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**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**JULY 3, 2018**

**10:30 A.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
- TOWN CLERK CABANA
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK TUMMINELLO
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- COMPTROLLER CONROY

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning, I would  
2 like to welcome everyone to our regularly  
3 scheduled Town Board Meeting.

4 For those of you who have never attended <sup>Page | 3</sup>  
5 meeting before, we will, first, have Public  
6 Hearings, followed by an Administrative Calendar.

7 There are meeting agendas available in the  
8 rear of the Pavilion, if you wish to be heard on  
9 any matters, please, fill out a slip which are  
10 available from our Public Safety Officers.

11 On the slip, please, indicate what matter  
12 you would like to be heard on.

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

18 Madam Clerk, would you, please, all the  
19 roll.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

7 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

9 I would, now, ask Councilman Ambrosino to,  
10 please, lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Place your right  
12 hand over your heart and join with me.

13 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino led the  
14 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the  
15 following ensued.)

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Everyone, I ask if you  
17 would, please, stand for one moment to observe a  
18 moment of silence, Commissioner DeMaria lost his  
19 wife tragically recently and have a moment of  
20 silence to remember her and think of his family.

21 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
22 observed. After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner, we are  
24 truly so sorry for your loss.

25 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the

1 first Public Hearing.

2 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
3 "Regulations and Restrictions," to limit parking  
4 in (near) Lynbrook (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) Page | 5  
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6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have a slip from  
7 Felix Procacci on this matter.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
9 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

10 On this Hearing and all the Public  
11 Hearings, including the Administrative Calendar,  
12 resolutions, I feel, it is necessary for the Town  
13 Board to make the following statement; upon  
14 passing this law or any other law, the Town Board  
15 has the right to break any Town, State or Federal  
16 Law providing the majority of this Town Board  
17 agrees to break the law.

18 It is important to note that this position  
19 is supported by Councilman Dennis Dunne and the  
20 Town Board has supported this position by votes  
21 they have taken.

22 At the Town Board Meeting held on June 19,  
23 2018, Councilman Dennis Dunne said and I quote,  
24 "Sometimes you have to look at common sense as  
25 opposed to law regarding a vote on zoning change."

1 He said this regarding the current  
2 resolution that would change the zoning property  
3 while violating the property rights of its owners.

4 I ask that this statement be put on every <sup>Page | 6</sup>  
5 resolution because it is apparent that the  
6 position of this Town Board is to violate the law.  
7 Send people to Court, intentionally, just to jog  
8 legal fees for lawyers and just for political  
9 purposes.

10 He said it. He was adamant about it.

11 And, everyone voted for illegal laws on  
12 this Board.

13 And, I think that it is - - just be  
14 transparent about it.

15 Tell the people that we don't - - we are  
16 above the law because that is what the truth is by  
17 your actions, that is what you tell the residents  
18 when you vote for illegal laws that have no basis.

19 Thank you.

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

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Town Attorney, so,  
23 for Public Hearing Number 1, it is about, um,  
24 amending parking regulations and restrictions, is  
25 there anything illegal about this change?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No, Supervisor.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: I wasn't talking about  
3 that.

4 I asked that a statement be put on that Page | 7  
5 there - - I am not talking, as I said, I just want  
6 to be clear, I want everyone to understand you're  
7 passing laws, some you abide by, some you choose  
8 not to abide by, that is what has happened in the  
9 past.

10 Each of these law, most of them are abided  
11 by.

12 When it is politically expediate for you to  
13 break the law, this Town Board has broken the law.

14 It is not for any particular resolution.

15 It is for all the resolutions because this  
16 is what has happened in the past and next month,  
17 it will be eight years being here when you choose  
18 to break this Town Board with different people,  
19 here, it doesn't matter who the people are, the  
20 Council people where they have chosen to break the  
21 law and send people into Court indefinitely  
22 because you have deep pockets and you can sustain  
23 it, that is what it is about.

24 Not about this resolution or that  
25 resolution, it is about the behavior of the

1 Town Board and the behavior of the Town Board is  
2 atrocious what you are doing with so many people  
3 on isolated incidents.

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4 The majority you abide by the law.

5 When you decide it is politically expedient  
6 to break the law, you do.

7 That is why I chose to speak on the first  
8 Hearing because all of these Hearings should have  
9 disclaimer, if you choose to break the law in the  
10 future, that is what you will do because it is  
11 politically expedient to do so.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr.  
13 Procacci.

14 I appreciate your comments.

15 I will say I don't personally choose to  
16 break the law, but you don't contend there is  
17 anything illegal about this?

18 FELIX PROCACCI: Nothing illegal about the  
19 law.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

21 Is there anybody else that would like to be  
22 heard on the first Public Hearing?

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

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I



1 have a motion?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move that the  
3 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the <sup>Page | 9</sup>  
5 Motion.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,  
7 please 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: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

24 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

25 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in East

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1 Rockaway, (near) Lynbrook, Oceanside, Woodmere (To  
2 amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of  
3 Hempstead.)

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips <sup>Page | 10</sup>  
5 on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would  
6 like to 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 D'ESPOSITO: I move that the  
12 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second the  
14 Motion.

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

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 "Arterial Stops" in Oceanside, (near) Valley

10 Stream (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the

11 Town of Hempstead)

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips

13 on this Public Hearing.

14 Is there anyone that would like to be

15 heard?

16 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,

17 the following ensued.)

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I

19 have a Motion.

20 COUNILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the Public

21 Hearing be closed and the local law be adopted.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,

24 call the roll.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

14 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
15 Hearing.

16 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
17 "School Speed Limits" in Bellmore - Swenson Place  
18 (To amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of  
19 Hempstead, by the insertion of a location into  
20 Section 190-4, Subdivision A in relation to a 20-  
21 mph school speed limit)

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
23 on this public hearing, is there anyone that would  
24 like to be heard?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After

1 the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I  
4 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be Page | 13  
5 adopted.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

21 Madam Clerk, please, call our next public  
22 hearing.

23 CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped  
24 parking on Public Streets" in Baldwin, Franklin  
25 Square (Henhawk Road, Harrison Avenue)

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

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, <sup>Page | 14</sup>  
5 the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I  
9 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be  
10 adopted.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

3 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
4 Hearing. Page | 15

5 CLERK CABANA: Application of 416 BCB Corp.  
6 for a permit to include existing gasoline service  
7 station within "GSS" District & install additional  
8 storage tanks each with a capacity of 15,000  
9 gallons & install waste oil tanks each with a  
10 capacity of 15,000 gallons & operate a self-  
11 service & convenience store, install (3) pump  
12 islands and canopy over said pump islands located  
13 at 940 Nassau Road - Uniondale - southeast corner  
14 Nassau Road & Brookside Avenue.

15 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Good Morning,  
16 Supervisor.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning.

18 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Honorable Members of the  
19 Board, Kevin O'Brien from the firm of Murphy,  
20 Bartol & O'Brien, 22 Jericho Turnpike, Mineola,  
21 New York, here, representing the property and  
22 applicant.

23 Seated to my right is Mr. Christopher  
24 Tartaglia, who is the principal Engineer from High  
25 Point Engineering and design professionals who

1 prepared the plans which are before the Board,  
2 today.

3 I also have representatives from the  
4 property owner and applicant, as well.

5 I am glad to see that we have the  
6 electronic system working.

7 I just want to make one quick observation  
8 at this time, when I was here last the tulips  
9 where in full bloom and they were fantastic.

10 They are gone, now, you have these white  
11 and pink things as you come in the Plaza, they are  
12 equally, if not, more fantastic, so, whoever is  
13 doing the work out there is doing a good job.

14 Kudos to that.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I will take the  
17 credit for it.

18 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: It says, "Summer"  
19 written all over it. I like it.

20 We are here, today, in connection with an  
21 application involving the existing gasoline  
22 service station located at 940 Nassau Road in  
23 Uniondale.

24 It is on the corner of Nassau and Brookside  
25 just a little bit North of the Southern State



1 property.

2 Um, just a couple, maybe housekeeping  
3 corrections, I know when I was speaking to some of  
4 the staff earlier on this and doing a little bit <sup>Page | 17</sup>  
5 of research, I was under the impression that this  
6 place had been operating since 1960, but doing a  
7 little more research, it has actually been  
8 operating as a service station since 1927, so,  
9 this is an old one.

10 One other thing, also, I want to bring to  
11 the Board's attention, um, the nature of the  
12 application is to include the property within the  
13 "GSS" Zoning District.

14 We are seeking to operate self service or,  
15 at least, having the ability to operate self  
16 service and install a canopy over the pump  
17 islands.

18 Um, and the impetus a lot of time for these  
19 applications has come where we are making other  
20 improvements and the Board's predecessors before  
21 1974, then Presiding Supervisor, mandated  
22 inclusion of these properties in the "GSS" Zoning  
23 District.

24 So, whenever we make some substantial  
25 improvements, the property has to be within the

1 "GSS" Zoning District which we then apply to get  
2 into it, that is why we are here.

3 One of the impetuses is the County changed  
4 the rules and regulations relative to underground <sup>Page | 18</sup>  
5 gasoline storage tanks, were way, way back and the  
6 remedy and it became double wall tanks.

7 I bring this up because I did receive a  
8 call from one of the neighbors dealing with the  
9 applicants and our application in part is  
10 installing two, fifteen thousand underground  
11 storage tanks.

12 When we made the application back in 2016  
13 that was part of the application.

14 Um, the regulations are such that we  
15 installed tanks.

16 They have been there for thirty (30) years.

17 They have to be replaced. We went to the  
18 County and the Town and received permits and  
19 approval to do that aspect of the application.

20 So, I just want to make it clear to the  
21 Board that we are not putting in an additional  
22 two, fifty thousand underground gallon storage  
23 tanks, that aspect of the application has already  
24 been accomplished through the County Health  
25 Department, as well as, through the Town Building

1 Department.

2 So, what is in there, now, is all in and  
3 complies but it was a little confusing on the  
4 outside.

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5 I just want to clarify that we are not  
6 adding any additional storage tanks.

7 But, physically, what we are doing, the  
8 property is contiguous to a carwash, car center.

9 Next, you know, right behind us, um, what  
10 we are seeking to do, so, those underground  
11 improvements have all been done, um, the pump  
12 islands, the three pump islands currently exist  
13 will remain so really physical work we are looking  
14 to do over at this location is to install a canopy  
15 over those pump islands that have already been  
16 replaced with the underground gallon storage  
17 tanks.

18 We are looking to be included into the  
19 "GSS" Zoning District of the, um, ability to  
20 operate self-service, mindful of some of the  
21 requirements that typically what we do, we provide  
22 full service operation, particularly, between the  
23 hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for particularly  
24 the senior and the elderly, but for those that are  
25 seeking in order to accomplish that, usually

1 at these locations, we have a blue button on the  
2 dispenser so when someone comes in, they can  
3 signal to somebody to kind of come out and  
4 dispense fuel for them.

5 Um, other than that, we have already  
6 replaced the asphalt and the like over there, so,  
7 most of the improvements other than a little  
8 cosmetic improvements have been accomplished at  
9 this location.

10 So, we would be seeking the inclusion into  
11 the "GSS", for a self-service operation.

12 There is no repair of automobiles at this  
13 location.

14 It is a retail mart in conjunction with  
15 this location.

16 It is a twenty-four-hour operation in close  
17 proximity to the Southern State Parkway.

18 And, we are, even though we are principally  
19 surrounded by businesses, we are still mindful of,  
20 you know, of our neighbors, whether they are  
21 business neighbors and a little further away,  
22 residential neighbors.

23 So, we have private carting.

24 We try to do that during reasonable hours.  
25 We typically try to accomplish that during

1 off-peak hours, so this way around 6:00 o'clock  
2 when there is not a lot of vehicles on the road,  
3 but you don't want to have it passed 12:00  
4 o'clock, either.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Counsel, you say  
6 you are adding an awning over the pumps that are  
7 there, now?

8 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The amount of pumps  
10 are staying the same?

11 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Three individual  
13 islands, two, one on each side?

14 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct,  
15 absolutely.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Let me ask you  
17 a question.

18 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Certainly.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: On the back of  
20 that gas station there is a garage, is that your  
21 garage?

22 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: No, that is absolutely a  
23 different piece of property.

24 There is a garage back there with a car  
25 wash there, as well.

1           There is a fence between us, so, we only  
2           have perhaps behind our building, tops, ten feet  
3           behind us, so, if you take a look, if you look at  
4           the site plan - -

5           SENIOR COUNCILWOMN GOOSBY: I know what it  
6           looks like.

7           I have been there a couple of times, I just  
8           wanted to reference this garage in the back of it.

9           ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: No, Senior Councilwoman,  
10          we have nothing whatsoever to do with that.

11          SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: All right.

12          ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: And, other than that, I  
13          like to tell you we are doing a lot more but that  
14          is really the sum and substance of our  
15          application.

16          If there are any technical questions, Mr.  
17          Tartaglia would be happy to answer, otherwise, we  
18          will respond to any interested observers that you  
19          might have.

20          COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I don't see a flag pole.

21          I can't see it on the site.

22          ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: I don't believe there is  
23          a flag pole on the site.

24          COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It is a perfection  
25          location.

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1 ATTORNEY OBRIEN: I am sorry, Senior  
2 Councilwoman?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: There are  
4 containers?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO; In one of the  
6 photos there are fifty-five-gallon drums.

7 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Unmarked containers.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: What are they  
9 there for?

10 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: As a matter of fact, I  
11 am not one hundred percent sure and what we do  
12 every now and then, you know, I have been over to  
13 the location a couple of times, we had a number of  
14 T.V.'s that were dropped off there, I guess we are  
15 just so accessible, so, people drop stuff off.

16 So, we contacted contractors to remove  
17 those, that is in the process to get rid of the  
18 T.V.'s.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think the  
20 important question is, nothing being stored in  
21 those containers that is not marked?

22 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You can clean  
24 it up too?

25 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: We will certainly bring

1 that to the attention to the property owners.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Do you want to  
3 see it?

4 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: I am not disagreeing Page | 24  
5 with you, Councilwoman, absolutely, so, certainly,  
6 I will bring that to their attention.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Make sure you  
8 do something as far as the garbage.

9 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Keep the area  
11 clean.

12 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Absolutely, there is - -  
13 I was there. There are trash cans right at the  
14 doors.

15 We typically have some at the pump island,  
16 as well.

17 We can look into the flag pole for  
18 Councilman Dunne.

19 I think there are two County roadways we  
20 have to go through the 239-F process if the County  
21 doesn't have an issue, I think that can be fine.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you. It will  
23 dress it up.

24 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Actually, I did notice  
25 there was a report from the Building Inspector.



1           What is interesting about the process, you  
2 know, again, we have been doing this long, you  
3 know, back in the day when we use to file the  
4 records with the Town Clerk's Office, now, we file <sup>Page | 25</sup>  
5 the Building applications, first and go through  
6 that process and get a continuation letter  
7 enabling us to continue to the Town Board.

8           So, part of the things that we were cited  
9 for was having the open building permit for this  
10 very application.

11           So, it is just, you know, I mean, the  
12 process, you know, we followed the process,  
13 obviously, that building permit application can't  
14 be closed until such time this Board acts.

15           We actually get a building permit. Do, the  
16 work. Have it inspected and have it closed out,  
17 that was part of one of the things I noticed in  
18 there; just part of the process.

19           SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay, in other  
20 words, you will continue and make sure everything  
21 is A-Okay?

22           ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Absolutely.

23           SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Any question  
24 from any Members?

25           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do have a slip from

1 Kevin O'Brien.

2 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is actually me, I  
3 think I probably have said enough.

4 (Whereupon, laughter was heard from the Page | 26  
5 audience. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

7 I don't have any other slips on this Public  
8 Hearing, is there anyone else that would like to  
9 be heard?

10 Yes, please, come forward.

11 Please, just state your name and address  
12 for the record.

13 HEIDI SANFT: Sure, my name is Heidi Sanft,  
14 Vice-President of Nostrand Gardens Civic  
15 Association in Uniondale.

16 My address is 116 Florence Avenue in  
17 Hempstead.

18 It is right on the border of Hempstead,  
19 excuse me, and Uniondale.

20 I really didn't come for this particular  
21 reasoning and listening and looking at the  
22 diagram, I notice that this gas station is on the  
23 corner of Nassau Road and, um, um, Brookside.

24 And, I believe it is very close to Martin  
25 Luther King, Jr. Park, am I right?

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It is across  
2 the street.

3 HEIDI SANFT: It is right there.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, it is  
5 across the street.

6 HEIDI SANFT: The Attorney who was just  
7 speaking, he mentioned how beautiful the flowers  
8 are, here at the Town of Hempstead, you know,  
9 building.

10 I think it might be a nice thing for them  
11 to add beautification to that gas station area.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: He will do  
13 that.

14 HEIDI SANFT: Okay, good, I notice that  
15 they are going to add a convenience store.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: They had that  
17 all along.

18 HEIDI SANFT: They had that all along  
19 because I was part of a group that cleaned that  
20 Park on a weekly basis with other volunteers from  
21 our Civic Group and Hofstra University students  
22 and the Park is often strewn with litter, so, you  
23 have to ask yourself where is that litter coming  
24 from?

25 So, I just think that sitting here,

1 it might nice if, let's put it this way, if they  
2 want more business, they might want to help to  
3 make the Park look a little bit more attractive in  
4 honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

5 They are right across the street.

6 And, when you are so close to a Park like  
7 that, if you want more business, you pay attention  
8 and you do the right thing.

9 Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any other  
11 slips on this Public Hearing.

12 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin  
13 resident.

14 My question, I am glad that we are, now,  
15 able in the audience to get the audio/visual.

16 Would be nice if, we, in the audience could  
17 see the photos and all the things that you are  
18 discussing, considering we are the ones that are  
19 going to live in this area and we have to see  
20 that.

21 I appreciate the questions that were asked  
22 with regard to the dumping because we have noticed  
23 that and we have tried to alert the police  
24 officers.

25 Those types of questions we do appreciate.

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1 My concern has to do with probably, it is  
2 not a Town situation.

3 I am hoping that the Town can work more in  
4 concert with the County with regard to the traffic Page | 29  
5 that is incurred on that juncture.

6 For those of us that live in the northern  
7 part of Baldwin, Brookside Avenue is a major  
8 thoroughfare for us, so, we won't even talk about,  
9 um, the, blight of potholes, um, on Brookside,  
10 particularly that, um, corner because during that  
11 period when they were doing the work that the  
12 gentleman cited in his testimony, it was  
13 horrendous for the residents in that area.

14 So, I don't know. I am not shying,  
15 specifically, it was their contractor or their  
16 vendors that were doing it, but, the roads on both  
17 sides and also trying to get in and out for those  
18 who were going to that gas station and for those  
19 who were trying to monitor getting across  
20 Brookside or making that turn because when they  
21 changed the entrances to Southern State Parkway,  
22 you have to come down Brookside and go up the  
23 little street where that warehouse is, sometime to  
24 get there is a short cut, so, that is definitely a  
25 site for potential accidents.

1 Um, the section where, Heidi, the previous  
2 speaker mentioned on the other side of the Martin  
3 Luther King Park, again, people making an illegal  
4 turn off of Nassau Road into the other part of Page | 30  
5 Brookside or running the light, they are running  
6 out of that gas station to beat the light.

7 They are running across Nassau Road and  
8 there has been a number of accidents in that  
9 sections.

10 So, I am just concerned about, again, with  
11 the diagram, how they are going to address the  
12 traffic flow coming in and coming out of their  
13 facility or what they can do to be better  
14 residents in that area and encourage the County to  
15 do something about the roads, particularly on that  
16 section.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would be happy to  
18 reach out to the County to see what we can do to  
19 address the traffic issues that you raised in that  
20 area and to follow up with our Highway Department  
21 about the potholes.

22 META MEREDAY: Okay, thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else  
24 that would like to be heard on this Public  
25 Hearing?

1 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: A couple of brief  
2 comments, um, I appreciate the woman from the  
3 Civic Association coming up, love the involvement,  
4 actually, one of my clients joined one of the Page | 31  
5 associations, which I think it is good to have  
6 that involvement to become a Member.

7 I ask them to reach out to us when you have  
8 one of your cleanups, we can assist.

9 We would like to be involved with that.

10 And, certainly, with respect to the  
11 landscaping and the like, we will look at whatever  
12 we can do to supplement.

13 They do a pretty good job. Take another  
14 look.

15 We will look at that.

16 And, just responding to the comments on  
17 traffic, um, the curb cuts and all existing pump  
18 islands are existing, but, as I did mention  
19 earlier, in order for us to get an actual building  
20 permit here on the County roadway, it does get  
21 submitted to the County Department of Public Works  
22 pursuant to 239F of the General Municipal Law.

23 So, they will be looking at it as well.

24 Just as part of the process, there will be  
25 input from the County, but I do appreciate the

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1 Supervisor's invitation in that regard as well.

2 So, thank you. I believe what we are  
3 looking for is necessary and reasonable.

4 Thank you.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
6 presentation.

7 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the  
8 roll - - May I have a Motion.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: My Motion is  
10 that we reserve decision.

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you  
13 call the roll on reserving decision.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.



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1 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: If I may submit to the  
2 Town Clerk some signatures in support of the  
3 application as well as from community residents.

4 Thank you. Have a nice day.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You too.

6 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the  
7 Decision Calendar.

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor, there is one  
9 item on the Decision Calendar which is the  
10 application of Beechwood Merrick, LLC. to rezone  
11 from "Y" Industrial District and "X" Business  
12 District to PUD District and include said lot  
13 within the adjacent South East Quadrant of the PUD  
14 District located at 695 Merrick Avenue - (near)  
15 Westbury - west side of Merrick Avenue, 1671 feet  
16 south of Privado Road.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
18 decision and move to approve it.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
21 call the roll.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 CLERK CABANA: I am not voting on that, I  
2 was not here for the original hearing.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

11 (Whereupon, Councilman D'Esposito did not  
12 vote as he was absent during the Public Hearing.  
13 Councilman Ambrosino recused himself at the time  
14 of the application and did not vote. After, the  
15 following ensued.)

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

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor, there are items  
19 8 through 70 on the Administrative Calendar.

20 I also have a Resolution that is of an  
21 urgent or emergency nature.

22 It is a Resolution calling a Public Hearing  
23 to consider authorizing Town of Hempstead Sanitary  
24 District Number 6 to sell at auction surplus  
25 emergency and equipment.

1 I also have a Resolution repealing TPR 345  
2 of 2017, also known as the Free Air Law.

3 This will be Item 72 on the Administrative  
4 Calendar. Page | 35

5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor and  
6 Madam Clerk, I also have a hand-up of an urgent  
7 and emergency nature.

8 The Resolution authorizing the Town to  
9 retain Leventhal, Mullaney & Blinkoff, LLP., to  
10 provide legal services.

11 I move that this be Item Number 73 on the  
12 Calendar.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are there any Council  
15 Members that would like to sever any of the Items  
16 on the Administrative Calendar?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, um,  
18 I would like to sever and, um, postpone  
19 indefinitely Items 32, 53 and 54.

20 To be clear, we are adjourning them  
21 indefinitely.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: 32, 53, 54.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMN GOOSBY: So, we have a  
24 Motion to adjourn indefinitely, postpone Items 32,  
25 53 and 54.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there a second?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you

4 call the roll on adjourning those items.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Just one second, aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

19 Madam Clerk - -

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Madam Clerk and

21 Supervisor, I renew my Motion which is a

22 Resolution authorizing the Town to retain

23 Leventhal, Mullaney & Blinkhoff, LLP., to provide

24 legal services.

25 I move this Item be 73 on the Calendar.

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
3 please, call the roll on this Motion.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote no.

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is just to put it  
19 on the calendar.

20 We are not voting on it.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am not  
22 voting for it. I vote no. She wants to vote no,  
23 so, I vote with her.

24 I want to do that. I want to.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The Motion carried.

1 Yes, it is on the calendar.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Can we get an  
3 outline of what the numbers are?

4 71 is which? 76 - - 72 repeal. 73,  
5 that's it.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, may I have a Motion  
7 on the rest of the Administrative Calendar?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
9 Administrative Calendar with the exception of 32,  
10 53 and 54.

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right. I have a  
13 number of slips on the Administrative Calendar  
14 starting with Felix Procacci.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
16 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

17 First item, 72, that was added, can I have  
18 an explanation of that?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is a repeal of the  
20 Free Air Law.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Board is moving to -  
22 - we never enforced the Free Air Law and the  
23 Board, today is moving to repeal it, that Free Air  
24 Law, thus, allowing coin-operated air machines in  
25 the Town of Hempstead.

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1           There will be a Public Hearing on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

2           By Motion, today, the Board is evidencing  
3 its intent to repeal it.

4           FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, because Number 70 Page | 39  
5 addresses the issue that I spoke about earlier,  
6 today.

7           COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Well, Mr. Procacci,  
8 so you understand what is going on, I know it can  
9 be confusing, the Board, if they approve this,  
10 will be repealing the change in the law so that  
11 the law goes back to what it was before it was  
12 changed and at the same time, we are calling a  
13 Public Hearing to settle a lawsuit.

14           FELIX PROCACCI: I get it. I got it.

15           COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Which requires a  
16 Public Hearing on that matter, but, today, if it  
17 passes, we will repeal the amendment and it will  
18 go back to the old law.

19           FELIX PROCACCI: The problem with, um, all  
20 this is, it brings up what I spoke about earlier,  
21 today.

22           I will call it the done rule, means you  
23 break the law any time you want.

24           COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: How are we breaking  
25 the law?

1 FELIX PROCACCI: You are breaking the law,  
2 the Public Hearing that you are calling for on  
3 August 7, Number 70 still preempts State Law.

4 You are still regulating equipment and  
5 prices in zoning law which you are not allowed to  
6 do or can you cite the passage in zoning law that  
7 State, Town or any zoning law in New York State  
8 that allows a municipality to regulate prices?

9 Can you cite that paragraph?

10 You did the research on it before you came  
11 here.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: On the advice of  
13 Counsel, we are calling a Public Hearing to  
14 consider the settlement of a lawsuit, but prior to  
15 that Public Hearing, I believe it is the will of  
16 the Board to repeal the amendment that was made  
17 and go back to the original law.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: I get all of that. I  
19 don't want to go into a circular thing, here.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are following the  
21 law.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: The point is in 1978 law  
23 preempted State Law and was implemented in zoning  
24 which was illegal that was all illegal period,  
25 period.



1 Listen - -

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: My comment on that  
3 pending the lawsuit, we will not comment.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Don't comment. Please, Page | 41  
5 don't comment at all.

6 You just confuse me when you comment.

7 The problem is you're breaking the law.  
8 Just take my word for it because nobody would  
9 justify it.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You don't think we  
11 should repeal the law?

12 FELIX PROCACCI: You should repeal the 1978  
13 law and everything and not call this Hearing, that  
14 is what you should do.

15 Don't - - please, don't comment anymore.  
16 Please, don't.

17 It is not my opinion. It is the law. This  
18 is a done law.

19 You violate the law any time you want and  
20 throw people into Court, people with deeper  
21 pockets than you and litigate it to death.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: We can call it the  
23 "Felix Law," because I wasn't here in 1978.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: No, that is not what I am  
25 saying.

1 Done rule means you are allowed to break  
2 the law, sometimes you have to take common sense  
3 over the law.

4 You said that, Dennis Dunne.

5 Okay, let's get to other things, on the  
6 item of 39 through 47, I can't speak to every  
7 Park District, but you're essentially establishing  
8 fees for Parks for services and things like that,  
9 the problem with it is in most of the Park  
10 Districts, I know Number 41, in mine, we don't  
11 have a budget.

12 We have a four-million-dollar lump of  
13 money.

14 The only thing that is articulated in that  
15 in any reasonable way is the bond principal and  
16 interest that we pay, that is it.

17 The rest of the 3.5 million dollars, the  
18 residents have absolutely no clue as to how you  
19 are spending our money.

20 There is no clue at all.

21 I FOIL-ed it, no reports exist.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I share your concerns,  
23 Mr. Procacci.

24 We are discussing those concerns, as well,  
25 with respect to that budget, with respect to these

1 Resolutions.

2 Um, Commissioner, you can correct me if I  
3 am wrong, this is just reducing the fees for our  
4 Parks for military personnel.

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5 COMMISSIONER: Active Military.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Excuse me, Active  
7 Military.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: It should be more  
9 specific, anyway, the thing is I don't see how you  
10 can have any idea of how much money you are taking  
11 in because I FOIL-ed the records and they don't  
12 exist which is basically, you know, anyway, um,  
13 um, also, on Item Number 50, this is problem where  
14 we are retaining an attorney for the Woodmere Club  
15 issue and the resolution details really just - -  
16 the resolution without doing a feasibility study.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Which item?

18 FELIX PROCACCI: Fifty and there is no  
19 address of this attorney.

20 There is no contract as to what he is  
21 really going to be doing.

22 There is no price how much he will be  
23 charging per hour.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think this is  
25 Councilman D'Esposito - - Councilman, is

1 this your resolution, Item 50?

2 Mr. Procacci is asking about Item 50.

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Fredrick P. Clarke,  
4 it is a firm that is being hired to conduct a Page | 44  
5 financial report of what it would cost the Town to  
6 make the Woodmere Club either a Park District or a  
7 Town of Hempstead Park.

8 This way the Supervisor and the Town Board  
9 have proper numbers as to what we are getting  
10 ourselves into.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: This is the details of the  
12 resolution, put one long sentence, how much he is  
13 getting paid per hour.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I want to explain  
15 it.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: You don't have to explain  
17 it.

18 Why don't you put it in writing and put it  
19 up on the Town website.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: You got it.

21 FELIX PROCACCI: In writing, it is an  
22 improper resolution.

23 You shouldn't be voting on it, something,  
24 unless you know the prices.

25 This goes to legality.

1 You should not be voting on something if  
2 you don't know the numbers.

3 Basically, you should remove this from the  
4 calendar until you get the details. Page | 45

5 How can the Town Board be voting blindly on  
6 something?

7 Why would they vote blindly on something?

8 So, anyway, I just want to reiterate, once,  
9 again, that you should remove Number 68 and you  
10 should rescind the 1978 Law in order to follow the  
11 law, follow New York State Law, follow New York  
12 State Zoning Laws, follow Town Zoning Laws.

13 Okay, common sense. Has nothing to do with  
14 the law unless you want to use that in a defense  
15 in a Court of law, then do that, because I don't  
16 believe anyone, here would do that.

17 Okay, it is simple as that.

18 Please, rescind the law and put an end to  
19 this nonsense.

20 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.

21 After, the following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Charles Meyers?

23 CHARLES MEYERS: I will get right to the  
24 point.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your

1 name and address for the record.

2 CHARLES MEYERS: My name is Charles Meyers.  
3 I live in Lynbrook, 55 Hutson.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Can you pull the  
5 microphone a little closer.

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6 CHARLES MEYERS: I use to talk but, you  
7 know, I am a lonely citizen. I don't have a  
8 chance anymore.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are giving you a  
10 chance, right, now.

11 We are happy to her you speak, Mr. Meyers.

12 CHARLES MEYERS: Now, as far as you taking  
13 legal action on the Members that is ridiculous.

14 How many on here are attorneys, just raise  
15 your hands?

16 Okay, an, we spend 3.3 million dollars on  
17 legal services.

18 That is ridiculous.

19 That is all I am going to say; the Town of  
20 Hempstead deserves better than that.

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

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
24 comments.

25 Susan Cuoccio?

1 SUSAN CUOCCIO: Hi, my name is Susan  
2 Cuoccio. I live at 56 Maple Avenue in Floral  
3 Park, New York.

4 Um, good morning.

5 My son has been participating in Camp  
6 Anchor for over twenty years.

7 My daughter has been a volunteer, a staff  
8 member, a specialist at the Camp for over ten  
9 years.

10 I am actively a volunteer for Anchor  
11 Program Fund for over ten years.

12 And, I am a Board Member and Treasurer for  
13 Anchor Program for the past two years.

14 As you know Anchor Program Fund is a not-  
15 for-profit 501C organization that raises and  
16 accepts donations to maintain, enhance and further  
17 support Camp Anchor.

18 This year the Town of Hempstead and the  
19 Anchor Program Fund proudly celebrates fifty years  
20 of providing programs for children and adults with  
21 special needs.

22 The Anchor Program Fund has always worked  
23 together with Camp Anchor to coordinate and focus  
24 efforts to meet the needs of its participants.

25 I have had the pleasure to

1 Volunteer alongside Mary Ann Hanson on many  
2 projects and interest over the past ten years.

3 During which, she has consistently given  
4 her time, time on her own. Page | 48

5 During the past two years, I have had the  
6 opportunity to work closely, almost daily, with  
7 Mary Ann Hanson, working as an Active Coordinator,  
8 I have witnessed, firsthand, Mary Ann's dedication  
9 to her job, her respect for her co-workers and  
10 devotion to the needs of the Campers and their  
11 families.

12 I always found Mary Ann to be mindful and  
13 respectful of another point of view even when  
14 their actions make it difficult to do.

15 And, frankly, some don't warrant that  
16 respect.

17 Mary Ann has graciously held herself to  
18 that standard in what is often a difficult  
19 climate.

20 Mary Ann has always met the responsibility  
21 of meeting the needs of the campers under her  
22 supervision and her vision for the future of Camp  
23 Anchor as her top priority.

24 So, I truly recommend Mary Ann Hanson to  
25 this position and ask that you heed this



1 show of support from me and others that came here,  
2 today and urge you to appoint Mary Ann Hanson as  
3 Recreational Appointment Supervisor.

4 Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

6 As some of you may know I was a Volunteer  
7 at Camp Anchor, myself and I worked there for  
8 many, many years in the pool, lifeguarding and  
9 teaching swimming lessons.

10 Camp Anchor is an incredibly special place,  
11 one of the things I think the Town of Hempstead  
12 could be most proud of and it should always be a  
13 place of love and joy, so, I thank you for your  
14 comments.

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

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Not to be outdone by  
18 the Supervisor, I was a Volunteer at Camp Anchor  
19 on their 3<sup>rd</sup> anniversary. I think President  
20 Lincoln was President.

21 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the  
22 following ensued.)

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, I have two  
24 children that have volunteered there.

25 It is a wonderful, wonderful

1 Program and Mary Ann is a special person.

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

4 SUSAN CUOCCIO: People that volunteer in Page | 50  
5 the hot sun, very long days show their merit and  
6 do good things for people.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: They come out better  
8 people for doing it.

9 SUSAN CUOCCIO: They certainly do.  
10 Thank you very much.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much.

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

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Patricia Aquino.  
15 (Phonetic spelling)

16 Have a seat and state your name and address  
17 for the record, please.

18 PATRICIA AQUINO: Patricia Aquino.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Pull the microphone  
20 forward.

21 PATRICIA AQUINO: Chester Street,  
22 Uniondale, New York.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Go right ahead. Just  
24 start speaking. It is fine.

25 PATRICIA AQUINO: I just wanted

1 to come here in reference to - - I was informed by  
2 my daughters' physical therapist who has been  
3 working at Camp Anchor is no longer allowed to do  
4 therapy, so, I just wanted to come on behalf and <sup>Page | 51</sup>  
5 speak on behalf of some of the parents, their  
6 children do receive physical therapy as to how  
7 much it is going to basically affect them because,  
8 now, we are going to figure out how, when, they  
9 are going to do therapy.

10 And, it could regress their progress and  
11 everything.

12 My daughter didn't start working until she  
13 was in Kindergarten and, now, she is a 9<sup>th</sup> grader,  
14 which ahs done amazing with the help and also from  
15 her therapist and also from the help of myself and  
16 our family in trying, you know, to keep up  
17 exercises and everything.

18 You know, I want to speak on behalf and see  
19 if you guys would be able to come up with some  
20 solutions as to how, allowing him to continue to  
21 do therapy at Camp.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do appreciate your  
23 comments and I wish the best with your daughter's  
24 recovery.

25 Nobody is telling you that

1 Mr. Rowell or anybody else can't perform therapy.

2 I believe the issue is that private  
3 physical therapists are coming into our camp.

4 Maybe Commissioner Lino could you, please, <sup>Page | 52</sup>  
5 speak to this issue.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, before  
7 Commissioner Lino gets up, again, we know that  
8 your daughter is doing well.

9 We hope that she continues.

10 Camp Anchor is a camp but we have to be  
11 careful of outside vendors coming in, who may not  
12 be adhering to safe laws regarding healthcare  
13 because we are not a health care facility.

14 So, having private vendors do that type of  
15 work that are not employees of the Town of  
16 Hempstead on Town of Hempstead property is a  
17 liability issue for us and maybe a legal issue for  
18 us.

19 It is not that we don't want to do it and  
20 Councilwoman Erin King-Sweeney is proposing today  
21 that we establish protocols and having our lawyers  
22 check with how to determine whether or not these  
23 activities that we can do under the healthcare  
24 laws of the Federal Government and State  
25 Government and how we can have protocol to do this

1 or whether or not we can not do it because we are  
2 not a healthcare facility.

3 So, those are some of the issues.

4 It is not that we don't want to provide the <sup>Page | 53</sup>  
5 service.

6 We just may not be able to.

7 COMMISSIONER LINO: That is one hundred  
8 percent correct.

9 And, we are not going to close any door on  
10 any avenue.

11 We want the best for all the children at  
12 Camp Anchor.

13 With that being said, there are legal  
14 issues that need to be looked into and, um, we  
15 intend to do so.

16 PHIL BROOKMEYER: Yeah, I would only add,  
17 currently, there is a Town Code section that  
18 prohibits and Councilman Blakeman was alluding to  
19 this, a Town Code section that prohibits a  
20 professional business or service being in one of  
21 our Park facilities.

22 So, we will have to really delve into, um,  
23 you know, the ability of the Town to allow this  
24 going forward.

25 And, so, when this was called to the

1 Commissioner's attention about Mr. Rowell's  
2 (phonetic spelling) circumstance that he was being  
3 paid by School Districts to come there, that was -  
4 - on its face, in violation of the Town Code Page | 54  
5 section.

6 So, we asked him to stop.

7 COMMISSIONER LINO: We intend to look into  
8 every avenue. Thank you.

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I think you would agree  
10 our Commissioner; Commissioner Lino is doing a  
11 great jo with Camp Anchor.

12 I have been there a few times. They are  
13 just delightful.

14 It is a great place. I want to thank you,  
15 Commissioner for doing a great job, for watching  
16 out for our kids.

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

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for coming.  
20 You will all have an opportunity to speak.

21 ELIZABETH CALLAHAN: Hi.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Just state your name  
23 and address for the record.

24 ELIZABETH CALLAHAN: Elizabeth Callahan.  
25 471 Woodfield Road, West Hempstead.

1 This is Thomas.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hi, Thomas. Thank you  
3 for coming, today.

4 ELIZABETH CALLAHAN: We just came out to Page | 55  
5 support Mary Ann Hanson.

6 Thomas is a camper and two other sons go to  
7 Camp Anchor and volunteer.

8 And, Mary Ann has always been there for  
9 everyone at Camp and also just right, now, my son,  
10 younger son played at Kellenberg for Camp Anchor  
11 and Mary Ann was always there for that.

12 When I went to fundraisers for Sacred  
13 Heart, Mary Ann was there.

14 Floral Park School, Mary Ann was there.

15 She just is always there and at every  
16 fundraiser on her own time and helping us to  
17 increase use of the building there to make it good  
18 for the families.

19 She is always there.

20 PATTY DALEY: I am Patty Daley and this is  
21 Anna Tricone (phonetic spelling). We do the  
22 beachball - - doing the beachball to raise money  
23 to get the building ten years ago.

24 And, Mary Ann has always been a big part.

25 She always helped us any way she can.

1 She loves the kids, I mean, the kids love  
2 her.

3 ANNA TRICONE: We want to thank the Town  
4 Board. I remember Dorothy was there. Page | 56

5 They came out and gave us our building and  
6 worked so hard.

7 We want to thank the Board and everybody at  
8 the Town.

9 It has just been wonderful.

10 We have been having so many events there  
11 and expanding all of our activities because of it  
12 and we have a lot of parents here.

13 Susan can talk for all of us.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What is your son's  
15 name?

16 SUSAN CUOCCIO: Thomas.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thomas, welcome.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Thank you,  
19 Thomas and all of you and all the other people in  
20 the audience for coming and expressing your strong  
21 support for Camp Anchor.

22 I think there is nothing more important in  
23 the Town of Hempstead that we do than Camp Anchor  
24 and I want to thank you for your kind comments and  
25 well-deserved comments about Mary Ann Hanson.



1 Um, and to the importance of Camp Anchor, I  
2 would wish to reiterate what the Supervisor said,  
3 there is no room for politics in Camp Anchor, that  
4 is one place that should be sacred. Page | 57

5 So, I appreciate all your comments.

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

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like to  
9 say I thank all of you for all that you do.

10 You do a wonderful job and I never forget  
11 the fact that you are the ones that put a ramp to  
12 get down the beach.

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

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I thank you for your  
16 comments, as well.

17 I witnessed, firsthand the dedication that  
18 you outlined when we had a participant in our Camp  
19 missing one evening, very, very frigid evening.

20 Good to see Mary Anne Hanson here  
21 mobilizing Malverne Police and Fire Departments  
22 and out with Mayor Patti McDonald.

23 I was out with them.

24 I witnessed firsthand walking the streets  
25 of Malverne searching for this young boy.

1 And, Mary Anne's dedication and she didn't  
2 go home until she found that boy.

3 So, I witnessed that dedication and  
4 devotion to the children and adults who go to Camp <sup>Page | 58</sup>  
5 Anchor, firsthand.

6 So, I thank you for your comments.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Dennis McDonnell?

8 DENNIS McDONNELL: Good Morning. I am  
9 Dennis McDonnell.

10 I live at 17 Roosevelt Street in Franklin  
11 Square.

12 This will be a little bit more of the same,  
13 but I just like to give a momentary qualification  
14 of myself, the women who have spoken, already  
15 about Mary Ann Hanson had a much more personal  
16 relationship.

17 My relationship is just more of an  
18 observation, um, but some of you gentlemen know  
19 me, I am very active in my community.

20 I was a carry Dad for twelve years.

21 I am currently on the Citizens Budget  
22 Advisory Committee in Franklin Square.

23 I have been twenty-three years with Saint  
24 Catherine of Sienna and worked with the Youth  
25 Group when we had it there.

1 So, I am not just here to make - - you  
2 know, come off my couch potato and ask of you, I  
3 am a participant.

4 I hope that gives me a little bit of  
5 credibility, but this will be very brief.

6 I am a parent of a young adult that has  
7 been part of the Anchor Program for over twenty  
8 years.

9 I have been a witness to the many wonderful  
10 and caring people who provide fun and caring and a  
11 safe place where my daughter feels comfortable and  
12 happy.

13 And, while there is a core of workers and  
14 volunteers that assess and relate to the campers,  
15 I recognize that the strength and dedication of  
16 the program leadership that creates this  
17 atmosphere.

18 So, I am here, today, I am here to  
19 recognize, um, Mary Ann, the Acting Coordinator,  
20 Mary Ann Hanson.

21 It is a deep-rooted devotion to each and  
22 every participant that defines the continued  
23 excellence of the Anchor Program.

24 For many every day decisions under the  
25 careful operation of Camp Anchor and all

1 its many programs, she has proven to be an  
2 extremely effective leader and seemingly always  
3 looking for new meaningful projects in advance.

4 This I consider to be a true example of  
5 that dedication as a program that existed for so  
6 long and so happily it is very easy to go with the  
7 status quo, she is always looking to try to add  
8 another event.

9 And, she has instituted many things since  
10 she has taken over, so, I think that is a real  
11 credit to her and Ms. Hanson is driven by a true  
12 devotion to her Anchor family and to tireless  
13 pursuit of excellence.

14 As a parent of a 30-year old with autism,  
15 whose life is more joyful than you can imagine  
16 because of the Camp Anchor's diverse activities, I  
17 respectfully request that you appoint Mary Ann  
18 Hanson as the new Coordinator of Camp Anchor.

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

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Is Carey High School  
23 football going to beat Garden City this year?

24 DENNIS McDONNELL: The last few years since  
25 they got a new coach.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Good, I am rooting  
2 for them.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mariann Pizza?

4 MARIANN PIZZA: Good Morning, my name is Page | 61  
5 Mariann Pizza from 780 Dowrey Avenue, Franklin  
6 Square.

7 I am a parent of a 23-year old man that  
8 attends Camp Anchor for the past eighteen years.

9 I am the bookkeeper for the non-for-profit  
10 organization, that program fund that supplements  
11 many of the supplies and equipment and program at  
12 the Camp.

13 Before that, I was on the Board of  
14 Directors and the previous Camp Coordinator.

15 I worked directly with Mary Ann Hanson over  
16 they years and even more closely the last year and  
17 a half as the bookkeeper.

18 She has been very active with all the  
19 necessary changes that have been put in place  
20 since the restructuring of our Board of Directors.

21 Mary Ann has always been there for the  
22 parents and the children.

23 She is incredibly generous with her time  
24 and expertise which includes her thirty years of  
25 experience working in Anchor in many different

1 positions with dealing with special needs  
2 families.

3 And, believe me, we can be a tough bunch  
4 and her expertise, knowledge of OPWPD and  
5 independent support services.

6 Since being on the Board, I witnessed her  
7 present many programs and ideas to enhance the  
8 children and adults' camp experience.

9 As Acting Coordinator this past year, she  
10 has helped bring, um, horse therapy programs to  
11 Anchor for the first time this Summer.

12 She has implemented three new Fall/Winter  
13 and Spring daytime programs for the adults over  
14 the age of twenty-one, cooking, yoga and Pilates.

15 She was able to listen to what our parents  
16 who were in need have to say and help make it a  
17 reality for all of us.

18 Mary Ann is the face of Anchor.

19 She knows our children since they were  
20 babies and she raised them with us.

21 Our children have benefited from her  
22 tireless work ethics and willingness to do  
23 whatever it takes to make the families and campers  
24 happy.

25 I support Mary Ann to this position as

1 Recreational Program Development Supervisor and  
2 thank you for listening.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was <sup>Page | 63</sup>  
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Patti McDonald?

7 MAYOR McDONALD: Patti McDonald. 20 Michele  
8 Court, Malverne, New York.

9 Um, all the stories that were just spoken  
10 about Mary Ann, I just wanted to give another side  
11 of Mary Ann, um, in her support of all the people  
12 that are here, today and not just the people at  
13 Camp Anchor but beyond Camp Anchor.

14 We, in the Village of Malverne, had as many  
15 communities around Nassau County, there are  
16 agencies that help provide housing for young  
17 adults with special needs and the Village of  
18 Malverne, twice in the past ten years, one just  
19 recently, unfortunately, some people are not as  
20 openminded as I would like to think, we all here  
21 are, um, at a Board Meeting we had, along with the  
22 residents that live next to the homes that were  
23 being purchased for the young adults with special  
24 needs and the parents that are here, today, can  
25 contest to what I am speaking about when you have

1 a child, I don't have a child of special needs,  
2 but, as you all know, I have a husband of special  
3 needs and, um, just to explain when my husband  
4 came home from the hospital at the time thirty  
5 years ago, they wanted Steven to go to a nursing  
6 home.

7 I wanted him home with me to have "a normal  
8 life," as possible, just like the young adults  
9 with special needs and their families, they want  
10 to have "a normal life," as possible.

11 And, these agencies try to help provide by  
12 purchasing homes that oversee and unfortunately  
13 like I said, some of the homeowners that live near  
14 these houses that were being purchased were not as  
15 openminded and they came and they said, thank God  
16 the meetings weren't televised, I was quite  
17 embarrassed by the comments that were made.

18 But Mary Ann came to the defense of these  
19 young adults with special needs.

20 She didn't know the one that was just with  
21 us, um, that came before the Board, a couple,  
22 about a month or so ago, Mary Ann, um, knew three  
23 of the young girls, they were there since five  
24 years old.

25 They were campers at Camp Anchor and



1 she spoke so eloquently in educating the people  
2 that were there speaking against the home being  
3 purchased by this agency, so, Mary Ann not only -  
4 - she is on the job 24/7, not just when she is at <sup>Page | 65</sup>  
5 Camp Anchor but beyond that.

6 And, again, like I said, she helped educate  
7 people and their tunes changed after Mary Ann  
8 spoke along with a number of other residents that  
9 came.

10 But I want to speak in support of Mary Ann.

11 I think she has done a wonderful job at  
12 Camp Anchor.

13 Like I said, she goes beyond her job at  
14 Camp Anchor.

15 She is just a wonderful human being. I  
16 thank you for letting me speak.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like  
18 to say thank you for coming.

19 You are a wonderful Mayor. I know your  
20 husband and I know what you have gone through all  
21 of your life.

22 I don't normally talk about my past, what I  
23 have done.

24 I have worked in care, mental care for many

1 years and worked with young people that had  
2 special needs and written a couple of books, so, I  
3 know how and know people, I have been with people  
4 that really care about people that have special Page | 66  
5 needs.

6 And, it is a wonderful person that can do  
7 that.

8 Many people cannot, so, I feel the same as  
9 you do.

10 I know she is doing a wonderful job and  
11 that is why I support them as much as I can.

12 So, I thank you for coming and certainly  
13 other people should feel the same and stop.

14 The fact that they don't want certain homes  
15 in their area, you never know what is going to be  
16 done and I hope people will learn from what you  
17 are saying and the others are saying and what she  
18 is doing.

19 So, thank you so much for coming.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mayor, I also want to  
21 thank you for coming today.

22 There really isn't a week that doesn't go  
23 by and we don't think about Steven and his  
24 service, especially yesterday's shooting of a New  
25 York State Trooper who, unfortunately, gave

1 his life in the service for this State.

2 So, again, thank you for coming and sharing  
3 your story about Mary Ann.

4 We really do appreciate it.

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5 MAYOR McDONALD: Thank you.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ann Mathews?

9 (Whereupon, I am okay, I pass, was called  
10 out from the audience. After, the following  
11 ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mary Ellen Kreye?

13 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Good Afternoon, Mary  
14 Ellen Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

15 On Items Numbered 12 and 13, I just think  
16 it is kind of weird that periodically we get these  
17 resolutions that approve something that is already  
18 happened.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I agree with you.

20 We are talking about changing that, put  
21 things before they happen, I agree.

22 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Ha, ha, ha, I like to  
23 see that.

24 Um, on Item Number 26, I want to, um, add  
25 my very grateful appreciation for this.

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1 As you know, I have been pushing for this.

2 I am very, very appreciative that we are  
3 moving along when a resolution is officially  
4 passed.

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5 I ask to have a copy of the actual  
6 resolution, please.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Be happy to provide  
8 that to you.

9 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Um, on 34 and 35, which  
10 is Marginal Road streetscaping, I know that  
11 Nostrand Gardens has worked very hard for that  
12 streetscaping and we appreciate that.

13 Also, on 35, that is Hempstead Turnpike, is  
14 that like a little piece of - - it is along the  
15 roadway or is it a corner a section or - -

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is - -

17 MARY ELLEN KREYE: See that.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Grants, we  
19 added two more areas.

20 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Very nice.

21 COMMISSIONER: It is Marginal Road along  
22 the roadway along Hempstead Turnpike.

23 MARY ELLEN KREYE: North side?

24 COMMISSIONER: It is on the South side.

25 MARY ELLEN KREYE: South side in front of

1 Hofstra?

2 COMMISSIONER: No, it is further down.

3 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Further East?

4 COMMISSIONER: Further East.

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5 MARY ELLEN KREYE: That piece that is just  
6 before you get to, um, the Plaza?

7 COMMISSIONER: It is right off the Wantagh.

8 MARY ELLEN KREYE: On further, this is  
9 Uniondale, yes, Uniondale Avenue and Hempstead  
10 Turnpike?

11 COMMISSIONER: Yes.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: They asked us  
13 to do - - we are adding those two.

14 COMMISSIONER: I can show you the exact  
15 location.

16 MARY ELLEN KREYE: That's great, thank you  
17 and I am very pleased about anything that adds to  
18 the beautification of Uniondale is appreciated  
19 and, you know, that there are people especially  
20 Nostrand Gardens that work very, very hard to  
21 improve the area.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I give credit  
23 to the ones that started it in the first place,  
24 the Kataneses.

25 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Yes, yes, we miss them,

1 right, they are still around.

2 And, the final thing is Number 66, um, I  
3 know it is a Public Hearing, but, um, do you have  
4 any idea what kind of improvements to Uniondale Page | 70  
5 Water District?

6 COMMISSIONER: This is improving some work  
7 we are doing in Uniondale District including  
8 redesigning of repainting the tank construction  
9 after new well and improvements to the treatment  
10 system that is in place.

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: When you say,  
12 improvement to the treatment system, can you go  
13 into a little bit of detail?

14 COMMISSIONER: It is an existing treatment  
15 system at the Ocean Street side, um, there is a  
16 filtration system there that we are making  
17 improvements on for additional contaminants.

18 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Rori Gordon?  
20 There is only one Rori Gordon.

21 RORI GORDON: Oh, thank you. I am glad you  
22 recognize that.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Oh, yes.

24 RORI GORDON: Two in the United States,  
25 that I know of.

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1 Um, will the entire Board be staying for  
2 Public Comments, today?

3 I am asking, now, so, I know in advance.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I know I have <sup>Page | 71</sup>  
5 a Doctor appointments, so, I know it takes a  
6 while.

7 RORI GORDON: The last time I came, there  
8 were only two people here for Public Comment.

9 Mr. D'Esposito, will you be here?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am always here.

11 RORI GORDON: Will you be here?

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I will be here.

13 RORI GORDON: Mr. Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I will stay as long  
15 as I can.

16 RORI GORDON: Okay, Number 14.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am looking.

18 RORI GORDON: Yes, there was another sheet,  
19 I am sorry, I don't know what they did with it.

20 Well, I am going to talk on it. I gave  
21 four sheets on there, four.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Four, okay,  
23 go.

24 RORI GORDON: Okay, Number 14, the  
25 resolution with R.P. Solutions and the

1 Receiver of Taxes Department, can you pay your  
2 real estate taxes by credit card?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

4 RORI GORDON: Okay, Item Number 15,  
5 Resolution authorizing an agreement with Opex  
6 Corporation support maintenance of the mail  
7 processing equipment used in the Office of the  
8 Receiver of Taxes, who approves the correspondence  
9 that is sent out by the Department of Taxes in  
10 this particular situation where they use these two  
11 particular machines, because they use them for  
12 mailings?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Receiver.

14 RORI GORDON: The Receiver.

15 Well, what are the parameters of what gets  
16 sent out?

17 I don't find it in the Code.

18 What is he entitled to send?

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Receiver of Taxes  
20 send out those mailings which he deems appropriate  
21 from his office.

22 RORI GORDON: Okay, does it get approved by  
23 the Supervisor?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe the Supervisor  
25 reviews mailings that go out, yes.



1 RORI GORDON: I am sorry?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know if,  
3 "approve," is the right word.

4 He is an elected official.

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5 He runs his department but I am sure the  
6 Supervisor's Office has an opportunity to look at  
7 what documents, you know, sent out.

8 RORI GORDON: Ms. Gillen, I have a question  
9 for you, do you approve of what goes out and  
10 correspondence-wise from the Tax Department?

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There has nothing been  
12 submitted to me by the Receiver of Taxes.

13 RORI GORDON: In the past, Supervisor  
14 Santino, his name was on every single thing, now  
15 it seems the Tax Department has its own branch and  
16 they do their own marketing, their own  
17 advertising.

18 So, I was wondering where this change took  
19 place and how come it wasn't voted on?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well the Receiver of  
21 Taxes has a Communication Director in his office.

22 RORI GORDON: That doesn't give him the  
23 right to do that.

24 I just wanted to point that out.

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Ms. Gordon - -

1 RORI GORDON: Yes.

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: The Tax Receiver is  
3 an independent Elected Official, he is allowed to  
4 do his mailings without any input from anybody  
5 else. Page | 74

6 The fact that it wasn't done in the past  
7 does not make it wrong today.

8 Don Clavin is an independent Elected  
9 Official and we stand by his ability to make  
10 independent mailings and post whatever he wants  
11 to, that is an independent Elected Official.

12 RORI GORDON: Is that because we have a  
13 Democratic Supervisor, now and before Santino took  
14 charge?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: No, no, that is  
16 because this is America and he is allowed to do  
17 it, that is why.

18 RORI GORDON; It is so interesting how bias  
19 this Board has become since, now, we have a  
20 Democrat sitting in the seat.

21 Okay, um, Number 40, how are the people  
22 paying these fees?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 27?

24 RORI GORDON: No, I am trying to get my  
25 point across by going in the order of what

1 I am going in, Number 40, how are the fees paid,  
2 are they paid by credit card?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We just started  
4 accepting credit cards at our Park facility.

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5 We started accepting. They can pay by cash  
6 or credit cards.

7 RORI GORDON: How about the one at Franklin  
8 Square or Aden Park?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Lino, do  
10 we have credit card payments at Franklin Square?

11 COMMISSIONER LINO: Not at this time.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Not at this time.

13 RORI GORDON: So, what is - - the only way  
14 that they can pay is by cash?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: They pay by cash.

16 RORI GORDON: Don't you find that aa little  
17 bit unusual?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are moving to put  
19 credit card processing in all our Parks.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: They don't  
21 have to pay for those all those, all the parks  
22 they don't pay.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The Parks, we collect a  
24 fee with credit card processing.

25 RORI GORDON: Number 49, what is this

1 Company, back up?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner?

3 So, they do our tape back up media off site  
4 and secure location renewal for a two-year  
5 contract.

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6 Um, Commissioner Primm, do you have  
7 anything to add, services that Iron Mountain  
8 provides?

9 COMMISSIONER: Back up of our data.

10 RORI GORDON: Data, anything? Is it email  
11 correspondence?

12 Is it video?

13 Is it documents from the Building  
14 Department?

15 COMMISSIONER: All of our data.

16 RORI GORDON: When you say all of your data  
17 - -

18 COMMISSIONER: Everything that is scanned  
19 in.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Prim, the off-  
21 site data, is that our entire server, is that  
22 correct?

23 COMMISSIONER: Yes.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Whatever is on the  
25 Town of Hempstead server gets backed up usually

1 it is set up daily or weekly?

2 COMMISSIONER: Correct.

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: What do we have  
4 twenty-four hours it gets backed up to an off-site <sup>Page | 77</sup>  
5 location?

6 COMMISSIONER: Correct.

7 RORI GORDON: Where I am going with this  
8 is, why is it when I go into the Building  
9 Department, there is literally stacks of files  
10 that are from the floor to the top of your desk  
11 there?

12 Everywhere that you look, there is data.

13 It is just sitting there.

14 Why I it not in the computer?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Because we  
16 don't have it set up for that.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are moving in that  
18 direction.

19 There is a lot of paper in the Town of  
20 Hempstead.

21 We are trying to change that and start  
22 moving to digitize everything.

23 It is a big job.

24 RORI GORDON: Yes, they said that back in  
25 2013, also.

1 Okay, moving forward, um, who - - I am  
2 sorry, sir, I am done with you, ha, ha, ha.

3 Who provides the general liability of the  
4 Town? Page | 78

5 I see - - is this the company that does the  
6 flood insurance?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Which number  
8 are you on?

9 RORI GORDON: 21.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 21, Town flood  
11 insurance.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Town Attorney, with  
13 respect to this renewal of this insurance policy,  
14 my office became aware of it when it was on the  
15 verge of expiration.

16 There was no time to renegotiate this, the  
17 rates, we actually brought in a consultant to look  
18 at all our insurance across the board to make sure  
19 we are getting the most favorable rates that we  
20 possibly can, but this was something that we were  
21 in a crisis situation.

22 Mr. Ra, you can correct me if I am wrong,  
23 because we need to renew it right away because we  
24 cannot be without this insurance.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is true.

1 RORI GORDON: Was this the policy, the same  
2 thing last year?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Excuse me, I didn't hear  
4 what you said.

5 RORI GORDON: Same company as last year?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes, yes, same as last  
7 year.

8 RORI GORDON: Okay, also, um, do they write  
9 most of the insurance for the Town of Hempstead?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: In general terms for  
11 negligence and most liability, the Town of  
12 Hempstead is self-insured.

13 This is to protect against fire and, um,  
14 disasters and things like that to the buildings  
15 down at the beach and those kinds of things.

16 It is not for automobile accidents. We are  
17 self-insured for that.

18 RORI GORDON: When you say you are self-  
19 insured; can you explain to myself so I can have a  
20 complete understanding of what that means?

21 And, I give you an example, this 1983  
22 action who is responsible to pay the Defendant, I  
23 am sorry, the Plaintiff if the Plaintiff wins?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Town of Hempstead,  
25 there is no insurance for that.

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1 RORI GORDON: Okay, it comes out of the  
2 General Fund and taxpayer pay it?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

4 RORI GORDON: Okay, Number 27, can somebody Page | 80  
5 explain to me what File Trail is?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe File Trail is  
7 a digital tag that goes on Building Department  
8 files so we can keep track of where the files go  
9 as the files move around.

10 Commissioner Rottkamp, I don't know if you  
11 can elaborate on that.

12 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Afternoon,  
13 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board; that is  
14 correct, back in 2013, we put File Trail in place.

15 It is RFIP technology, radio frequency  
16 identification which is basically an I.D. tag that  
17 is on every file.

18 We currently have, approximately, sixty  
19 thousand active folders that move throughout the  
20 Building Department, Town Attorney's Office, the  
21 BZA and those readers read exactly where the files  
22 are at all times.

23 So, if we are looking for one, we know  
24 exactly where it is.

25 RORI GORDON: How many people are



1 trained to use the equipment?

2 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Again, it is on the  
3 computer. You can look exactly where it is and  
4 there is NUMIS.

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5 RORI GORDON: Why is it since the beginning  
6 of time, since I have been in litigation with the  
7 Town, I still do not have my file for the public  
8 assembly of 2009, if you have this and you guys  
9 spent, I think, one hundred and twenty-eight  
10 thousand dollars for and you can't find files?

11 Why?

12 Before you answer that question, three or  
13 four of my files have gone missing in time.

14 What is the purpose of having something  
15 that you put a document in if the employees don't  
16 put the documents in there or if the employee  
17 takes the document out and doesn't put it back in,  
18 what is the purpose of the taxpayer spending all  
19 this money?

20 And, now, you have to renew it.

21 To me, the system is a failure.

22 I brought it up last year.

23 I brought it up the year before.

24 Why?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr.

1 Commissioner, please, do not answer.

2 This matter is in litigation. Please,  
3 don't comment.

4 RORI GORDON: Do we just have a lame duck <sup>Page | 82</sup>  
5 Building Department?

6 Is that the problem?

7 Thank you.

8 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
9 After, the following ensued.)

10 (Whereupon, "shame on you," was heard.  
11 After, the following ensued.)

12 RORI GORDON: Shame on me, look whose  
13 talking, you unqualified man.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is not  
15 nice.

16 RORI GORDON: It is true.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have anymore  
18 slips on the Administrative Calendar, unless I  
19 have them coming in right, now.

20 Tyler Marko?

21 TYLER MARKO: My name is Tyler Marko. I am  
22 from the Nassau Herald.

23 I have questions about Item 50. I know  
24 Councilman D'Esposito has put that forward.

25 My questions are about the Woodmere

1 Club.

2 You are saying that looking at hiring a  
3 lawyer to determine if what the cost would be to  
4 purchase the Woodmere Club land and turn it into a Page | 83  
5 Park, correct?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think the way  
7 that we have explored this, I defer to Counsel,  
8 but - -

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We are looking at  
10 various uses and as you may know, the owners of  
11 the Club have sued the Town of Hempstead, so, we  
12 are looking at various uses and I am not going to  
13 go beyond that.

14 TYLER MARKO: Okay.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The goal, here, is  
16 to make sure that we have all the information that  
17 we need before a decision is made and moves  
18 forward.

19 TYLER MARKO: Okay.

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We can't make  
21 decisions on a Park or Park Districts without  
22 having the proper information to actually make  
23 that decision.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Let me supplement  
25 what Councilman D'Esposito said, we promised

1 the public that we would look at all options.

2 We are looking at all options.

3 This was something that was not fully  
4 explored in the initial, um, report that was done <sup>Page | 84</sup>  
5 by Camron, so, we are now just fulfilling a  
6 promise that we made to the community to give them  
7 some idea what it would take, what it would cost  
8 if they wanted to create a Park District.

9 TYLER MARKO: Since the land has already  
10 been purchased, is there anymore concern of more  
11 pending lawsuits?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Excuse me?

13 TYLER MARKO: Is there concern about more  
14 pending lawsuits as, the, um, land has already  
15 been purchased by the company?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We are not going to  
17 comment and speculate whether we are going to be  
18 sued.

19 We do everything within the letter of the  
20 law and at that point, if someone decides to  
21 initiate an action, that is their right, but we  
22 try to do everything by the book.

23 TYLER MARKO: Just an idea how long this  
24 research would take, how long it would be before  
25 the decision is made?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: When it is written.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think we have  
3 asked, right Counsel, we would like them to get it  
4 done ASAP.

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5 TYLER MARKO: Thank you.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Meta Mereday?

8 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin  
9 resident.

10 Um, starting Items 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, um,  
11 as it pertains to 9 and 10, I am just curious,  
12 again, about the vetting process for the companies  
13 and selections as it pertains to special services,  
14 but that is a whole other issue.

15 With regard to the fireworks, 11, 12 and  
16 13, um, while we are celebrating our independence  
17 and remember, we need to remember, um, our  
18 Veterans, as well as, animals who suffer during  
19 this process with these fire crackers, um, and the  
20 safety issues for our young people and we need to  
21 take that into consideration in terms of where  
22 these fireworks and these activities take place.

23 Myself, living in Baldwin, in Northern  
24 Baldwin, we cannot have a spot shop that the  
25 police officers uses to identify, um, gun shots

1 because we are in hearing range of where the  
2 police officers do their practice.

3 So, every morning, pretty much, except for  
4 the weekends, I hear a fuselage of bullets. Page | 86

5 I can only hope that it is because I am  
6 downwind from that scenario, but, again, we have a  
7 lot of animals that go into crisis this time of  
8 year.

9 And, I know that there is someone, I  
10 believe, in Suffolk County has been distributing  
11 signs to a number of our Veterans to notify people  
12 as to someone living in that facility or in that  
13 home, um, just to have some consideration because  
14 the fireworks that we think is all about  
15 celebrating is also a very traumatic experience  
16 for them.

17 So, let's take that into consideration when  
18 you give these resolutions an approval for the  
19 fireworks.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You know what, Ms.  
21 Mereday, I think you make a very good point.

22 Everybody knows on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July that  
23 there is going to be fireworks.

24 There are other times when there are  
25 firework displays, we should notify the

1 Public because like you said, there are people  
2 with PTSD that, um - -

3 META MEREDAY: Like myself.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: -- Like there are Page | 87  
5 people who have panic attacks symptoms.

6 If you notice at a lot of the concerts that  
7 are held, they will announce beforehand that there  
8 will be some kind of fireworks or some kind of,  
9 um, explosive device in their performance and  
10 warns them ahead of time that it is going to  
11 happen because I think it is a good thing because  
12 it can be for someone that has that syndrome, it  
13 can be very, very upsetting.

14 It is a good point.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think that is a good  
16 point and, perhaps, we can work together with our  
17 Clerk's Office, when she is taking in permits to  
18 make sure that it is an unusual time, we put out  
19 notices and make people aware of the fireworks.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We have rigid  
21 rules.

22 META MEREDAY: I am sorry, I didn't hear  
23 you.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: The  
25 Councilwoman said we have rigid rules about

1 approval of firework permits, so, we should check  
2 that.

3 Certainly, we don't need to be redundant.

4 I agree, Councilwoman, um, if there is some <sup>Page | 88</sup>  
5 provision in there to provide this, great.

6 If isn't, then, we will maybe consider as a  
7 Board putting something in there.

8 META MEREDAY: Because it can be written as  
9 a rule on paper, there is still an issue of  
10 enforcement and people aren't taking into  
11 consideration these displays are taking place near  
12 Senior Citizen facilities and things of that  
13 nature.

14 We are not looking at the least vulnerable  
15 among us.

16 As it pertains to the resolutions for  
17 various positions, I guess, 15, if you need a  
18 specific number like 15, um, I am trying to get  
19 the other ones together, um, 29, I mean where are  
20 the Grants as we are talking about Grants for  
21 services for Veterans and their families?

22 I always see a number of things for Youth  
23 Services.

24 On Number 35, 36, this is grant fund money  
25 from the State which incorporates the Federal



1 Government.

2 Where is the application to the law that  
3 applies for inclusion for diverse businesses and  
4 participants, minority women, service disabled Page | 89  
5 Veterans, things of that nature?

6 And, it would be nice, let me just finish  
7 my point, while I have it, it would be nice if  
8 some of these positions that have been announced,  
9 it would be nice if there was a subhead, "this is  
10 minority-women-owned businesses."

11 "This is Service, disabled-owned business."

12 What is the hurt?

13 You already used the ink.

14 You know, we talk about how we are trying  
15 to be inclusive and have people involved, maybe if  
16 we didn't see some of these names over and over  
17 again, if we see a context to the constituency and  
18 the representation that would give someone some  
19 hope we are not doing business as usual in the  
20 Township.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Mereday, I just like  
22 to point out on 67 on the Administrative Calendar  
23 is a resolution to call a Public Hearing at the  
24 next Town Board Meeting to provide apprenticeship  
25 for eligible Service, disabled, Veteran-owned

1 Businesses.

2 META MEREDAY: I appreciate it.

3 I am getting to that. I am trying to get  
4 myself through this. Page | 90

5 55 and 56 and as I said, this, again,  
6 authorizing to retain and again this is for  
7 inclusion and outreach.

8 And, lastly, my note when this was funny,  
9 if everything was perfect to begin with, why do we  
10 need to do this?

11 I definitely know that we need to do this.  
12 I have been saying for a good while we have been,  
13 in essence, violating the law and I just find it  
14 amusing.

15 I am trying to make it comical, in a sense,  
16 because my disappointment just seems to run rapid  
17 with this process.

18 I am curious as to who is exactly going to  
19 make the presentation as it pertains to this law?

20 Who, within the Township, is making the  
21 information, um, presenting the topics as it  
22 pertains to that?

23 Because, um, there is a law and this is a  
24 copy of it and I will provide it to the Clerk from  
25 the documentation that I put together for

1 |     Legislator, now, County Executive Curran back in  
2 |     2012, that went on the books for 2014, it was  
3 |     finally passed in 2016 and I believe that was when  
4 |     Councilman was Legislator Dunne.

5 |             And, he was one of those that applauded  
6 |     this and it was bipartisan and everybody agreed to  
7 |     it.

8 |             There was no teeth to it, to this day,  
9 |     three components of this - -

10 |            (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
11 |     After, the following ensued.)

12 |            META MEREDAY:   - - Designated the proposal  
13 |     that generated this law in the County, I was the  
14 |     one that put together the proposal together for  
15 |     it.

16 |            There is still no funding, no mandates and  
17 |     no outreach for this, so for me to be excited  
18 |     about this coming up in 2018, when I challenged  
19 |     this Township for years for having the lack of  
20 |     this and the lack of reinforcement and the lack of  
21 |     outreach and being told everything is aboveboard  
22 |     and by the books, here, I am really not that  
23 |     excited about it because nobody has reached out to  
24 |     me.

25 |            So, earlier, we heard about all of the

1 great things about the woman who works for Camp  
2 Anchor and her experience and being out there and  
3 going above and beyond.

4 I am sitting here, one of the most, one of <sup>Page | 92</sup>  
5 the most vocal and if not involved.

6 I just don't sit here to be sitting here.

7 I am still on the phone with trying to deal  
8 with families included those that live in  
9 jurisdictions like Councilman D'Esposito trying to  
10 get dormers for a ninety-year old, World War II  
11 Veteran on their home so that their residents or  
12 families can stay there.

13 I am sitting here, no one in this County or  
14 Township, in particular, has had the common  
15 courtesy or professional courtesy to contact me  
16 and say, what do you think about that?

17 You know, what is your input on this?

18 And, as I said to you when I was at the  
19 Caribbean Heritage event, I thought it was a great  
20 thing that was done there, but how insulting to  
21 have so many misspellings on the Countries that  
22 were listed on that flyer.

23 So, again, how are we well representing our  
24 constituency and we are not even including them.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Mereday - -

1 META MEREDAY: I know my time is up.

2 I definitely wanted to get that point  
3 across.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I understand that.

5 I appreciate your comments. You have been  
6 very vocal about giving preferences to our  
7 Veteran-owned businesses and there was an effort  
8 actually receiving your comments, taking them to  
9 heart and say, yes, this is absolutely something  
10 that we should do.

11 We will be happy to provide you with a copy  
12 of the resolution and proposed language of the  
13 resolution and if you have comments to add, we  
14 welcome your feedback.

15 META MEREDAY: If I hadn't said anything,  
16 if I hadn't brought it up, so, it would be just  
17 something, again, someone from behind the scenes  
18 here with whatever experience or background, I  
19 have no awareness about as I am reading about, yet  
20 another V.A. Director at Northport leaving because  
21 of the same issues that staff who are still afraid  
22 to speak up about the concerns working for the  
23 Town, the bullying, the infighting and the lack of  
24 support.

25 You're changing, you're approving

1 Resolutions for Viper pertaining for people to go  
2 outside of the arena when you have qualified  
3 people that are sitting in this room who can  
4 provide training, if nothing else, for customer  
5 services for sensitivity for cultural awareness.

6 They are sitting right, here and still  
7 strolling to pay the taxes here but, no, you are  
8 going to use all these outside resources and  
9 anything that you are going to do are not going to  
10 have any teeth and any substance.

11 And, it is going to be the same old, same  
12 old at our expense.

13 And, we are the ones that are going to be  
14 fighting the zombie houses that are increasing our  
15 young people who are leaving in droves and our  
16 Veterans who are dying in silence.

17 So, if that is how we are going to  
18 celebrate Independence Day, 2018, when our  
19 Veterans for the most part can't even celebrate  
20 because they are still living the trauma for their  
21 War Service, then, shame on all of us.

22 And, I am using this last time to recognize  
23 and celebrate the fact that we wanted to recognize  
24 the persons that lost - - I want to give  
25 recognition to those journalists who lost their

1 lives trying to give freedom, which is our 1<sup>st</sup>  
2 Amendment rights, freedom of speech.

3 I salute them.

4 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was <sup>Page | 95</sup>  
5 heard. After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I don't have any other  
7 slips on the Administrative Calendar.

8 (Whereupon, "Can I speak," was heard  
9 calling out from the audience. After, the  
10 following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

12 HEIDI SANFT: Do you want me to identify  
13 myself, again.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, please, for the  
15 stenographer.

16 HEIDI SANFT: Heidi Sanft, Vice-President  
17 of Nostrand Gardens Civic Association. Thank you.

18 Um, regarding Resolution 34 and 35 of the  
19 Uniondale Avenue Streetscaping project, um, after  
20 ten years of lobbying for streetscaping and  
21 beautification of Uniondale Avenue, our residents,  
22 our members of our Civic Group are extremely  
23 excited about it.

24 Hey, sorry, I had to say that.

25 Um, I do have one question, do you know,

1 approximately when will the shovel go into the  
2 ground?

3 Can someone give us an estimate?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner, do you Page | 96  
5 have an idea of the schedule?

6 COMMISSIONER: Well, you know, as soon as  
7 we end, we will send out a Notice of Award to the  
8 contractor and the contractor has to go and file  
9 the proper insurances, I would say two months.

10 HEIDI SANFT: Two months?

11 COMMISSIONER: Yeah, it is a reasonable  
12 time. We will try as much as we can.

13 My Department isn't going to be managing he  
14 actual construction, um, we put out the contract,  
15 um, we will be hiring the contractor.

16 HEIDI SANFT: The reason I am asking him  
17 to please do all possible to expedite this.

18 We were originally told that the project  
19 will start in May, the Town's part, now, it is  
20 July.

21 And, the other thing, we have a  
22 beautification project where we plant a thousand  
23 flowers every year.

24 We held off on that on Uniondale Avenue  
25 with the anticipation that the project would



1 start this Summer.

2 So, we really need the project to be  
3 started this Summer, um to have to wait until  
4 September, it is just too long.

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5 Um, whatever it takes to push forward after  
6 ten years of blood, sweat and tears on many  
7 people's parts, especially, of our President,  
8 Pearl Jacobs that insisted that I speak.

9 I am not the President.

10 COMMISSIONER: Yeah, it is certainly  
11 possible.

12 HEIDI SANFT: Can it move faster?

13 COMMISSIONER: It is certainly possible  
14 that it may happen faster - - sooner.

15 I was trying to give you the most realistic  
16 time.

17 HEIDI SANFT: Things have a way of being  
18 fast tracked if enough people move things quickly.

19 Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

21 PEARL JACOBS: Yes, good afternoon. Pearl  
22 Jacobs, President of the Nostrand Gardens Civic  
23 Association, Uniondale, of course, you know, um,  
24 of course you know Nostrand Gardens Civic  
25 Association is an organization dedicated to

1 bringing about sustained, positive, quality of  
2 life to Uniondale.

3 I want to touch on a couple of issues.

4 Um, I want to make a comment regarding the <sup>Page | 98</sup>  
5 Camp Anchor folks that were, here, today.

6 Um, I wish them well and I would like to  
7 make a statement to the Town of Hempstead.

8 In regards from a standpoint of Uniondale,  
9 um, requesting that, perhaps, group homes could be  
10 steered to Uniondale to, um, actually, there is a  
11 lot of homes for sale from Uniondale and it would  
12 be great if group homes could come to Uniondale.

13 We do have a group home there already plus  
14 group homes and they are a wonderful organization  
15 and, um, wonderful, wonderful, um, members that  
16 live in that home.

17 It would be a great asset to have them  
18 there replacing the illegal housing that breeds a  
19 myriad of, um, atrocities in Uniondale at this  
20 time.

21 Okay, it would replace the group home - - I  
22 am sorry, the, um, illegal housing, as well as,  
23 the Hofstra housing, where we are having a lot of  
24 problems, that is just for thought.

25 Thank you.

1 Um, regarding, um, an issue about  
2 fireworks, um, there are a lot of rules and laws  
3 governed by the Town of Hempstead, but,  
4 unfortunately, they are not enforced.

5 We have a big problem in Uniondale with  
6 fireworks going off, not only on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July,  
7 but, throughout the Summer, okay, 2:00 or 3:00  
8 o'clock in the morning, um, you know, I have  
9 brought this up to the Police Department, Nassau  
10 County Police Department does a wonderful job, but  
11 they need the help, also, from the Town of  
12 Hempstead.

13 They try to be everywhere at every time,  
14 but it is impossible and, you know, people do have  
15 to get up in the morning, 5:00, 6:00 o'clock to go  
16 to a job and they have to go and hear fireworks  
17 2:00 3:00 o'clock in the morning.

18 Thank you.

19 And, um, the Uniondale Streetscaping, we  
20 thank you for that.

21 It is a long time coming, but, as my Vice-  
22 President asked, Heidi Sanft, we ask that to be  
23 expedited.

24 I had a conference call with the County  
25 last week and there is an issue with NIFA

1 regarding their part of the streetscaping.

2 Um, the Uniondale resident have - - we are  
3 waiting ten years already and, um, we were  
4 promised in May, shovel in the ground and, now, <sup>Page | 100</sup> it  
5 is July and the Commissioner just said we are  
6 pushing it down to September.

7 We would like if you - - we are asking that  
8 to be expedited.

9 And, another issue, I was having coffee  
10 with one of my neighbors last week, a long-time  
11 resident of Uniondale and, um, she was asking me  
12 about community identity, "Welcome," signs and  
13 entry signs, I mean to Uniondale.

14 Uniondale lacks "Welcome," signs.

15 Surrounding communities have very  
16 attractive "Welcome," signs and some communities  
17 have very elaborate entry signs.

18 And, why doesn't Uniondale have "Welcome:  
19 signs?

20 Uniondale Fire Department has provided two  
21 "Welcome" entry signs, one on Jerusalem Avenue  
22 near Shoprite and another one on Hempstead  
23 Turnpike and the overwhelming feeling of the  
24 community is that Uniondale community is excluded  
25 and marginalized.

1 The lack of entry "welcome" signs in  
2 Uniondale only proves to substantiate and  
3 exacerbate the overwhelming sense of exclusion.

4 So, we do need "Welcome" signs. We do  
5 appreciate the streetscaping that is forthcoming,  
6 but it would be nice to have "Welcome" signs, you  
7 know, if you go down Front Street, right at the  
8 underpass, there is a beautiful "Welcome" sign for  
9 East Meadow, so, kudos to that, but, Uniondale  
10 needs and deserves "Welcome" signs, as well.

11 It enhances the community identity.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Jacobs.

14 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, thank you.

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

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

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That is public comment,  
21 all right, Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the  
22 roll on Items 8 through 73 with the exception of  
23 32, 53 and 54.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMN GOOSBY: I didn't move  
25 it.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You moved it.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye except on Item

4 17 which I recuse myself.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye and I want to

7 congratulate Mary Ann Hanson. I am voting for her

8 in spite of the fact that her son is Timothy

9 Sullivan.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye and, once,

16 again, congratulation to Mary Ann.

17 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye,

19 congratulations, Mary Ann.

20 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye except on Item

22 Number 29, on which I recuse myself because it was

23 a former client of mine in my old law firm. I

24 also vote no on Item 73, I think there is a

25 conflict there, but that is something I will

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1 take up with the Board after this, but I do vote  
2 no on Item 73.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I thought we  
4 voted no on that. Did you vote no? Page | 103

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We voted no.  
6 Senior Councilwoman has changed her vote  
7 from 73 and your vote is no?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: My vote is no.

9 I move that we adjourn.

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

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

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Eposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Just one second, aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

That concludes our Administrative Calendar.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the  
Hempstead Town Board was concluded.)



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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on July 3, 2018, consisting of pages 1 through 105 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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