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**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**JUNE 19, 2018**

**7:30 P.M.**

**BEFORE: LAURA A. GILLEN,**

**SUPERVISOR**

**APPEARANCES :**

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- DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN
- SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO
- COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO
- COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.
- MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY (ABSENT)
- TOWN CLERK CABANA
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK SEDACCA
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- COMPTROLLER CONROY

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1 (Whereupon, Supervisor Gillen & Senior  
2 Councilwoman Goosby honored the Uniondale Show  
3 Choir "Rhythm of the Nights". The Student Choir  
4 has performed at several competitions and most Page | 3  
5 recently named Grand Champions at the 2018  
6 National Competition in Chicago. The Choir and  
7 their Lead Director, Annette Carr-Hicks was  
8 presented with the Town of Hempstead Tony Award.

9 Supervisor Gillen honored Crissy De Angelo,  
10 Bill Nussbaum, Leslie Braunstein, Mike Maloney,  
11 volunteers at the Hempstead Animal Shelter for  
12 their dedication and commitment.

13 Supervisor Gillen recognized the Bonomo  
14 Family for their contribution to the community and  
15 adopting a dog from the Animal Shelter a year ago  
16 as well as BRENDAN Katelynn and Brianne used their  
17 creative talents to paint pictures of adoptable  
18 cats and dogs at the shelter. Pictures and  
19 citations were presented. After, the following  
20 ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening, I would  
22 like to welcome everyone to this regularly  
23 scheduled Town Board Meeting. For those of you  
24 who have never attended a meeting before, we will

1 first, have Public Hearings followed by the  
2 Administrative Calendar.

3 There are meeting agendas available in the  
4 rear of the Pavilion. Page | 4

5 If you wish to be heard on any matters  
6 before the Town Board, please, go to the rear of  
7 the Pavilion and fill out a slip, which you can  
8 obtain from one of the Public Safety Officers.

9 After the meeting is adjourned, the Town  
10 Board will remain in session, as is our custom  
11 for three hundred and fifty years to hear any  
12 residents who would like to be heard on any other  
13 matters.

14 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the  
15 roll.

16 CLERK CABANA: Yes, good evening.  
17 Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

25 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

2 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

4 Senior Councilwoman Goosby, would you,  
5 please, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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6 (Whereupon, Senior Councilwoman Goosby led  
7 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After,  
8 the following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,  
10 please, call the first Public Hearing.

11 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
12 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in  
13 Baldwin, North Valley Stream, Oceanside (To amend  
14 Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead.)

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

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

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
21 have a Motion.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move the Public  
23 Hearing be closed and the Item be adopted.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
25 Motion.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

13 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public  
14 Hearing.

15 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

16 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Lido Beach

17 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of  
18 Hempstead)

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
20 on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would  
21 like 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 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I move  
2 that the Public Hearing be closed, and the item be  
3 adopted.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the <sup>Page | 7</sup>  
5 Motion.

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

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

20 Madam Clerk, would, please call the next  
21 Public Hearing.

22 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
23 "Arterial Stops," in Levittown, Seaford, Wantagh,  
24 (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of  
25 Hempstead)

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
2 on this matter, is there anyone that would like to  
3 be heard?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, <sup>Page | 8</sup>  
5 the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that the  
9 Hearing be closed, and the item be adopted.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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: Supervisor Gillen?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

23 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
24 Hearing.



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1 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: "Fire  
2 Zones, in West Hempstead (To amend Section 202-52  
3 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any sips <sup>Page | 9</sup>  
5 on this matter, is there anyone that would like to  
6 be heard?

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

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
10 have a Motion.

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move the Public  
12 Hearing be closed and the proposed local law be  
13 adopted.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

CLERK CABANA: Proposed creation of a new Article VIIB of the Building Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead to be entitled "GC Golf Course Coastal Residence District (GC)" and setting forth regulations pertaining to possible residential redevelopment of certain existing private golf course properties - Town of Hempstead.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I may, I would like to make a Motion at this time to postpone this item indefinitely without date.

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

(Whereupon, "boo, boo, why, why," was heard calling out from the audience. After, the following ensued.)

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Postponing this without date for a few reasons, first and foremost, the Engineering Report that we received was only received probably a little over a week ago, not only has the Town Board not have had the proper time to review those and those in the audience from the Five Towns Civic Association,

1 from Five Towns Community, they also haven't had  
2 enough time to review it, to really understand it.

3 We were also - - they were also promised a  
4 community meeting immediately after we received it Page | 11  
5 and weren't able to review the report, obviously  
6 with only receiving it a little over a week ago,  
7 it would have been impossible to schedule a  
8 meeting, one that really gave everyone the  
9 opportunity to put their input into, to share  
10 ideas and to really put the best foot forward for  
11 the Five Towns.

12 Furthermore, there is a process of SEQRA  
13 process that is involved that we are required to  
14 give the adjoining Villages and their Boards time  
15 to review it, so, the need time for that.

16 And, I also conferred with our Town  
17 Attorney's Office, as it was discussed at our  
18 first community meeting and as it was discussed  
19 speaking both to the media and to Members of the  
20 Five Towns Civic Association, I am asking that the  
21 Town Attorney's Office conduct a financial audit  
22 in order to, um, really get an economic impact on  
23 what it would cost to make the property,  
24 specifically in Woodmere, into either a Park  
25 District or a Town of Hempstead Park.

1 I think that is something that quite  
2 possibly we can all agree on and I think that  
3 prior to making any decisions in the change of  
4 zoning prior to making any decisions that would Page | 12  
5 really impact the future of the Five Towns and  
6 create further traffic and problems with  
7 infrastructure, I think that we take everything  
8 into consideration, including either a park, Park  
9 District or something else that we come up with  
10 after speaking to the community.

11 So, my Motion is we postpone this  
12 indefinitely, without date, until we have had  
13 enough time to speak to the community, speak to  
14 the Members of the Board and really make a quality  
15 decision in the best interests of all Five Towns.

16 Thank you.

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Councilman, I would  
23 ask you would you agree to amend the Motion so we  
24 put a control date on it so that we let the  
25 community know when it will be back on the

1 calendar again, let's say, August 7<sup>th</sup>, which is two  
2 meetings from, now, in that way there is more  
3 predictability and maybe put everything into high  
4 gear and finish a little quicker? Page | 13

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

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think in the best  
8 interest of those who travel for the Summer  
9 season, maybe we can do September and I would  
10 change my Motion with the caveat if we haven't  
11 come to a conclusion and, obviously, aren't all in  
12 favor that we postpone it, again, at that time.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you want to put it  
14 off until September 4<sup>th</sup>?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: September 4<sup>th</sup>, let's  
16 do the second meeting in September.

17 So, my motion is we postpone the item until  
18 September 20<sup>th</sup>.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Hold on one second, I  
20 want to talk to Councilman Ambrosino.

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Would it be better to do  
22 it as an evening meeting?

23 (Whereupon, "yes" was called out from the  
24 audience. After, the following ensued.)

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Next event meeting is  
2 October 16<sup>th</sup>.

3 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was  
4 heard. After, the following ensued.) Page | 14

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, so - -

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Excuse me, put  
7 a date.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Let me stick with  
9 my Motion, I postpone indefinitely.

10 We will let the community know when the  
11 meeting is.

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

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have a number of  
15 slips from people that would like to be heard,  
16 now, addressing the adjournment of this meeting.

17 If you like to be heard on the  
18 Adjournment of this meeting.

19 Felix Procacci?

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

22 Um, I oppose adjourning this, I think it  
23 should be tabled, actually an what adjourning it  
24 to doesn't make any sense because I didn't read  
25 the whole report, but, I did skip over to the

1 conclusions and the conclusion says, the overall  
2 impact of these potential issues on the  
3 development of these golf courses is generally  
4 unknown at this time.

5 As such, at a time an application is put  
6 forth, further analysis would be required to  
7 determine any potential impacts.

8 These analyses could include archeological  
9 investigation, ecological and site-specific flood  
10 sea level risings.

11 I see no point in bringing this back and  
12 you know even having - - and, this is part of the  
13 adjournment, you know, you may disagree with it,  
14 the moratorium, the only way, according to the  
15 engineers hired by the Town, the only way you guys  
16 can come to a logical conclusion based on data is  
17 for the developers to propose a plan and for  
18 that plan to be analyzed.

19 Right, now, what you are doing is you're  
20 short circuiting the whole process.

21 And, I read extensively. I am not a zoning  
22 lawyer, yet, maybe a few more meetings I will be,  
23 but, I read the State Law.

24 I read the Town Law and the process has not  
25 been followed.

1           You know, there is a definitive process  
2 through not only to law but mostly through  
3 previous Court cases, a lot of the decisions is  
4 baes on Court cases.

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5           I think the wisest thing that this Town  
6 could do is let the process go forward.

7           Let the analysis be done.

8           Look at the analysis and see what the data  
9 tells you before you start jumping to conclusions  
10 before you have data because like I said, it is  
11 Page 17 of this - -

12           COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Well, Felix - -

13           FELIX PROCACCI: No, no, the overall impact  
14 and magnitude of these potential issues on the  
15 development of these golf courses is generally  
16 unknown.

17           That is the bottom line.

18           There is no point in just discussing this  
19 ever again, because it is unknown.

20           You want conclusions, you - -

21           COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: One thing that is  
22 known, one thing that is known is that it could be  
23 catastrophic to the community if two hundred and  
24 seventy-seven homes went up there.



1 The traffic is too heavy. There are  
2 environmental issues.

3 There are flooding issues. There are a lot  
4 of issues and what we need to do is we need to Page | 17  
5 draw this to a conclusion at some point because we  
6 can't go ad infinitum.

7 The developer has already sued us saying  
8 that our moratorium is illegal and that our  
9 moratorium has gone on too long.

10 So, we have to bring this to a conclusion  
11 sooner rather than later.

12 And, I would disagree with you, I think the  
13 Town is going by the process.

14 We are doing all the studies.

15 We are doing all the work that is necessary  
16 for us on the Town Board to make a reasonable  
17 determination as to what we should do, not only  
18 with the Woodmere Club but with the other South  
19 Shore Clubs that have the same issues as the  
20 Woodmere Club, such as Middle Bay Club in  
21 Oceanside and the Inwood Club in Inwood, so - -

22 FELIX PROCACCI: But, unfortunately, the  
23 law disagrees with what you just said.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am not going to get  
25 into a debate about the law.

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1 FELIX PROCACCI: We won't have a debate on  
2 it, the law is very, very, extremely clear.

3 There is no - - I am not siding, I am not  
4 taking a side on this issue. Page | 18

5 I am just telling you what the facts tell  
6 me.

7 I read that entire lawsuit three or four  
8 times.

9 I read the State Law. I looked at all the  
10 references and I read the cases that the State Law  
11 - - manual from James Calhoun writes the manual  
12 from New York State and he cites cases in which  
13 zoning law decisions are determined and how Courts  
14 come to these decisions.

15 And, right, now, whether you want to or not  
16 go along with it, the facts aren't in.

17 Waiting three months, the facts still won't  
18 be in.

19 Waiting ten years, the facts will never be  
20 in because until you have a proposed plan you  
21 can't do an analysis and your own people told you  
22 this.

23 You disagree with the facts, that is fine.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You are not going to  
25 have two hundred and seventy-seven homes - -

1 FELIX PROCACCI: I am not arguing for or  
2 against two hundred and seventy-seven homes.

3 I am arguing what the law says.

4 I am arguing what the law says and what  
5 this engineering report which we paid a lot of  
6 money says, if you are not going to respect the  
7 engineers you hired, I don't know who you are  
8 going to respect.

9 I know you don't respect my opinion.

10 Why don't you respect the engineers that  
11 you hired, opinions?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Felix, if I may, you  
13 live where? In Franklin Square?

14 FELIX PROCACCI: That is irrelevant. It  
15 doesn't change the law.

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I live in Levittown.  
17 They live in the southwest part where traffic is  
18 hideous.

19 If you lived there you wouldn't want this.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: I am not arguing that.

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

23 FELIX PROCACCI: I am not arguing for or  
24 against.

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Sometimes, we have to  
2 look at common sense as opposed to law.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are speaking on the  
4 adjournment only. Page | 20

5 Roberta Warren?

6 (Whereupon, "I am willing to pass," was  
7 heard calling out from the audience. After, the  
8 following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Marian David, do you  
10 want to speak on the adjournment?

11 (Whereupon, "No, about the whole issue,"  
12 was heard calling out from the audience. After,  
13 the following ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, now, there is a  
15 Motion to adjourn this Hearing that is what we are  
16 speaking about, the adjournment.

17 There will be another Public Hearing on  
18 this matter. There will be a Public Meeting, as  
19 well.

20 This is the opportunity to speak on the  
21 adjournment unless you wait to Public Comment.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Right.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, now, we are  
24 talking about the adjournment.

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1           There is a Motion to talk on the  
2 adjournment, that is what we are addressing right,  
3 now.

4           State your name and address for the record. Page | 21

5           MARIAN DAVID: Yes, my name is Marian  
6 David. I live at 417 Yale Avenue in Woodmere.

7           In terms of the adjournment, I feel that it  
8 should definitely be adjourned because we do not  
9 have all of the information that we should have.

10          I prepared something, and I want to read it  
11 so that it will explain why I feel that way.

12          I was here at the original Hearing over a  
13 year ago.

14          I was here, again, on May 8<sup>th</sup> and I am here,  
15 again, now.

16          I don't love coming to these meetings.

17          I rather be at home accept that I did enjoy  
18 the Uniondale Choir.

19          But, I feel it is my moral duty to show up  
20 for what is a quality of life and safety issue,  
21 not for myself, but for a whole community, not  
22 just one Town or Village, but Five.

23          I don't live right near the area at issue,  
24 I live on Peninsula Boulevard in Woodmere.

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1           Whereas, for most of the forty-nine years,  
2 I have lived in Woodmere, I would go to West  
3 Broadway or Broadway to avoid the traffic on  
4 Peninsula Boulevard, now, there is no place to go, <sup>Page | 22</sup>  
5 that is not heavily congested.

6           Last week I was traveling on Broadway in  
7 the afternoon right near where the golf course is,  
8 it was not on a Friday.

9           It was a Thursday and I was in ten miles  
10 per hour line of traffic for twenty minutes going  
11 from one Town to another.

12           And, it wasn't because of an accident or  
13 school buses or cars that were stuck, just plain  
14 traffic.

15           On Monday at 12:30, I was in traffic on  
16 Central Avenue which is one block North of  
17 Broadway.

18           I have photos of flooding on the Woodmere  
19 Golf Course with me.

20           I have experienced in my own home with  
21 sewage backup from a heavy rainstorm.

22           And, it is no picnic out of your home for  
23 five months.

24           These are just a few of the potential  
25 issues.

1 I am not going into property values because  
2 that is not the issue, now, the quality of life  
3 and safety for the whole community is most  
4 impacted and therefore most important.

5 At the last meeting, we were told that  
6 there were a couple of hundred people at the  
7 meeting the night before at the Woodmere Academy,  
8 it was actually somewhere around five hundred  
9 people.

10 Walking around with petitions, I have them  
11 signed, here are others and I got many signatures  
12 out of about ninety people I approached, two said  
13 no.

14 One, because she was a friend of the  
15 developer and one a twenty-year old on a bicycle  
16 and he wasn't sure if he was against it because he  
17 knew nothing about it.

18 Most people couldn't get the pen fast  
19 enough to sign.

20 There was an online petition with ab out  
21 seventeen hundred twenty-five signatures.

22 I have to tell you that there would have  
23 been hundreds more of us here tonight if not for  
24 graduations, a concert and a Lawrence Village  
25 Election, which is on until 9:00 p.m., tonight.

1 We also believe that about one million  
2 dollars of taxpayer money may have been wasted on  
3 an engineering company that took their time and  
4 also didn't get the community and the locations of <sup>Page | 24</sup>  
5 other clubs, the Oceanside and the Middle Bay Club  
6 are totally not similar to the location of the  
7 Woodmere Club.

8 One is in a quite neighborhood and one is  
9 totally off the beaten track.

10 So, much for a valid report for about a  
11 million dollars.

12 I wouldn't take more of your time but,  
13 please, find some other way to utilize this  
14 beautiful property and find a way to get the  
15 lawsuit, happy developer off your backs and ours.

16 We have to avoid a disastrous situation in  
17 Nassau County.

18 Thank you.

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

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

22 I have George Aphidorfis? (phonetic  
23 spelling)



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1 (Whereupon, "I have nothing to add," was  
2 heard calling out from the audience. After, the  
3 following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, Glenda Hampton? Page | 25  
5 (phonetic spelling)

6 (Whereupon, "We appreciate the  
7 adjournment," was heard calling out from the  
8 audience. After, the following ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Patricia Roblin?

10 PATRICIA ROBLIN: My name is Patricia  
11 Roblin. 33 Hampton Avenue in Woodmere.

12 I am basically two avenues away from the  
13 Woodmere Club and my, um, home, actually, is at  
14 the intersection of Broadway and two avenues over  
15 from the Woodmere Club.

16 Um, I would like to just talk about the  
17 adjournment because I really appreciate it and one  
18 of the things that I have to say is not all of  
19 those golf clubs are created equally and were they  
20 are.

21 I am an Emergency Manager for New York  
22 State for the State University of New York at  
23 downstate ad also at Kings County Hospital,  
24 as well.

1 And, I can tell you that I looked over the  
2 Flood Zone Map for FEMA and the Woodmere Club is  
3 in a flood zone.

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4 I actually have a map, here.

5 I can send it to you by email.

6 I can send you all the documents for that.

7 You have to look at these clubs individually.

8 It is not just one size fits all. It is  
9 very nice that you got this engineer firm to do  
10 this but, I think they need to look at it  
11 individually.

12 I think the building on the Woodmere Club  
13 is a disaster in the making.

14 I think it is absolutely absurd to build in  
15 a flood zone when we just have, you know,  
16 torrential downpours that the entire area floods.

17 Um, you couldn't build. I looked at the,  
18 um, DEC reports, you can't build three hundred  
19 feet from the coastline, so, it is going to be  
20 chopped up.

21 It is just absolutely absurd but, I do  
22 thank you for adjourning it because it does give  
23 us more time and we can give you evidence, and we  
24 can get attorneys, actually to, you know, respond  
25 to your attorneys, as well.

1 Thank you.

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

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Icela  
5 Fischthal?

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6 ICELA FISCHTHAL: Hi, my name is Icela  
7 Fischthal. I live at 914 Hewlett Drive in North  
8 Woodmere.

9 First, I agree with the adjournment, I  
10 absolutely do.

11 But, I would like you to know I am a Member  
12 of the Woodmere Club and like Patty said, I  
13 experienced firsthand the flooding that goes on  
14 when I cannot play golf, okay, so, there is an  
15 issue.

16 It must be resolved, but, I do not in any  
17 way, shape or form want you guys to think that by  
18 adjourning this you are going to sweep it under  
19 the rug, okay.

20 You have to take care of this.

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

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: First of all, can I  
24 respond to that, what a lot of people don't know

1 is that the Members of the Woodmere Club voted on  
2 this transaction in secret - -

3 ICELA FISCHTHAL: Years ago, years ago, you  
4 had years to do this. Page | 28

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Excuse me, let me  
6 finish, the Woodmere Club voted on this in secret.  
7 It was kept quiet and it was only until Councilman  
8 D'Esposito and I found out about it that we did  
9 anything.

10 ICELA FISCHTHAL: I beg to differ with  
11 that, at the next meeting, members of the Woodmere  
12 Club want to speak on that issue, okay, so, I  
13 disagree with that.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: The facts are the  
15 facts.

16 ICELA FISCHTHAL: I don't know where you  
17 got your facts, okay, but, they are not my facts.

18 I am a Member. I can tell you that, so,  
19 just let me continue.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You didn't vote in  
21 secret?

22 ICELA FISCHTHAL: You're taking my time.  
23 There was no secret time. There was a vote. It  
24 was not a secret vote.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The clock is

1 Stopped.

2 Can I just ask a question, it is just a  
3 question.

4 ICELA FISCHTHAL: There you go. (Looking) Page | 29

5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you. When did  
6 the Club vote to sell the property, then?

7 ICELA FISCHTHAL: That I do not have a  
8 date. I can get that for you the next meeting.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We only have our  
10 facts. You said they are different from yours.

11 ICELA FISCHTHAL: I was not prepared to - -  
12 for that information.

13 Okay, I will get that to you at the next  
14 meeting or prior to that.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I love it prior.

16 ICELA FISCHTHAL: Absolutely, but, I  
17 personally - - this whole matter was handled very  
18 poorly.

19 You guys had ample time to look into it, to  
20 run this, do this Camron report.

21 You received a partial report weeks ago,  
22 yes or no?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, you are against  
24 the attorney - -

25 ICELA FISCHTHAL: You received the report.

1 No one did anything about it. You received  
2 the final report on Friday.

3 Did anyone in the offices read it?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: When we received  
5 the report, we did do something, we had a  
6 community meeting and we said we were going to  
7 have another community meeting.

8 ICELA FISCHTHAL: You received the partial  
9 report two Fridays ago, no?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That was the final  
11 report which wouldn't have given us enough time to  
12 have another community meeting.

13 ICELA FISCHTHAL: A-hun.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you think we  
15 should adjourn this or not?

16 ICELA FISCHTHAL: I think we should adjourn  
17 this. Do your job. I think we elected you guys to  
18 have our backs.

19 I want you to have my back, not the back of  
20 somebody who is paying a lot of money for this  
21 community to build homes, that is all I am saying.

22 I am giving you another chance. We are all  
23 giving you another chance.

24 Don't screw up, that is what I am saying.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We have had your

1 backs.

2 Can I say my piece?

3 I listened to you. We do have your backs,

4 which is why - -

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5 ICELA FISCHTHAL: It doesn't feel that way.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I don't know. We

7 have your backs, that is why we imposed a

8 moratorium the moment we found out about it.

9 We are being sued for having your back, so,

10 I think we are doing our part.

11 ICELA FISCHTHAL: Sue them back, okay.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am not arguing

13 with that.

14 ICELA FISCHTHAL: My point about the

15 adjournment, I agree with.

16 In that time, we have given you, we ask you

17 to please do your job and do it well on my behalf

18 and their behalf, that is all.

19 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was

20 heard. After, the following ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Jullie Pareles, would

22 you like to be heard on the adjournment?

23 JULLIE PARELES: Sure, hi there.

24 I live on Eric Avenue, 35 Eric Avenue in

25 Hewlett, right off Broadway and, um, I want to

1 just point out I am totally in agreement with the  
2 adjournment.

3 Thank you for doing that.

4 I think real quick we look at the  
5 environmental impacts.

6 We look at the other critical impacts from  
7 a safety standpoint, from a security standpoint,  
8 um, from a traffic standpoint, which we really  
9 haven't had a chance to see.

10 Um, I think one of the things I would like  
11 you to think about, we are really unique in a few  
12 ways, in terms of this Woodmere development, one  
13 of them, we have a very tiny roadway that leads  
14 into and out of this community with very little  
15 opportunity for building alternative access and  
16 what we are looking at is a small road that is  
17 already highly congestive leading into an area  
18 that is a flood zone, just that alone, on the face  
19 of it is tremendously problematic.

20 On top of that, um, we are looking at a  
21 population that is aging, many of us Boomers, I am  
22 a late Boomer, we are looking at people getting  
23 older and thinking about what are they going to do  
24 in the future.

25 Are they going to stay on Long Island?



1 You know we have high stakes. What are they  
2 going to do?

3 I can tell you if they are afraid that the  
4 EMT vehicle is not going to save their lives Page | 33  
5 because they just had a heart attack, or a stroke  
6 is not going to get to their house on time, they  
7 are going to move out.

8 Many of us are in this position, thinking  
9 about whether we want to stay on Long Island.

10 Is it viable for us to stay on Long Island  
11 and issues like this, particularly safety issues  
12 are critical.

13 I am very concerned about fire people being  
14 able to get to my home on time.

15 I already plan my schedule in terms of  
16 errands around traffic on Broadway.

17 Friday afternoons are bad. I know many  
18 other times that are bad, and it is going to be  
19 very hurtful if our seniors decided they want to  
20 up and leave our community.

21 And, the truth of the matter is that people  
22 will die if we go ahead with the plan like this,  
23 whether it is seventy-seven (77) or two hundred  
24 and forty-four (244) homes, people's lives are  
25 going to be put at risk.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I appreciate your  
2 comments.

3 JULLIE PARELES: Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was <sup>Page | 34</sup>  
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Maria Cuces (phonetic  
7 spelling), would you like to be heard on the  
8 adjournment?

9 (Whereupon, "no, thank you but the name is  
10 Mario," was heard calling out from the audience.  
11 After, the following ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Oh, sorry.

13 (Whereupon, "thank you," was heard calling  
14 out from the audience. After, the following  
15 ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rochelle Stern  
17 Kevelson, would you like to be heard on the  
18 adjournment?

19 ROCHELLE STERN KEVELSON: Rochelle Stern  
20 Kevelson. 21 Causeway in Lawrence.

21 Um, I am for the adjournment. I have come  
22 many times before you and I am very sad because I  
23 don't feel that all of you are really, really  
24 trying very hard.

25 It is sad.

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1 The speaker before me, she is right, there  
2 are a lot of older people and ambulances cannot  
3 get through.

4 It takes a very, very long time from Far Page | 35  
5 Rockaway, Lawrence to Hewlett.

6 It is a dangerous route.

7 Tonight, in about forty-five minutes, the  
8 Village of Lawrence is going to finish voting for  
9 a Mayor and Trustees.

10 It has been a terrible election.

11 Two years ago, I ran for Trustee and as you  
12 walked in - -

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are talking about  
14 the adjournment, the hearing.

15 ROCHELLE STERN KEVELSON: Lawrence owns  
16 part of that land.

17 It is next to it and we were told this  
18 week, they can have seventy homes.

19 This could have one hundred and forty or  
20 whatever and this could have this, so, it is  
21 divided up.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I understand your  
23 concerns.

24 We are adjourning, moving to adjourn the  
25 hearing so we could have time and members of

1 the community can have time to digest the study  
2 that was done by Camron.

3 We have to complete the environmental  
4 review.

5 It hasn't been completed yet.

6 So, you need to have that information at  
7 your disposal, as well and then another Public  
8 Meeting, if you could continue to express the  
9 concerns that you expressed at the prior meeting  
10 and talk about them in light of the finalized plan  
11 and environmental review, that is the purpose of  
12 adjourning the Hearing.

13 So, you will have the opportunity to bring  
14 these things up, again, so, right, now, we are  
15 calling people up to have an opportunity to be  
16 heard on whether or not the Public Hearing should  
17 be adjourned, that is what we are trying to limit  
18 comments to at this point, because we are not  
19 having the Public Hearing on the actual, um, main  
20 issue.

21 ROCHELLE STERN KEVELSON: Okay, you are  
22 being sued right, now, by the developers, if that  
23 affects your outcome because we are going to watch  
24 your back - -

25 (Whereupon, "follow the money," was

1 heard calling out from the audience. After, the  
2 following ensued.)

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Well, let me respond  
4 because I ma getting a little tired of this  
5 argument.

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6 I can assure you that I have interest in  
7 the developer.

8 I don't care about the developer or how  
9 much money they make or don't make.

10 I am sure Councilman D'Esposito feels the  
11 same way.

12 I am sure Supervisor Gillen feels the same  
13 way and I have to tell you, I am very surprised we  
14 are trying to do our best but there are laws and  
15 there is a Constitution and we have to navigate  
16 that to make sure that we can protect you.

17 So, I have to tell you, I am offended when  
18 someone says we don't have your back because we do  
19 have your back.

20 We have done a lot so far and we haven't  
21 made a decision.

22 We said we will keep an open mind and  
23 listen to the pubic and we said we would have  
24 public hearings and we have done all of that.

25 And, none of us here has made a

1 decision on anything, yet, but, our decision, I am  
2 going to tell you, you can rest assure, you can go  
3 to the bank on it, our decision will be made, what  
4 is best for the community, not what is best for Page | 38  
5 some developer, so, if we were worried about the  
6 developer, we would have done nothing.

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

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have Reverend  
10 Christopher Bellard, would you like to be hard on  
11 the adjournment, Reverend?

12 REVEREND BELLARD: My name is Father  
13 Christopher Bellard and I am Rector of Trinity  
14 Saint John's Episcopal Church which is located at  
15 1142 Broadway and I have the good fortunate of  
16 living in the Rectory which is 1138 Broadway.

17 On Friday evenings, it is appalling to me  
18 what it looks like.

19 I can sit on my front porch and watch  
20 traffic that is backed up nearly half a mile in  
21 each direction and I felt to myself what if I got  
22 sick or my neighbors got sick and if the EMT's  
23 needed to be brought in, how long would that take  
24 and it seems to me if there was an emergency, they  
25 would not make it.

1 My heart is broken. And, I watched in my  
2 office window as corteges tried to come in and  
3 bury their people in our cemetery and often have  
4 to wait forty-five minutes in order to make a  
5 left-hand turn.

6 And, so, people are sad and want this to be  
7 over.

8 I am grateful for this adjournment, I  
9 really am, so that studies can be done, but my  
10 hope is that those studies will be done, and the  
11 information will be provided to the community.

12 We so desperately want real information.

13 Information that is not clouded in secrecy,  
14 not that it has been before, but, there is  
15 distrust that is out there, a distrust that you  
16 ought to know is very, very real and there is a  
17 lot of people who are very, very concerned about  
18 this, not just for the environment, which is huge,  
19 but only the biggest asset in their lives which is  
20 the value of their homes.

21 So, my hope for you is that you will  
22 provide this information very quickly so that this  
23 project can be, hopefully, scheduled because that  
24 is the will of the community.

25 We can do this all aboveboard and we can

1 all walk away feeling satisfied.

2 Thank you.

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

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Laura Ledger? (as  
6 heard.)

7 (Whereupon, "I will pass, thank you for the  
8 adjournment," was heard calling out from the  
9 audience.)

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Peter Stein?

11 PETER STEIN: Peter Stein, resident of  
12 Woodmere.

13 I live on Broadway right opposite the golf  
14 course and I am not waiting for an ambulance.

15 I can't get out of my driveway in the  
16 morning to go to work.

17 I would like to say this, I don't want to  
18 debate the merits of this because this is not  
19 appropriate time to do this, but, the adjournment  
20 is certainly called for and warranted.

21 And, what I would hope that you will do is  
22 use this time judicially to explore ways to find  
23 an alternate use for this property.

24 I would hope that the narrow alternatives  
25 that have been looked at so far need to be



1 expanded.

2 I believe there is a possibility that  
3 eminent domain being asserted, here, you can buy  
4 the property and you will avoid the lawsuits, I Page | 41  
5 believe, and I guess, Mr. Ra can tell you about  
6 that better than I can.

7 I am not an attorney, but I believe that  
8 alternatives haven't been fully explored and that  
9 the use of time should be utilized to look at  
10 these alternatives.

11 I take issue with something that you said,  
12 Mr. Blakeman at the community meeting, you talked  
13 about golf is dying.

14 I wouldn't know.

15 I am not a golfer, but, I do know this  
16 much, I am involved in municipal government in New  
17 York City.

18 I know that the Parks Department in New  
19 York City operates some ten (10) golf courses and  
20 for years lost their shirt.

21 I know golf is dying in places where there  
22 is a hundred-thousand-dollar initiation fee, but  
23 municipal courses are different.

24 And, there are people, there are companies  
25 willing to pay municipalities to come in

1 and operate those courses at a profit.

2 I think that should be explored.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think we should  
4 explore that.

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5 PETER STEIN: I wish you would.

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

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Put everything on the  
9 table, have the facts brought before us and let's  
10 see what happens.

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

13 PETER STEIN: Unless you and Mr. D'Esposito  
14 have to FOIL agreements that the New York City  
15 Parks Department has with U.S. Golf, the Trump  
16 Organization and various other organizations.

17 They are paying the City of New York  
18 substantial amounts of money to come in and  
19 operate so this wouldn't be a burden.

20 If anything, I maybe a moneymaker.

21 I don't know that, but you certainly have  
22 the opportunity to explore that potential.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We would love the  
24 Trump Organization to come in and buy the Woodmere  
25 Club.

1 We would love that, Councilman D'Esposito  
2 and I, we would love - -

3 (Whereupon, calling out was heard from the  
4 audience. After, the following ensued.) Page | 43

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: - - That goes for  
6 any private club that would like to operate a golf  
7 club, that is our Number 1 choice, that it stays  
8 as is.

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

11 PETER STEIN: And, I think you need to  
12 explore that potential.

13 And, I hope you will use the time with this  
14 moratorium to do just that.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you, we will do  
16 that.

17 PETER STEIN: Thank you for your time.

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

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Pearl Bruger, would you  
21 like to be heard on the adjournment?

22 PEARL BRUGER: My name is Pearl Bruger. I  
23 live at 4 Rose Street in the Incorporated Village  
24 of Cedarhurst.

25 First of all, I want to thank all of you

1 for all the service that you do for our  
2 communities and the whole Town of Hempstead.

3 And, I am sure you will continue to do the  
4 best you can for our community, having said that, <sup>Page | 44</sup>  
5 I have to agree with some of the things that were  
6 said.

7 The golf course idea, I think it is  
8 fabulous.

9 However, if it should come to a point, you  
10 know, during this period where everything is being  
11 studied and it seems it must be rezoned in some  
12 kind of residential manner, I am asking and I feel  
13 other people will agree on that, if it should have  
14 to be that way, zoning that is, in the Camron  
15 report, be changed to far larger properties, you  
16 know, more compatible to what is zoned for  
17 Woodsburgh and Lawrence rather than areas of  
18 Hempstead which are not adjoining this part of the  
19 neighborhood.

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

22 PEARL BRUGER: I didn't say I want houses,  
23 if it should come to that point where it must be  
24 residential development, let the property sizes be  
25 increased to reduce the number of houses,

1 further than the study is indicating, now.

2 Thank you.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

5 Rena Saffra?

6 RENA SAFFRA: Rena Saffra. 23 Island  
7 Street, Cedarhurst.

8 For instance, I have seventy more  
9 petitions, here.

10 I am not sure who I should give them to.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Give them to Michele.

12 RENA SAFFRA: This is, in addition, to the  
13 hundred that we have been sending over the past  
14 year and a half.

15 Um, I further want to address this,  
16 specifically.

17 I know you wanted to only discuss the  
18 adjournment.

19 What I want to say on that, I don't think  
20 this has been handled properly.

21 This is the second time, now, we really  
22 gotten down to the wire where we really come  
23 within days or hours of a vote, when suddenly,  
24 someone comes and says, okay, we are going to  
25 adjourn this.

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1 I emailed both you and you, Mr. Blakeman  
2 and Mr. D'Esposito on June 6<sup>th</sup>, with my questions  
3 and one of the questions was, "are you going to  
4 adjourn it," because at the time, the Camron Study <sup>Page | 46</sup>  
5 had not been completed.

6 On June 11<sup>th</sup>, I received a response, "I will  
7 get a response tomorrow."

8 On June 12<sup>th</sup>, six days after I emailed you,  
9 I got a response, "Yes, we are hoping to adjourn  
10 the meeting."

11 And, um, the report was not yet finalized.

12 I got a phone call on Friday from Debra  
13 Puliese (phonetic spelling) I hope I am not  
14 mispronouncing her name, tells me that the report  
15 was finalized, and it is up on the website, that  
16 was Friday.

17 And, today is Tuesday.

18 So, we are going into this really with very  
19 little time to get notice to the community and let  
20 people know what is happening.

21 People - - people were like, "are we coming  
22 to the meeting? Are we not coming to the  
23 meeting?"

24 This is the second time we, within days,  
25 have not known what is going to happen.

1 So, I am asking you at the next go-around,  
2 if we can do this in a more organized manner and  
3 more communicative manner with a lot more  
4 transparency.

5 Plan a community meeting before any vote is  
6 put up.

7 Give us a lot of time to read this two  
8 hundred-page report.

9 Give us sometime to do our own studies.

10 The community has really come together,  
11 really, in a way I am amazed at the amount of  
12 support we had, both, um, both just, um, civically  
13 and financially to really do something positive  
14 for the community and we are really trying to do  
15 that and sometimes when we these things get - -  
16 when there is so little time in between, we don't  
17 have a chance to get our ducks in a row and we  
18 have a right to do that.

19 And, so, I am asking the next time that  
20 this comes up for a vote, we have enough ample  
21 time to have a community meeting with enough  
22 advance notice that we can get out as many people  
23 we can, and we only discuss all the interest we  
24 have been discussing until, now.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, thank you very

1 much and your point was well taken.

2 I think we could have handled it better the  
3 last time, but this time, we only got the report  
4 on Friday. Page | 48

5 We can't tell the engineers to hurry up  
6 because you just can't do that.

7 RENA SAFFRA: I understand that two weeks  
8 ago it was finalized.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are not happy  
10 about the fact that we have to adjourn it, again,  
11 either, but we think it is in your best interest.

12 Thank you.

13 RENA SAFFRA: As far as the adjournment, we  
14 ask that it be pushed off until October.

15 I know a lot of our community is Jewish.  
16 There are a lot of Jewish Holidays happening in  
17 September.

18 It is going to get very hard to coordinate  
19 people.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are currently  
21 being sued - -

22 RENA SAFFRA: I know.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: - - We have to be  
24 reasonable and having the moratorium as long as we  
25 have had it, so, we will be guided by Counsel



1 on that because the last things we want is for a  
2 Judge to say, "the moratorium is no good and  
3 sorry, Town of Hempstead."

4 RENA SAFFRA: I appreciate that. Thank Page | 49  
5 you.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, so, we have  
9 a pending Motion and second to adjourn this Public  
10 Hearing.

11 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the  
12 roll.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That concludes our  
4 Public Hearings.

5 Madam Clerk, will you, please call the  
6 Administrative Calendar.

7 CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor, on the  
8 Administrative Calendar this evening, there are  
9 Items 6 through 35.

10 I also have two Resolutions that are of an  
11 urgent or emergency nature.

12 The first Resolution is a Resolution  
13 authorizing the Town Attorney to retain Rosenberg,  
14 Calica and Birney, LLP. As the attorneys for the  
15 Council Members of the Town of Hempstead Board in  
16 the Matter of Gillen versus the Town of Hempstead,  
17 et al.

18 This will be Item Number 36 on the  
19 Administrative Calendar.

20 The Second Resolution is a Resolution  
21 authorizing the Department of Buildings to issue a  
22 building permit with a fee cap in connection with  
23 Building Permit Application Number 201809797 to  
24 construct a retaining wall on the northeast side

1 of the property located at 1400 Glen Curtis  
2 Boulevard in Uniondale, Town of Hempstead, Nassau  
3 County, New York.

4 This will be Item Number 37 on the  
5 Calendar.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Would any of the  
7 Council Members like to sever any of the items on  
8 the Administrative Calendar?

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
12 have a Motion on the rest of the Administrative  
13 Calendar?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
15 Administrative Calendar, Items 6 through 37 and I  
16 move the postponement of Item Number 22,  
17 indefinitely.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do I have a second?

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the Motion.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
21 please, call the roll tabling Item 22.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

9 Okay, on the Administrative Calendar, I  
10 have Felix Procacci.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
12 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

13 On Item Number 29, establishment of  
14 standard work day, first off, why aren't all the  
15 elected officials listed?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Because some Council  
17 Members are in the middle of their term and so  
18 this is not necessary at this time, is that  
19 correct, Mr. Ra?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is correct,  
21 Supervisor.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: How is time and days  
23 determined?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Board Members keep a  
25 calendar.

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1 FELIX PROCACCI: It is the honor system, is  
2 that correct?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Board Members keep  
4 their own calendars. Page | 53

5 FELIX PROCACCI: Whatever they say is taken  
6 as gospel, is that correct?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is correct.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, that is all I am  
9 asking.

10 I like a job like that, that's great.

11 I was wondering how Mr. D'Esposito, he has  
12 to work eighteen days a month.

13 This is supposed to be ten percent of his  
14 work on his second job.

15 He has a fulltime job.

16 The numbers get quite astronomical unless  
17 he works at night and stuff, it doesn't seem like  
18 he can do both jobs and meet these requirements.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Some of the hours,  
20 Council people and other elected officials spend  
21 at night is towards their work.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: No, I understand that,  
23 but, being the honor system, you could  
24 understand how skepticism - - residents usually  
25 have to punch in at work and check on work.

1 This is like a free for all.

2 It is a concern and I am not going to ask  
3 any question about it because I am not going to  
4 get any answers.

5 The personnel issues, um, that have  
6 fortified case Number 7, only one is reported.

7 Are there any other maternity leaves or  
8 anything else?

9 At the last meeting it was the same issue  
10 where you only reported one or two but missed  
11 other people who were on leave of absences or  
12 something else.

13 So, what I want you to do is fix the  
14 problem, if that is still the case on reporting  
15 them on the calendar.

16 It should be on the calendar if someone is  
17 getting a leave of absence, they are supposed to  
18 be in a resolution because that is the only check  
19 and balances that the residents have.

20 We can't just take your word for  
21 everything.

22 We can't FOIL the whole Town every month.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is on the  
24 Resolution.

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1 FELIX PROCACCI: There is one person, I am  
2 saying is there any additional that aren't there?

3 That was the case the last meeting.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There are leave of Page | 55  
5 absences, family care leave.

6 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, the point is, can we  
7 have an accurate resolution next meeting so  
8 everything is there?

9 My school district does it and they have  
10 really weird laws, deadline laws, they say when  
11 teachers are taking leave of absences.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You have the right to  
13 know all the items on the personnel.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Let's try to fix it for  
15 the next time.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Make sure, Ms. Town  
17 Clerk, make sure they are all on there.

18 You can coordinate that with Mr. Sammon.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Um, one thing, Item Number  
20 28, this goes back to the last meeting, taking a  
21 care, it is required - - I don't know.

22 It was required by law. I do feel that  
23 conflict of interests are very stark around here.

24 Everything is just written off.

1 All my complaints that I made is not  
2 treated with seriousness.

3 I can't make a report. Ethics complaints  
4 have been made by any of you, if any were made, <sup>Page | 56</sup> it  
5 is all real secret.

6 You bend over backwards for the people  
7 complaining about the Woodmere Club.

8 I want you to bend over backwards for the  
9 same respect for me.

10 All residents should know on this issue,  
11 specifically, she is going to take a course.

12 I believe when I brought up conflict of  
13 interest stuff, they get dismissed all the time.

14 And, I brought up a very serious conflict  
15 of interest, I don't see the point if you send  
16 people, pay for a course, when I bring it up, an  
17 issue of conflict of interest and you will say,  
18 well, it is not.

19 You don't give me any reason.

20 Joe Ra never gives me a reason.

21 He just writes you off with one sentence  
22 like he is the Judge.

23 And, I think the residents deserve better  
24 than that if I ask about aa conflict of interest,  
25 that I have the right to get a legal reason



1 explaining why the situation that I feel is in  
2 conflict of interest.

3 Maybe I am wrong about it, my analysis, but  
4 just to write it off with one sentence, "you're <sup>Page | 57</sup>  
5 wrong, Felix" I think it is wrong and I think it  
6 feeds into the ethics law that we need to modify  
7 it so residents can make ethic complaints.

8 It is not going to be a free for all.

9 You have to sign an affidavit.

10 You have to swear an oath to tell the  
11 truth.

12 You have to provide evidence. You can't  
13 willy-nilly make a complaint about someone.

14 And, the result of that complaint properly  
15 redacted should be on the Town's website for that  
16 matter, the financial disclosures that are  
17 required by the Ethics Law are still not on the  
18 Town's website.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: They are in the process  
20 of being redacted from personal information.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: It is overdue. It is  
22 overdue and there is no punishment for the  
23 overdue-ness.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mary Ellen Kreye?

25 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.

1 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

2 I have a question on Number, um, 11,  
3 maintenance of clandestine and mercury, vapor  
4 flood light system, I presume they cannot be LED Page | 58  
5 or what is the situation with regard to that,  
6 please?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Lino?

8 COMMISSIONER LINO: That is with regard to

9 - -

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Certainly - -

11 COMMISSIONER LINO: Supervisor Gillen,  
12 Council, um, the current bulbs that we have in  
13 place are connected and the way they are set up,  
14 actually, down the road we ae looking at over a  
15 five-year term of the capital budget converting  
16 one at a time.

17 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you very much.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: In short, it is not  
20 just LED is not intensive enough, it is just we  
21 have to work towards it because of the situation  
22 as it is, now?

23 COMMISSIONER LINO: Yeah, as a matter of  
24 fact, I believe it was just last year we converted  
25 Cherry Valley Ballfield to LED.

1 It is just a project.

2 It has nothing to do with intensity with  
3 the bulb.

4 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Oh, thank you very much. Page | 59

5 On Item Number 13, I am just wondering what  
6 is Hofstra planning, there?

7 Very happy to work with Hofstra with all  
8 activities, but, knowing the set up there - -

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is Applied Sciences  
10 Building.

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: And wasn't it the  
12 previous year the Law Building?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That I don't know.  
14 I know it is Applied Sciences Building.

15 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

16 On Item Number 23, please, where is  
17 Meadowbrook Green located?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is the corridor  
19 along Meadowbrook Parkway.

20 MARY ELLEN KREYE: In?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Tuman, can you  
22 specific a little more exactly where that corridor  
23 is?

24 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Yeah, this actual  
25 project is going to be in, I guess, considered

1 North Merrick.

2 It is called the Meadowbrook Corridor and  
3 it is, basically, put in on dead end streets in  
4 that area to reduce the flow of water in the Page | 60  
5 corridor.

6 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

7 On Item Number 25, will that include an  
8 additional salary increase for the appointment as  
9 Notary?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: This is just a  
11 resolution for a sixty-dollar reimbursement for  
12 the fee associated with services.

13 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

14 And, on Item Number 29, so, I am trying to  
15 understand the answers that were given previously,  
16 I come to the conclusion that the Town Board  
17 Members would not be affected at all under this  
18 circumstances because, you keep your own  
19 calendars.

20 So, if it is not the Board Members, would  
21 it only be people like the Town Clerk, the  
22 Receiver of Taxes?

23 I like to know.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, for  
25 clarification on this resolution, it

1 relates to our - -

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: In order to get pension  
3 benefits, the State Comptroller requires that the  
4 Town Board Members and Receiver of Taxes and the <sup>Page | 61</sup>  
5 Town Clerk keep a three-month calendar at the  
6 beginning within their first year of their term  
7 and then they take that calendar and report to the  
8 Attorney General's Office how many hours they work  
9 at their elected positions and from that, the  
10 pension system, the Comptroller's Office gives  
11 pension credits, that is what this is about.

12 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, I don't have  
14 anymore slips, so, Madam Clerk, would you, please,  
15 call the roll for the vote, 6 through 37 with the  
16 exclusion of Item 22.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye with the  
19 exception of Item 14 and 15 which I recuse myself.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye with the  
22 exception of Item 15 which I recuse myself.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

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COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

May I have a Motion to adjourn?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I make a  
Motion we adjourn the Meeting.

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the Motion.

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

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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: 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 June 19, 2018, consisting of <sup>Page | 63</sup>  
pages 1 through 63 inclusive is an accurate  
transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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