

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

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

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
22 second?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second
24 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: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Parking or Standing Prohibitions," in
Baldwin, Elmont, Uniondale, near Westbury,
Woodmere (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code
of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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1 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
4 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
5 closed and the proposed local law be adopted.

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6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
7 motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

19 Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 "Arterial Stops" in Baldwin, near Cedarhurst,
3 near Island Park, Levittown, Oceanside,
4 Uniondale, West Hempstead, (To amend Section
5 197-5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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6 Supervisor Santino: Is there anyone
7 that would like to be heard on this matter
8 before the Town Board?

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

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thee being none,
12 I will accept a Motion, please.

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

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: 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: Councilman Dunne?

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
4 Goosby?

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 "Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of
13 schools" in Uniondale (To amend Section 197-
14 13 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
16 that would like to be heard on this matter
17 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 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
23 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
24 closed and the proposed Local Law be adopted.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the

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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: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed "Handicapped

parking on public streets" in near Atlantic

Beach, Baldwin, Elmont, Inwood, near

Lawrence, Merrick, Roosevelt (Scott Drive,

Exeter Street, Wellington Road, McClure

Avenue, Oakley Avenue, Belmont Boulevard,

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1 Bonta Street, Roosevelt Avenue, East Avenue,
2 Lippold Street, Ronald Place.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
4 that would like to be heard on this matter
5 before the Town Board?

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

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

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
11 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
12 the regulations be adopted.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
14 the Motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed lease amendment
10 for use of space on property & water tank in
11 the Levittown Water District - Levittown -
12 Wantagh Avenue, Department of Water (New York
13 SMSA Limited partnership d/b/a/ Verizon
14 Wireless)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have
16 Donna Casazza.

17 DONNA CASAZZA: Donna Casazza,
18 Hempstead, New York.

19 Um, the resolution says that there is
20 one time payment to Verizon wireless d/b/a,
21 two hundred and sixty-nine thousand, two
22 hundred and fifty-three dollars and forty-
23 nine cents and continues annual rent
24 increases.

25 How much are the annual rent

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1 Increases?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Those are not
3 payments to Verizon.

4 DONNA CASAZZA: No, I know they are
5 payments to the Town of Hempstead, to the
6 Supervisor, correct.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: To the Water
8 Department.

9 DONNA CASAZZA: No, it is to each - -

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Individual Water
11 District.

12 DONNA CASAZZA: Okay, so, great.

13 And, it says in that resolution
14 certain modifications to the communications
15 facilities will be done.

16 Do you - -

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: These are upgrades
18 to the cell towers because of technological
19 advances.

20 DONNA CASAZZA: At whose expense?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Verizon or whatever
22 cell company.

23 It is not at our expense.

24 They are leasing the space from us.

25 DONNA CASAZZA: Okay, where in the

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1 Town Budget, I mean, I just don't see the
2 revenues showing up in each particular
3 district.

4 We will take Levittown, where is it
5 showing up for the revenues for that
6 district?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER: We have five Water
9 Districts. It is there.

10 Five Water Districts are included in
11 the budget, passed budget and in this budget.

12 DONNA CASAZZA: Okay, you can show me
13 later on.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I am sure the
15 Comptroller can show you the exact line where
16 the revenues for this particular item would
17 be in each Water District.

18 DONNA CASAZZA: Okay, great.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're very
20 welcome.

21 Anyone else that would like to be
22 heard on this matter?

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

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a

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1 Motion, please.

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Mr. Supervisor, I
3 make a Motion that the Hearing be closed and
4 this amendment be adopted.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
6 second?

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
8 Motion.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Question before
13 I vote, Mr. Conroy, for the Town, have you
14 given any thought to scrutinizing these
15 revenues, maybe taking a lump sum payment at
16 a discounted principal?

17 COMPTROLLER CONROY: That is currently
18 being looked at.

19 Certainly, down the road.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed lease amendment
10 for use of space on property and water tank
11 in Lido-Point Lookout Water District - Point
12 Lookout - Lido Boulevard - Department of
13 Water (New York SMSA Limited Partnership
14 d/b/a Verizon Wireless)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone on this
16 item?

17 DONNA CASAZZA: Donna Casazza. This
18 particular, um, contract with Verizon is nunc
19 pro tunc, do we know why we are correcting
20 the prior record?

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
22 Reinhardt?

23 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Actually, a
24 correction of the existing lease, um, ended
25 last July, um, and we negotiated with

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1 Verizon since that time, so, there is a lease
2 retroactive to that expiration.

3 DONNA CASAZZA: And, the next thing,
4 is there a reason why this Town Board wants
5 to bind itself in a contract to July 3, 2036
6 for Verizon at a dollar amount, we don't even
7 know what the annual increment increases are?

8 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: The annual
9 increase are two percent per year for the
10 life of the lease.

11 And, they are five-year increment
12 leases.

13 DONNA CASAZZA: And, what I would say
14 is that two percent might be great, now, when
15 inflation is low but if we are five or ten
16 years down the line, why would we want to
17 bind a Town Board that long to 2036 at two
18 percent when, at that time, you could be
19 getting ten percent or what and Verizon is
20 the only one that can get out of the
21 contracts and the Town is - - if it is a bad
22 deal, you are bound until 2036?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
24 Attorney.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The people who

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1 negotiated the lease, Mr. Supervisor, I
2 believe, were Bill Muller and Charles Kovit.

3 I am not the one that negotiated this.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Kovit, do you
5 want to address this?

6 ATTORNEY KOVIT: We got what we
7 considered to be the maximum amount in the
8 national market rate.

9 We are very happy to get that amount.

10 It is a boom for the taxpayers of the
11 district and we were fortunate to be able to
12 get that amount of money.

13 DONNA CASAZZA: I would respectfully
14 say it might be a boom, now.

15 We had those dollar leases in Mitchel
16 Field years ago, the annual leases, I am not
17 sure how great a deal.

18 Today can be a great deal, twenty
19 years done the line, I think that term is way
20 too long to bind a Board.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The other thing
22 that you have to factor in is upfront
23 payment.

24 You just heard Councilman Ambrosino
25 talk about discounting the money that we

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1 are getting from the lease and getting an
2 upfront payment.

3 There is an upfront payment, together
4 with the lease payments and that has a lot to
5 do with the - - you have to look at the lease
6 as a whole.

7 DONNA CASAZZA: I agree but, again, I
8 mean, look, the Board can bind themselves, if
9 you are looking to bind yourself for that
10 money years on a present value, it makes no
11 sense.

12 The other thing is maybe doing these
13 contracts so long, five years, five years,
14 five years, maybe that is my point, that
15 particular contract is a year behind in 2016,
16 your records don't go out that far.

17 You should have been contracting and
18 negotiating this contract last year before it
19 expired.

20 And, it is not the first contract.

21 You guys do it all the time with your
22 fire protection services contract.

23 It is continually expired.

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Negotiations take
25 sometimes longer than expected.

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1 DONNA CASAZZA: I would honestly say
2 if you are going to do these contracts, to do
3 a 2036 contract is, um, doesn't make a lot of
4 sense.

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5 Thanks.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.
7 Anyone else that would like to be heard on
8 this matter?

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

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

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
17 second?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I will second
19 it.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed lease amendment
for use of space on property and water tank
in the East Meadow Water District- Uniondale
- Mitchell Street- Department of Water (New
York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon
Wireless.

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

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

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

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SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
closed and the proposed lease amendment be
adopted.

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COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the
motion.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
please.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Application of Limestone
2 Property Developments, LLC. for rezoning from
3 Levittown Planned Residence District to
4 Business District - Wantagh - East side of
5 Wantagh Avenue, 273.41 feet North of Red
6 Maple Drive West.

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7 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: Good Morning,
8 Supervisor Santino, Members of the Town
9 Board:

10 For the Applicant, Thomas McKevitt,
11 Sahn, Ward, Coschignano. 333 Earl Ovington
12 Boulevard, Uniondale, New York.

13 Since 2013, my client has been
14 operating a property called Tender Garden
15 Early Childhood Learning Center at 148 Center
16 Lane, Levittown.

17 It is located directly South of Wisdom
18 Lane Middle School and has forty-four
19 students.

20 As background, Ms. Ulen, has a
21 Bachelor's of Arts Degree from Molloy College
22 in Education, a Master's of Arts in the Early
23 Child Education from Adelphi University.

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1 She has had experience in daycare for
2 many years and certified from New York for
3 Early Childhood Education and Childhood
4 Education.

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5 And, she, also, is trained in CPR and
6 First Aid.

7 There is currently a shortage of
8 available daycare in the Levittown area and
9 in the current property of Tender Early
10 Garden site in Levittown has a significant
11 waiting list.

12 So, for quite some time, she has been
13 trying to find a site to find an additional
14 center, um, and dual requirements of the
15 Building Zone Ordinance is difficult to find
16 a site, not only from a parking prospective
17 for drop off that the Code requires, so, my
18 client has authorized and is in contract with
19 this property located at 635 Wantagh Avenue
20 in Wantagh.

21 Um, we come to this Board for
22 rezoning.

23 The property is currently rezoned LPRD
24 and rezoned to Business X for the purpose of
25 constructing a two-story daycare center at

1 the site.

2 After this, we still have to go to the
3 Board of Zoning Appeals for a Special
4 Exception for a daycare use.

5 Um, the property, actually, the
6 photographs for the site, for the Board to
7 see, um, the site is currently occupied by a
8 single-family dwelling that was constructed
9 in approximately, 1904.

10 It has been rented as a unit for some
11 time.

12 The property site has twenty-four
13 thousand seven hundred and thirty-nine square
14 feet.

15 Um, this unique property, it is
16 entirely surrounded by property owned by the
17 Town of Hempstead.

18 Um, a portion of it is used as a Town
19 playground.

20 Um, to the North of the Wantagh
21 location is O'Shea's Funeral Home.

22 Across the street to the West is a
23 shopping center which contains a law office,
24 pizza pallor, Chinese Restaurant, sports bar,
25 nail salon, pharmacy and some other uses.

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1 To the East is Red Maple Drive West,
2 which has a number of single-family
3 residences.

4 There is a large buffer and would
5 exist where this property is and where the
6 residences would be.

7 So, it is not as shown there.

8 This property abuts a residential
9 home. There is a significant buffer.

10 Then, you have Red Maple Drive and
11 some homes on the East side of Red Maple
12 Drive.

13 Um, if you look at Exhibit 1,
14 actually, Exhibit 1, I hope they made that -
15 - Exhibit 2 - - perhaps, try Exhibit 3, all
16 right, Exhibit 3, that one works.

17 That is the site plan for the site,
18 um, we are looking at a two-story building
19 which will have eight thousand nine hundred
20 and fifteen square feet.

21 It will have twenty-five parking
22 spaces on site.

23 This will be surrounded by a fence and
24 landscaping with a small playground in the
25 rear.

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1 Um, the only entrance will be on
2 Wantagh Avenue.

3 So, again, there will be no impact on
4 the residences on Red Maple West.

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5 Again, ingress and egress solely on
6 Wantagh Avenue.

7 Again, we have one, one-way to the
8 South of the site going into the Center,
9 which would be a drop-off and pick-up lane.

10 And, there will be another exit to the
11 North of the site.

12 Um, we will comply with all New York
13 State Building Codes regarding the safety of
14 the, um, premises.

15 That is the floor plan of the site.

16 The building will have two classrooms
17 on the first floor for eight infants each.

18 There will be two classrooms on the
19 first floor for twelve toddlers each.

20 The second floor will have four
21 classrooms for children over three years of
22 age.

23 One will have twenty children. Two,
24 for eighteen children and one for sixteen
25 children, so, the building will have

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1 a total of one hundred and twelve children,
2 that is the occupancy but the building never
3 gets to that space.

4 Some children only have a two-day
5 program or three-day program or five-day
6 program.

7 Again, kids will have different drop-
8 offs throughout the day.

9 Looking at logs, when children
10 attends, children get sick, so, any number of
11 days will be sick on a certain day, assuming
12 that will be the capacity, we never see it
13 getting to that site, whatsoever.

14 If you go on the third drawing, that
15 has the elevation of the premises.

16 We try to make it look as residential
17 as possible, instead of having a brick stucco
18 building, we make it a home appearance for
19 the parents, as well, a home-like setting,
20 where the children will be safe all day long
21 and it gives a nice aesthetics to the
22 children, as well as, to the neighborhood, as
23 well.

24 Um, the age of the children at the
25 site will be from eight weeks to five years

1 of age.

2 Hours of operation from Monday through
3 Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

4 There is Summer drop-off option
5 available from 6:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and
6 there will be pick up option from 4:00 p.m.
7 to 6:00 p.m.

8 Weekends and vacation Mommy Programs,
9 Small Educational Programs are not anywhere
10 near the amount of traffic we do in normal
11 programs for the students and parents, from
12 time to time.

13 Um, we also have an eight-week Summer
14 Program in July and August.

15 We operate a very similar program
16 throughout the rest of the year having an
17 educational program, essentially, a daycare
18 for working parents so children can be there
19 throughout the day.

20 The plan for site and audit review by
21 the New York State Office of Children and
22 Family Services, the license of daycares and
23 they cannot actually give a permit until the,
24 um, physical facility is actually
25 constructed, but, just keep in mind, these

1 facilities are very highly regulated by the
2 State.

3 They have complied with the statutes
4 and have very frequent site inspections.

5 You can see on the New York State WEB
6 site.

7 And, my client runs a very good
8 daycare and she is very proud of that and
9 looking to expand that in the Levittown area.

10 Um, we have the site plan and once,
11 again, um, the Building Zone Ordinance
12 requires twenty-five parking spaces, one for
13 each of the seventeen employees.

14 We will have on the site, as well as,
15 one space for every fifteen students, we will
16 be providing these twenty-five spaces.

17 So, no parking variance will be
18 required whatsoever.

19 We will make sure all the parking is
20 contained on site and we will design the site
21 to make sure that will be the case.

22 So, even if there are all seventeen
23 spaces that will be used by the employees all
24 at once, there will be eight of those spaces
25 available for the parents who drop off their

1 children and additionally, the drop-off lane.

2 That drop-off lane can probably stack
3 another three cars, in addition, so, you
4 probably have eleven cars on any one site.

5 And, when you hear the traffic
6 testimony, we don't think there will ever be
7 a time when there will be that many cars on
8 the site.

9 Again, it is not like it is a regular
10 school and dismissal is at 3:15 and you have
11 too many parents at one time.

12 It is a very gradual drop-off and very
13 gradual pickup, even though there will be
14 school hours from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.,
15 many parents and teachers will come and
16 pickup their children 3:00 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

17 And, again, speaking to my client, she
18 said she never actually had a parking issue
19 the three or four years she has been in the
20 current location.

21 And, keep in mind, the current
22 location is right next to Jerusalem Middle
23 School and directly across from residences.

24 So, we think from a planning
25 prospective, this is actually an excellent

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1 Site as we expand in the Levittown community.

2 Um, with me, today is Wayne Muller
3 from RMS Engineering, who will be testifying
4 on behalf of the traffic and parking issues.

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5 Um, Mr. Muller has testified before
6 this Board on many occasions and I ask the
7 Board to recognize him as an expert, in, um,
8 traffic engineering.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Without
10 objection, so ordered.

11 ENGINEER MULLER: Good Morning,
12 Supervisor Santino and Members of the Board.

13 As Mr. McKevitt indicated, my name is
14 Wayne Muller from RMS Engineering.

15 A very brief analysis regarding the
16 proposed change of zone before the Board,
17 today, which I would like to hand copies as
18 part of the record.

19 As indicate on the plans prepared by
20 Michael McInnerney, Architect and fully
21 described by Mr. McKevitt, it is proposed to
22 construct a two-story daycare facility on the
23 subject property.

24 In accordance with the Town Zoning
25 Ordinance, Section 309, the property

1 requires twenty-five parking spaces and we
2 are providing twenty-five parking spaces.

3 We are not seeking a parking variance
4 upon this application.

5 As indicated on the plans, access to
6 the property will be via two proposed curb
7 cuts.

8 The southerly curb cut will function
9 as the entrance to the proposed pick-up and
10 drop-off lane that is required by the
11 Ordinance.

12 And, the northerly curb cut will
13 primarily serve as an entrance and exit to
14 the proposed parking area which is located in
15 the North and East of the building, that is
16 proposed to be constructed on the property.

17 To determine the level of activity
18 that we would anticipate to be generated by
19 this facility, we actually observed the
20 activity during the morning drop-off and
21 afternoon, pick-up times at the existing
22 learning center which is located on Center
23 Lane in Levittown, based on our observations,
24 during that timeframe, it is my opinion and
25 the opinion of my firm, there would

1 be more than sufficient parking provided on
2 the property to accommodate both the staff
3 and the parents that are coming in to drop
4 off and pick up the children which provides a
5 cuing lane on the premises that provides a
6 total of approximately six vehicles that
7 could cue up against another one, as well as,
8 twenty-five parking spaces.

9 The parents are typically there for a
10 brief period of time.

11 They come in. They drop off their
12 child.

13 They come up to the facility and come
14 back to the car and they leave.

15 So, it is a turnover in parking as it
16 relates to parental pickup and drop off is so
17 quick the parents go in and out.

18 They don't dwell and they don't linger
19 at the facility.

20 We also performed an analysis to
21 determine, um, how the driveway would operate
22 during the peak times, that would be the
23 morning arrival and afternoon dismissal times
24 and as I indicated in my report, the
25 driveway, we found that the driveway has

1 an acceptable level of service using moderate
2 techniques that are, um, recognized standards
3 that have been before this Board in the past.

4 So, based on our analysis of the
5 proposed change of zone to allow a daycare
6 center and observations at the existing
7 facility located two miles to the West in
8 Levittown, it is my professional opinion that
9 the granting of the change of zone to permit
10 the daycare facility would not create any
11 traffic congestion and hazard and there would
12 be more than adequate parking on the property
13 to satisfy the needs.

14 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: Just to conclude
15 our presentation, again, we feel that this is
16 an asset to the community.

17 My client runs a very clean an
18 upstanding educational environment.

19 If any Board Member wants to see the
20 type of operation she runs, go by and it
21 would be an addition to the community.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
23 much.

24 Any questions from any Members of the
25 Town Board for Mr. McKevitt?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: No question but

2 - -

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Yes.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Councilman Dunne,
5 first.

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: She plans to
7 continue daycare for the children.

8 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: My client is in
9 the business of doing child care, daycare.

10 Again, even to get to this stage, she
11 has gone through a lot of State reviews to
12 get to this point, that is her intension,
13 that is what she does.

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second question,
15 maybe, here, I notice, maybe, here and I am
16 not seeing it, a flag being flown?

17 ATTORNEY McKEVITT: There is one at
18 the curb side and we are very happy to fly an
19 American flag on the site.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am hoping my
21 colleague was not suggesting we need adult
22 daycare up, here on the Board.

23 I want to make a blanket statement not
24 germane to this particular application but
25 generally Town-wide, I think that the

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1 Town Board should do everything possible to
2 try and facilitate single parents and homes
3 where both parents are working that they have
4 a place for safe and nurturing daycare for
5 their children.

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6 I think it is incredibly important
7 that we try to support more daycare so more
8 people have the opportunity to work if they
9 so choose and knowing that their children
10 will be in a safe environment.

11 So, I look favorably on these
12 applications from my point of view.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any
14 Members of the audience that would like to
15 address the Town Board on this application?

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

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
19 much, Mr. McKevitt.

20 There being none, I will accept a
21 Motion.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I move the Hearing
23 be closed and the application be approved.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
25 Motion.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

13 Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

16 Sweeney?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very

19 much, Mr. McKevitt.

20 Madam Clerk, call the Administrative

21 Calendar.

22 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative

23 Calendar, we have Items from 1 through 27.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Does any Member

25 of the Board wish to sever any item on the

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1 Administrative Calendar?

2 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

3 After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

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5 I will, then, accept a Motion on the

6 Administrative Calendar.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.

8 Supervisor, I move the Administrative

9 Calendar in its entirety.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the

11 Motion.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have one

13 individual that has signed in on various

14 Administrative Calendar items, Ms. Rori

15 Gordon.

16 Name and address for the record.

17 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon, Hauppauge,

18 New York.

19 Um, Number 5, I brought this up

20 several times and, um, I don't know how many

21 of you are familiar with Open Nassau.

22 I put a poll up there asking what the

23 preference would be that live - -

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Where?

25 RORI GORDON: Nassau County Town Board

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1 Meetings, (A) daytime meetings, (B) evening
2 meetings, (C) evening meetings and daytime
3 meetings and (D) daytime meetings with a few
4 evening meetings and by far it was only up
5 for two days, everybody wants evening
6 meetings.

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7 It makes it impossible for people that
8 work during the day to come here.

9 I have the luxury of going to
10 business, I can make my own schedule.

11 Is there any particular reason - -
12 North Hempstead does it - - is there any
13 reason why you folks don't do it to make it
14 more convenient for the residents?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have meetings
16 both in the evening and during the day and
17 the attendance is essentially the same.

18 RORI GORDON: You have four meetings
19 at night, that is it.

20 I think one of the four is when you
21 have your inauguration deal.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is not
23 correct.

24 RORI GORDON: You have four meetings
25 on the calendar.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What you just
2 said is not correct in terms of the
3 installation.

4 RORI GORDON: Okay, that is not in the
5 evening?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, it is during
7 the day.

8 RORI GORDON: Four meetings out of how
9 many, twenty-eight?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Twenty-six, I
11 believe it is.

12 RORI GORDON: Twenty-six, you don't
13 want to make it convenient for the
14 constituents.

15 Everything you do, Mr. Santino, you
16 don't make it convenient for the
17 constituents.

18 I find it very disheartening.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It seems
20 like there are a lot of nights that we would
21 be available.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It has been this
23 way for several Town Supervisors before me
24 and the experience has been that the
25 attendance does not differ from day to night.

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1 There is no principal difference in
2 terms of people attending at night or
3 attending during the day.

4 RORI GORDON: You are not open for any
5 change.

6 You stay in 1970.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will certainly
8 take it under advisement but at the moment,
9 it seems to work the way we do it.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I received
11 a lot of requests from constituents to have
12 night meetings.

13 Can we add maybe one or two this year
14 to see how it works out?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The proposal
16 before us for the calendar for the year has
17 been worked out, that is the proposal on the
18 calendar, now.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Amend the
20 proposal and add one or two, one or two over
21 twenty, it is not a big deal.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Certainly, at a
23 later date you can introduce that, if you
24 wish.

25 RORI GORDON: What do you mean a later

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1 date, you are voting on it today.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The calendar is
3 set.

4 The dates are picked in terms of - -

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5 RORI GORDON: So, are you telling me I
6 have to wait until next year.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, if a Member
8 wanted to add a meeting or change something,
9 they could make a Motion on that at a
10 subsequent time.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can I make
12 a Motion, now.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
14 Attorney, where are you?

15 The question is, a Member of the Board
16 is interested in amending Item Number 5 on
17 the Administrative Calendar relative to
18 setting Town Board Meetings dates for the
19 year 2018, the questions is, what would be
20 the procedure if a Member of the Board wanted
21 to do that?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: They can offer that
23 as an amendment to the Resolution, now.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I can do
25 that, now?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Right.

2 (Whereupon, "add it" was heard from
3 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: What do I
5 need to do to accomplish that?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Offer your
7 amendment.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I would
9 offer to add additional night meetings.

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: And, you have to
11 tell us. This is setting a schedule.

12 This Resolution sets a schedule.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Okay.

14 Albert, can you just get the calendar
15 out.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The other issue, I
17 think you might have is availability of the
18 Pavilion on certain dates and time.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: If the
20 Councilwoman would withdraw her Motion, I
21 would like to make a Motion that we sever and
22 adjourn this item for the Town Board to
23 review additional night meetings and that we
24 consider that at a later date.

25 It doesn't have to be set today, does

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1 it, Mr. Town Attorney?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No, it does not.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, so, why
4 don't we adjourn it and see if we can add a
5 few more night meetings because, basically,
6 the numbers don't really change that much,
7 but, there are different people.

8 Some people can't come during the day,
9 they can come at night and we should try to
10 accommodate them a little more.

11 Would that be acceptable,
12 Councilwoman?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Great
14 idea.

15 RORI GORDON: Second the motion.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would
17 like to say something, you are wrong as far as
18 setting these meetings.

19 We did not have night meetings until I
20 became a Member of this Town Board.

21 So, because of it, people in my
22 District and they may not be able to come,
23 here, so far, many of them are not coming and
24 it is up to us.

25 I want you to know it has not been

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1 this way since the '70's.

2 It happened when I became a Member of
3 the Board in 1990.

4 RORI GORDON: Congratulations, that
5 was wonderful.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, surely,
7 Senior Councilwoman, you would not be opposed
8 to us severing and adjourning this item and
9 consider more night meetings.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I will do
11 whatever they want to do.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: When the amendment
13 is called.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am asking - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let me understand
16 where we are, Mr. Town Attorney, by your
17 understanding, you have a Motion - -

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: A Motion by
19 Councilman Blakeman.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: - - to adjourn
21 this matter?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is what we
23 have a motion on.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, we have a
25 second?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: A second.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: This would be to
3 table this item, you have to call the roll
4 starting with me.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I believe the
7 schedule and Councilwoman Goosby is one
8 hundred percent correct when she became a
9 Member of this Town Board, um, in the year
10 1999, the Town Board Meetings were introduced
11 at night, essentially, the same frequency
12 that was carried through since then.

13 I commend the Senior Councilwoman for
14 her input at that time and the consent was to
15 give individuals the opportunity to become
16 who wanted to come in the evenings.

17 Those who could come at night, really,
18 other than Senior Councilwoman, the Board
19 Members that has been on the Board at that
20 time, essentially, the experience, to me, has
21 been the same number of people come during
22 the day and during the evening.

23 There are other considerations in
24 terms of overtime to bring the people in,
25 here to work here and things of that nature,

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1 no appreciable change to me.

2 There is no appreciable change who
3 comes at night and comes during the day,
4 therefore, I stand by the schedule as drafted
5 and I vote no on the amendment.

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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: No.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: No.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
15 Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Abstain.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
18 Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It is
20 always forward thinking and taking a fresh
21 look at things since I have been on the Town
22 Board for two and a half years, I have
23 received a lot of requests from constituents,
24 um, to have more night meetings and being,
25 here most meetings, people make that same

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1 request when you have four out of twenty-
2 three meetings that are in the evening, it
3 seems to me, why not give it a shot and see
4 if it works.

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5 I fully support this, so, yes.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, the vote
7 being three and three, the Town Attorney
8 advises me that the Motion for the amendment
9 fails.

10 So, therefore, please, now, we
11 obviously are in the middle of Public
12 Comment.

13 On the next subject, Ms. Gordon, did
14 you want to speak on?

15 RORI GORDON: Number 12, can you
16 explain what it is?

17 I didn't understand it.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure.

19 Mr. Town Attorney, do you want to go
20 over Number 12, which is referencing the
21 citing of automative teller machines in
22 various Town facilities.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is exactly
24 correct, Mr. Supervisor.

25 And, there were three bidders and

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1 The, um, the bid of Dover Corporation was
2 deemed to be the bid that gives us, gives the
3 Town the most money.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Excuse
5 me, Supervisor, I cannot hear because these
6 two gentlemen are having a sidebar.

7 I wish they would go someplace else.

8 I asked you to stop and you keep doing
9 it.

10 I don't appreciate it.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let Members of
12 the Board speak among themselves if they can
13 do it in softer voices or possibly so they
14 are not heard or go off to the side of the
15 room to conduct their private conversations.

16 I think Senior Councilwoman is one
17 hundred percent right, it does get a little
18 confusing to try to follow what is being said
19 by the speaker or the Town Attorney when
20 there are conversations going on.

21 So, is that your explanation? Go
22 ahead.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Three bids and this
24 is the one that gives the Town the most, um,
25 the most fees for the service.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, the reason
2 we are doing it is because we found that
3 there are various locations where, um, people
4 who visit these buildings, residents or other
5 facilities want to use cash, that we have an
6 ATM machine outside the cafeteria for times
7 there are vending machines there and
8 cafeteria which is run by outside vendor
9 doesn't take credit cards and someone wants
10 to go in and buy a cup of coffee and they
11 left without any money, there is an ATM
12 machine so they can avail themselves for it.

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13 Similarly, we are going to be
14 installing one at the golf course which we,
15 now, operate in Lido for the same reasons.

16 I believe another place.

17 We will put them in the Town near the
18 Town Clerk's Office.

19 Again, people go in there, um, and pay
20 various fees and things of that nature.

21 It is, essentially, a convenience for
22 the residents but there is a revenue stream
23 for the Town and, hopefully, for the
24 taxpayers.

25 RORI GORDON: Where is the other

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1 Locations, Town Clerk's and the golf course?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't think all
3 the locations have been set, yet, because we
4 are just entering into the contract.

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5 As time goes on, we see needs at
6 various locations, we will have them
7 installed.

8 RORI GORDON: The golf course is
9 inside or outside, the ATM?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is inside.

11 RORI GORDON: Or you just don't know?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It will be
13 inside.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: My answer is I
15 don't know.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I don't
17 understand.

18 It will be inside. If someone goes
19 there and wants to buy a coke at the snake
20 bar and they left without money, they can buy
21 a coke.

22 RORI GORDON: Who takes the cash out
23 of the machine?

24 The company does?

25 Is that how it works?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That's correct.

2 RORI GORDON: What happens if the
3 machine gets broken into, do they have
4 insurance for it?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe they
6 would be self-insured or they would carry
7 insurance.

8 Most companies would carry insurance.

9 I am being told right, now, we are
10 negotiating the lease.

11 Which makes sense. I am being told
12 they don't take money out of the machine,
13 people take money out of the machine.

14 The vendor puts money into the
15 machine.

16 Going back to your insurance
17 questions, it can be either.

18 The vendor is responsible.

19 RORI GORDON: Okay.

20 On Number 13, um, can you explain that
21 to me a little more, specifically, you are
22 accepting bids for something?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
24 Tuman; this is the Department of Engineering.
25 It is the requirements contract, various

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1 Roadways in the incorporated areas of the
2 Town of Hempstead, Commissioner Tuman.

3 This is Commissioner Tuman from the
4 Department of Engineering.

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5 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: I am sorry. I
6 didn't hear what the question was.

7 RORI GORDON: What is the money going
8 for?

9 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: For requirement
10 work.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Explain that in
12 layman's terms.

13 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Sure, it is road
14 projects that are done in piecemeal, like
15 small roads.

16 RORI GORDON: Does that mean some of
17 the residents are getting the roads fixed?

18 What does that specifically mean?

19 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: These are smaller
20 repairs, patches and things of that nature.

21 RORI GORDON: Okay.

22 And, Mr. Blakeman and Ms. Sweeney, did
23 you get enough information about the bids on
24 this particular one?

25 Did you have any concerns?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I don't
2 have any details on the bids, that was the
3 consensus of my office.

4 RORI GORDON: Is that because you
5 don't get them?

6 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: It is all public.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I don't
8 have details on it.

9 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: I am in constant
10 communication with your office.

11 I don't know why you guys wouldn't
12 have the details.

13 RORI GORDON: Like where is this
14 posted to get this bid?

15 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: It is posted on
16 the Town's WEB site.

17 RORI GORDON: Okay, I am good.

18 Thank you.

19 Number 14?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you,
21 Commissioner.

22 RORI GORDON: Number 14?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: By the way, so
24 you know, all of the Resolutions which I have
25 in front of me has all the information on it.

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1 It has the various companies that bid,
2 the amount of money that they bid.

3 It is all right, here on the
4 Resolution that is provided to - - that is in
5 the packet that we all have.

6 It is right, here.

7 There were four companies that bid and
8 the amount that they bid.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I think -
10 -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There were four
12 companies that bid and the amount that they
13 bid.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It is name
15 and dollars and not the qualifications.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead, your
17 next item.

18 RORI GORDON: Well, how come she said
19 the name and cost and not the substance of
20 the bid?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:
22 Qualifications, am I missing something?

23 RORI GORDON: I don't know.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
25 Tuman?

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1 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: I don't
2 understand.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The Resolution
4 lists four companies.

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5 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Right.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That bid, the
7 amount of money that they bid, so, the
8 question is the qualifications.

9 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Yeah, my
10 Department reviews all the qualifications and
11 we make a recommendation to the Board and
12 ultimately, it is up to the Town Board to do
13 so.

14 And, we are more than happy to
15 communicate with any of the Town Board
16 Members along the way.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: So, maybe
18 going forward, we can have monthly meetings,
19 maybe the Supervisor can attend the meetings
20 as well and we can all get together and talk.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any Board Member
22 can ask you about any bid.

23 They have the background and all the
24 questions and they may take a look at it.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Would you

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1 like to join us at that meeting?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, we will
3 certainly - - we certainly will see depending
4 upon when those meetings are.

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5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Put it on
6 the calendar for the last year, maybe we can
7 alter them since we are all here as friends,
8 maybe we can figure a common date we can
9 meet.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Absolutely.

11 Ms. Gordon, any other question?

12 RORI GORDON: Actually, put it on the
13 calendar right, now.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ms. Gordon, I
15 will run the meeting.

16 Do you have any matter before the
17 meeting?

18 Did we answer your question on Number
19 13?

20 RORI GORDON: Yeah, Number 13 is good.

21 Why I don't understand, it is
22 terrible. You are a public servant. You
23 treat us like shit.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, watch
25 your language.

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Do you have another item?

RORI GORDON: Number 14, um - -

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

RORI GORDON: There is on contract,
here, for the mainframe server and disaster
server box, does that cover the BDNS files?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Commissioner.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
Prim.

COMMISSIONER PRIM: Good Morning,
Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

RORI GORDON: You have another
contract for that, what happens, God forbid,
that goes down?

Who is responsible for that?

COMMISSIONER PRIM: We have contract -
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RORI GORDON: We have a contract for
that?

COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yes.

RORI GORDON: How many contracts do we
have for technical things at the Town of
Hempstead?

You know, you have all these

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1 different servers and all this different
2 stuff.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner, is
4 that something that you have off the top of
5 your head?

6 COMMISSIONER PRIM: No.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Supply it to Ms.
8 Gordon later on.

9 So, why don't you give her your phone
10 number.

11 You can look up her information that
12 she is asking for and give it to her.

13 RORI GORDON: Okay, how many different
14 servers are there for the information that
15 the Town of Hempstead?

16 You are the head guy, you should know
17 that.

18 That is your job.

19 COMMISSIONER PRIM: We have a couple
20 hundred servers.

21 RORI GORDON: A couple hundred servers
22 and they are all protected somehow?

23 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Yes.

24 RORI GORDON: And, they are all
25 protected by different companies?

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1 COMMISSIONER PRIM: Pretty much, yes.

2 RORI GORDON: That is great.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: One
4 follow-up question, Number 12, um, employees
5 with credit union accounts, can they use
6 these ATM machines?

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7 Town employees who have credit union
8 accounts, can they use this ATM without a
9 fee?

10 Unless I am mistaken, such members of
11 the credit union can go to CVS without a fee?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The credit Union,
13 which is not affiliated with the Town of
14 Hempstead makes its own contracts with
15 various, um, providers of ATM, so, that would
16 be between the credit union and the provider.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can we
18 figure out the contract to help out the Town
19 employees?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, you
21 can ask the credit union to do that.

22 While it is called, "the Town of
23 Hempstead Credit Union," it is not run by the
24 Town of Hempstead.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Right.

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1 Can you ask them to help out with this
2 ATM situation?

3 I am, um, just trying to figure out a
4 way to avoid employees paying fees.

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You certainly can
6 petition and write a letter to the credit
7 union.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can we try
9 to figure out a scenario that we would have
10 transactions without fees.

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the
12 answer to that question.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The vast majority
14 of the Town employees can walk to the other
15 building where the credit union office is and
16 take out money without a fee.

17 Okay, any other questions from the
18 Board?

19 RORI GORDON: I think it is fair to
20 say since the last meeting you guys haven't
21 kissed and made up and we are in the same
22 position?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anything
24 on the Administrative Calendar?

25 RORI GORDON: We touched on it.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any specific
2 item?

3 RORI GORDON: Is there any reason - -

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any specific item
5 on the Administrative Calendar?

6 RORI GORDON: No.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
8 much.

9 Okay, no one else on the
10 Administrative Calendar that signed in, so,
11 please, call the roll.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 (Whereupon, "I did sign in," was heard
17 from the audience. After, the following
18 ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You signed in on,
20 "miscellaneous."

21 I go by what is in front of me.

22 META MEREDAY: I am going to put myself
23 in front of you so you can address these
24 issues.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What specific
2 item?

3 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday and I live
4 in Baldwin.

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5 Good Morning one and all.

6 Okay, Item Number 3.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Item Number 3.

8 META MEREDAY: Actually, I can
9 incorporate 3 and 4, actually, so, whatever
10 respective Commissioner who might need to
11 address this, feel free to come up.

12 Have a seat.

13 My concern has to do with some of the
14 names of those vendors being rather
15 consistent.

16 It is welcomed, like you can pull out
17 one particular contract, just drop it in and
18 I still ask where is the documentation, the
19 benchmarking, um, the matrix that are
20 established to address how the outreach is
21 not only done but the effectiveness of it?

22 The results of it as it pertains to
23 the intrusion of services of disabled
24 Veterans and woman-owned business that does
25 not seem to exist in the Town of Hempstead.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
2 Attorney, would you go over our process.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Items 3 and 4.
4 Number 3 is a bid.

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5 We advertise in accordance with State
6 Law and, um, whoever - - am I saying
7 something wrong Mr. Building Commissioner?

8 META MEREDAY: Come down and speak.

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is a bid that
10 we advertise.

11 META MEREDAY: I understand that. Get
12 it straight before it gets on the record.

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We advertise as
14 provided by Town Law.

15 META MEREDAY: Town Law or State Law.
16 Town Law is different.

17 I don't know what the Town law is.

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Town Law is a
19 statute.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, but the State has
21 initiated above and beyond what is on paper.

22 The reason I know that, with all due
23 respect, Mr. Ra, I helped to establish some
24 of the requirements that are directly or
25 indirectly infuse to State Law as it pertains

1 to diverse business outreach.

2 And, I know for a fact that the Town
3 of Hempstead does not follow the law in
4 inclusion.

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5 You can tell me until the cows come
6 home or until my time is up that you follow
7 the law but you cannot continue to tell me
8 that.

9 You continue to use the same company
10 and not institute any type of additional
11 outreach that will lessen the monopoly that
12 takes place in the Town of Hempstead.

13 You can't tell me that.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We accept the low
15 bidder.

16 META MEREDAY: And, how many bids were
17 actually submitted? One?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I do not know the
19 answer to that question.

20 META MEREDAY: Again, whoever can
21 answer that question because I am taking up
22 my time to have to do work to pay for the
23 taxes in this Town and this County, where we
24 pay the second highest taxes in the country
25 to have my questions answered.

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COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Ms.

Mereday, would it satisfy you if we were able to disclose the amount of political contributions that they make?

META MEREDAY: It definitely would because I am long that our media representatives from NEWSDAY could actually highlight the specifics of these meetings as opposed - -

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The immediate question is how many companies bid on Number 3, so, that would be Commissioner Rotkamp, do you want to come forward.

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER ROTKAMP: Good Morning, Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

COMMISSIONER ROTKAMP: This contract was put out in 2014 and it has been in effect since January 1, 2015 and it goes until December 31, 2019.

There were several bidders.

I don't know the exact number off the top of my head because it was three years ago but I can get that for you.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We can get that
2 for Ms. Mereday.

3 So, there were several companies that
4 bid on it.

5 This was the lowest possible bidder.

6 It is a five-year contract and it
7 expires in '19, is that correct?

8 COMMISSIONER ROTKAMP: Yes.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please give that
10 information to Ms. Mereday so she can see the
11 different companies that bid.

12 COMMISSIONER ROTKAMP: Absolutely.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
14 much.

15 Any other questions?

16 META MEREDAY: Yes, because, again,
17 the statement, the way it reads, here,
18 "ratifying and confirming emergency by threat
19 of eminent danger and authorizing special
20 assessment," okay, so, you confirm the
21 emergency threat from 2014?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The company that
23 won the bid - -

24 META MEREDAY: Right.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: - - The company

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1 that won the bid was called upon to do this
2 work.

3 META MEREDAY: Right, so, you extended
4 an existing bid?

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is a bid good
6 for five years.

7 Companies get selected that do this
8 work for a period of five years.

9 META MEREDAY: I understand because
10 you can't determine, none of us, even though
11 some people may think they are eminence, none
12 of us know what the emergencies will entail
13 to determine what the amount of that bid
14 would be, which would require some type of
15 change ordinance - -

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, no, actually,
17 I am trying to answer your question.

18 META MEREDAY: I appreciate that.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The bid is based
20 on certain hourly rate, things of that
21 nature.

22 That doesn't change.

23 It is not the nature of the emergency.

24 It is done by the amount of work that
25 goes into that nature.

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1 META MEREDAY: Correct, the bid is put
2 out.

3 COMMISSIONER ROTKAMP: It is broken
4 down into different things that have to be
5 done, to remove an aboveground pool is a cost
6 to board up a two by twelve window, four by
7 eight door to - - so, everything is broken on
8 a line item bid, so, what ratifying and
9 confirming means is that the work was done
10 because it was an emergency and, now, it is
11 going before the Town Board and it is
12 approving the payment of that.

13 That is what ratifying and confirming
14 means.

15 So, when this contract was in place,
16 it is a five-year contract.

17 It is no extras.

18 It is the basic amount - - when the
19 vendor goes to the scene, he will tell the
20 Board what he wants done, rebuild that door
21 so we know, basically, at that point.

22 They send us the bill.

23 META MEREDAY: Okay, the bid, itself,
24 in 2014 was their language that there was
25 inclusion - - as the general contractor to be

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1 inclusion of services of disabled Veteran
2 owned and minority owned business in 2014?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Town of
4 Hempstead is not allowed to grant preference.

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5 META MEREDAY: That is not preference,
6 that is outreach, that is what I am telling
7 you earlier, the State refers to its outreach
8 as it pertains indirectly to the inclusion
9 and making every effort to be inclusive of
10 diverse businesses, that is not preference,
11 that is opportunity.

12 Okay, I am finished on that.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can't we
14 figure out a way to reach out to more diverse
15 groups?

16 What - - if not - -

17 META MEREDAY: As the State and
18 Federal government mandates and we get
19 Federal and State funds with specific
20 objectives attached to this, that this Town
21 is consistently in violation of - - not
22 until this conversation will get in NEWSDAY -
23 - I am just saying.

24 This is just specific to those issues
25 that I bring to this table on a regular

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1 basis and I get crickets or snowflakes or I
2 get disrespect but I am okay with that.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I am not.

4 So, how about we start having that
5 conversation how we can reach out to more
6 diverse groups.

7 META MEREDAY: Crickets.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can we set
9 up an action plan?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is a publishing
11 issue.

12 It is an issue where does the Town
13 Board want to advertise.

14 We advertise in accordance with State
15 Law requests.

16 The fact that there are bids, we are
17 accepting bids for whatever work there is and
18 we advertise, as under State Law, any group
19 is allowed to put in a bid.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: We have a
21 pretty healthy budget.

22 We can allocate some of that money.

23 META MEREDAY We can cut out a lot of
24 the photographs that get taken to do some
25 actual outreach so we promote businesses that

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1 are owned - - small businesses are the
2 backbone of the United States of America.

3 We are part of that group, so - -

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Senior
5 Councilwoman Goosby didn't you host an event
6 months ago targeting women and minority-owned
7 businesses and helping them and explaining
8 how the bidding process works?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I most
10 certainly did and I invited everyone to come.

11 I think you were the only one and the
12 Supervisor that came.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We did it right,
14 here.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It was
16 advertised throughout the community.

17 META MEREDAY: And, how many
18 businesses - -

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We had
20 quite a few.

21 META MEREDAY: With all due respect,
22 Senior Councilwoman Goosby, I really would
23 like to finish - - be able to finish my
24 question so we are - -

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: What

1 happens - -

2 META MEREDAY: She is on my time.

3 Let's rap it up again.

4 And, one, your mic is not on.

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5 Two, with all due respect and you
6 always seem to request respect and you don't
7 want people talking and having sidebar
8 conversations, with all due respect, I would
9 like to finish the question because if you
10 are my mind reader, then, there are a lot of
11 things I don't need to be at.

12 So, as I was going to say, with all
13 due respect, with these many sundry events
14 and activities from that meeting.

15 One, how many contractors?

16 How many diverse business contractors
17 are currently doing business with the Town of
18 Hempstead?

19 And, Councilman D'Esposito, I have
20 done these types of events in the Town of
21 Hempstead, in the County of Nassau, in the
22 State of New York, in the United States of
23 America and in external properties in the
24 Caribbean.

25 And, I am an authority in this area.

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1 So, I don't understand what the
2 sidebar question was to put something on the
3 record, to put me on the spot.

4 Just so we are clear, just so we are
5 clear - -

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6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Just making it
7 clear the Town of Hempstead has done an
8 outreach to disabled and minority-owned
9 businesses.

10 META MEREDAY: Just so we are clear, I
11 am sure it was in the multimillion dollar
12 campaign mailings, but the fact that you
13 can't - -

14 COUNCILMAN KING-SWEENEY: I am no
15 longer included in the Town mailings,
16 perhaps, I could use my Town Budget for my
17 District and maybe we could figure out a
18 joint program.

19 We can reach out to more diverse
20 companies with my mailing budget.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ms. Mereday - -

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: May I
23 answer?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:

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1 Councilwoman, I did invite you.

2 Anytime I have anything, I invite all
3 Council Members, as well as, all of the
4 various people who are important.

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5 And, you were important but you did
6 not attend.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It is
8 possible.

9 I am not questioning.

10 If I did, if I had another event at
11 the time, that it was scheduled, I think it
12 is wonderful that you had that event.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ms. Mereday, we
14 allowed you to go well overtime, so, we are
15 going to move on, now.

16 META MEREDAY: I am not finished, yet.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well - -

18 META MEREDAY: I am not finished, yet.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do you have
20 another item to speak about?

21 META MEREDAY: I sure do.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Before Ms.
23 Mereday speaks on another item, I would like
24 to move that, um, at the next meeting get a
25 print out of, um, various departments on

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1 whether or not we achieved the targets that
2 we had for Veteran-owned businesses, Veteran-
3 employed businesses and minority and women-
4 owned businesses, so, that we can see exactly
5 where we stack up with respect to those
6 contracts.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First of all,
8 that is not on the calendar.

9 I don't believe, unless the Town
10 Attorney, correct me if I am wrong, it is in
11 order, but we would be more than happy to put
12 together a compendium of the various
13 minority-owned and Veteran-involved
14 businesses that we do business with.

15 I can't imagine that it is going to be
16 ready in two weeks.

17 We will certainly - -

18 META MEREDAY: I am sure it can't be.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is certainly
20 something that I will direct all my
21 Commissioners to do.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: To get
23 back to Councilman Blakeman's idea, is that
24 not possible from a procedural prospective?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Right, there is no

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1 Resolution on the calendar.

2 The Supervisor just said he will make
3 that happen and I also agree with the
4 Supervisor, two weeks is not enough time to
5 do that.

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ms. Mereday, do
7 you have another item on the agenda?

8 META MEREDAY: I do.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let's move
10 forward.

11 META MEREDAY: I was being respectful
12 to the people that were speaking.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let's try to move
14 forward.

15 META MEREDAY: Number 16, "amending
16 Resolution Number 38-2017," since I don't
17 have the staffing or the technology to be
18 able to ramp all this up and you know since
19 the Town Attorney does have staff and
20 everybody else maybe two of the Council
21 people who get the information, um, what
22 exactly is 38-2017 that we are amending as it
23 pertains to these various positions?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
25 Attorney.

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes, the Resolution
2 38-17 is a blanket resolution establishing
3 all of the positions and salaries in the Town
4 of Hempstead for the calendar year 2017.

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5 From time to time, people leave,
6 people get rehired.

7 People pass Civil Service
8 examinations.

9 They get promoted from the list and
10 that is what this resolution does.

11 META MEREDAY: Or the new positions
12 that we find out when people get raises when
13 they come from other municipalities and then
14 come to work, here and they, at least, get a
15 twenty-five percent markup on their salary
16 when we find out about these types.

17 Again, if these are opportunities that
18 could increase the diversity in the Town of
19 Hempstead, that is sincerely lacking, how
20 would one find that out?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is all online,
22 all of the positions are posted on the Town
23 WEB site.

24 META MEREDAY: Okay, I find it
25 interesting that you post things online, you

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1 said the WEB site but then you say the things
2 that you want the public to know, you spend
3 the millions of dollars on more of the fluff
4 things.

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5 I would think that residents who are
6 struggling to live, here, consistent with the
7 list that I give every time I come here of
8 abandoned buildings.

9 If something is going to get torn down
10 or ripped out in my neighborhood, that would
11 be the type of information that you can use
12 for millions of dollars on in these
13 advertisings.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anything else
15 actually on the Administrative Calendar?

16 META MEREDAY: Um, indirectly when - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Directly on the
18 Administrative Calendar?

19 META MEREDAY: Directly, Number 10,
20 "ratifying and confirming the granting of
21 application to display fireworks conducted by
22 Paramount Television."

23 I mean, whatever.

24 Where are these fireworks going to
25 take place?

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1 And, um, how are the residents in
2 these local areas notified, particularly,
3 when we have a number of - - we get a number
4 of complaints for us in Baldwin and South
5 Shore areas when these various fireworks
6 displays take place?

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7 You have Senior Citizens and those
8 with animals that get very concerned, very
9 frustrated.

10 You know, 4th of July seems to be going
11 on every weekend around here, between all of
12 these fireworks and displays.

13 So, I am curious as to how this goes
14 about and when we can address this increasing
15 noise pollution.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, generally
17 speaking, these fireworks shows, not this one
18 in particular, but generally speaking,
19 fireworks shows are run by the Chamber of
20 Commerce, different churches or synagogues of
21 that nature and they have to get a permit
22 from the Town, in any way that impacts the
23 Town, any area within the Town called
24 "fireworks."

25 This happens, obviously, it happens

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1 more in conjunction with Memorial Day, 4th of
2 July, sometimes Labor Day, things of that
3 nature.

4 There might be other very special
5 occasions, a significant anniversary for a
6 church.

7 Like I said, a Chamber of Commerce,
8 some other community group where those things
9 happen, so, that is generally what these are
10 about.

11 This one, I believe, subject to check,
12 I believe the one in front of us, we were
13 very pleased that more and more, whether it
14 is movie companies or television companies
15 are using locations within the Town of
16 Hempstead to stage some of their productions
17 and we derive a fee for that, which, again,
18 goes to help offset the costs of Town
19 Government and helps taxpayers.

20 So, we are finding more and more of
21 that happening and negotiating a fee with the
22 various companies.

23 And, again, subject to check, this
24 one, I am aware, I am not one hundred
25 percent.

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1 There are two fairly, well-known
2 actors, the names escape me, Emma Stone and
3 someone else were in a movie that was filmed,
4 a couple scenes were filmed on Atlantic
5 Avenue and Oceanside and this is in
6 conjunction with that.

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7 META MEREDAY: Okay, so, you mention
8 these types of things that you are excited
9 about because it is going to bring down the
10 costs.

11 Can we expect a decrease in taxes this
12 year since - -

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: One, two or three
14 of these, it helps.

15 It is a revenue stream that goes into
16 offsetting our costs and offsetting the
17 amount of money we have to raise for taxes.

18 Yes, it goes to offsetting.

19 META MEREDAY: Possibly, we may see a
20 decrease in taxes.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is one part of
22 a big puzzle.

23 META MEREDAYZ: Unfortunately, we are
24 paying a big price for a big puzzle and our
25 pieces are much smaller than the salaries

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1 that sit before me.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anything else on
3 the calendar?

4 META MEREDAY: Number 8, "accepting
5 sponsorship for support of Senior Citizen
6 Programs."

7 I am all for senior enrichment.

8 I just have a problem with it seems to
9 be a lot of these activities for Seniors, um,
10 are not widespread throughout the Township.

11 So, it makes for lack of
12 accessibility, lack of diversity and I, yet
13 to see, unless I missed it, somewhere and
14 feel free to correct me, anything that
15 pertains to any additional programs or
16 services for our Veterans - -

17 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.
18 After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First of all,
20 your time has expired.

21 META MEREDAY: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have Senior
23 Citizens, first, that are active in
24 Roosevelt, Uniondale, Hempstead, we run
25 programs in - - that are centered at

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1 Summer beach programs which is in Lido Beach.

2 We welcome Seniors all over the
3 Township.

4 We just had a very successful matinee
5 movie night.

6 There were several hundred seniors
7 from all over the Town of Hempstead.

8 They were at it so, you know - -

9 META MEREDAY: You do realize that
10 people have to pay for parking to get to Lido
11 Beach and get there, as well.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, they do not
13 because we actually provide bus service from
14 the local Senior Centers.

15 So, a Senior who wants to participate
16 in that program can go to their local center
17 in Uniondale, in Hempstead.

18 META MEREDAY: All of our Seniors are
19 not necessarily in a Senior Center, yet.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: But, they can go
21 to the Senior Center in their local community
22 and get on the bus and we take them right
23 down to the program.

24 META MEREDAY: Okay, do we know that?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What say?

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1 META MEREDAY: Do they know that?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, we make it
3 absolutely known to them and we also provide
4 every Senior in the Town with a parking pass
5 so if they go to - - if they choose to drive
6 themselves to Lido Beach, they have a parking
7 pass where they can park for free.

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8 META MEREDAY: Okay, I hope that you
9 can promote that in the next one of your
10 mailings.

11 Trust me, there are quite a few Senior
12 that are still not aware of that, but it
13 still doesn't speak to the lack of developed
14 programs for our Veterans of all age groups.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

16 META MEREDAY: If I can get that
17 information I requested on the things from
18 this Board.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure.

20 META MEREDAY: I was assured that I
21 would get it after the fact and I don't
22 receive it.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The next speaker
24 on the Administrative Calendar is Mary Ellen
25 Kreye.

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1 META MEREDAY: And, it is also a
2 pleasure, Supervisor Santino

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
4 much.

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5 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
6 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

8 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I am just
9 questioning where in Uniondale?

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Which one?

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Number 18.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: 18, well, it is a
13 Public Hearing on October the 13th.

14 Is Mr. Reed, here? This is on the
15 Uniondale matter.

16 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It is in
17 Uniondale due to the new development of
18 several buildings by Hofstra University and
19 they had multiple driveways and problems and
20 we are implementing something across the
21 aprons to keep the cars from blocking the
22 driveway.

23 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Excellent and
24 hopefully that will prevent some illegal
25 parking in that area.

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1 Also, it is a difficult situation for
2 us.

3 Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Ms.
5 Kreye.

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6 On the Administrative Calendar, Diane
7 Madden.

8 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden,
9 Hempstead.

10 I have a question on 16, um, can
11 someone, please explain that, again, um,
12 because I didn't get it.

13 Is that the one that relates to the
14 Hempstead Shelter?

15 I have a question.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra.

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Resolution 38-2017
18 is the adoption of the titles and salaries
19 for the year 2017 in the Town of Hempstead.

20 The Resolution amends - - that is for
21 changes that occurred during the past month
22 or so with people retiring, people leaving,
23 people going on leave, people getting
24 appointed from Civil Service lists, things of
25 that nature.

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1 That is what that Resolution is.

2 DIANE MADDEN: Anything specific to
3 the Animal Shelter?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know. It
5 is posted online, um, I don't believe there
6 is anything.

7 DIANE MADDEN: Does this pertain to
8 part-time employees at the Animal Shelter,
9 Buildings, Sanitation?

10 Just about when the staff is trained,
11 Santino keeps transferring them in and
12 transferring them out.

13 I can't find these transfers.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That would not be
15 part of this Resolution.

16 DIANE MADDEN: So, the part-time
17 people who are shoveled all over the Town and
18 it is never recorded - -

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, extreme
20 Department needs, part-timers are sometimes
21 moved from place to place.

22 DIANE MADDEN: Where is it recorded?

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It does not come -
24 - those are inter-office, intra-office do not
25 come before the Board.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: Because you have the
2 hardest workers of the Town being shoveled
3 all over the place.

4 Where can employees, Councilwoman
5 Sweeney get in touch with you?

6 I think there are many from the Animal
7 Shelter are trying to outreach to you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Reach out
9 to Alex. He will give you my card.

10 Happy to talk to you and give you my
11 cell phone, whatever works.

12 I am also available for meetings.

13 DIANE MADDEN: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There is no one
15 else that signed in on the Administrative
16 Calendar.

17 On a specific item on the
18 Administrative Calendar?

19 Name and address for the record,
20 please.

21 LAURA GILLEN: Laura Gillen, Rockville
22 Centre, New York, candidate for Town
23 Supervisor.

24 I have a question with respect to Item
25 Number 12, um, my question is whether

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1 Members of the Town, I guess, in particular,
2 Councilwoman Sweeney and Councilman Blakeman,
3 since you seem that you don't get all the
4 information, what kind of disclosure there
5 was for the bidding process for this contract
6 and, um, with respect to the qualifications,
7 because to my knowledge, I am not aware that
8 Dover Catering Group, Dover Gourmet was in
9 the ATM business?

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10 How long they were in the ATM
11 business?

12 How long they were in the business?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
14 Attorney, would you.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Their full
16 disclosure is on file in the Clerk's Office
17 of the owners of the company.

18 LAURA GILLEN: So, their disclosure is
19 in the Clerk's Office?

20 So, we have Town Board Members, here,
21 that they may not know - -

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Town Board Members
23 get a memo prior to the meeting telling them
24 what the names, the individual names of
25 owners of companies that have business before

1 the Board.

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: The
3 information does not show the political
4 contributions that have been made by the
5 owner of that company.

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6 I had to go to the Board of Elections
7 WEB site to find out the thousands of dollars
8 that were given to the Supervisor in the past
9 twelve months.

10 LAURA GILLEN: That would be my next
11 question.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I think it
13 would be more comfortable if we can have all
14 the information in front of us instead of the
15 extra layer if I had to go to the Board of
16 Elections.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: By the way, to
18 the best of my knowledge, the company that
19 won this bid is the same company that has
20 operated the ATM machine for many years right
21 outside the cafeteria.

22 Any other questions on the calendar?

23 LAURA GILLEN: That is not really
24 responsive to my question.

25 I didn't ask if they operated - -

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You asked for
2 qualifications.

3 You did say you didn't know they were
4 in the ATM business.

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5 I am advising you that is the company
6 that has, long before I was Supervisor,
7 received the bid, received the contract to
8 operate the ATM machine that is outside the
9 cafeteria.

10 I think it was responsive.

11 Any other question on this matter?

12 LAURA GILLEN: So, just to be clear,
13 there was no disclosure to you about
14 qualifications?

15 There may be one ATM that is run by
16 Dover Catering, Dover Gourmet - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There was a
18 disclosure.

19 LAURA GILLEN: Do not speak over me.
20 Respond after I speak.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I am trying to
22 answer the question.

23 LAURA GILLEN: You can answer my
24 question after I finish speaking.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

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1 LAURA GILLEN: I just want to be
2 clear, there were no disclosure of the bidder
3 Dover Catering, Dover Gourmet in the ATM
4 business other than this one ATM that they
5 operate, here, nor the campaign
6 contributions, is that correct, Councilwoman?

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7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Unless I
8 am missing something with the first
9 disclosure, I did not find any
10 qualifications.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, Mr. Ra, I
12 think it is an important question.

13 It is important, she wants to know.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Beside the
15 political qualifications, I had to go to the
16 Board of Elections WEB site to find out that
17 information.

18 I mean, I was able to find it there.

19 It should have been presented at the
20 same time.

21 It would be more helpful, a more
22 holistic story.

23 LAURA GILLEN: That was one of the
24 amendments you proposed at the last meeting
25 that was shot down.

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: One of the
2 many.

3 LAURA GILLEN: Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Ok, thank you.

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5 Anyone else on the Administrative
6 Calendar?

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

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
10 please, call the roll.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye, except on
15 Item Number 12 which I recuse myself.

16 Supervisor, Item 14, I have one
17 question with the Town Attorney, Mr. Ra or
18 your Deputy.

19 This is a Florida company and I am not
20 sure if we can do it, now or in the future,
21 Paragraph 6 and Paragraph 12 of the contract,
22 business arbitration negotiated, we are the
23 Town of Hempstead.

24 We should have the choice if an
25 arbitration occurs in the State of New York

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1 venue, Nassau County.

2 I think that would be better.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Thank you,
4 Councilman.

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5 This contract is with a company that
6 we have dealt with for a number of years and
7 information and technology and they hold
8 either the rights, licensing to a particular
9 software that we use in the IT that is why we
10 are using them.

11 But, thank you.

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I am not
13 questioning the choice of the company.

14 In the event of a dispute, it is a
15 contract term, negotiable, if there is a
16 dispute, it is better place, here, we are the
17 Town of Hempstead, rather than having to go
18 to Florida - -

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Thank you. We will
20 take a look at that, Councilman.

21 CLERK AHMAD: How do you vote?

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: Councilman Dunne?

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilman

5 Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

8 Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I continue
10 to call for greater transparency with an
11 Inspector General, an impeachable process
12 where all residents can be confident services
13 and expenditure of Town funds, the faux
14 ethics legislation that was passed last week
15 in which only selected Council Members
16 received the text of the legislation is a
17 sham.

18 Consequently, I vote yes on all except
19 for the following items which I abstain, 11,
20 12, 13 and 14.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, can we have
22 a motion, please to adjourn.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
24 Supervisor, I move we adjourn them meeting.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the

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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: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of
the Hempstead Town Board was concluded. Time
noted: 12:00 p.m.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on September 19, 2017 consisting of pages 1 through 100 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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