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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

MAY 22, 2018

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: LAURA A. GILLEN,

SUPERVISOR

APPEARANCES :

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

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COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO (ARRIVED DURING ADMIN CAL.)

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.

MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

TOWN CLERK CABANA

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK SEDACCA

TOWN ATTORNY RA

COMPTROLLER CONROY

HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 5/22/18

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning,

2 I would like to welcome you to this regularly
3 scheduled Town Board Meeting.

4 For those of you who have never attended ^{Page | 3}
5 Board Meeting before, first we will have Public
6 Hearings followed by the Administrative Calendar.

7 There are meeting agendas available in the
8 rear of the Pavilion if you would like to be
9 heard, see one of our Public Safety Officers for a
10 speaker's slip and fill that out.

11 After the Meeting is adjourned, the Town
12 Board will follow our custom of three hundred and
13 fifty years and remain in session to hear
14 residents that would like to address any other
15 matters.

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

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

24 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

3 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

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5 If you would please rise for the Pledge of
6 Allegiance and I will ask Councilwoman King-
7 Sweeney to lead us in the Pledge.

8 Before we begin, I would like to have a
9 moment of silence for the victims that were killed
10 in Texas.

11 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
12 observed. After, the following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.
14 Councilwoman King-Sweeney.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Hand over your
16 heart, please join me.

17 (Whereupon, Councilwoman King-Sweeney led
18 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After,
19 the following ensued.)

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I
21 might rise to a point of personal privilege.

22 I have some guests here, today from
23 Sewanhaka High School.

24 If I may approach the podium?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, Members
2 of the Town Board, ladies and gentlemen:

3 I have the honor of sharing the Elmont
4 Community with Councilman Ed Ambrosino. Page | 5

5 Ed could not be with us, today because he
6 had a family emergency, so, he wanted me to
7 personally extend his congratulations and good
8 wishes to the students of Sewanhaka High School,
9 who are, here, today to take in part of the
10 "Students Active in Law", SALE program at the High
11 School level, have expressed an interest in the
12 law and the process of creating laws and are here,
13 today to visit us in Town Hall.

14 In that process, the students made
15 recommendations as to what they thought would be
16 good laws.

17 And, as you learn when you get into this
18 business, you win some, you lose some.

19 So, two out of three recommendations have
20 been accepted.

21 One was a Stop sign which was denied
22 because it was felt bad the Stop sign from a
23 Traffic Engineer's standpoint might create a
24 greater hazard than not putting it there.

25 And, I want to work you through

1 the process on these traffic situations.

2 When a resident approaches us from the
3 community and says we think you should do this,
4 then there is a process that we go through. Page | 6

5 And, it is the Engineering Department that
6 goes out or experts in Traffic Control and they do
7 a full survey of the area to make a determination
8 from an Engineering standpoint whether or not that
9 particular control should be put in at an
10 intersection or one of our thoroughfares.

11 And, they report to the Town Board and we
12 decide on the Town Board whether to go forward
13 with it.

14 So, two out of the three recommendations
15 were accepted from our Engineering Department.

16 We are actually going to vote on one of
17 those recommendations, today.

18 But, at this time, I would like to ask the
19 Supervisor to join me.

20 I would like to ask the students from the
21 Sewanhaka High School "SALE" (Students Active in
22 Law)program to stand behind us and we have a
23 citation.

24 Oh, there it is, I left it on my desk.

25 First of all, while everybody is

1 gathering, let me tell you about my first
2 experience with Sewanhaka High School.

3 I went to Valley Stream Central High School
4 right down the road from Sewanhaka High School. Page | 7

5 Come on up.

6 And, um, I played basketball for Valley
7 Stream Central.

8 We thought we had a great team. We were
9 the favorites to win our Conference.

10 We had seven basketball players at the High
11 School level, so, we thought we were pretty hot.

12 We went into Sewanhaka High School. It was
13 so hot, the hottest gym we played in all year and
14 we lost a very close game to Sewanhaka High
15 School.

16 So, while I may have love for you, I do not
17 have love for your gym or your basketball team.

18 I know I have been watching, you are very
19 good.

20 So, who would like to accept on behalf of
21 the school.

22 (Whereupon, the Sewanhaka High School
23 "SALE" students were presented with a citation and
24 pictures were taken with Supervisor Gillen and
25 Councilman Blakeman. After, the following

1 Ensued.)

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Congratulations.

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

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you
6 call the first Public Hearing.

7 CLERK CABANA: Yes.

8 Proposed Local Law Re: "Regulations and
9 Restrictions" to limit parking in North Bellmore,
10 Oceanside (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the
11 Town of Hempstead)

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
13 on this matter, is there anyone that would like to
14 be heard?

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

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
18 have a Motion.

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that we
20 close the Hearing and vote on the item.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
22 Motion.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
24 call the roll.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

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5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

12 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the
13 next Public Hearing.

14 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
15 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Bellmore,
16 Inwood, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Woodmere (To amend
17 Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of
18 Hempstead)

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
20 on this matter, is there anybody that would like
21 to be heard?

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

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
25 have a Motion.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that
2 the proposed local law be adopted.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second the
4 Motion. Page | 10

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
6 please call the roll.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

19 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
20 Hearing.

21 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re"
22 "Arterial Stops" in Bellmore, Elmont, Roosevelt,
23 Woodmere (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of
24 the Town of Hempstead)

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor,

1 I would like to ask, at this time, that Ashley
2 Dan come forward to speak on this time.

3 Ashley, all you have to do is tell us,
4 briefly, why you think it is important. Page | 11

5 Come on up, sit down.

6 Just talk like you are talking to a friend.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Sat your name an
8 address for the record.

9 ASHLEY DAN: My name is Ashley Dan.

10 When I am driving, cars turn off of Travis
11 and they don't stop and that can cause danger to
12 oncoming traffic.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, so, you think it
14 is a good idea that we enact the Stop sign and put
15 it there?

16 ASHLEY DAN: Yes.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: It will be safer for
18 the community?

19 ASHLEY DAN: Yes.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Great.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

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

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else
25 that would like to be heard on this

1 Hearing?

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

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I Page | 12
5 have a Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I
7 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be
8 adopted.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the
10 Motion.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
12 call the roll.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

25 Madam Clerk, please, call the next item.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
2 "Traffic Regulations in the Vicinity of Schools,"
3 in Elmont, Uniondale (To amend Section 197-13 of
4 the Code of the Town of Hempstead) Page | 13

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
6 on this Hearing, is there anybody else that wishes
7 to be heard?

8 State your name and address for the record.

9 MARTHA ANN BRADY: Martha Ann Brady. 517
10 Meyers Court in Uniondale.

11 I just want a further explanation of what
12 this is about and the vicinity of which schools?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Reed?

14 COMMISSIONER REED: Good Morning,
15 Supervisor and Town Board Members:

16 Tom Reed representing Traffic Control.

17 This is modified for the Mariners for the
18 High School to extend restrictions to 6:00 o'clock
19 so the buses can park right after school
20 activities on the school grounds there.

21 MARTHA ANN BRADY: This only applies to the
22 Kellenberg School?

23 COMMISSIONER REED: On Mariners, yes, that
24 is correct.

25 MARTHA ANN BRADY: Thank you very much.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

2 Is there anybody else that wishes to be
3 heard on this matter?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, ^{Page | 14}
5 the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
7 have a Motion.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the
9 proposed local law be adopted.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
11 Motion.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
13 call the roll.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
2 call the next Public Hearing.

3 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: "Bus
4 Stops," in Bellmore (To amend Section 202-52 of ^{Page | 15}
5 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
7 on this matter, is there anyone who would like to
8 be heard?

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I
13 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be
14 adopted.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
17 please, call the roll.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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5 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
6 Hearing.

7 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
8 "School Bus Stops" in Roosevelt (To amend Section
9 202-52 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
11 on this matter, is there anybody that would like
12 to be heard?

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

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that
17 the proposed Local Law be adopted.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

6 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
7 Hearing.

8 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
9 "Loading Zones" in Inwood (To amend Section 202-53
10 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
12 on this matter, is there anybody who would like to
13 be heard?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I move
15 that the Public Hearing be closed and the item be
16 adopted.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
19 call the roll.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

7 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
8 Hearing.

9 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law entitled
10 "Parks" in order to prohibit the smoking of
11 electronic cigarettes within own Parks and
12 recreation facilities, except in the areas that
13 have been designated as smoking areas (To amend
14 Chapter 78 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
16 on this matter, is there anybody that would like
17 to be heard?

18 (Whereupon, "I would," was heard from the
19 audience. After, the following ensued.)

20 RORI GORDON: Good Morning.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning.

22 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon, Hauppauge.

23 How do you propose instituting this law?

24 Are you going to arrest people?

25 How are you going to fine them?

1 I believe I see kids in the Park smoking
2 electric cigarettes.

3 It is nice to pass a law, what will you do
4 about enforcing it?

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5 How do you plan on doing that?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We have Public Safety
7 Officers to enforce the law.

8 RORI GORDON: How many are in each Park?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I don't have that
10 information.

11 RORI GORDON: I don't know either.

12 I thought maybe you know better.

13 I just think the laws are getting sillier
14 and sillier to me.

15 It is taking up a lot of your time and
16 everybody else's up, here to discuss it.

17 It is a little crazy.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Protecting our residents
19 is not silly.

20 I think it is important that the arsenic in
21 those cigarettes that they have, electronic
22 cigarettes, nicotine, the chemicals that are
23 involved in these vaps, in these cigarettes and we
24 have to protect our citizenry.

25 If you think it is silly, you are

1 entitled to your opinion.

2 I fight for your right to have your opinion
3 but, thank you for your input.

4 RORI GORDON: Let me ask you this, just Page | 20
5 saying you're protecting the citizens, how are you
6 actually protecting the citizens if they go out to
7 the sidewalk and smoke the cigarettes in front of
8 the Park?

9 How are you protecting those citizens?

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

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I don't think it is
13 funny, first of all, not you, I am talking about
14 somebody in the front row laughing about this.

15 You know what, if you have a carriage with
16 a child and you're sitting on a bench and a kid
17 starts to smoke this thing, how are we going to
18 address that the woman with the child and stuff
19 have to move because the kids have the right.

20 No, no, it is not right.

21 We are stopping it.

22 We are doing what we can, everything that
23 we possibly can.

24 We are not stopping everybody or curing all
25 the World's ills.

1 Anything we can do and you know, shame on
2 us if we don't do something.

3 RORI GORDON: That is true.

4 It is a shame because we do have all of Page | 21
5 these laws, they seem to be selectively enforced.

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It is not selectively
7 enforced.

8 It is an ordinance.

9 If a cop on a beach sees something, he can
10 write the summons down because there is an
11 ordinance.

12 In the past, you couldn't do that because
13 there is no ordinance.

14 I don't think this is bad.

15 A package of cigarettes, same thing on
16 cigarettes, going to put on a cigarette, going to
17 put on any vap item, now.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I thank you, Councilman
19 Dunne on leading the charge on vaping and I thank
20 you and I thank Councilwoman King-Sweeney for
21 pushing this idea forward.

22 I think it is important that we codify it.

23 Um, we do not know the chemicals that are
24 contained in all of these e-cigarettes.

25 As a Mother of small children, I think

1 it is important to ban this, so, we can discourage
2 children from picking up this habit.

3 Some people think that vaping is fine and
4 cigarettes are bad and vaping is fine. Page | 22

5 I would like to discourage it in part, I
6 would like to discourage my children from doing
7 it.

8 So, anything that we can do as a Township
9 to make our Parks a little safer for the families
10 and children that play there, I think it is a good
11 idea.

12 And, I thank you both for your efforts in
13 this regard.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: If I my,
15 Supervisor, I think that the argument of
16 enforcement is not really a good one.

17 I mean to say is there enough safety
18 officers in every Park, we just voted on six Stop
19 signs.

20 I guarantee, there will not be Nassau
21 County Police Officers at all six Stop signs,
22 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

23 So, I think it is a step in the right
24 direction, like the Supervisor said, like
25 Councilman Dunne said, if we can protect

1 the families that are utilizing our Parks, why
2 should they sit there and breathe that stuff in?

3 RORI GORDON: Okay.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I agree with ^{Page | 23}
5 that one hundred percent.

6 RORI GORDON: That is terrific. I get it.

7 My grandmother, she lived to 100 and she
8 smoked every day, but, you know, it is what it is.

9 Thanks guys, I appreciate your time.

10 (Whereupon, "I would like to say
11 something," was heard calling out from the
12 audience. After, the following ensued.)

13 PATTI AMBROSIA: Patti Ambrosia. 239 Sunset
14 Avenue, Island Park.

15 I find the problem is that the Town keeps
16 allowing these shops to keep opening.

17 A huge one just opened up in Oceanside
18 where they sell all this kind of stuff.

19 So, if the Town wants to stop something,
20 why do you allow them to keep opening up these
21 types of stores?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Well, I think - -
23 sorry Councilman - - we passed Councilman's
24 drafted legislation, probably, four months ago,
25 um, banning vap shops in the vicinity of

1 certain institutions.

2 The one that you are referring to has been
3 investigated by the Building Department.

4 It doesn't fall into, um, the immediate Page | 24
5 vicinity that was outlined at the legislation.

6 Obviously, we can't just write a law
7 banning them everywhere.

8 PATTI AMBROSIA: Why not?

9 I mean it is hurting children.

10 It is hurting adults.

11 Why can't you?

12 Why all of a sudden are there all these
13 types of shops with the pipes and everything else
14 and, then, you want to stop it at a Park, which I
15 am all for, but, you know, you got to stop it
16 across the board.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We have limited in the
18 areas where shops can open.

19 It is a very narrow window.

20 PATTI AMBROSIA: Go down Long Beach Road,
21 start off in Island Park, we got one on Austin
22 Boulevard.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That was closed
24 down.

25 PATTI AMBROSIA: That is closed?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: As of two weeks ago
2 it was closed down.

3 PATTI AMBROSIA: Oh, wow.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: With a sticker from ^{Page | 25}
5 the Building Department.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much.

7 Is there anybody else that would like to be
8 heard on this matter?

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
12 have a Motion.

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close
14 the Hearing and we vote on it.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
17 call the roll.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye, I thank
3 Councilman Dunne for spearheading many of the
4 anti-vaping measures in the Town of Hempstead.

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5 I appreciate it.

6 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

8 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the
9 next Public Hearing.

10 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
11 "Structures in Waterways" (For the repeal &
12 reenactment of Chapter 168 of the Code of the Town
13 of Hempstead)

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Before we take comments
15 on that, I ask Commissioner Delaney to, please,
16 come down.

17 There have been a lot of confusion about
18 this law, a lot - - I received a lot of
19 complaints about the law.

20 There is an online petition against the
21 law.

22 So, I think it will be helpful if you speak
23 a little bit about what this proposal is.

24 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: Good Morning,
25 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

1 My name is Don Delanney.

2 I am Commissioner of Conservation and
3 Waterways.

4 (Whereupon, "Can't hear you, pull the
5 microphone closer, can't hear," was called out
6 from the audience. After, the following ensued.)

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7 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: Okay, better?

8 Just to clarify a few things, I know there
9 is a little confusion but this law that has been
10 worked on five or six years or more.

11 Clearly, I wasn't there at the time, but, I
12 am there, now.

13 The purpose of the law was to clarify
14 structures in the waterways, such as, bulkheads,
15 floats, docks, slips, um, it expanded the
16 definition including but not limited to legal
17 conforming structures and commercial use, multi-
18 use or depending on the structures classified the
19 waterways by the size of the location and defined
20 all uses including outlining current providers,
21 commercial uses for, um, required to provide
22 parking, one slip for one car established
23 condition of the structures adjacent to multi-
24 family uses, established non-conforming uses,
25 existing non-conforming structures may

1 continue to provide that.

2 They were permitted to the adoption of this
3 law, otherwise altered and established structures
4 to - - based on non-conforming uses. Page | 28

5 Establish new permit fee structure, to
6 reflect a slight increase in the permit fees that
7 was already established in 1964.

8 With that being said, the Commissioner may
9 waive any application requirement that deems
10 unnecessary for review of the application for
11 structures of waterways adjacent of bulk, land and
12 residential uses.

13 One dock for residence, means that one slip
14 for each twenty feet of shoreline frontage.

15 Allows a greater number of docks and floats
16 and slips for commercial marinas but limited one
17 slip for parking space.

18 Legal non-conforming application structures
19 and use division, a Review Board to hear appeals
20 and give authority to suspend or revoke permits
21 for non-conformance.

22 What we are not doing, we are not caring
23 out a vendetta against residents or commercial
24 operations based on this new, um, new resolution.

25 We have people who have, um, slips behind

1 their homes and we have some of them who have
2 rented out some of their slips with regard to
3 paying taxes, point blank.

4 We are not going around like gestapos
5 looking for people who are, um, not paying
6 attention tot his Ordinance - -

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Excuse me,
8 Commissioner, can I interrupt you for one moment,
9 please.

10 So, basically, the intent of this law is to
11 restrict commercial marinas in residential areas
12 that aren't zoned for that and don't have the
13 correct permit for that, is that correct?

14 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: That is correct.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is the intent
16 but I think our Counsel has pointed out that the
17 language in that law may give the impression to
18 our residents that if, for instance, there was a
19 slip in a residential area and let's say, um,
20 somebody decided to sell their boat and a neighbor
21 wanted to rent their slip, this would not prohibit
22 them from renting their slip to a neighbor,
23 correct?

24 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: Correct.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, so, could you,

1 Mr. Regina, indicate what the ambiguity is in the
2 law.

3 ATTORNEY REGINA: Supervisor, Council
4 Members of the Town Board, Mr. Regina, Counsel to ^{Page | 30}
5 the Town Board.

6 Some residents have raised issue about some
7 language proposed in Chapter 168, that has caused
8 them some concern.

9 Our recommendation to the Board is to
10 adjourn the Public Hearing to make the
11 clarification, hopefully, to the satisfaction of
12 everyone and, then, to hold a Public Hearing on
13 the same.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Regina, I just
15 have a couple of questions for you and Mr.
16 Delanney.

17 Just so everyone knows, I know this was
18 promoted as an anti-homeowner on the water waste
19 law.

20 Um, this is simply to avoid a commercial
21 establishment running out of someone's backyard,
22 correct?

23 ATTORNEY REGINA: Correct.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Delanney, over
25 the last two years, do you have an estimate

1 of how many complaints that you received with
2 regards to backyard marinas including complaints
3 about parking complaints, about obstructions in
4 the waterway and navigation issues?

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5 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: We have had over
6 three hundred complaints.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Over three hundred
8 complaints over the last two years, okay, so,
9 this, obviously is an issue Town-wide and what we
10 are proposing in this is for every twenty feet of
11 bulkhead, you are allowed one slip.

12 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: Correct.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: So, if you have
14 sixty feet of bulkhead you get three slips to do
15 what you wish with them.

16 COMMISSIONER DELANNEY: Right.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

18 What is in the proposed law, in case
19 anybody couldn't hear me, the new rule is based on
20 your frontage in this case, I guess, in most
21 cases, your "back-age" and how much, um, bulkhead
22 you have, if you have sixty-foot bulkhead, you
23 would be entitled to three slips.

24 If you have one hundred foot bulkhead, you
25 are entitled to five slips.

1 The law is not to go out and tell people
2 that they cannot tell brother, sister, cousin,
3 love one, you cannot use my backyard to park your
4 boat.

5 This is simply to eliminate people making
6 commercial areas behind their home.

7 There is a lot that goes along with that;
8 one, increased parking.

9 A lot of these backyard marinas are in
10 areas where there is limited parking, so, on 4th of
11 July weekend, someone that pays tons of taxes that
12 lives on the water wants to have a barbecue and
13 they can't find a place to park because their
14 neighbor is renting out ten or fifteen slips, that
15 is what this is looking to address.

16 It is not looking to say that in any way
17 they cannot rent slips out of their backyard.

18 That is not the intent, that is not how it
19 was written and that is not how it should be
20 taken.

21 I think that there is also some concerns
22 that it was discussed at the Town Board.

23 And, commercially, with regard to the bay
24 constables, obviously, when you are a marina
25 owner, I see some of them here that pay commercial

1 Property taxes that maintain their marinas that
2 have to abide by certain rules and regulations
3 like providing electric, providing water,
4 providing fire extinguishers.

5 God forbid you have ten boats behind your
6 house and one of them goes on fire, it could be
7 quite a problem.

8 With that being said, I think that, um, by
9 recommendation of Counsel, there is a couple of
10 things that we need to change in order to get that
11 point across, then.

12 I am willing to make a Motion to adjourn
13 this.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, it seems to be
15 ambiguities in the law.

16 There is a lot of confusion.

17 We need to go back and clarify what the
18 Code is saying, as well, making it easier for
19 residents to understand.

20 So, I do think we should adjourn this
21 Public Hearing so we can go back to the drawing
22 board on this resolution and actually make
23 something that make sense.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second Councilman
25 D'Esposito motion on adjourning this Public

1 Hearing.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you,
3 Commissioner on your hard work.

4 (Whereupon, "can we comment on the
5 adjournment? Yeah, there are a bunch of us that
6 want to speak on this that took the day off. I
7 would like to speak" was heard calling out from
8 the audience. After the following ensued.)

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9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have slips. If you
10 filled out a slip, I will call the people in the
11 order of the slips.

12 (Whereupon, "there are a lot of people that
13 took off from work and you keep on adjourning it.
14 It is a headache for most of us. There is no
15 confusion, either. There is no confusion. We
16 know what is happening. You basically want to cut
17 us in half," was heard calling out from the
18 audience. After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If you want to be heard
20 on the Motion for adjournment, you are welcomed to
21 come up and speak on the Motion of the
22 adjournment.

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

25 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: I would like

1 to know how many complaints were made by one
2 person?

3 How many complaints were per household
4 because - -

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can be heard on the
6 adjournment.

7 I agree there are problems with this law.

8 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: There is a lot of
9 problems with the law.

10 I think someone is getting paid off, that
11 is what I think.

12 (Whereupon, "yeah, yeah, yeah, was heard
13 calling out from the audience. After, the
14 following ensued.)

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You're talking about
16 marinas having costs, I have costs too.

17 Every ten years I have to redo my bulkhead.

18 If I actually take a couple bucks from my
19 neighbors, that defers my costs, why is that any
20 different from the marina?

21 I am not making any money.

22 I am not making any profit.

23 This is ridiculous.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, we are going to
25 go back and look at the law, again.

1 I actually found out - -

2 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: It should be in
3 feet.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I found out from T.V. ^{Page | 36}

5 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: That is how I found
6 out, too.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We agree it is a good
8 idea to adjourn it and look at it, again.

9 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Can anyone tell us
10 about it next time instead of finding out by
11 watching my friend on the news and actually
12 calling him.

13 It is ridiculous.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Thank you.

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

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Anybody want to be
18 heard about the adjournment?

19 We are talking about the adjournment, not
20 the merits because we agree we have to go back and
21 straighten out the law a little bit.

22 ANNA D'AMARO: Anna D'Amaro. 120 California
23 Place South in Island Park.

24 Thanks. I just want to know from the
25 adjournment you have address there, can

1 you email us or mail us instead of like you said,
2 here, seeing it on the news?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The people that signed
4 in to speak on this, we will make sure you are Page | 37
5 notified, fill out your address and make sure you
6 are notified when the Public Hearing is going to
7 be.

8 ANNA D'AMARO: Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It will also be a
10 matter of public record.

11 We will send a second notice.

12 ANNA D'AMARO: Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else
14 that would like to be heard on the adjournment?

15 (Whereupon, "yes, right, here," was heard
16 calling out from the audience. After, the
17 following ensued.)

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

20 I am glad you are adjourning the Hearing.

21 What is troubling about this is that we are
22 at this point.

23 As the Commissioner said, you have been
24 working on this for five or six years and this is
25 a common pattern in the Town of Hempstead,

1 this legislation and, unfortunately, this spills
2 over to other legislation where things are not
3 thought out.

4 We act first and, then, we try to fix
5 things later.

6 So, if it is good, you are adjourning this
7 but a lot of people took a lot of time off.

8 You upset them, you, the Town Board by
9 doing this, this way, upset a lot of people for no
10 reason.

11 If it was - - let me finish, you have a
12 big mailing, we sent out for Passport Day.

13 It cost thirty-five thousand plus.

14 Another mailer for sanitation.

15 Everyone knows when the garbage pickup is.

16 And, the thing is, this affects a lot of
17 people's livelihood.

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

20 FELIX PROCACCI: That is very rude, a
21 dictator there.

22 You can get a way with anything you want
23 and unless people come down, it is fine.

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

1 FELIX PROCACCI: And, that is unfortunate,
2 so, this is a learning lesson for the Town Board
3 for all of you, that you talk to the community
4 with the people that are affected by this.

5 You know I don't live anywhere near the
6 water.

7 I live in Franklin Square but, as you know,
8 I speak on all issues that affect anybody here
9 that takes away constitutional rights, okay.

10 So, now and in the future, use this as a
11 learning lesson that you don't make the same
12 mistakes over and over again on other issues of
13 legislation.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Felix, I don't
15 disagree with anything that you are saying.

16 What I will disagree with, there are,
17 obviously, like the Commissioner said, he has been
18 working on this, whether you think it is right or
19 wrong, that is not part of the conversation.

20 He has been working on this for years and
21 that was because of complaints that have come into
22 the offices, probably my office, even before I had
23 an office.

24 Probably Councilwoman King-Sweeney's Office
25 before she was there, as well, so, there is a

1 concern.

2 I am not saying that it is being addressed
3 the right way, like I said, we will go back and
4 give it another look, but there are people that Page | 40
5 are concerned about this.

6 To answer the gentleman's question, I am
7 not sure if it is one person that is calling.

8 I would assume that the Conservation and
9 Waterways Commissioner and Bay Constables would
10 have an idea if it was one person or not.

11 And, I don't think they would put forth
12 legislation based on one person but I can't give
13 you a definitive answer but that is the answer I
14 am giving you, now.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: The question that I had on
16 this and one question on this where any formal
17 studies done when you wrote the law, the law was
18 written and based on the answers and everything
19 else that is coming back, the answer is no.

20 We will be talking about transparency a
21 little bit later in this, that is very important
22 when you put this forward on the next time, if
23 there - - I understand you will not list the
24 person' names who made the complaints, if you had
25 "household 1" so it is code, "three complaints."

1 "Household 2, ten complaints." "Household 3,
2 complaints, two hundred and ninety-seven
3 complaints," that would give the people an idea of
4 the distribution of the complaints. Page | 41

5 You don't have to give away the personal
6 information but that transparency would give an
7 idea as to the nature of the complaints and where
8 it is coming from and it would be fair.

9 It would protect anyone's liberties without
10 disclosing where they live and anything else.

11 But anyway, I just think that this needs to
12 be a learning lesson, this adjournment, that we do
13 things right in the future.

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

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Anyone else that would
17 like to be heard, just on the adjournment, just on
18 the adjournment?

19 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: I am a property
20 owner. I didn't hear nothing about property
21 owners.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are talking about
23 the adjournment of this Hearing.

24 We all agree that the law needs to be
25 looked at, again, so, we are just talking

1 about that adjournment, that's it, okay.

2 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Next adjournment,
3 anyway, make it a night-time, not in the daytime.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was ^{Page | 42}
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, we can try to make
7 an effort on the calendar, if the law is ready, if
8 the law is revised on the next night meeting, we
9 will try to do it, the next night meeting.

10 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Like I said - -

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Did you fill out a
12 slip?

13 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: Yes.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will let you know
15 when it is on the calendar.

16 UNIDENTIFIED RESIDENT: I appreciate it,
17 thank you.

18 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Domenica Califano, 4043
19 Long Beach Road, Island Park.

20 You all know me very well, here.

21 Anthony D'Esposito, this is just another
22 game of money for you and your whole entire
23 family.

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

1 DOMENICA CALIFANO: What you are trying to
2 do with homeowners - -

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: This is about the
4 adjournment.

5 DOMENICA CALIFANO: I understand.

6 This is constant, our roads are getting
7 destroyed.

8 Is it because marinas gave to his campaign.

9 The other thing is the Town of Hempstead -
10 -

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Talk about the
12 adjournment.

13 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Okay, this is fine for
14 the adjournment, but, this has to stop.

15 We are homeowners, here.

16 It is horrible what is going on.

17 The other thing is you have Town of
18 Hempstead marinas, the West and East Marinas that
19 is very unsafe for the clients that are renting
20 their boat slips.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You have to talk about
22 the adjournment, right, now, that is what we are
23 talking about.

24 DOMENICA FALIFANO: Okay, Commissioner of
25 Waterways is here, you have people, taxpayers,

1 Republicans that are only allowed to rent spots
2 there.

3 If you could look into it.

4 There is a lot of FEMA money that was not ^{Page | 44}
5 used for this marina.

6 How could people who want to go rent spots
7 there, that is not safe, there.

8 That is not safe.

9 They rather rent spots in the back of
10 people's houses that are much safer, much nicer.

11 There is water, electric.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If you would just reach
13 out to a member of my staff, you can let them know
14 what your concerns are, they would be happy to - -

15 DOMENICA CALIFANO: We have called the
16 office several times about West and East Marinas
17 in Lido Beach, on Lido Boulevard.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay.

19 DOMENICA CALIFANO: It is horrible.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Joe Davenport, would
21 you raise your hand, you can speak to Mr.
22 Davenport there and let him know what your
23 concerns are.

24 DOMENICA CALIFANO: If you could, please,
25 try to make the meeting in the nighttime, there

1 would be a lot more people that are not able to
2 attend, they have businesses that would love to be
3 here in the evening time.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

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5 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Thanks.

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

8 STAN STUART: Good Morning.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your name and
10 address for the record.

11 STAN STUART: My name is Stan Stuart. 2733
12 Ocean Avenue.

13 I am totally opposed to this boats.

14 I want the meeting to be held at nighttime.

15 The entire Bay Constables, here, they
16 enforce the law, they come on our property,
17 illegal entry and illegal searches.

18 I want a man here to explain to us how they
19 are enforcing the Constitution of the United
20 States of America, because apparently they don't
21 know how.

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

24 STAN STUART: How they enforce the
25 Constitution of our laws.

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

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

4 ANTHONY KAMURA: Anthony Kamura. 2400
5 Hempstead Lane in Wantagh.

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6 I would just like a little clarification
7 what the Town Board regards as a slip.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That is unclear in the
9 law, that is something we can look at.

10 ANTHONY KAMURA: Well, a slip is usually
11 for a boat.

12 It doesn't determine what size boat.

13 I don't - - if you have jet skis that is
14 considered a boat?

15 So, if I own forty feet of property, which
16 means I could only put two jet skis on that
17 property as opposed to two larger boats or smaller
18 boats, I mean - -

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Commissioner
20 Delanny, I am sure will be happy to speak to you
21 but, I think it outlines in the law as far as he
22 explained to us this morning about structures in
23 the waterways, so, the structure for a jet ski
24 would probably not be considered a slip, but, he
25 would be able to explain that a little better.

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1 ANTHONY KAMURA: There are other boats
2 besides jet skis.

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I understand.

4 ANTHONY KAMURA: Small twelve-foot boats. Page | 47

5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Absolutely.

6 ANTHONY KAMURA: That people have.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That needs to be
8 addressed.

9 The Commissioner is in the back row, if you
10 want to just ask him, I am sure he will be able to
11 explain it pretty quick or Mr. Regina.

12 ANTHONY KAMURA: Okay, as far as I see,
13 something in here about persons must reside at the
14 residence to use slips, is that going to be
15 addressed?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is the part
17 that we are addressing, yes.

18 ANTHONY KAMURA: Okay, thank you.

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

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: The people that have it
22 already, that are grandfathered in, in the future,
23 so, if you already have it, you don't have to
24 worry about it.

25 I used to represent Wantagh and Seaford,

1 when I was in the Legislature, if you already have
2 a slip, it is grandfathered in, anybody that is -
3 -

4 (Whereupon, "if you have permits for your ^{Page | 48}
5 slip, you are grandfathered in, is that what you
6 are saying," was called out from the audience.
7 After the following ensued.)

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: From what I understand.

9 (Whereupon, "if you are on California
10 Street in Island Park and there are four slips on
11 forty feet, are they good to go if they had a
12 permit," was called out from the audience. After,
13 the following ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are just supposed to
15 be talking about the adjournment.

16 RORI GORDON: It seems like it is getting
17 in the crosshairs.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, so, we are just
19 talking about the adjournment of this Public
20 Hearing.

21 RORI GORDON: I do have a question for Mr.
22 D'Esposito, you keep saying it isn't about renting
23 a dock to your brother or sister, it is about
24 having a backyard and having ten boats back there.

25 The law that is written that took five or

1 six years, I mean, it is nineteen pages.

2 And, the law as it stands, today, is five
3 pages.

4 There are a lot of things in here that the ^{Page | 49}
5 common person wouldn't understand the code.

6 And, I read code all the time.

7 It is really - - this is really difficult
8 for me to understand.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I don't disagree,
10 that is why we are doing it over.

11 I haven't been here for five years.

12 RORI GORDON: Okay, it will be simplified.

13 The gentleman that sat, here, he was
14 talking, I didn't understand some of the things he
15 was saying.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: As per our Counsel,
17 it will meet the narrative need to be in the code.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Gordon, we are
19 going to try to clarify the code.

20 We will have the Town Attorney weigh in on
21 this, as well, to make sure it is actually clear
22 and not ambiguous.

23 That is why we are adjourning the Hearing.

24 RORI GORDON: Okay.

25 I want to say one more thing, it is clear

1 in the code, the definition of "marina" is "dock
2 or basin operating for profit which public
3 patronage is invited, providing mooring or docking
4 facilities for boats or vessels within the area of ^{Page | 50}
5 the Town of Hempstead."

6 If you read the slip according to this
7 definition, you have a marina that is the way I
8 read this code - -

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Gordon, we are just
10 talking about an adjournment and your concerns I
11 will be happy to take them into consideration, if
12 you want to share them with members of my staff, I
13 would be happy to take them.

14 RORI GORDON: And, I have a question for
15 you, why did you just find out about this?

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

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have to move on. I
19 would be happy to talk to you later.

20 RORI GORDON: Okay, I think the people
21 should know what they are doing to you is that not
22 fair.

23 I want people to know that who don't come
24 to meetings.

25 I am assuming they left you out and that

1 is a terrible thing because you work really hard
2 for this community and I wanted to get that on the
3 record.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was ^{Page | 51}
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are talking only
7 about the adjournment.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Just want to know
9 going back to the drawing board, are you going to
10 take into consideration the South Shore is about
11 thirty-one hundred slips short of marina dock
12 space from the 1990's when three marinas went out
13 of business.

14 Treasure Island just sold off three
15 quarters of their property to housing and all of
16 these multi-million dollar houses that are being
17 built, they are not renting dock space to people.

18 Sixty feet of dock space behind someone's
19 house, limit three boats, that is only if the
20 boats are twenty feet long.

21 You can't put three boats in sixty foot
22 spots.

23 It is not - - if people went vertical, you
24 fit in more boats.

25 You shouldn't limit the amount of

1 boats someone should put behind someone's house.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I appreciate your
3 comments and you can share your comments with the
4 Town and take them under consideration when we Page | 52
5 look at this law.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Okay, please, make
7 it a night meeting so I can come.

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

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

11 Okay, we are just talking about the
12 adjournment.

13 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Wilhelmina
14 Funderburke. 156 East Smith Avenue, Roosevelt.

15 So, you know I don't live anywhere near the
16 water.

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

19 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: The thing that is
20 really obvious, here, there is a disconnect
21 between the seven of you because each and every
22 one of you basically said you have to adjourn it
23 because you don't know what it is about.

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

1 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: So, I mean in
2 order for you to all do a good job, you all need
3 to put all of your personal business behind and
4 talk to each other because it is evident that is ^{Page | 53}
5 not what you are doing, okay.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms.
7 Funderburke.

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

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Funderburke, I sent
11 out memos to every single Member of this Town
12 Board and asked them to schedule regularly
13 standing meetings with me so we can talk about the
14 agenda.

15 I have had a couple Council Members respond
16 but some others haven't, but that is something I
17 am pushing to do, so, we an all talk about what is
18 going on at Town Board Meetings before we sit on
19 the dais together.

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

22 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Supervisor, you
23 went and sued all of them when your family members
24 don't stick together and the matriarch of the
25 family goes out and does that, it is a problem.

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms.
2 Funderburke.

3 A couple of people voted against, so, they
4 are in the same position as I am. Page | 54

5 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin.
6 Yes, it is about the adjournment.

7 I am concerned about this ongoing process
8 of finding out, getting enlightened the day of
9 when residents are here.

10 Everybody up here is getting paid.

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

13 META MEREDAY: That fellow right, there, if
14 you look at the budget, there are millions of
15 dollars just on that side of the room.

16 There are other things that they can be
17 doing but they have to be here, this part, here.

18 We are not making a dime, here.

19 Once, again, you have to travel around the
20 Township to get a parking spot to come here, that
21 is a whole other issue.

22 And, you decided this morning that you are
23 going to adjourn, once, they are finally able to
24 get the information, last minute through a contact
25 or a neighbor that, again, continues the nature

1 of the disingenuous process that is the Town of
2 Hempstead.

3 The conversations, had been presented ahead
4 of time, so, whether it was the Commissioner, Page | 55
5 whether he was working on this five years or five
6 minutes, that does not take away from these
7 residents who may not be able to come to the next
8 meeting and for them who do not know and for those
9 of us who have been here awhile, the residents
10 come when they have a specific issue, as it is
11 their right to speak on that issue, when you
12 adjourn the meeting and it comes up at another
13 time period, where you don't have the opposition
14 in the room, because they have to work, take care
15 of the family member, they don't have an
16 opportunity, then, they hear about it in Newsday
17 when it is a done deal.

18 It is enough of this already.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I appreciate your
20 concerns, but, I think it is better not to vote on
21 bad legislation.

22 META MEREDAY: I am not saying - -

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Amend the legislation
24 instead of allowing it to go forward.

25 META MEREDAY: I agree with you.

1 I am just saying, stop putting it on these
2 agendas, so it compromises and takes away
3 residents who have to make sacrifices and still
4 have to live in this Township, that is what I am ^{Page | 56}
5 saying.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, part of the
7 reason I called Commissioner Delanney up was
8 because the law was published.

9 A change.org petition was organized and my
10 office was flooded with complaints and some of the
11 other Council Members' offices were flooded with
12 complaints.

13 So, in response to those complaints, we
14 decided that it is better to adjourn it, take into
15 consideration some of these complaints.

16 See what we need to do to make this law
17 clearer or better.

18 And, we are responding to the complaints.

19 We are responding to the complaints that
20 came in after this law was published, so - -

21 META MEREDAY: The way it is on this agenda
22 and let's be clear, it is not like other
23 propositions and legislations have not been put on
24 these agendas and voted for.

25 Residents come in and complain

1 and, then you hear it finally and everybody gets
2 their two minutes to do their promotional speech
3 as you have up to election period and, then, it is
4 like we ae going to postpone it because the
5 residents here are making noise.

6 Two weeks later at another meeting, it is
7 back on the agenda and then you do as you are duty
8 bound to say, "I don't have any slips on this
9 issue, does anyone want to speak on this issue,
10 hearing nothing, I ask the Clerk to call the
11 vote."

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will come back and
13 people will be heard on this legislation.

14 META MEREDAY: How do you know if they can
15 come back, if they are not able to make it - -

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well, they have
17 requested to have a night meeting.

18 We will make every effort to have a night
19 meeting.

20 META MEREDAY: And, you requested to have
21 more night meetings and how did that work out?

22 All I am saying, make it clear ahead of
23 time.

24 You use Newsday when you want to make it
25 clear, ahead of time, what these opportunities

1 are for residents to speak to the issues before it
2 becomes law and after the fact.

3 We are still going to have to deal with the
4 increase in zombie homes because we can't afford ^{Page | 58}
5 to live, here.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
9 please, call the roll for the adjournment.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Before I vote, I
12 would like to explain my vote.

13 First of all, I want to thank all the
14 residents for coming out.

15 I hope you don't think it is a waste of
16 time being, here, today, because, basically, we
17 have heard from you loud and clear, you think we
18 need to do more work on this.

19 Yesterday, I received a call from a woman
20 in my District whose husband passed away a couple
21 of years ago, she is a widow.

22 She couldn't afford to keep her husband's
23 boat, so, she sold the boat.

24 Um, she is till trying to make ends meet.

25 She is renting out the slip behind her

1 house to one of her neighbors.

2 So, she was very concerned about this.

3 And, as a result, I started asking a lot of
4 questions about it.

5 Some of the other Members of the Town Board
6 started asking questions.

7 Please, do not think for one moment that,
8 you know, we weren't asking questions about this
9 before the meeting.

10 We were.

11 We got the emails.

12 We got the phone calls.

13 And, again, we heard you loud and clear,
14 here, today.

15 We are adjourning this because we believe
16 that it needs to be looked at and changes have to
17 be made.

18 We have to define better what a "slip" is.

19 We got to determine whether twenty feet is
20 the right number.

21 We got to decide whether or not this should
22 include jet skis or not, which personally, I don't
23 think it should include jet skis.

24 So, we have more work to do.

25 So, I think the process worked.

1 I am going to vote to adjourn it because I
2 do think we have more work to do.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am going to say ^{Page | 60}

5 -

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are voting on the
9 measure, now.

10 LISA PANELLA: Lisa Panella, Oceanside, New
11 York.

12 I am a waterfront homeowner and I get the
13 understanding of the adjournment because the Town
14 of Hempstead neglected to explain the Code
15 properly, neglected to understand it yourselves,
16 so, you really don't have an explanation for use
17 homeowners and business owners to understand it.

18 Um, there are thousands of homes,
19 waterfront homes in Nassau County with three
20 hundred complaints that is not - -

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

23 LISA PANELLA: - - Kind of come in, take
24 away our rights that we have had for one hundred
25 years and decided this is what you are going

1 to do after being - - our homes were destroyed by
2 Sandy.

3 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
4 heard. After, the following ensued.) Page | 61

5 LISA PANELLA: Okay, we have been living
6 there for thirteen years.

7 Waterfront homes have decreased
8 tremendously but our taxes increased tremendously
9 and we deserve a break.

10 And, no one has been effected besides us
11 and I think when you guys go revisit your thoughts
12 on this Code, I think a lot of thought has to go
13 into it.

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

16 LISA PANELLA: It has to be a night
17 meeting, has to be.

18 Squeeze it into your agenda.

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

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Continuing the vote.

22 DEBBIE WILSON: Debbie Wilson, Freeport,
23 New York.

24 I do not own a home on the water.

25 I never owned a boat, but, I felt

1 I need to be here.

2 Um, I would like to ask a question, would
3 you consider holding a community meeting?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think that is an
5 excellent idea.

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6 I think that is an excellent idea that
7 probably should have happened.

8 I think it is a great idea.

9 I will talk to Councilman D'Esposito about
10 it.

11 DEBBIE WILSON: How would you let the
12 residents know, the residents of the Town of
13 Hempstead, that you would be holding a community
14 meeting and when it will be where it will be and
15 what time?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am sure the
17 Supervisor probably will put it in one of her
18 mailings so we will get it out there.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I haven't sent out any
20 mailings.

21 DEBBIE WILSON: Also, how many - - you said
22 that you received three hundred complaints?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We did not, that is
24 what Conservation and Waterways and Bay Constables
25 have reported to us.

1 DEBBIE WILSON: Okay, how many complaints
2 did you get from residents who were opposed to
3 this?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: In the last week, ^{Page | 63}
5 would think my office got maybe four.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe there is a
7 change.org petition.

8 How many signature, I think there is a
9 petition, quite a number of signatures.

10 DEBBIE WILSON: One thing that I would ask
11 that between now and the time that you evaluate
12 all of this and hold a community meeting or
13 another vote, I ask that you tone down the voice,
14 Mr. D'Esposito.

15 I watched the video and it really upset me.
16 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was
17 heard. After, the following ensued.)

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Which video?

19 DEBBIE WILSON: The video on the news when
20 you stood there like this making false accusations
21 against these waterfront homeowners.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay, I tend to
23 disagree with you.

24 DEBBIE WILSON: These are people that got
25 slammed by Irene and Sandy.

1 Do you get that?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I live in Island
3 Park. I get that.

4 DEBBIE WILSON: Okay, you accused them of ^{Page | 64}
5 creating environmental hazards, dumping trash in
6 the water, not following the rules you and your
7 marina owner and that is absolutely false because
8 I lived in the Village for fifty-five years.

9 I know people who own homes and rent dock
10 space behind homes.

11 I know people that own boats and rent dock
12 space behind home.

13 I can never recall when there was a
14 situation where there was a problem.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay, so, the
16 people that called and complained don't know what
17 they are talking about?

18 DEBBIE WILSON: These people have been
19 through enough.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: No one is
21 disagreeing with you.

22 DEBBIE WILSON: I am asking you between now
23 and then tone down the rhetoric.

24 Stop attacking these resident because they
25 are not doing anything wrong.

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am going to
2 address that.

3 Nobody is attacking any residents, okay.

4 You're making this into an attack.

5 DEBBIE WILSON: The video was extremely
6 aggressive.

7 He way you spoke was extremely aggressive
8 towards the residents.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: It didn't mean to
10 be aggressive.

11 I have no ill will against the residents.

12 DEBBIE WILSON: That is why I am here.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I understand the
14 concern and that is why we are going to go back to
15 the drawing board and see what we can do.

16 This came out of, like the Commissioner
17 mentioned, years of research that his office has
18 done and that is why the law as announced.

19 This is not towards any resident.

20 I have no problem with anybody.

21 I actually encourage - -

22 DEBBIE WILSON: You did in the video.

23 You did.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I respect your
25 opinion. Thank you.

1 DEBBIE WILSON: Okay, one thing I just have
2 to say, um, you have done a fabulous job with the
3 Town of Hempstead Shelter.

4 While I am here, you did a fabulous job. Page | 66
5 have done rescue for decades, over thirty years, I
6 never, ever, ever, up until a couple weeks ago,
7 had a good experience over there and I recently
8 had to take a very old, very sick animal to be
9 euthanized and it was a totally different
10 experience and I have to thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

12 DEBBIE WILSON: Whatever you did, I really
13 saw it.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
15 comments.

16 (Whereupon, "Is this about the
17 adjournment," was called out from the audience.
18 After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Call the roll on the
20 adjournment of this Hearing.

21 Let's start with Councilman Blakeman.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

23 (Whereupon, "wait, wait, he wants to
24 speak," was called out from the audience. After,
25 the following ensued.)

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1 FREDI VUCKOVIC: Good Morning, everyone.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your name and
3 address for the record.

4 FREDI VUCKOVIC: Fredi Vuckovic, V-U-C-K-O^{Page | 67}
5 V-I-C, Wantagh.

6 We went to the Town of Hempstead and the
7 Conservation and Waterways to see if we can buy
8 this property and had no problems and they told us
9 we could.

10 Um - -

11 MRS. VUCKOVIC: We have a family at hour
12 house, retired police, retired fire inspector,
13 people that are retired.

14 They are the only ones who came in from
15 Sandy and bailed us out when we got destroyed.

16 When you take the adjournment for
17 consideration, feel for us, we can't live on Long
18 Island if they don't help us out.

19 I am trying to raise my children.

20 And, please, understand what a family of
21 five on Long Island with one income, you nail us
22 and a "For sale," sign has to go on our lawn and
23 you ruined all of our dreams.

24 So, please, take that into consideration.

25 (Whereupon, applause from the audience

1 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 FREDI VUCKOVIC: A guy having his family
3 come and enjoy the waterways, now, when you put in
4 this law, you will get rid of ten thousand people^{Page | 68}
5 that can't take care of their families on
6 beautiful Long Island.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
8 comments.

9 Please, call the roll.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am not going to
12 repeat my comments, however, I do strongly suggest
13 that if we are unable to schedule this for a night
14 meeting, we should have a night meeting with the
15 community to give them an opportunity to be heard.

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

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, Supervisor, I
19 would be willing if the rest of the Town Board
20 Members would agree to a special meeting just to
21 hear the community on this and get a sense of what
22 the community has to say.

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

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye on the postponement.

CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? Page | 69

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye to
postpone it.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye and I agree that a
Public Hearing, Public Meeting should be held on
this matter.

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

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
please, call the Administrative Calendar.

CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor.

There are Items 10 through 64 on the
Administrative Calendar.

I also have a Resolution of an urgent or
emergency matter.

The Resolution is a Resolution to obtain
insurance services from Staff Insurance Agency in
connection with the issuance of insurance for the
office building located at 383 Nassau Road,

1 Roosevelt, New York for the purpose of conducting
2 federally funded community development activities.

3 This will be Item Number 65 on the
4 Calendar.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are there any Council
6 Members that would like to sever any items on the
7 calendar.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I
9 would like to sever Item 58.

10 Madam Supervisor, I will amend that. I
11 would like to table Item 58 indefinitely, that is
12 my Motion.

13 (Whereupon, "You are against freedom, hun,"
14 was yelled out from the audience. After, the
15 following ensued.)

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Before we call the roll
18 on this, I would like to point out that Item 58 is
19 the Resolution relating to special elections.

20 I would urge the Members of this Board to
21 reconsider and leave this item on the agenda.

22 And, it is just calling for a Public
23 Hearing and I think the public deserves to be
24 heard on this.

25 If the public does not care about this

1 then they can say so at a Public Hearing.

2 But, I think the Public has a right to know
3 where their public officials stand.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was ^{Page | 71}
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
7 please, call the roll.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: On the postponement,
10 I vote aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: No.

21 Do we have a Motion on the Administrative
22 Calendar?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the
24 Administrative Calendar 10 through 65 with the
25 exception of 58 which has been severed.

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COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Before we hear comments on the Administrative Calendar, I just have a couple of questions about Item Number 42.

Forty-two (42) relates to the settlement of certain litigation.

So, I just - - I was not around when this litigation was settled, so, I would just like to call Mr. Conroy to ask him a couple questions about this settlement.

Actually, Mr. Ra, could you walk us a little bit through the settlement of this case.

I wasn't here when this case was settled.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: These are the tele tax cases where Verizon, some special Water Districts, AT&T sued the Town of Hempstead and the surrounding municipalities on the assessment of telephone poles generating garbage.

It is a very complicated in that Nassau County assessed the telephone poles for taxes, special taxes, special garage taxes over the last fifteen years.

They sued.

The case wound through to the Courts,

1 the Court of Appeals, two or three times and
2 finally judgements were rendered on behalf of the
3 Utilities.

4 Nassau County has to indemnify and hold
5 harmless municipalities but in order to have that
6 indemnification hold true, the Towns must first
7 pay the judgements and then Nassau County
8 reimburses.

9 Litigation then ensued between Nassau
10 County and the Townships, all three Townships of
11 Nassau County.

12 Litigation ensued between them.

13 Nassau County is saying guarantees on
14 assessments did not apply in this case.

15 That went to the Court of Appeals, the
16 Townships prevailed.

17 Then Nassau County came up with another,
18 um, legal case that said it would be impermissible
19 gift for the County to reimburse the Towns.

20 That litigation started winding its way
21 through the Courts.

22 In an effort to resolve all litigation and
23 in an effort for the Townships to recoup the money
24 as quickly as possible because we would be, while
25 we have to pay those judgments, today, it would

1 be ten years before we got through the Court of
2 Appeals on the County litigation.

3 An agreement was made that we settled for
4 seventy cents on the dollar. Page | 74

5 So seventy percent of the money we pay out
6 we get coming back from the County another thirty
7 percent.

8 Most of which represents prejudgments.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Conroy, did you do
10 a financial analysis of the impact of the
11 settlement on our finances?

12 COMPTROLLER CONROY: I am a little confused
13 with that questions.

14 In terms of how to pay for these judgements
15 - -

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: About a settlement to
17 accept seventy cents on the dollar, did you do a
18 financial analysis of that settlement?

19 How that would impact on the Town's
20 finances?

21 COMPTROLLER CONROY: That was a negotiated
22 deal with the prior administration and, the prior
23 administration of Nassau County.

24 Mr. Ra points out this could have been
25 dragged on through the Courts for a number

1 of years and he thought it was in the best
2 interest of the constituents to settle and we did
3 settle with seventy cents on the dollar.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: My question is were you ^{Page | 75}
5 asked to do a financial analysis how this
6 settlement would impact debt service, for example,
7 in the Town of Hempstead, were you asked that
8 question and did you do that?

9 COMPTROLLER CONROY: No, I did not do that.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Were you asked to do
11 that?

12 COMPTROLLER CONROY: No, I was not asked to
13 do that.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I will tell you,
15 Supervisor, at the time that these negotiations
16 were ongoing, the present cost of money, there was
17 an analysis done by the prior administration.

18 The present costs of the money, considering
19 that we would have to pay it out now, within, you
20 know, within a year or so and not get it back for
21 ten years and it was thought that it was
22 beneficial to the Town to settle the matters.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Did you do any
24 analysis?

25 My understanding is there will be interest

1 on the bonding which we will not be able to recoup
2 from the County, is that correct?

3 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Correct.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do you know how much ^{Page | 76}
5 the interest will be on the bonding over the next
6 ten years?

7 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Probably bonding over
8 then years, don't know what the interest is.

9 We have to see what the interest rate
10 environment is, which will be probably mid June,
11 um, we are anticipating and an interest rate of
12 approximately 3.11 percent.

13 Federal fund rate is 3.1 percent which is a
14 barometer of the interest cost.

15 I think it is most important to point out,
16 here, is that the taxes here that we are
17 collecting by the Town of Hempstead had nothing to
18 do with this.

19 This is all about assessment by Nassau
20 County.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I understand that.

22 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: There is a statutory
23 interest rate attached to these judgement at nine
24 percent as Mr. Ra points out.

25 This eighty-two million dollars that

1 we are about to bond, approximately, half of that
2 is just interest.

3 So, in effect, that in and of itself, we
4 need to stop the bleeding. Page | 77

5 Get this thing behind us and cost effect
6 and go out and bond for this which is in front of
7 us, today.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, but, the impact
9 of the bonding is going to have an affect on our
10 debt service, is that correct?

11 COMPTROLLER CONROY: Correct.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Our ability to do some
13 infrastructure work will be impacted by paying
14 debt service on this bond?

15 COMPTROLLER CONROY: It will.

16 I believe it to be fiscally prudent to do
17 exactly what we are doing.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You have to.

19 COMPTROLLER CONROY: It is a judgement and,
20 again, Supervisor, we are paying the nine percent
21 interest on this, which, in today's economic
22 environment, as it relates to us, I think it is a
23 little bit outrageous.

24 It is also statutory saying that.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr. Conroy.

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1 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Thank you.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay. John Durso?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Before you
4 leave, are we using the same services that we had ^{Page | 78}
5 before?

6 Are we using the same companies that we
7 used before?

8 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Yes, we are using
9 Newninstaff (phonetic spelling) as our financial
10 advisor.

11 And we are using Milan Tyler as Bond
12 Counsel.

13 In addition, Mr. Ra, Phillips, Hawkins,
14 Ellenfield (phonetic spelling).

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: And, we used
16 them before?

17 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: We have used Hawkins.
18 This is our first go around with Phillips
19 Lytle.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Really.

21 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Yes.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: How did we get
23 them?

24 COMPTRROLLER CONROY: Mr. Ra?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I didn't hear?

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1 COMPTROLLER CONROY: How did we secure the
2 services of Phillips, Lytle, what was the process?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It was by Board
4 Resolution.

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Town Board Resolution.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr. Conroy.
7 John Durso?

8 JOHN DURSO: Good Morning, Members, John
9 Durso, Bellmore.

10 So, I came to speak on the IDA.

11 However, looking at the Administrative
12 Calendar Number 13 and I am here to say thank you
13 on behalf of Long Island Federation of Labor which
14 I have the privilege of representing two hundred
15 and fifty people here on Long Island.

16 Jack Majkut was somebody that we found to
17 be extremely valuable.

18 Someone who will serve the IDA Board with
19 integrity and with a commitment to our Town.

20 Jack has been a long-time resident of this
21 Town and we applaud the decision of this Board to
22 include Jack on the IDA.

23 And, I am so glad to say these remarks as
24 opposed to what I was planning on saying.

25 I am so glad I don't have to do that.

1 I much prefer saying thank you for your
2 dedication and hard work to our community.

3 I want to especially thank Councilman Dunne
4 for taking the time out of his busy schedule to Page | 80
5 discuss this with me and to you Supervisor having
6 the time to listen to my concerns and the concerns
7 of the people that I have the privilege of
8 representing.

9 Thank you very much.

10 COMMISSIONER DUNNE: John, the people that
11 I spoke to about Jack, I know Jack from Levittown.

12 It is my home community.

13 He goes to Saint James Church.

14 I am a Saint Bernard guy.

15 He is a Saint James guy. I sometimes go to
16 Saint James because, you know, but he is a great
17 community member.

18 He is a good Union man.

19 When I was in the Legislature and we passed
20 stuff that was pro-Union stuff that we had to do,
21 he was right there and gave me great information.

22 And, so, did you and I want to thank you
23 and Jack and you have my total support.

24 JOHN DURSO: We are very proud of Jack and
25 really proud of this Board for making an

1 excellent choice.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like
3 to say I had the opportunity to interview him.

4 He did come to my office and I interviewed ^{Page | 81}
5 him.

6 And, he reminded me that I had known him
7 from before.

8 I didn't remember that, but I was very
9 pleased with all the answers that he gave me.

10 The IDA is extremely important to me. I
11 happen to live in the area which is overflowed
12 with houses and I certainly want someone who has
13 the same thoughts that I have and he keeps people
14 in mind, that is important.

15 JOHN DURSO: Yes, he does, Senior
16 Councilwoman.

17 We are very proud of him.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you, as well,
19 for coming to see us, today.

20 I am also very happy that we are going to
21 have someone from organized labor on the IDA
22 Board.

23 I think we need this prospective of the
24 working man and woman.

25 I do not know the gentleman.

1 From my colleagues, they speak very high
2 about him, both Supervisor Gillen and Councilman
3 Dunne have given him an enthusiastic
4 recommendation, so, I think it is a good idea that ^{Page | 82}
5 we have a Member of Organized Labor.

6 JOHN DURSO: I appreciate that.

7 I want you to know that Labor stands ready
8 to help and serve at any time with the people of
9 the Town of Hempstead.

10 This is our community. We are proud of our
11 community.

12 We love our community.

13 I grew up in Wantagh.

14 I didn't go far living in Bellmore.

15 This is our Town and we are committed to
16 making it better and to working in harmony.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I was going to wait
18 for my comments when I voted.

19 Everyone is peaking so highly of Jack, I
20 might as well go for it, now.

21 I took some time probably last week or the
22 week before, Jack and I met for an afternoon, had
23 great conversation.

24 He had great vision for the Town of
25 Hempstead.

1 As someone who is part of a Union, NYPD
2 Detectives Association, I actually got calls
3 from their leadership in support of Jack's good
4 work. Page | 83

5 So, I am sure he will be a strong asset to
6 labor and most importantly to the eight hundred
7 thousand residents of the Town of Hempstead.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I think I am
9 next, Mr. Durso, I thank you for coming.

10 I greatly appreciate it. Jack had two
11 things most importantly going for him, one, his
12 name is Jack, same as my son and Dennis would
13 not leave me alone.

14 If someone is from Levittown that is the
15 beginning and end of the story.

16 He is from Levittown. All kidding aside, I
17 am delighted to welcome Jack to the IDA Board
18 and I think it is incredibly important that we
19 have someone from the Union movement on the IDA
20 Board.

21 I am saying that we need to reach out to
22 our friends in Labor and work together in the
23 Town of Hempstead.

24 So, thank you for being, here.

25 JOHN DURSO: Thank you, Councilwoman.

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: You grew up in
2 Wantagh and I live in Wantagh.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I don't live
4 in neither one of those places but I do really ^{Page | 84}
5 care that the person that is on that Board does
6 not vote for anymore PILOTS in this District.

7 JOHN DURSO: Councilwoman Goosby you and I
8 have had many conversations.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes.

10 JOHN DURSO: We see eye to eye.

11 It is better not to be on your bad side.

12 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the
13 following ensued.)

14 JOHN DURSO: Thank you very much.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I certainly can
16 attest to that.

17 She took away my cookie, today.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, John.

19 I would just like to say Jack, it is an
20 honor to nominate you for this position.

21 I thank the Board for their support.

22 I think you will be an asset the IDA Board
23 and I welcome you.

24 Thank you very much.

25 (Whereupon, applause from the audience

1 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 JACK MAJKUT: Thank you so much for the
3 appointment.

4 I will do the community and the public a ^{Page | 85}
5 great service as Councilwoman Goosby said, that
6 is where my heart is to make sure that these
7 PILOT Programs and incentives that are awarded
8 to these developers is actually used in the
9 proper manner.

10 You know, I have seen it, unfortunately,
11 happen too many times with out-of-State
12 contractors that come in and we don't reap the
13 economic benefit that we should.

14 So, I will be watching, especially, for
15 Labor and for our community.

16 Thank you.

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

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix Procacci?

20 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
21 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

22 Um, I want to talk on several
23 Administrative items, Number 64, the
24 governmental transparency.

25 Transparency is not an end but a means

1 to an end.

2 It still requires those in charge to take
3 responsibility for their actions.

4 For example, when a special election
5 resolution was tabled and no reason was
6 provided, that is not transparency.

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7 When mailing legislation was tabled and no
8 reason was provided, that is not transparency.

9 The selective transparency data selected by
10 government officials is equivalent to no
11 transparency.

12 I like the way the structures and the way
13 the description was outlined, their purpose was.
14 I think this legislation needs to include that
15 all future legislation even past legislation
16 have a definition as to what it is aiming to
17 achieve so our judicial people, the Judges, the
18 Board of Zoning and Appeals can make decisions
19 on what the purpose of the law is.

20 I don't care it was tabled but, you, Mr.
21 Blakeman and Erin King-Sweeney, you are a big
22 disappointment.

23 Why do you vote to kill special elections,
24 take away the rights of people is despicable.

25 It is despicable and that is not

1 Transparency.

2 You didn't even give a reason why.

3 You didn't have the courage to say why you
4 tabled it.

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5 I don't expect anything from Dunne and,
6 D'Esposito and Ambrosino but I expected more
7 from you.

8 Also, in the transparency of legislation,
9 what is the punishment for a Town Official?

10 There is no stated punishment in the
11 legislation.

12 It is an Article 78.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are talking about
14 calling a Public Hearing.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand, like I said,
16 pre-Kate Murray, you were allowed to talk in
17 calling the Hearing.

18 It is a made-up rule, you can't have
19 discussion on tabled items.

20 There was never any written rule for the
21 public on items you could talk on.

22 There was no written rule.

23 It is made-up rules by elected officials
24 that don't want to hear what we have to say.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I always like

1 to hear what you have to say, Felix, but when
2 there is a Public Hearing on the actual
3 legislation.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: It is important, like what ^{Page | 88}
5 happened, today, you got to learn from the
6 adjournment, the reason why things weren't done
7 right or that dock issue was because there were
8 no public hearings prior to it, no discussion
9 over it.

10 Many people were allowed to speak on the
11 call of the Hearing.

12 You could have fixed the problem before the
13 actual Hearing.

14 So, I am trying to fix the problem on this
15 transparency legislation.

16 If you are going to go over the date and
17 use the "Kate Murray Rule", I am opposed to the
18 date until the following issued items are
19 addressed.

20 Okay, so, it is in context of the date.

21 What is the punishment?

22 There is no punishment in the adopted
23 resolution.

24 Where are the explicit published fess,
25 fines, everything?

1 The Bay Constables and Waterways come and
2 give you fines and appearance tickets.

3 There is nothing.

4 It is an Article 78.

5 An, Article 78 mean the taxpayer has to
6 take a risk, hire a lawyer with the hope the
7 best outcome is the Town will abide by the law
8 and the guy or girl will get their money back.

9 That is it.

10 There is no consolation price in filing an
11 Article 78.

12 The rules have to be the same rules when a
13 resident violates Building Code, they could get
14 an appearance ticket.

15 They could go to jail, if you violate
16 transparency rules, you should get an appearance
17 ticket and go to jail, if you don't want to
18 abide by the rules.

19 The most important thing to have in the
20 transparency legislation is to answer questions
21 regarding points of law.

22 When I brought up John Rottkamp's
23 qualifications, it wasn't an attack on John
24 Rottkamp.

25 I don't really know the guy.

1 His qualifications don't meet with the
2 requirements in law, that is transparency.

3 I don't expect Newsday to write about this
4 but we should be able to indicate when we bring ^{Page | 90}
5 forth problems with the laws, if you guys decide
6 you don't want to abide by them, it shouldn't be
7 on us to hire lawyers and go to Court, it should
8 be some punishment in which the A.D.A could
9 punish you, that could make you go to Court.

10 It shouldn't be on us.

11 And, that is what is necessary in this
12 transparency legislation.

13 I will end this, now and I will continue
14 this at the next Hearing.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

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

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mary Ellen Kreye?

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

21 On Item Number 17, grant for uses, do you
22 know what program this is?

23 Oh, it says - - is that West Hempstead?

24 I did not see that.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That is for West

1 Hempstead.

2 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I see.

3 (Whereupon, "15, Mary Ellen," was called
4 out from the audience. After, the following Page | 91
5 ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Bakich,
7 are you here?

8 Do you know the exact programs?

9 Basically, what happens with these is that,
10 um, non-profits come to us and try to get
11 community development block grant money for
12 different Youth Programs that they have and this
13 is like a way that they can get money, Grant
14 money.

15 COMMISSIONER BAKICH: Supervisor, are you
16 asking specifically about the West Hempstead?

17 I am sorry, George Bakich of Planning and
18 Economic Development.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you,
20 Commissioner.

21 MARY ELLEN KREYE: And, also, fifteen, I
22 know EAC does a lot for Senior Services.

23 COMMISSIONER BAKICH: These are Youth
24 Services through these various organizations,
25 so, some of these monies come from

1 the money from Nassau County Office of Human
2 Services and pass through us.

3 The money goes out to the, um, various
4 groups.

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5 The only one on here that is a Town of
6 Hempstead Grant, today is the, um, Belmont Child
7 Association.

8 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I see, thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER BAKICH: You're welcome.

10 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I just like to say that
11 as far as the bond resolution, it certainly
12 seems to be cost effective to take the seventy
13 cents on the dollar and let's get this over and
14 move on and not wait for ten years as part of a
15 small agency that has County and other contracts
16 knowing where you don't get the money until
17 months and months and sometimes years after the
18 project starts, this is a good deal.

19 On Item Number 58, I protest it is being
20 tabled and feel it should have been handled.

21 Um, 60, I understand that this is to
22 prohibit public urination, etc. in public
23 places, is that correct?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Yes, it is.

25 MARY ELLEN KREYE: That is the one, okay,

1 definitely in favor of that.

2 So, let's go to 63, the application of
3 Beechwood Merrick and I know it is called for a
4 Public Hearing, but, I would like to know, I am ^{Page | 93}
5 trying to think where Privado Road and it is one
6 of those that runs East/West from Roosevelt
7 Field, I believe and, um, so, the building that
8 would be on - - what would that be?

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Privado Road runs North
10 and South in Westbury where the old Motor
11 Vehicle use to be, I believe.

12 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Oh, okay, so, that is
13 Privado Road, they call it "Avenue A" or
14 something like that anyway.

15 Um, but this says, "Merrick Avenue, so, it
16 is not clear, that is not clear if it says,
17 "Merrick Avenue, how can it be North/South Road?

18 (Whereupon, "it runs East/West," was called
19 out from the audience. After the following
20 ensued.)

21 MARY ELLEN KREYE: What is there?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is the Simms building
23 that is on Merrick Avenue near Privado Road.

24 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Okay, okay, thank you
25 very much, so, that would be a Hearing and,

1 you know, this is all alphabetical, mumbo jumbo
2 rezoned from "Y Industrial District" and "X
3 Business District" to "PUD District", so, could
4 you, please give us an idea of what we are Page | 94
5 talking about?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Because this is a
7 Resolution calling a Public Hearing.

8 I don't have that file with me, here, now,
9 however, they are asking to go into the
10 Roosevelt Field, Roosevelt Raceway PUD, Planned
11 Unit Development District and get out of the
12 Industrial District.

13 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Now, what kind of
14 ramifications does that have?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: They want to build a
16 hotel/condos.

17 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you. I appreciate
18 that.

19 And, of course, anything which - - 64,
20 which goes for government transparency, we are
21 very much in favor of that.

22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rori Gordon.

24 RORI GORDON: Hi, Rori Gordon, Hauppauge,
25 New York.

1 Correct me if I am wrong, isn't public
2 urination already on the books?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe public
4 urination is prohibited. Defecation is not
5 prohibited.

6 We cleaned up the entire thing to make it
7 inclusive.

8 RORI GORDON: Newsday had a story about
9 that.

10 Give me a break. There are so many
11 important things, here, but, okay.

12 I have a question, um, I was out in the
13 bathroom, I think I missed it.

14 This was tabled, the, um, the special
15 election thing?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, it was tabled.

17 RORI GORDON: Can somebody give me a reason
18 why?

19 (Whereupon, Felix Procacci yelled from the
20 audience, "Erin, speak up why" was heard.

21 After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There was a Motion to
23 table it, I believe was made by Councilman
24 Blakeman and seconded.

25 The vote was a tabled item.

1 RORI GORDON: Can you bring it up meeting
2 after meeting after meeting?

3 I don't know how the process works.

4 It is tabled for, now, can you bring it up,
5 again? Page | 96

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It can go on the
7 agenda.

8 They can keep tabling it.

9 RORI GORDON: It really gives a real poor
10 appearance for the people that - - I don't know,
11 what was your vote?

12 Did you want to table it?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I did not want to table
14 it.

15 RORI GORDON: Ms. Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Councilwoman
17 Goosby.

18 RORI GORDON: I am sorry.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I voted no.

20 RORI GORDON: So, you two against the other
21 five is that how it went?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Four, today.

23 RORI GORDON: I am sorry, four, five.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: It would have been
25 five.

1 RORI GORDON: Okay, the optics that you
2 guys are tabling this looks so poor to the
3 constituents that you want to put your Goombah
4 in when God forbid someone passes away. Page | 97

5 What Country are we living in?

6 Why can't we have special elections?

7 Is there a reason that we can't?

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

10 (Whereupon, "speak up, Bruce, speak up
11 Bruce," was heard calling out from the audience.
12 After, the following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Please, don't yell from
14 the gallery.

15 RORI GORDON: I am sorry I missed this.

16 Can you tell me why this was tabled, the
17 special elections?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are going to
19 review that in light of opinions that we read
20 from the Attorney General regarding this issue,
21 Number 1.

22 Number 2, you know democracy is a wonderful
23 thing.

24 People have two different opinions. Some
25 people could have the opinion that the added

1 money to run a special election is cost
2 prohibitive.

3 Some people could have the opinion, why
4 leave a District unrepresented for ninety days ^{Page | 98}
5 when it is not necessary and there will be an
6 election anyway?

7 So, you know what, we have differences of
8 opinions sometimes.

9 And, I know that you are not going to agree
10 with me all the time.

11 I am not going to agree with you all the
12 time.

13 The reality is we are taking a look at it.

14 I am not convinced that we need to change
15 the law that is in effect.

16 So, if there are colleagues on the Board
17 that have differences of opinion, I respect that
18 differences of opinion.

19 We are not going to agree on everything,
20 you know and it is not a Republican, Democrat
21 thing.

22 Sometimes Democrats disagree on this Board.

23 Sometimes Republicans disagree with
24 Republicans.

25 We have an independent brain.

1 We are asked to be independent and we have
2 opinions and I am going to do the best I can
3 based on the information that I have.

4 And, I am going to do what, in my opinion, ^{Page | 99}
5 I think is best for the community.

6 You may disagree. Felix may disagree. The
7 Supervisor may disagree.

8 My colleagues might disagree with me but
9 the reality is that I have determined, at this
10 point in time, I don't see the necessity to
11 change.

12 (Whereupon, Felix Procacci calling out,
13 "Not even to talk about it" was heard from the
14 audience. After, the following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Please, do not yell
16 from the gallery.

17 (Whereupon, Felix Porcacci calling out,
18 "table it," was heard. After, the following
19 ensued.)

20 RORI GORDON: We talked about the added
21 money, can somebody enlighten me what it costs
22 to run a special election?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You need to hire poll
24 watchers.

25 You need to have the ballots printed.

1 You need people to monitor the elections.

2 You need police officers to pick up the
3 ballots.

4 You need the ballots counted.

5 It is an expensive process that we believe
6 that doesn't support that legislation.

7 I find it unnecessary, but I can see that
8 there are people on this Board who would think
9 the investment was worthwhile.

10 It is a difference of opinion.

11 RORI GORDON: I see what has happened in
12 the past, I mean, like one Goombah gets picked,
13 that is in the Club, the Republican Club before
14 the new Supervisor was in and that is who they
15 put in the position.

16 And, they take the mailers and they bombard
17 the constituents.

18 It is a propaganda campaign.

19 And, I think it is really wrong and the
20 optics that you guys would not want to have a
21 special election because of finances.

22 You guys pissed away seven hundred thousand
23 dollars on my lawsuit like it was nothing.

24 I mean you spend millions of dollars that
25 are wasted.

1 I am sorry, I don't agree with that.

2 Anyway, let me just ask another question on

3 this Public Hearing, governmental transparency,

4 39-21A, the Town shall publish on its website, ^{Page | 101}

5 blah, blah, blah, ten thousand dollars - - I

6 have a question.

7 We have new litigation that came up this

8 week, the Woodmere Golf Club, we are suing.

9 We know that is going to be more than ten

10 thousand dollars in legal fees.

11 How does that work?

12 Does that go out for bid?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That was one of the RFP

14 proposals that I put forward that all legal

15 services we should do by the RFP process.

16 RORI GORDON: What happened?

17 Did anything happen?

18 I am sorry, I don't understand.

19 Everybody is not saying anything.

20 Can somebody further explain that to me,

21 how does that work?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Explain what?

23 RORI GORDON: How do you decide who is

24 going to get the case?

25 The Woodmere Golf Club, we know it is going

1 to be more than ten thousand dollars.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: First of all, certain
3 services of a legal nature is not the type of
4 situation that you want to put out for RFP. Page | 102

5 First of all, you want somebody that is
6 qualified to handle the litigation.

7 They have to be qualified. They have to
8 have the experience and if it is a large case,
9 they have to have the horsepower in this law
10 firm to be able to defend or prosecute on behalf
11 of the Town of Hempstead, so, that is the
12 primary consideration.

13 Then, after that, I think it has to do with
14 whether or not there is a comfort level with the
15 law firm that you are hiring.

16 So, I think hiring a law firm is a little
17 different thing for an RFP.

18 So, again, there are differences of opinion
19 with respect to that.

20 We have to respect those differences of
21 opinion.

22 I don't think an RFP process is good when
23 retaining legal counsel.

24 Others might disagree.

25 Maybe we can work together as we said

1 with the Supervisor on something that we can all
2 agree on.

3 So, we are still talking about it.

4 We are still deliberating. We have not Page | 103
5 said no.

6 We are against this. When I say, "we"
7 those of us who would like to take a closer look
8 at this and see if we can refine it and at some
9 point in time, I think the Supervisor and the
10 Members of the Town Board will come together,
11 hopefully sooner, rather than later with
12 comprehensive ethics amendment to the Town Code
13 that I think we can all be proud of.

14 It is not going to be what everybody on
15 this Board wants, but, that is what compromise
16 is all about.

17 And, if we learned anything from Albany and
18 Washington, maybe it is time to compromise a
19 little, get something that we can all agree is a
20 good piece of legislation, even if it is not the
21 best in somebody's opinion.

22 RORI GORDON: It was a little disheartening
23 to see one law firm got eighty percent of the
24 work in the Town of Hempstead.

25 I mean, how is that possible?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are looking at
2 that situation.

3 RORI GORDON: Okay, thank you.

4 I really wish you would and - -

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I will just add to
6 that, while I do agree that when it comes to
7 professional services, it is not just like
8 putting something out to bid, but, I do think we
9 can have a roster of law firms and other
10 professional service providers.

11 My resolution, I am working with the Town
12 Board and I hope that we can work together and
13 make a resolution that everybody can agree on
14 that would be for the residents of the Town of
15 Hempstead.

16 RORI GORDON: That RFP with the Building
17 Department, can I talk about that, now?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: No, no, no, that is not
19 on the Administrative Calendar.

20 RORI GORDON: That is during Public
21 Comment?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

23 RORI GORDON: Thank you everybody. Thank
24 you, Bruce.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Have the record show

1 Councilman Ambrosino has joined us.

2 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino entered
3 the Town Board Meeting. After, the following
4 ensued.)

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Valerie Lamp?

6 (Whereupon, "She is here. She is coming.
7 I am here," was called out from the audience.
8 After, the following ensued.)

9 VALERIE LAMPE: Valerie Lampe. My notes
10 are over there.

11 Um - -

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do you want to get your
13 notes?

14 We can wait.

15 VALERIE LAMPE: No thanks.

16 Okay, I just - - this is the quick part,
17 transparency, right, this is the appropriate
18 time for that?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

20 VALERIE LAMPE: I wanted to ask about the
21 status regarding the Compliance Officer that we
22 are hopefully getting.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is up on the website
24 and we are taking applications.

25 VALERIE LAMPE: We are still in the

1 Application phase? Are people responding?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: A few residents.

3 VALERIE LAMPE: A few residents, okay.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Um, are we advertising ^{Page | 106}

5 that in anywhere else like, Indeed.com or
6 something?

7 Oh, thank you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It is online,
9 Facebook and other websites.

10 Any place else?

11 (Whereupon, "no, we are waiting for the
12 results," was heard from the audience. After,
13 the following ensued.)

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You know what, I
15 would recommend, um, there is an Inspector
16 Generals Association in the State of New York
17 and they probably have a newsletter or website
18 we might want to consider advertising there and
19 letting them know.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think that is an
21 excellent idea.

22 VALERIE LAMPE: Thank you.

23 Um, I also just wanted to ask so as it
24 pertains, such as, contract reviews which I
25 understand is part of this push for

1 transparency, are they going to also apply that,
2 um, employment contracts?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, now, this is
4 just on the administrative Calendar calling for ^{Page | 107}
5 a Public Hearing.

6 We are still working on the resolution and
7 will be published, let me see what it says, if
8 you have suggestions, we welcome them.

9 VALERIE LAMPE: I do, um, so, what my
10 suggestion is, I guess, comparable to, um,
11 seeing there seems to be a pattern, there is
12 like a few meetings and there is, um, somewhat
13 of a typical crowd, the usual suspects and there
14 is something that gets on the agenda and it
15 triggers a large public outcry.

16 So, I was just thinking that in a very
17 short timeframe, I mobilized one person who was
18 able to collect everyone's contact information
19 and email addresses and, um, I know that
20 Councilwoman Sweeney and Councilman D'Esposito
21 have sign-up options for their specific
22 newsletters, um, and email so that they can be
23 proactive and send out information pertinent to
24 their constituents, I would like to see
25 something like that for the Town of Hempstead.

1 So, this way, people can be alerted.

2 You don't have to do, you know, actual,
3 physical mailers.

4 It is somewhat antiquated and expensive. Page | 108

5 Email is pretty universal.

6 It is pretty cheap, um, and I think that
7 this way you could really engage the community
8 more.

9 And, I think a big part of the problems and
10 emotions when they run high, here, is because
11 people feel somewhat blind sighted and, so, they
12 react.

13 So, to maybe despite that, um, we can in an
14 effort for more transparency, I do give you
15 credit, honestly, Councilwoman Sweeney, you are
16 very proactive, that, um, item or whatever was
17 put on, the resolutions and you put it on your
18 Facebook and you talk about it.

19 You talk about where you stand and you
20 supporting it and she does that a lot with
21 whatever issues are, here.

22 Um - -

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I have to defer
24 all the credit to Alex, in my office, he is on
25 top of it.

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VALERIE LAMPE: He is good.

But, I am trying to help the over all, um,
I guess, vibe, I guess, in terms of, you know,
instead of us as a voter-base, feeling like
panic vote and people are taking off work and it
gets really emotional and I don't like to see
people crying.

But, um, you know, it also would be good
for you guys to be able to say and even things
about these meetings, these people have no, no
idea when the next evening meeting is.

And, I know it is on the website but most
people are not wired like me and checking the
website all the time, you know I am an anomaly,
I think and Felix, also, you know what I am
saying?

Also, you know what, I am saying being
proactive on the communication.

It doesn't have to be mailers, it can be
social media.

Announce the public meetings, invite the
public, engage the public and keep them apprised
so that it is not like someone, you know,
polarizing through a community, like, "Come to
the next meeting, oh, my God, they are going

1 "to take my rights away. Come to the next
2 meeting, we are all going to die," you know what
3 I mean?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I understand.

5 VALERIE LAMPE: That's it.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Martha Ann Brady?

7 MARTH ANN BRADY: Martha Ann Brady. 517
8 Linus Court in Uniondale, New York.

9 Um, the thing I wanted to speak on and you
10 very nicely called, "prohibited disorderly
11 conduct in public places."

12 Um, what did I put down there, peeing.

13 And, I would like to see it be a hefty
14 fine.

15 And, when officers catch these
16 perpetrators, take a picture, so, you have the
17 evidence.

18 Most people have cell phones that take
19 these pictures and make it a hefty fine because
20 it is disgusting.

21 It is unhealthy.

22 It is unruly.

23 It is not civil.

24 We don't live in third world countries
25 around in this Town of Hempstead,

1 that is one.

2 Um, the other thing is I spoke with Mr.
3 Jack Majkut who you appointed to the IDA an I
4 said to him he must consider the ramifications ^{Page | 111}
5 of some of these things.

6 One of the gated communities within
7 Uniondale voted down the budget, one of two
8 budgets, school budgets that were voted down in
9 the Town of Hempstead within Nassau County, let
10 me put it that way.

11 And, why?

12 Because the PILOTS expired on their
13 jurisdiction and they are not going.

14 They don't know what they can do with the
15 school budgets.

16 They think they are going to throw out
17 teachers.

18 They are going to cut teachers' salaries
19 and everything else and they are so uninformed
20 because they paid their mortgages and taxes
21 through their mortgages, through many years.

22 I am a retired accountant, a retired
23 accountant who worked in the mortgage
24 departments.

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1 I know the ramifications. I asked them at
2 the School Board Meeting, have you appealed your
3 assessments?

4 Oh, can we do that? Dummies and they are ^{Page | 112}
5 cutting our budgets.

6 And, I said it many times, you either pay
7 it, now or you are going to pay it later.

8 I grew up in Uniondale.

9 I lived there for seventy years.

10 I have been a homeowner for forty-two years
11 and paid my taxes and always voted for the
12 school budgets.

13 You are going to pay it, now, in taxes or
14 you may pay it later.

15 And, I said to a little old lady who had
16 more White hair than myself, perhaps some of
17 these children who don't have the sports
18 programs, the arts programs, they are going to
19 mug you, then you are going to pay for them in
20 jail.

21 These people need the plain talk that I am
22 speaking.

23 I have never been a student in the
24 Uniondale School District.

25 I went to Catholic Schools.

1 I do not have any children, therefore, I
2 never had any children there but, these are my
3 children and I don't care what race they are or
4 what language they speak or don't speak.

5 I pay the taxes so that they can get a good
6 education.

7 Uniondale has a good reputation, so,
8 please, think about these things and I am glad
9 this man is appointed.

10 As I said, I spoke to him earlier.

11 This "prohibited disorderly conduct," make
12 it a five hundred dollar fine, that is the only
13 thing that these people understand is money.

14 Take it out of their pockets.

15 Take it out of their hide.

16 Make them go out on the street and pick up
17 garbage for ten or fifteen days, lose work,
18 then, maybe they will behave as civil people
19 should behave.

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I would just like to
22 thank you for your comments, you know what, I
23 have given a lot of thoughts to this.

24 And, um, I think that you just hit
25 something that is really important.

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Rather than criminalize some of these people, let's face it, most of them, probably are kids.

Rather than criminalize them, maybe we should put something in there that they have to do community service or some kind of work.

I think it is a better lesson than putting them in the criminal justice system and at the same time, we have to curtail that kind of behavior.

I congratulate Councilman Dunne for bringing that to our attention rather than criminalize them.

We should put them to work.

MARTHA ANN BRADY: Absolutely, a lot of people, a lot of businesses that don't clean up outside their businesses, put them out with the brooms and garbage pails and let them pick up.

How about the Meadowbrook/Wantagh Parkway, put them out there.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Let them clean up dog poop.

MARTHA ANN BRADY: Absolutely, I mean that is a law that doesn't get too enforced, also or taking down the political signs two weeks after

1 Elections are happening and I am talking general,
2 general election or whether it is the school
3 board elections, get that out of our Town.

4 Thank you, beautification, Town of
5 Hempstead.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
9 comments.

10 I do not have any more slips on the
11 Administrative Calendar.

12 Is there anybody else that would like to be
13 heard?

14 LUCILLE DEFINA: I just filled one out.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your name?

16 LUCILLE DEFINA: Lucille Defina, Merrick,
17 New York.

18 I didn't really understand what this was
19 about posting contracts.

20 What does that do, posting contracts?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are you talking about
22 the transparency bill?

23 LUCILLE DEFINA: Yes.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: What is on the
25 Administrative Calendar, right, now, we are

1 calling for a Public Hearing on a resolution I am
2 working on with Councilwoman Sweeney.

3 Once that language is finalized and worked
4 out, we will post it and look and see what it ^{Page | 116}
5 is.

6 LUCILLE DEFINA: So, it is just about
7 putting contracts online so that people can see
8 what the contracts are about?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is enhancing the
10 transparency in the Town of Hempstead.

11 LUCILLE DEFINA: I was going to speak
12 during the "miscellaneous" because, of course, I
13 always come up here and speak about the Animal
14 Shelter, but, something that was very troubling,
15 of course, is the contracts at the Animal
16 Shelter, one being, the behaviorist, probably
17 the biggest problem there.

18 And, you already have a contract in place
19 as a resolution.

20 It is very clear what the scope of her work
21 is supposed to be and it is also very evident
22 and clear to the naked eye that it is not being
23 done.

24 So, I decided, let me FOIL these documents
25 to see if the scope of her work is being done.

1 I was told that the amount of paperwork
2 that I wanted could not be done within the
3 twenty days because it was excessive.

4 So, I waited forty-five days for documents. Page | 117

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If you have issue with
6 the FOIL, I would be happy - -

7 LUCILLE DEFINA: It is about contracts.
8 It is about contracts.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is on a Public
10 Hearing for resolution for legislation, that we
11 are working on jointly to put forward.

12 LUCILLE DEFINA: Once you have contacts in
13 place, shouldn't it be part of this, that people
14 make sure that the people who are awarded these
15 contracts are actually doing the work that they
16 are getting paid for?

17 Who is monitoring them?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We want to put
19 contracts online to increase the transparency,
20 so residents can know what contracts are in
21 place in the Town of Hempstead.

22 LUCILLE DEFINA: We already can see that if
23 you pull up a contract.

24 Here is an example; your Behaviorist has a
25 contract, I see the scope of her work and what

1 she is supposed to be doing and what she is
2 supposed to be handing in and billing for.

3 And, it is not there.

4 I waited forty-five days for documents she ^{Page | 118}
5 cannot give me.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If you have a
7 particular concern, I will be happy to talk
8 about it with you after the meeting.

9 LUCILLE DEFINA: I will talk about it in
10 "Public Speaking."

11 I don't want to talk about it anymore
12 because it is just going to come back if you
13 don't fix this and you don't fix it soon.

14 This isn't going to work out well for you.
15 You know that.

16 And, watching this whole thing, you know,
17 constantly on the defense and you are always
18 responding to stuff, you didn't know, I think
19 that is a big part of your staff.

20 You should have been ahead of everyone.

21 You knew very well and were aware of how
22 this Board has been running for many, many
23 years.

24 You were supposed to come in, here and do
25 things a little differently and maybe you

1 should have gotten the right people who were ten
2 steps ahead before you get things put on these
3 calendars and sitting there and saying you
4 didn't know anything about it.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Just speaking about
7 transparency, for a second I have a question.

8 Um, it is not to you. I am sorry.

9 I know it is a term that you like to throw
10 around up, here.

11 It seems, um, with regards to this
12 transparency law that we are passing, today, I
13 am going to vote on, today - -

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are not passing any
15 transparency law.

16 We are calling for a Public Hearing.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is what I
18 mean, for the Public Hearing, I will not be at
19 the next meeting, so, I like to discuss it, now,
20 if possible, is that okay?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can make any
22 comments you want.

23 There is no resolution before the Board, at
24 all.

25 We are calling for a Public Hearing.

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is what I
2 said, but, I am not going to be at the next
3 meeting.

4 I would like to get my statement in.

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Sure.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you. I want
7 to make sure in this legislation because I read
8 through it and I didn't see it, something should
9 be addressed moving forward is two weeks ago, we
10 had an item on the calendar for risk management
11 services.

12 And, I believe that there was a committee
13 put together.

14 I am not sure who was on it, but, the
15 person that was awarded the bid was Arthur J.
16 Gallagher, Risk Management.

17 They weren't the low bidder.

18 I believe they were the second low bidder.

19 I am not questioning whether they have the
20 capability of doing the work or not, but, doing
21 a little research and also my office was
22 contacted, it seems that the Vice President of
23 Arthur J. Gallagher is a gentleman by the name
24 of Phil Westermann, who is, supposedly, is the
25 brother of John Westermann who was

1 the Chair of your Transition Committee and also
2 the gentleman that you used to work for.

3 So, I just think that moving forward, you
4 should probably, um, maybe we can add it to this ^{Page | 121}
5 legislation and have, you know, just make sure
6 something like that would be, I guess, put out
7 there and this way we can be as transparent as
8 possible.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Councilman, if you care
10 to investigate, I was not on the panel that
11 selected the vendor.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I never
13 said that you were.

14 I never said you were.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I had nothing to do
16 with that decision.

17 I actually wasn't aware that my transition,
18 my former partner, John Westermann's brother is
19 with that firm.

20 No impact on my decision. I didn't select
21 that vendor.

22 I am completely transparent.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am not saying you
24 were part of the panel.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The insinuation

1 is quite clear.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: There is no
3 insinuation.

4 All I was trying to say, as a Board, going ^{Page | 122}
5 forward, we should probably know if there is
6 someone that is receiving a bid that is direct
7 relations of someone who chaired your transition
8 committee, that is all I am saying.

9 I am not saying you were on the Committee.

10 And, I am sure the individual who was
11 chosen will do a great job.

12 Listen, he is a Chaminade graduate, how bad
13 could he be.

14 So, I am sure he will do a tremendous job.

15 It is just moving forward, if we are going
16 to put all effort forward in being transparent,
17 then, let's be transparent, that is something
18 that should have been transparent to the Board.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: She was on the
20 Committee.

21 Mr. Haber (phonetic spelling) was I on the
22 Committee?

23 MR. HABER: No.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Did anybody ask me who
25 should be awarded the contract?

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MR. HABER: No.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Were there other members of the Town Administration on this panel besides you?

MR. HABER: Yes. There was Purchasing and the Town Attorney's Office.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, thank you.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Again, I am not arguing who was on the Committee, that is not the question.

All I am saying moving forward, that is something that we should know about, that is all.

Listen, whoever the Committee was, God bless you.

You guys did a great job. All I am saying, moving forward, someone of that stature who had a definitive role in forming your Administration, if there is a direct relationship, we should know about it.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The person who is principal was not part of my transition team.

He happens to be his brother.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is exactly -

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I don't know if any of
2 my law partners' brothers happen to be working
3 on any committee.

4 Anyone here who is a lawyer, if anybody, ^{Page | 124}
5 lawyer in your firm - - excuse me, Councilwoman,
6 you have a large firm, are you going to disclose
7 every time someone's brother is a vendor?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I have five
9 hundred people.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That is a lot of
11 brothers and sisters.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I don't want to
13 disclose who my brothers are.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We all know, we
15 like them all.

16 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the
17 following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, is there
19 anybody else that would like to be heard on the
20 Administrative Calendar? Councilwoman?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like
22 to amend my Motion, 10 through 65 with the
23 exception of the one severed.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There was an error in
25 the item numbers, just clarifying that motion.

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
3 please, call the roll on the Administrative
4 Calendar.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye, except I

15 recuse myself on Item Number 16. Full

16 disclosure, I am an Advisory Member for the

17 Board for Belmont Child Care.

18 They do incredible work.

19 They serve the children and I am delighted

20 this is passing.

21 I need to recuse myself as a result.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye, except to Item

24 63, which I recuse myself.

25 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote aye except on
2 Number 15, which is related to EAC that was a
3 client of my firm for which I did work, so, I
4 must recuse myself on voting on that item. Page | 126

5 I also vote no on Item Number 42, which is
6 an automatic appointment of Gennaro Cesarano to
7 the Town Civil Service Commission.

8 I have nothing against Mr. Cesarano but
9 there is no open process or criteria to apply
10 for this position.

11 And, I find that disturbing because it is a
12 six-year term.

13 The Town Civil Service Commission plays a
14 vital role in implementing and ensuring
15 compliance with the rules and regulations of the
16 requirements of New York Department of Civil
17 Service.

18 It is a very big job that includes making
19 sure classification of job titles are accurate,
20 training employees, records and administering
21 Civil Service Examinations, establishing
22 eligible employment lists.

23 I think it is all about responsibility and
24 hiring process.

25 The taxpayers deserve a process of hiring

1 a Commissioner that is more open and transparent.

2 I, for one, have never even seen a resume
3 from Mr. Cesarano, which as Town Supervisor, I
4 might have been provided as a courtesy without ^{Page | 127}
5 having to ask.

6 Um, but when a job is guaranteed, you don't
7 have to provide a resume.

8 I vote no to this appointment.

9 Also, I point out that the rules for the
10 Town Civil Service Commissioner that the members
11 represent different Parties, um, they have
12 complied, technically, with the rules because
13 there are two Republicans and one Conservative,
14 but that is there to obscure an intent of the
15 law.

16 Um, I would like to have the hand in the
17 process, so, I vote no on Number 32.

18 With respect to Number 52, I vote no with
19 respect to Mr. Conroy.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I
21 could ask a question, I know we already voted.

22 It will not change my vote. It is really
23 for my clarification, Number 37, the contract
24 for the pick-up of disposals of biowaste, is
25 that only for sanitation or can other

1 Departments utilize that?

2 If someone from Purchasing can answer
3 that.

4 Like for instance, the lifeguards, if they ^{Page | 128}

5 - -

6 PURCHASING DEPT. LOMBARDI: Domenic
7 Lombardi, Purchasing.

8 Good Morning, everybody - - good afternoon.

9 Other departments can sue it.

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay, very good,
11 that will handle all our prior waste for the
12 entire Town.

13 PURCHASING DEPT. LOMBARDI: For the entire
14 Town.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Got it, thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, that concluded
17 the formal part, we, now, move to Public
18 Comments.

19 I am sorry, we need a Motion to adjourn.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that we
21 adjourn.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
24 call the role.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the
Hempstead Town Board was concluded.

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on May 22, 2018, consisting of pages 1 through 130 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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