

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

September 4, 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, welcome
2 to the Hempstead Town Board Meeting today.

3 I would just like to take a moment to
4 acknowledge one of our Park Employees, Chris
5 Elabu, who is an avid map collector and in his map
6 exchanges, he found a map of the Town of Hempstead
7 from 1873 and actually has a map of Rockville
8 Center on the back of it and he has generously
9 decided to donate this map to the Town.

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10 So, I like that, thank you for that. I
11 would like you to keep up your map collecting and
12 present you with a citation for your generosity to
13 the Town.

14 Thank you. Come up for the citation.

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

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I just like to note,
18 I was not there in 1873 when the map was written.

19 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the
20 following ensued.)

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Look how beautiful this
22 is, look how gorgeous. Thank you so much.

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

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, good morning

1 Everybody, welcome to our regularly scheduled Town
2 Board Meeting.

3 For those of you who have never attended a
4 Town Board Meeting before, we will begin with Page | 4
5 Public Hearings, followed by the Administrative
6 Calendar.

7 There are meeting agendas available in the
8 rear of the Pavilion.

9 If you like one and if you wish to be heard
10 on any matter, we ask that you fill out a slip and
11 hand it to one of our Public Safety Officers.

12 After the meeting is adjourned, the Board
13 will remain in session to hear any residents that
14 would like to be heard on any other matters.

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

17 CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor.

18 Councilman Ambrosino?

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

3 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

7 I would ask that everyone rise for the
8 Pledge of Allegiance and before we begin the
9 Pledge, I would like everybody to please have a
10 moment of silence for some people that we have
11 lost, of course we lost Senator John McGann.

12 We lost a worker from our Department of
13 Conservation and Waterways, Timothy Malone and we
14 lost a Director of Urban Renewal, Eric Rosenblum.

15 I know Councilman Dunne has expressed a
16 desire to say a few words about Mr. Rosenblum.

17 Go ahead, Councilman.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Eric deserves to be
19 spoken about.

20 He went to the Warton College. He was
21 quite a student of government, local government
22 and he was in local government, very active in
23 local government from Levittown for almost half a
24 decade, more than forty years, a gentleman's
25 gentleman, a class act.

1 He was very, very ill at times, had hip
2 replacements, a lot of different things. We
3 thought he would last forever because he made it
4 through a lot of things.

5 He was supposed to outlast all of us.

6 He didn't, God took him this weekend and I
7 just want to have him remembered today.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I may
9 supplement Councilman Dunne's comments, Eric was a
10 friend of mine not only was he an outstanding
11 public official but he was a very, very good
12 lawyer.

13 He was a warm, kind and generous man that
14 will be missed by all.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I
16 may just about Timothy Malone, Tim was a good
17 friend of mine for many years, a dedicated Town of
18 Hempstead CSEA employee for over thirty years, um,
19 and really where I come from in Island Park, he
20 was one of our favorite sons.

21 He lost his life at a young age of fifty-
22 one (51) and he leaves behind a loving family and
23 a girlfriend and, obviously, a community that is
24 devastated by his loss.

25 I ask everyone, thank you, Supervisor, for

1 recognizing him and please keep him and his family
2 in your thoughts.

3 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
4 observed by the Assembly. After, the following Page | 7
5 ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I ask Councilwoman Erin
7 King-Sweeney to lead us in the Pledge of
8 Allegiance.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Hand over your
10 heart, I Pledge - -

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

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,
15 please, call the first Public Hearing.

16 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
17 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in
18 Bellmore, Franklin Square, Garden City South,
19 Levittown, Merrick, Seaford, near Valley Stream
20 (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of Town of
21 Hempstead.)

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

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
3 have a Motion on this Item.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I ^{Page | 8}
5 move the Hearing be closed and the item be
6 adopted.

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the motion.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, call the
9 roll, please.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
25 Hearing.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
2 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Baldwin, Bay
3 Park, Bellmore, East Atlantic Beach, East Meadow,
4 Franklin Square, Garden City South, Levittown, Merrick, Oceanside, Roosevelt, Uniondale, Wantagh
5 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of
6 Hempstead)
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8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
9 on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would
10 like to be heard?

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

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
14 have a Motion on the Item.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close
16 the Hearing and move the item.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the
18 Motion.

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

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? Page | 10

5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

10 (Whereupon, the Resolution was adopted with
11 the exception of the Merrick portion which was
12 withdrawn. After, the following ensued.)

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

15 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
16 "Arterial Stops" in Baldwin, Bellmore, Levittown,
17 Merrick, near Valley Stream (To amend Section 197-
18 5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

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

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I
2 move that the Hearing be closed and the Item be
3 adopted.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please, Page | 11
5 call the roll.

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the Motion.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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 the next Public
22 Hearing.

23 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: "Bus
24 Stops" in Baldwin (To amend Section 202-52 of the
25 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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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, ^{Page | 12}
5 the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

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

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the
11 Motion.

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

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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 the next Public
4 Hearing. Page | 13

5 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: "Fire
6 Zones" in Bellmore (To amend Section 202-52 of the
7 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
14 have a Motion.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I
16 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be
17 adopted.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
20 call the vote.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? Page | 14

5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

10 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
11 Hearing.

12 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
13 "Gross Weight Restrictions" in Franklin Square -
14 Commonwealth Street (To amend Section 192-1 of the
15 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

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

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I
24 gladly move that the Hearing be closed and the
25 local law be adopted.

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Second the motion.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, call the
3 roll.

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'Esposito?

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: Aye.

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

20 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law entitled,
21 "Department of Purchasing" in order to utilize the
22 "best value," standard in the Town's procurement
23 process as authorized & as limited by General
24 Municipal Law Section 103 (To amend Chapter 62 of
25 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Patricia Balassi?

2 Please, come forward.

3 You can have a seat and please, state your
4 name and address for the record.

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5 PATRICIA BALASSI: Patricia Balassi. I
6 live in Point Lookout. 142 Garden. I was
7 concerned about, um, the purchasing, we don't seem
8 to have the actual cost for some of these items.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: What this Resolution
10 does, in 2011 New York State, um, presented an
11 alternate standard that you could use for the
12 purchase of goods when you are evaluating bids for
13 the purchase of goods and so they call that the
14 best value standard.

15 The traditional standard was the lowest
16 possible bidder.

17 It just enables the Purchasing Department
18 to consider a number of other factors when they
19 are - - they are evaluating who the bid gets
20 awarded to besides strictly price.

21 PATRICIA BALASSI: Thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

23 Susan Ryan?

24 SUSAN RYAN: Good Morning, everyone.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning.

1 SUSAN RYAN: I had a question with the best
2 value standard, do you, um, include women and
3 minority-own businesses with that, as well as,
4 businesses, um, that are on - -

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mitch, is that one of
6 the factors.

7 COMMISSIONER: State requirement is that we
8 do that.

9 SUSAN RYAN: Okay, it is a formalized bid.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

11 SUSAN RYAN: Also, when I looked at the
12 agenda, there seems like - - I am concerned about
13 not having numbers on it, so, you go from
14 something that is a five thousand dollar item that
15 the Town maybe purchasing to something that could
16 go as high as several million with, you know, the
17 evaluation of, um, employees and their
18 retirements, but, there is really no information
19 in terms of what is being voted on, so, what is
20 the process with that?

21 It is usually, you know, I mentioned that
22 at the last meeting.

23 I have been on several Boards, usually here
24 is a number, so, if it is five million or, um,
25 higher, that would be determined, you know,

1 and be public information in terms of what you are
2 purchasing, so, what is the process with that?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there a particular
4 item that you are talking about?

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5 SUSAN RYAN: No.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We publish the agenda -
7 -

8 SUSAN RYAN: Yeah.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: - - And, we publish the
10 Resolutions, as well and the information should be
11 contained in the Resolutions.

12 SUSAN RYAN: But there is no number on
13 anything, there is no number, all right, so, like
14 if you looked at the award of the contract, the
15 requirements for typewriters and word processors,
16 what is the number on that?

17 It would be Item 23.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Item Number 24 - -

19 SUSAN RYAN: Yeah, I mean - -

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: - - On the
21 Administrative Calendar.

22 SUSAN RYAN: There is no number in terms of
23 any - - there is no number.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think the Resolution
25 that was published, we are getting into the

1 Administrative Calendar. We should be talking
2 about that later.

3 In the Resolution that was published, it
4 talks about what the rates would be for the Page | 19
5 service for typewriters.

6 SUSAN RYAN: There is not a number on that.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is eighty-five
8 dollars, flat rate for a service call.

9 SUSAN RYAN: And, just lastly, I was just
10 wondering if there might be a way for the public
11 part - - last time I was here I had to wait six
12 hours to speak about what I needed to speak about,
13 whether or not if there is a courtesy to the
14 public, our coming to talk, that could be either
15 be moved up, you know, kind of publicized and not
16 wait, you know, until six hours waiting.

17 It was grueling for me to have to do that,
18 that was one.

19 Um, and, also, I was saying with the
20 numbers, if, um, Public Hearings, if you did have
21 a five-minute time limit, that would - - was - -
22 really takes up a lot of time.

23 There are a lot of speakers on two
24 particular issues last time, I am not criticizing
25 the speakers but the length of time that makes

1 it kind of prohibitive.

2 You don't know when you are getting out of
3 here.

4 And, the other one was the amount of items ^{Page | 20}
5 on the agenda, there was one hundred and twenty-
6 nine last time and sixty-one is a lot, too.

7 Maybe if there was a way to look at this,
8 maybe with each District Office, some have smaller
9 items could be, you know, looked at in their own
10 area rather than have it on the full board's
11 agenda.

12 It could be very onerous and I want to also
13 say that, um, you know, in terms of bipartisan
14 that was a concern the last time, so, there is a
15 lot, you know, there was an appearance of it being
16 very, um, partisan in terms of votes.

17 It is something that in terms of the public
18 taking a look at this, um, you know, I know there
19 is good government, here, in the Town of
20 Hempstead, but, it needs to be a little bit more
21 apparent.

22 It is tough to watch everything a one-sided
23 basis.

24 So, I am looking forward to, you know,
25 being more involved, getting more people to come

1 to the meetings to be more-easier friendly, that
2 is it for now.

3 Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, I do not have
5 anymore slips on this Public Hearing, is there
6 anyone else?

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7 META MEREDAY: Good Morning, Meta J.
8 Mereday, Baldwin resident.

9 I am actually, largely in favor of this
10 format, having worked within the procurement arena
11 on the regional and national level.

12 I feel this is definitely something that
13 will bring a significant difference but I am
14 concerned as always with regard to how this is
15 going to be implemented and communicated
16 internally, as well as, externally.

17 So, is there is going to include in the
18 documentation that is submitted for potential
19 bidders, one?

20 Two, is this going to involve an increase
21 in the type of outreach and format that are used
22 to outreach potential bidders?

23 Are we talking about this type of
24 information, language, being communicated to the
25 diversity within the residency, you know, in

1 terms of, you know, language, um, socio-gender,
2 etc.?

3 I think that is kind of, you know - - I am
4 also the person that is looking for the devil in ^{Page | 22}
5 the details and, um, definitely as it pertains to
6 making sure that we are inclusive of services,
7 disabled Veteran-owned businesses, minorities,
8 women, those with, um, disabilities, etc.

9 And, again, the retraining that is going to
10 be needed internally to get away from the lowest
11 responsible bidder, things of that nature or
12 again, um, the long-term established relationships
13 where you have that singular network of people
14 that seem to get the same contracts.

15 And, I agree with the previous speaker that
16 it is important that we list the information in
17 terms of the value of the contracts, but, also, we
18 do a better process and I am, again, encouraged in
19 terms of the increased vetting process that is
20 taking place, um, but, there is always room for
21 more so residents in this Township require, you
22 know, we want those services but not to just say
23 "best value" without having some substance behind
24 it. We want to make sure that all the bases are
25 covered. Thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

2 Is there anybody else that would like to be
3 heard on this Public Hearing?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, ^{Page | 23}
5 the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I move
9 that the Public Hearing be closed and the Item be
10 adopted.

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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'Esposito?

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 the next Public
4 Hearing. Page | 24

5 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law to amend
6 Chapter 77 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead
7 entitled "Public Places, Regulation of" & Chapter
8 78 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead entitled
9 "Parks" in order to rescind an archaic statute
10 restricting breast feeding to designated areas at
11 Town swimming pools and instead reaffirm,
12 consistent with applicable New York State Law that
13 breast feeding is permissible in any public or
14 private location within the Town of Hempstead.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Madam Supervisor, can I
16 speak?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Certainly.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I was not happy to hear
19 that there was an antiquated Code limiting where a
20 Mom can nurse her child was still on our books in
21 the Town of Hempstead and I am happy to take
22 steps, today, to correct that oversight.

23 As soon as I found out that this, um, was
24 happening and I saw it on social media and I heard
25 it from women at the local pools, every pool in

1 Island Trees in Levittown, East Meadow, Forest
2 City, so, it affected quite a few people in my
3 District, as soon as I found out, I contacted the
4 Parks Department who immediately removed this
5 section of the pool rules.

6 They changed the signs on all pools and
7 they also in the handouts changed the words in the
8 handouts of the pool rules and, um, I am in total
9 support of this item, whatever we have to do to
10 codify it, it is extremely important that after
11 that first step in the Parks Department that we in
12 the Town update our Town Code, so, it does not
13 preclude a Mother who wants some privacy from
14 finding a quiet area to nurse but ensures that
15 Mothers who are breastfeeding one child can still
16 watch her other children at the pool without any
17 problems.

18 So, I just want to say that I am in total
19 support of this item.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rori Gordon?

21 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon, Hauppauge, New
22 York.

23 I would like to commend the Town of
24 Hempstead for taking on this difficult situation,
25 constitutional situation stems involving public

1 breastfeeding.

2 To make sure a resolution does not go
3 beyond the boundaries of its existence, the
4 resolution should not be open for interpretation Page | 26
5 and be crystal clear where it can be applied.

6 A majority of the resolutions that you pass
7 are regulated to providing health and safety.

8 Joe Ra is this the basis of this
9 resolution?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The basis of this
11 resolution is that this archaic provision in the
12 poll regulations was discovered by a patron and
13 she brought it to our attention and we immediately
14 acted to correct that.

15 So, we want to encourage breastfeeding.

16 It has been encouraged by the American
17 Academy of Pediatric Medicine as being in the best
18 interest of the child, so, we, as a Town Board,
19 all agree that we should allow Mothers to
20 breastfeed their infants wherever they see fit
21 while visiting Town facilities.

22 RORI GORDON: I want to make sure that I
23 understand this.

24 Breastfeeding is allowed in public,
25 anywhere, including businesses?

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is in Town
2 facilities.

3 RORI GORDON: That is not what I believe it
4 says, here. Page | 27

5 It says permissible or any private location
6 in the Town of Hempstead, that would be - -

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What this resolution
8 does is brings the Town of Hempstead in compliance
9 with the laws of the State of New York.

10 And, if you look at the very last section
11 of the law, it says a Mother may breastfeed her
12 baby in any location at Town Parks or facility
13 public or private.

14 This is State Law and that is what we are
15 trying to do, we are trying to get rid of, as the
16 Supervisor stated an archaic rule that will enable
17 Mothers to breastfeed their children.

18 RORI GORDON: The State law provides people
19 to breastfeed anywhere?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think that is the
21 intent, so, the bottom line is, I believe, that
22 this Board does not want to get between a Mother
23 and child with respect to their discretion as to
24 when to feed the child.

25 Um, so, basically, this law, as far as

1 I am concerned, eliminates any Town regulations
2 anywhere when it comes to the issue of
3 breastfeeding.

4 RORI GORDON: You feel that way, Mr.
5 Blakeman?

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6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I believe that is -
7 - the law says that.

8 RORI GORDON: That is the way I understood
9 it but, apparently, some people on the Board don't
10 feel that way, the reason I am bringing it up, I
11 don't think it is right that a Mother is allowed
12 to breastfeed in a Park and may not be allowed to
13 breastfeed in a supermarket, you and I agree?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think we all agree.

15 RORI GORDON: So, we all agree, okay, my
16 niece just had a child, would it be permissible in
17 constitutional rights to breastfeed her baby at,
18 for instance, Matteo's Bar and Restaurant or King
19 Kullen in Bellmore?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think anywhere is
21 appropriate that should be the private discretion
22 of the Mother as to when and where she wants to
23 feed her baby.

24 I don't think government should be
25 involved.

1 And, we all, on the Board, agree with that,
2 so, we have this archaic law that was written at
3 a time where attitudes, unfortunately, were
4 different and, now, we are just seeking to change ^{Page | 29}
5 them.

6 RORI GORDON: Hempstead is becoming avant-
7 garde, is that the way you would describe it?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I wouldn't say avant-
9 garde, I would say normalized.

10 RORI GORDON: Okay.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What the rule of law
12 should be vis-à-vis this issue, which, basically,
13 government should not get involved.

14 RORI GORDON: Okay, I, as a business owner,
15 I know, you know, all of you know I own the Café
16 and I am required to operate in the protection of
17 the guidelines of New York State Liquor Authority,
18 Town of Hempstead Town Code, Nassau County Police
19 Department based upon these parameters, I wish to
20 clarify it, would it be acceptable for any of my
21 employees to breastfeed at Billy Dean's Showtime
22 Café and not be in violation of this resolution?

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is correct - -

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: As long as it is
25 between and adult and a minor that are Mother

1 and child, I would say it is okay.

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It is a State Law. You
3 have to follow State Law.

4 We are moving the laws that are antiquated ^{Page | 30}
5 and we are coming into the 2000's.

6 RORI GORDON: Let me leave you all with
7 this thought, what makes it okay for a six-month
8 old child to perform a natural act on beauty by
9 sucking on an areola in public for the World to
10 see but not okay for a thirty-year old man to look
11 at one at Billy Dean's Showtime Café?

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any more
13 slips on this matter. Yes?

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
15 Barns Street, Franklin Square.

16 Why don't we just make this easier and just
17 rescind the whole thing and not have a local law
18 on this so, then, State Law would just take over,
19 isn't that easier?

20 It is a cleaner solution, in my view,
21 because then, there is no ambiguity.

22 Now, you have a law, it you are just
23 following State Law, just take away the local law,
24 now, the State Law applies, I think that is an
25 easier solution.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think, Mr. Ra, I
2 think Mr. Procacci makes a good argument, is there
3 a reason why we can't just rescind the law?

4 We need another law?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I think the intent of
6 the Town Board is to make it clear that the old
7 law that we had on the books is now repealed and
8 gone and that it is the position of the Hempstead
9 Town Board to let Mothers know that they can
10 breastfeed at any location that they want to.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: 1984 - - that there is
12 no rule passed in the future that will restrict a
13 woman's rights going forward in the Town of
14 Hempstead.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: I just think less laws are
16 better.

17 The Village you can - - I mean, you always
18 need something.

19 I just think it is better to have less laws
20 if you can get away with it because there is
21 always confusion of interpretation as we know,
22 here on many different occasions in the legal
23 World, here, people seem to interpret words
24 differently.

25 And, I just think I am glad that you agree

1 with me because I appreciate that a lot, but, um,
2 I really think that you can put it out there, you
3 know, you deserve credit for rescinding the law.

4 Put it on the website, make it clear.

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5 I just think it is better to rescind the
6 law because the less regulations, the better there
7 is.

8 Just never any confusion with that as
9 opposed to any interpretation.

10 Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any other
12 slips, is there anyone else that would like to be
13 heard on this Public Hearing?

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

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that we
18 close the Hearing and enact the law.

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

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

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye and I

7 really want to thank Councilman Dunne for all his
8 hard work for making this happen, today.

9 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye and I

11 thank you so much for doing this, Councilman

12 Dunne. We have something on paper so our staff

13 will know what to do if this happens.

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you for your input
15 on this, Senior Councilwoman.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am grateful.

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: God Bless you.

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

22 CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped
23 Parking on Public Streets" in Elmont, Hewlett
24 (237th Street, Nelson Court)

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any

1 slips on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that
2 would like to be heard?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
4 the following ensued.) Page | 34

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

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the
8 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public
25 Hearing.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Public Parking
2 Field Maps in Elmont, Levittown (Fields E-6, L-12)

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
4 on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would ^{Page | 35}
5 like to be heard?

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

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

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion we close
11 the Hearing and adopt this item.

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the Motion.

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

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

4 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public ^{Page | 36}
5 Hearing.

6 CLERK CABANA: Application of JAS, USA,
7 Inc. to include premises existing and extend
8 premises into the "GSS" District to maintain
9 existing repair bays and snack shop, installation
10 of a 24 x 54 canopy over the existing pump islands
11 with lighting, vacuum station, air station,
12 dumpsters, enclosure and various other site
13 improvements including paving, curbing,
14 landscaping and the relocation of an existing curb
15 cut along Chester Street located at 1198 Front
16 Street - UNIONDALE - southeast corner of Front
17 Street and Chester Street.

18 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Good Morning, Supervisor
19 Gillen and Honorable Members of the Board, Madam
20 Clerk:

21 Kevin O'Brien from the firm, Murphy, Bartol
22 and O'Brien with offices at 22 Jericho Turnpike,
23 Mineola, New York, here, this morning representing
24 the applicant.

25 Seated to my right is Mr. Chris Tartaglia,

1 who is a licensed professional engineer with High
2 Point Engineering, the design professionals who
3 prepared the plans which are before the Board and
4 on your electronic monitors. Page | 37

5 And, I just want to say it is delightful,
6 as always to be before the Town Board, in
7 particular, when it is so hot outside.

8 Whoever does the AC work, here, is doing a
9 tremendous, a fantastic job.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you so much.

11 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: So, we are here, today,
12 in connection with this application, which
13 involves the existing gasoline service station
14 located at 1198 Front Street in Uniondale and it
15 is on the corner of Franklin and Chester.

16 It is an existing service station.

17 Been there for roughly fifty, sixty years
18 and what brings us before the Board, um, while it
19 is some improvements but as the Board is familiar
20 that when improvements are made at gasoline
21 service stations, they are required to be located
22 within the "GSS" Zoning District.

23 It was established by a predecessor Town
24 Board in and or about 1974 to make any
25 "substantial or corrections to gasoline

1 "Service stations which are required to be within
2 that Zoning District."

3 So, we are asking the Board's permission to
4 do so. Page | 38

5 Part of the basis or reason that sort of
6 brings us and a lot of other service stations to
7 the Town Board is Nassau County Health Department
8 requirements use to be Fire Marshal requirements
9 to remove and replace underground gasoline storage
10 tanks and, um, the Fire Marshal, as well as, the
11 Health Department came up with this thirty-year
12 regulation where the tanks are single-wall tanks
13 where they previously go from steel tanks to
14 single-wall tanks and, now double-wall tanks and
15 that was the impetus to go and do that.

16 We actually, um, made those applications to
17 both the Fire Marshal and to the Health
18 Department, received their approval and installed
19 the tanks.

20 But, at the same time, removing, you know
21 the Town Board for that inclusion.

22 Um, the service station, itself, is
23 operated from between 50 to 60 years, um, the
24 other improvements, essentially, are seeking, you
25 know, to remain the same.

1 We have an existing pump island with three
2 dispensers that will be that light gray area or
3 beige, I guess, um, towards Front Street with
4 three dispensers, the multi dispenser at that
5 location.

6 It is a BP Service Station.

7 It will remain a BP Service Station. We did
8 come before the Board.

9 Before we did, a little couple problems,
10 there were violations at the location where there
11 were sale of motor vehicles and the like that were
12 ongoing at the premises.

13 There were storage of tires. I am happy to
14 report all of that has been corrected, that whole
15 situation has been, you know, the tires were
16 removed and so the place is in compliance with one
17 exemption, if you take a look at the report, part
18 of the application process, it shows an open
19 permit where we are making an application to be
20 included in the "GSS" from the Building
21 Department, that kind of leads us, here.

22 So, obviously, that would not get closed
23 out until such time as the final improvements were
24 made and the Board acted upon the application.

25 But, other than that, I believe, we are

1 in full compliance.

2 We are seeking to, um, install a canopy
3 over those pump islands in a way we are able to
4 house the fire suppression equipment in the
5 canopy, itself, but, as far as, the tanks, as far
6 as the pump islands and the use of the premises,
7 the premises is utilized as a repair-oriented
8 service station with three hundred and fifty
9 square foot snack shop, so, we are seeking to
10 maintain an existing use of the building where it
11 is located.

12 So, essentially, um, other than upgraded to
13 the, um, landscaping, which we are proposing over
14 at that location, I know they had repaired some of
15 the fencing that was there.

16 I think some of the fencing is going to be
17 replaced but other than that, it is - - most of
18 the improvements remain the same.

19 We are meeting the parking requirements,
20 so, um, I think unless there is any questions of
21 the Board, that is what we are seeking to do.

22 Any questions of me or Mr. Tartaglia or of
23 any interest observers, as well, we are here to
24 answer.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: On the corner of

1 Chester and Front Street, I notice that you have
2 had price signs there?

3 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: That is correct.

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: That would be a great Page | 41
5 location for an American Flag.

6 Over the weekend, I was invited to some
7 parties of our young men and women that are being
8 deployed to Afghanistan, it would be great if we
9 put a Flag.

10 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: I love the idea. I love
11 the idea.

12 I will make the recommendation to the
13 property owner.

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you. Thank you so
15 much.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like
17 to tell you I see one thing that really I don't
18 think I have been able to say, this is an entirely
19 different station than what I saw the first time.

20 I don't know where you put all those tires.
21 I like to know where you put them because I have
22 another station I want them to get rid of there,
23 so, you got a job.

24 You got rid of all those tanks that you had
25 there.

1 It looks like a whole different place, so,
2 I thank you for doing that.

3 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: My apologies, that it
4 wasn't done the first time. Page | 42

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You know, you
6 never should have brought it, here.

7 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Councilwoman, I couldn't
8 agree with you more.

9 I will find out where they went and let you
10 know.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You never
12 should have brought it here.

13 We had a second inspection, I really have
14 to thank the Building Department, Commissioner
15 Rottkamp and your staff.

16 You have done a yeoman's job on this.

17 You had a second inspection and I have to
18 tell you everything was gone, no automotive
19 vehicles there, no used tires for sale, no outside
20 storage of materials in the rear of the property,
21 front and rear and well maintained and I could not
22 say that for the first time, you know, what it
23 looked like so, I think you should keep it up and
24 anybody else who is coming here in my District,
25 especially, who has a problem, please, don't

1 come, here, until it is solved.

2 The only thing I did see something that
3 fence has to go, you know, the fence in, here, the
4 chain fence.

5 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: I am sorry, I couldn't
6 understand.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMN GOOSBY: The chain
8 fence.

9 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: All the fencing, I know
10 we repaired some, but, it needs to be replaced.
11 It will be replaced, I know in the beginning,
12 particularly on Front Street, I know over by the,
13 by the dumpsters when I was there, it was in a
14 poor state of repair.

15 I know they fixed it quickly, but, if it
16 needs to be replaced, we will replace it.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: And, clean up
18 the back side as far as - -

19 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Yes.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMN GOOSBY: You cleaned
21 everything else up, so, make sure you clean that
22 up.

23 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Absolutely, as a matter
24 of fact, I got a bunch of signatures if I can hand
25 that into the Town Clerk's Office of patrons

1 in the area that are support.

2 I guess one little housekeeping, I didn't
3 hand in the Affidavit over, so, there it is.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It looks so ^{Page | 44}
5 much different.

6 I know some of the residents were
7 complaining that they had mosquitoes in their
8 backyards and they couldn't use their backyards
9 because of what they were doing.

10 I know it is all gone.

11 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: I have mosquitoes.

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You don't have
13 mosquitoes and water.

14 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Yes, I understand.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Anybody else?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Questions?
17 Okay.

18 (Whereupon, "can I say something," was
19 heard calling out from the audience. After, the
20 following ensued.)

21 PEARL JACOBS: Thank you. Pearl Jacobs,
22 President of Nostrand Gardens Civic Association in
23 Uniondale.

24 You are absolutely right, Senior
25 Councilwoman Goosby, this was an atrocious

1 gas station.

2 My question is would this gas station and
3 in its new form be under the same ownership?

4 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Yes, it is.

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5 PEARL JACOBS: But shame on the owner who
6 allowed this gas station to go in such disarray.

7 I, myself, was involved with several of the
8 residents that lived within proximity of this gas
9 station and you are absolutely right, they were
10 complaining not only about mosquitoes but they
11 were complaining about vermin, rodents that were
12 actually coming from this gas station, cars that
13 were parked, double parked down the street, um,
14 blocking their driveways, blocking their homes,
15 even blocking people that were trying to turn onto
16 Chester Street off of Front Street.

17 Um, so, I do want to let the owner know
18 that Nostrand Gardens Civic Association will be
19 watching them.

20 We hope that it will not be into such
21 disarray as it was before and, um, if we see any
22 indication of that, we will definitely be bringing
23 it to your attention.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay, thank
25 you.

1 This has been going on for some time.

2 We know they have had many violations from
3 us because the Building Department has been on top
4 of them, but, finally, they got the message once ^{Page | 46}
5 they had to come to get something else done, so, I
6 am sure you will fine because you don't want to
7 come back here, right?

8 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Absolutely.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Do you have
10 anything else that you want to ask?

11 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Now, just that I am
12 Director of a Civic Association, myself and I
13 appreciate your input from the Civic Association.

14 So, if there is ever any comment or
15 anything like that, please, come to me, first.

16 I think the property owners got the
17 message, but, I like to work together like I said,
18 I am a Civic Association Director, also, I like to
19 work with the Civics, so, if there is any
20 comments, please, come to me and we will work
21 together.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay, all
23 right.

24 Any comments from the Board?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any

1 other slips on this Public Hearing, is there
2 anybody else that would like to be heard?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
4 the following ensued.) Page | 47

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
6 have a Motion?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that
8 the Hearing be closed and decision be reserved.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

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

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 ATTORNEY O'BRIEN: Have a good day.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would

1 you, please, call the Administrative Calendar.

2 CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor, on the
3 Administrative Calendar, this morning, we have
4 Items 12 through 61.

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, would any of
6 the Council Members like to sever any of the items
7 on the Administrative Calendar?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, at
9 this time, I would like to sever Items 37, 38.

10 Okay, I would like to amend that, I move at
11 this time to postpone indefinitely Items 37, 38
12 and 51.

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you,
15 please call the roll on tabling these items.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

17 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would just like to Page | 49

5 say with respect to tabling of Item Number 51,
6 which was a rule procedure change, I believe that
7 this is a good government initiative that I put
8 forward, I hope that it can be brought back sooner
9 rather than later by the Board.

10 As many people know from meeting the Press,
11 we had just had a big incident with commercial
12 vehicles being parking in our cemetery and staging
13 equipment in our cemetery where people are burying
14 their loved ones and people are supposed to be
15 resting in peace.

16 Um, this is a contract that was voted on by
17 this Town Board unanimously and, then, we found
18 out it was actually a violation of Town Code.

19 I think it is very important to help Town
20 Board Members to do their job better that we have
21 the Town Attorney review those things, not only
22 for their form, but, also to make sure that
23 anything we are voting on does not violate Town
24 Code, State Law or any other law.

25 I think this is a really, really important

1 thing for us to better serve our residents and I
2 hope that Town Board will work with me
3 cooperatively to bring this back on another
4 agenda.

5 So, I vote yes on tabling Items 37 and 38
6 but no on tabling Item 51.

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

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, Madam Clerk
10 - -

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Did you call
12 the vote already for this?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I need a vote for the
14 rest of the Administrative Calendar.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay, I move
16 the total calendar with the exception of 37, 38
17 and 51 which have been severed.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, I have a number
20 of slips from those that wish to be heard.

21 Elise M. Germane?

22 ELISE GERMANE: (Phonetic spelling of name)

23 Hi, my name is Elise M. Germane.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I apologize.

25 ELISE GERMANE: My question was to 51, I

1 Ned it clarified. I wasn't understanding the
2 process and procedures are and have something to
3 put down to amending procedures, what are those
4 procedures?

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So this is the item
6 that was just tabled, so, it is really currently
7 before the Board but just in short, it was just to
8 have the Town Attorney give an opinion to the Town
9 Council and Town Board that anything that is
10 coming before it, contracts or proposed
11 regulations is actually legal and compliant to
12 Town Code and State laws and Federal laws.

13 ELISE GERMANE: Now, I have another question
14 that was brought up, I believe, last time about
15 special elections, if a Board, someone - - if my
16 representative was no longer my representative and
17 I didn't have a chance to vote for anybody.

18 Mr. Dunne was put in that place. I am not
19 understanding that as a citizen of the United
20 States for me to have a vote on who is going to
21 represent me.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ma'am, right, now, we
23 are taking comments on the Administrative
24 Calendar.

25 That item on special elections is not

1 on the Administrative Calendar, so, you are
2 welcome to make those remarks during our Public
3 Comment portion, but, for right, now, any remarks
4 are limited to the items that are on the
5 Administrative Calendar.

6 ELSIE GERMANE: Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

8 Felix Procacci?

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

11 On Item Number 52, the personnel
12 resolutions, my understanding is that there was a
13 termination or resignation and like I said with
14 the people that took leave of absences, I have
15 been saying this for many, many months that the
16 need to be part of the resolution because, once,
17 again, that is the public's only way to see what
18 you guys are doing.

19 We need to have those resolutions. It is
20 State Law.

21 You are violating State Law when you don't
22 do it.

23 These details in the resolutions need to be
24 there.

25 My school board and I am not a fan of them,

1 if somebody is terminated, it is on a resolution.

2 If someone resigns, it is on the resolution
3 and the details of the resolutions are supposed to
4 be on the website because State law says so. Page | 53

5 And, I hope in the future - - I am going to
6 FOIL these, now, but I hope in the future that you
7 abide by State law, because it costs me over five
8 hundred dollars to FOIL an Article 78, if I do it
9 against you guys and you are going to tell me how
10 horrible I am in your Court papers replying when
11 you didn't follow the law.

12 And, why don't we just save a ourselves a
13 lot of trouble and money and just follow the law.

14 Um, on the calling of the Hearing for Item
15 Number 59, I opposed this, not for any particular
16 reason, you know, that has to do with vaping but
17 the problem is that we passed these laws about
18 vaping earlier this year and I will tell you
19 right, now, personal experience, nobody enforces
20 it.

21 They are smoking weed at our Park where my
22 son does track there.

23 We called the police and all the police did
24 was escort them out. There is no fines. There is
25 nothing.

1 All it is, is a law on the books. All it
2 is, is words on paper and let's save some trees
3 and stop printing things if you are not going to
4 enforce it. Page | 54

5 We have no intentions of enforcing it.

6 Public Safety is not going to enforce it.

7 Nassau County Police is not going to
8 enforce it. I see no point in passing laws that
9 no one has an interest in and you are just going
10 to say in your campaign literature, you pass
11 legislation but unless it is enforced, it doesn't
12 mean anything and that is why I am against passing
13 another use, less laws - -

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: When we are able to with
15 the Town Attorney's Office, if we are able to, I
16 love to put fines on that and show how serious
17 vaping is.

18 It is serious to us.

19 It is something that you see the children
20 that have been affected by the vaping of their
21 friends in school and in Parks and wherever they
22 go and parties, um, something has to be done and
23 we have to take the bull by the horns.

24 We will do it, so, if we can put a fine, a
25 hefty fine on that, then, I am all in favor of it.

1 And, we will look into that and thank you
2 for bringing that point up.

3 FELIX PROCACCI: You know, I don't
4 encourage smoking of any kind with my kids or
5 anything like that.

6 And, I am against it and I don't like
7 smoking in the Parks.

8 I am saying even the illegal substances
9 that are being smoked in the Parks, while my kids
10 are running and we call the police, Nassau County
11 Police will not enforce it.

12 All they do is escort them out of the Park
13 and that is it and that illegal substance, vaping
14 is legal, so, I don't really see - - I don't want
15 to belabor it, I think I made myself clear on it.

16 I like to see it enforced laws that you put
17 on the books that is essentially the bottom line.

18 Um, the resolution for authorizing payment
19 for computer and I was going to link this with
20 Item 51, I think we are paying a lot of money, one
21 hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars a year
22 for this office research, I think it is good to
23 make sure that you do everything in compliance
24 with the law.

25 The problem is just what happened, today,

1 is you nixed 51 because my suggestion was to put
2 your research on the laws that you're passing,
3 that you use, that we are spending all this money
4 for, taxpayer money - -

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci, that is
6 for West Law.

7 West Law is a research tool used by
8 attorneys all the time.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand that.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: - - To make sure they
11 are following - -

12 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand that, but, I
13 think we should use that research.

14 We are paying this company for it and we
15 should put that research in every law that we
16 pass, so, the research is supported.

17 My kids common core, show your work. How
18 did you get there?

19 I go to my local government school
20 district, they don't want to show their work, but,
21 they penalized my children when they don't follow
22 the rules and show their work.

23 You guys need to show your work and you are
24 not showing your work.

25 So, the research should be done on every

1 Resolution using this tool that we are paying
2 money for and we put on the resolution to ensure
3 the resolution is good.

4 And, I think that is the end of that.

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5 Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Joseph Prokop?

7 JOSEPH PROKOP: Joseph Prokop.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Sorry about that.

9 JOSEPH PROKOP: That is fine.

10 I represent the Lido Beach Towers Company.

11 I signed up to speak on Number 47 and, um,
12 however, I don't have any comments only to ask
13 questions of the Board.

14 We look forward to its adoption.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

17 Mary Manning?

18 MARY MANNING: Good Morning, I am Mary
19 Manning. I am from Point Lookout.

20 Um, before I begin, I just want to thank
21 you all for your service.

22 Um, I happened to view the last video of
23 your last Town Board and this is a very arduous
24 job and I appreciate all your hard work.

25 Um, I was just looking, I believe, it was,

1 um, 24, and I don't know if this is the venue to
2 discuss it, but, I am a little surprised that you
3 still are using typewriters, word processor and
4 fax machines.

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5 And, I didn't know if there was a system in
6 place, right, now, to convert the Town of
7 Hempstead into the 21st Century.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, Ms. Manning, I can
9 tell you I was quite surprised that we still have
10 78 typewriters in the Town of Hempstead, but, we
11 are making the initiative to go forward to bring
12 the Town of Hempstead into the 21st Century.

13 We are bringing enterprise resource, um,
14 system to take over some of our payroll functions.

15 We are looking at modernizing the Clerk's
16 Office with computer program called Agenda.

17 We are looking to eventually migrate some
18 of the archaic operating systems, such as, group-
19 wise and have email of Microsoft Office.

20 We are looking to do that.

21 We are finding the money to do it. It is a
22 slow process but we are looking to modernize the
23 Town of Hempstead and hopefully to get rid of some
24 typewriters pretty soon.

25 MARY MANNING: So, there is a process

1 in place?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

3 MARY MANNING: The other thing, wi-fi
4 access, here, I was surprised I was unable to, um, ^{Page | 59}
5 use my laptop, here, so, I don't know if that is
6 part of - -

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are looking at wi-
8 fi, as well.

9 MARY MANNING: Okay and the last thing, I
10 thought I was going to make a comment about
11 something but it was about special elections but I
12 guess I should wait for the Public Comment.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, for the Public
14 Comment portion.

15 MARY MANNING: Okay, thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You did not fill out a
17 separate slip so I have it so I know to call you
18 up.

19 Thank you.

20 Valerie Lampe?

21 VALERIE LAMPE: Good Morning, Valerie
22 Lampe, Baldwin.

23 I am on Item Number 52, the appointments
24 and, um, transfers, promotions, the personnel, um,
25 with all due respect, I am, um, I am asking the

1 Board to table the promotion or appointment,
2 rather of Mr. Fricchione.

3 I am actually upset. I just had a
4 conversation with him outside and, um, you know, Page | 60
5 what I believe that regardless of our differences,
6 you know, there is a certain level of, um, respect
7 and demeanor that anyone who represents the Town
8 of Hempstead should have.

9 Um, I am concerned with not only things
10 that have been said on line, social media-wise,
11 publicly, but, um, I am also concerned about what
12 may have been said ab out me privately and to a
13 Reporter, by the way, so - -

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: What are you talking
15 about, Ms. Lampe?

16 VALERIE LAMPE: Oh, I am so glad that you
17 asked, Laura.

18 I am talking about FOIL number 201802255
19 and I just addressed an email, a private email
20 that Mr. Fricchione corresponded with a reporter
21 according to him - - I have clients. I have a
22 business.

23 I did a lot of work for you on my own time.
24 I never wanted a job from you and I think you guys
25 should say thank you to the people who supported

1 you instead of disparaging them and have your
2 staff and admin - -

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: What email are you
4 talking about?

5 What email are you talking about?

6 VALERIE LAMPE: Mr. Ra, has anyone from the
7 Supervisor - -

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Excuse me, Ms. Lampe,
9 do you have copy of the email?

10 You are referencing an email, do you know
11 something in the email, do you have a copy of the
12 email?

13 Would you like to show me an email that you
14 have because you seem to know what is in it?

15 VALERIE LAMPE: Hello, Ms. - -

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Lampe, can you
17 answer my question?

18 Do you have an email?

19 VALERIE LAMPE: Why don' you ask Mr.
20 Fricchione who just told me outside that he
21 communicated and spoke poorly of me in his email
22 to a Newsday Reporter.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Fricchione?

24 VALERIE LAMPE: Outdoors, outdoors, we were
25 outdoors for about forty-five minutes.

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

VALERIE LAMPE: Aside from my email, let's just go to the facts that, again, speaking to a certain level of decorum that I think these professionals should have these on-line statements by hashtag, "wtf" and, um, you know, "lost in translation," "scar drows," "the only one I like, who cares, what if there is a fart sniffer, who is often suspect," this is not - - this is not, hello, okay, this is not the type of behavior that should be representative of America's largest township.

This is our government. This is not revermania.

I like to ask Mr. Ra, do you happen to know if anyone from the Supervisor's Office contacted you with regards to this FOIL?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know. Can you be more specific.

VALERIE LAMPE: FOIL number 201802255 regarding the emails according from Mr. Fricchione to, I guess a Newsday Reporter according to him?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Not familiar with that.

VALERIE LAMPE: Sylvia?

CLERK CABANA: No, Valerie, not familiar

1 with that at all.

2 VALERIE LAMPE: I can't wait for this FOIL
3 to come back, but regardless of this, I am asking
4 the Board, specifically, to a minimum, table this ^{Page | 63}
5 promotion.

6 I think it is important. I think it is
7 really important to see this FOIL before this
8 decision is made and you know what, I also think
9 that I have seen some irresponsibility from your
10 staff, regardless of how many times I have told
11 them, I did handle your social media during your
12 campaign.

13 I also handled I during that snow storm
14 that you were reeling from and had no idea how to
15 handle.

16 I defended you for about twenty hours on
17 all your platforms both privately and publicly and
18 I have the screen shots to prove it.

19 In addition to that, I have recommended to
20 Rebecca Sinclair, as well as, Mr. Fricchione, as
21 well as Mr. Hynes that you should change your
22 passwords.

23 It wasn't done. The Town of Hempstead
24 social media pages' passwords were not changed
25 until about a month ago, okay.

1 And, oh, by the way, I still have access to
2 your Twitter account.

3 Do you see it. I can log in as you right,
4 now, so, if anyone is looking to discredit me, Page | 64
5 here, I got screen shots.

6 This is your account.

7 Do you want to see the email that he sent
8 on behalf of a reporter where he takes credit for
9 Mr. Blakeman's initiative in Woodmere with the
10 clock, because I have that too.

11 Okay, so, I am not the one who should be -
12 - what you are doing to me, it feels like an
13 interrogation, okay.

14 I feel that all of you should be looking
15 into this.

16 The way that this Administration treats the
17 constituents is disgusting.

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

20 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, I am done.

21 See you at Public Comment.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Meta Mereday?

23 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin
24 resident.

25 Number 22, on admin., amending a contract

1 and authorizing an increase, again, my concerns
2 with the number of these on the Administrative
3 Calendar is the lack of detail as it pertains to
4 one of the amounts that are involved.

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5 Two, what are the implications when we are
6 talking about amending something that this Board
7 has already approved?

8 Um, and three, what budget line does this
9 apply to when we are talking, now, going into
10 budget season and it is hard enough for residents
11 to follow the flow of the money aside from the
12 fact that we do see the increased zombie houses
13 and our neighbors running out in the middle of the
14 night.

15 We do like to have an idea where our money
16 has been spent that is budgeted and approved by
17 this Board.

18 So, again, the clarity as to what this
19 contract issue was about, what is the amount of
20 the increase, why - - what is the justification
21 behind it?

22 Just some points like that.

23 23, pretty much, again, um, clarifying the
24 changes that we continue to make as far as, um,
25 zoning and ordinance, why this is being

1 deleted and changed to something else?

2 26, um, again, authorizing the amendment to
3 the agreement amending, I mean, as I said, my
4 recommendations for the Board's consideration is Page | 66
5 that for this documentation, the tree is already
6 killed and cut, if we could add the contract, the
7 contractual amount, if we could also add the
8 rationale budget line that this applies to, if it
9 has something to do with the budgets that have
10 been approved.

11 27, authorizing the renewal of a personal
12 services contract, unfortunately, due to the past
13 history in our township and in our County, as well
14 as, the State, whenever I see the words, "personal
15 services," I am already nervous.

16 We are talking about renewal, that means
17 there is no opportunity for competition that there
18 may have been a situation where someone had a
19 relationship that was not inclusive of diverse
20 process.

21 I am concerned about that type of lack of
22 opportunity.

23 Number 29, um, donation and I think it is
24 wonderful that residents pull together and have
25 incurred a lot of discussion with regard to this

1 particular situation, again, my concern is how
2 much money are the taxpayers already responsible
3 for when it comes down to these Parks and the
4 equipment that residents who are already overtaxed
5 in this township and the County have to dig deeper
6 into their own pockets to provide a donation,
7 something that we, as taxpayers, have already paid
8 for.

9 There maybe other communities that need
10 playground equipment that will not have the
11 auspices to pull together the twenty-five thousand
12 dollars or whatever the amount is to make that
13 happen.

14 So, that, again, is my concern as far as
15 how we are budgeting those types of resources.

16 34, authorization of the execution,
17 betterment and improvement, has anybody ridden on
18 a lot of the roads in this township, that should
19 be the standard barrier for all the roads in the
20 Township that they need betterment and
21 improvements just as an FYI.

22 Number 44, authorizing transfer of funds
23 from the Park Town - - funding appropriated fund
24 balance account to establish a Planning and
25 Economic Development fees and services account,

1 question mark, question mark, question mark.

2 And, again, what could be the allocation in
3 this upcoming budget?

4 Where are those funds and recourses going Page | 68
5 to come from?

6 49, action amending resolution to establish
7 a list of designated newspapers for publication,
8 again, what is the change?

9 We need the specifics.

10 Are we talking about being inclusive for
11 more publications that address the residents, of,
12 you know, English is their second language,
13 reaching out to, again, more of our senior
14 citizens, more of our Veterans, more specifically?

15 So, I am trying to keep within the five
16 minutes because I do agree with others in terms of
17 the length of the meeting.

18 So, I am not trying to add to that.

19 I will have additional comments in the
20 Public Comment Section, if I could last that long,
21 even though it is much cooler and I hope that
22 whoever handles the HPAC in this building would
23 have a meeting with the Baldwin School District,
24 um, because it is 9 thousand degrees in that
25 auditorium.

1 Find out that we do not have air
2 conditioning was something that I am most
3 concerned about. Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Ms. Mereday, I just
6 wanted to address one of the items that you
7 brought up with respect to rules - -

8 META MEREDAY: I was doing so well. I had
9 six seconds.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: - - With respect to
11 the renewal of contracts, um, I think your point
12 is well taken.

13 Um, I discussed with some of the Members of
14 the Board my dissatisfaction in finding out that
15 some of our contracts were automatically renewed
16 year after year after year without Board, um,
17 oversight and reapproval, so, that is something
18 that I am certainly going to look into with my
19 fellow Town Board Members because I agree with
20 you, they should not automatically renew ad
21 infinitum.

22 They should come before this Board or be
23 put out for RFP or a bid.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right on that point. I
25 will add to Councilman Blakeman's comments, this

1 is something that we have been look at and asking
2 for copies of all contracts.

3 There is actually an insurance renewal on
4 this agenda that actually already happened. Page | 70

5 I had a really big problem with approving
6 contracts after they already are supposed to take
7 effect.

8 It is really a serious issue.

9 Um, we had an insurance consultant who has
10 come in now and looking at all our insurance
11 contracts when we got here we found out that one
12 insurance contract had not been looked at since
13 1979.

14 So, it is something that we take very
15 seriously and we are looking at comprehensively, I
16 assure you.

17 META MEREDAY: Okay and I hope we can,
18 however you all work it out, put 51 back on the
19 agenda because being one that is - -

20 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.

21 After, the following ensued.)

22 META MEREDAY: I said that parking and
23 having Town property there and minivan, that
24 mobile unit that was sitting there for months on
25 end, that only came up on elections, that, again,

1 could be something that could be used, guess what,
2 mobile services for Veterans, okay.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rori Gordon?

4 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon, Hauppauge, New York.
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6 This deal with Newsday, what specifically
7 is the four thousand six hundred and eighty-seven
8 dollars and forty-six cents being spent for?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe it is to
10 advertise the car show and the seaside
11 spectacular.

12 RORI GORDON: I understand that, in what
13 respect, is it in print or web?

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is a print ad.

15 RORI GORDON: A print ad is forty-six
16 hundred dollars?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is a sticker that is
18 going on the cover of every newspaper.

19 RORI GORDON: Okay, Item 47, the Lido Beach
20 Project, I don't have questions about the project
21 itself, but, who determines who will be the law
22 firm to be designated to do the work in this case?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, that was you?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This happened three
25 years ago.

1 There is an underlying contract with the
2 Army Corp of Engineers.

3 This is just an amended. If you give me,
4 if you want to get in touch with me after the Page | 72
5 meeting, I will answer that, but, I don't recall.

6 RORI GORDON: Do you know if Berkman,
7 Henoeh was on this for the last three years?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't recall.

9 RORI GORDON: What are we doing to make it
10 fair so that Berkman, Henoeh doesn't end up with
11 1.2 or 1 million dollars-worth of work and
12 everybody else gets two hundred thousand or less?

13 How are you distributing the work, now?

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We passed a Resolution
15 for professional services contracts going forward,
16 they will be subject to an RFQ, which is going to
17 go out in October, is that right, Mr. Ra?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Correct.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, we are changing
20 things in the Town of Hempstead.

21 We are putting things out for RFQ's so,
22 everybody can have an opportunity to compete for
23 professional services contracts, including law
24 firms.

25 RORI GORDON: Oh, that is terrific, that

1 is really good, okay.

2 On Number 59, specifically, it says in
3 relation to and enacting enhanced signage
4 requirements for retail sale of electronic aerosol Page | 73
5 delivery systems, (vapes), can someone explain to
6 me, specifically, what is this law saying?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well, this is just
8 calling for a Public Hearing, um, to be held at
9 the next Town Board Meeting.

10 RORI GORDON: Right.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: With respect to this
12 resolution, the resolution was performed by
13 Councilman Dunne, so he can elaborate a little bit
14 further.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Counsel is here. I
16 asked that we could put signage up at all the
17 places that sell vapes.

18 We received a tremendous amount of
19 information about how dangerous they are, some
20 have arsenic in it, some have nickel in it and all
21 sorts of different chemicals, nicotine in it.

22 RORI GORDON: I don't want to discuss the
23 vape part of it, I want to discuss the sign part,
24 what is the sign?

25 Is it going to be an 8 x 10 sign?

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: No, no.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You will have an
3 opportunity - -

4 RORI GORDON: 25 X 8?

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You will have an
6 opportunity to comment further on the exact sign
7 at the next meeting.

8 RORI GORDON: It should be - - it should be
9 - - what it is.

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: That is why the Hearing
11 is going to be held in this case. We don't want a
12 monstrous sign.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would be happy to get
14 you more information about the sign or Councilman
15 Dunne will get it for you.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is why we
17 are having a Public Hearing.

18 RORI GORDON: Number 49, you are adding
19 newspapers, what is the deal with that?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is just adding
21 additional publications where we can post Town
22 Notices including more readily available to
23 Spanish-speaking residents.

24 RORI GORDON: Okay, and lastly, the
25 appointment, actually, this one is directed to

1 you for your Press Secretary, do you have a Press
2 Secretary, today?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I don't. We are
4 changing titles. I am changing titles with my
5 staff. This is a proposed title change for my
6 current Press Secretary to become Director of
7 Communications on my staff and we are appointing a
8 new Press Secretary.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is in
10 your staff?

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: In the Supervisor's
12 budget, yes.

13 RORI GORDON: Okay, the person is working,
14 here, now?

15 I don't understand.

16 Is this your Press Secretary, today?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mike Fricchione
18 currently holds the title of Press Secretary, but,
19 we are changing - - I am proposing to change his
20 title to Director of Communications and, then,
21 there is a new person coming in as Press
22 Secretary.

23 RORI GORDON: Oh, okay.

24 Is there any particular reason you, as
25 Supervisor, can't use Michael Deery's expertise

1 for you instead of using it for the Tax
2 Department, which to me, seems to be ridiculous?

3 He is at all these functions and all the
4 years he has been in office, all the years, I went ^{Page | 76}
5 back Kate Murray days, Santino days, the only
6 thing he was ever in was for the tax situation,
7 whether he is giving a seminar at the library, it
8 had to do with taxes.

9 There was a problem with this, we had to
10 stay open late with taxes.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Gordon, this is not
12 on the Administrative Calendar.

13 RORI GORDON: You know, I know.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can speak to this
15 at Public Comment, I have to keep people on the
16 agenda.

17 RORI GORDON: I understand that, you know
18 what, Laura, will you be at Public Comment?

19 I was at the last meeting and I asked is
20 everybody going to be here at Public Comment, you
21 Ms. Goosby and one other person was here.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Not "Ms.
23 Goosby," now.

24 RORI GORDON: You're still - -

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Senior Councilwoman

1 Goosby.

2 RORI GORDON: I am sorry, it is too much
3 for me to remember.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I wore red. Page | 77

5 RORI GORDON: And, I wore an outfit for
6 you, today, but my point is nobody was here to
7 talk to.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have to keep you on
9 the Administrative Calendar.

10 RORI GORDON: I just wanted to get that on
11 the record, everybody slips out. This is the most
12 important thing. It seems like it should be the
13 most important thing for you to be here to speak
14 to the constituents. Thank you.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: James Jacobs?

16 JAMES JACOBS: Good Morning.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning, please,
18 state your name and address for the record.

19 JAMES JACOBS: James Jacobs from Uniondale.

20 Good Morning, Senior Councilwoman Goosby
21 and Board Members, Supervisor:

22 I want to speak on Resolution 22, that gas
23 station designation of Article 33, it has been
24 abandoned for, at least, to my knowledge, three to
25 four years.

1 No one has teared it down, what is the
2 resolution about?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: On Number 23, the owner
4 is giving up the gasoline service station use in ^{Page | 78}
5 preparation of doing some other development there.

6 It will no longer be a gasoline service
7 station. We don't know, right, now, what the new
8 use will be.

9 JAMES JACOBS: The reason I asked the
10 question is because in Uniondale because Senior
11 Councilwoman Goosby has worked in an effort of
12 beautification in every stage of a pristine kind
13 of look.

14 We want corporate neighbors who work in
15 conjunction with the neighbors for beautification.

16 Uniondale is a good place to lie in our
17 community that it is, now, that we ask the
18 question, you know, sometimes they do not care
19 about the neighborhood.

20 We want to make sure that whoever comes in
21 there will be a good corporate neighbor.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It is the same
23 person that you saw, today and he will have a
24 beautification program, so, don't worry about it.

25 JAMES JACOBS: I want to have it on

1 record. It is on record.

2 I know, hopefully, he will do what he said.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I always do.

4 Anybody that come in my District knows, they know ^{Page | 79}

5 come with the right proposal.

6 It has to have beautification. We always
7 have beautification.

8 JAMES JACOBS: The reason I ask, will you
9 be here for Public Comment?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Maybe.

11 JAMES JACOBS: Hopefully when I come back
12 for Public Comment I will cover the issue
13 regarding things in the neighborhood with someone
14 from your staff because I want to be given an
15 opportunity to speak on it and you will hear about
16 it.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You should
18 always let us know.

19 JAMES JACOBS: Here is the thing, I know
20 you said, yes, but for the last three weeks on
21 Winston Road, Liberty Street, Decatur Street,
22 lampposts have been out.

23 I keep calling and things like that. I
24 don't know if they touched base with you.

25 It has been three weeks, now. It is

1 like nobody cares.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Call my office
3 and we will take care of it.

4 JAMES JACOBS: Ms. Goosby, you're the Page | 80
5 Senior Councilwoman, you are and elected official
6 in conjunction with each other, there are other
7 areas, they don't have to wait three weeks for
8 repairs.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: They call the
10 office of the Council person.

11 JAMES JACOBS: I am one person, if you can
12 have that issue addressed. Thank you, Supervisor
13 Gillen. Thank you. I don't need more time.

14 I made my point.

15 Honestly, I understand what you are saying,
16 hopefully it won't take another two more weeks.

17 I understand. I understand what you are
18 saying. I understand that, but, thank you.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Listen, will
20 you, please, give her the address that you have so
21 we can take care of it, that is what we need.

22 JAMES JACOBS: Thank you.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Olita, will
24 you talk to him, please.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Wilhelmina Funderburke?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr. Jacobs,
2 speak with her.

3 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Wilhelmina
4 Funderburke, I reside at 156 East Clinton Avenue Page | 81
5 in Roosevelt, New York.

6 I have been there over fifty-something
7 years.

8 Um, I would just like to ask a question of
9 the Administrative Calendar, Number 12, um, with
10 the parade, it would be great if Nassau Road could
11 kindly open the whole road instead of half of the
12 road for the parades we are having, because half
13 the street is the parade and the other half is
14 cars still going.

15 I haven't been to any other community and
16 experienced this.

17 There are a lot of things I can talk about.

18 I know you said I have to wait for the next
19 calendar but, you really need to make some change,
20 get with this because the people come and they
21 have to sit through this whole calendar before the
22 can tell you what is really on their minds.

23 You know it takes up a lot of time.

24 I understand you have your own procedures,
25 I understand this. I come to night meetings

1 a long time.

2 But, really, truly, it is not fair to
3 people who come and want to comment that is really
4 pertinent to their Village and they have to sit Page | 82
5 through everything before you can even say what
6 you want to say.

7 You should not have to be able to give
8 other people five minutes, give them three
9 minutes, just to let you know what they want to
10 talk about.

11 I have a lot of issues, here.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Funderburke, just
13 to let you know, I did put forth a resolution to
14 put Public Comment to the beginning of the meeting
15 and I think it was also restricted to three
16 minutes.

17 I don't have that resolution in front of
18 me. It was put forward several months ago.

19 It was tabled and hopefully I can work with
20 the Board and we can reconsider that resolution.

21 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: You really need to
22 bring it back because I mean I come - - what I
23 need to say, I have other things to do during the
24 day and if I have to sit here, you never know when
25 your Administrative Calendar is going to end.

1 I sit here sometimes to 2:00 o'clock and
2 the Administrative Calendar is still not over, you
3 know and I have to leave today.

4 But, what time do you think the
5 Administrative Calendar will be over?

6 I can come back.

7 There are three issues I have I need to put
8 it before you and I need to get some answers for
9 you because Roosevelt is in dying need, right, now
10 and somethings need to be taken care of.

11 And, um, I feel it can be taken care of.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

13 I am sure Senior Councilwoman Goosby will
14 be happy to help you with that as would I.

15 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Well, I know my
16 Senior Councilwoman, I have been around her aa
17 long time.

18 She and I have a little problem, here in
19 Roosevelt.

20 We have mini town halls there the needs to
21 be directed and we need to have somebody there
22 that will do the job.

23 We need the responsibility of that Director
24 and that is not taking place.

25 I know what the office is supposed to do.

1 I am one of the ones that helped construct
2 that office twenty-five years ago and it is not
3 doing what it is supposed to do.

4 So, Councilwoman, I would like to make an ^{Page | 84}
5 appointment with you and come and get that
6 straightened out.

7 It is very serious.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I tell you,
9 go to the back room and Commissioner of General
10 Services will sit with you.

11 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Who is it?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: He knows.

13 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Thank you very
14 much.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much.

16 All right, I do not have anymore slips on
17 the Administrative Calendar, is there anybody
18 else?

19 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

20 Item Number 43, I am wondering if anyone
21 can tell me, it looks like there is going to be
22 more money added.

23 What is going on and what, most
24 importantly, does your liaison at the Animal
25 Shelter know about this?

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe they are
2 transferring funds that were allocated from
3 outside veterinary services and reallocated those
4 funds to a different veterinary service.

5 Is that right, Commissioner?

6 COMMISSIONER: First, Good Morning,
7 Supervisor, Board Members, Senior Councilwoman
8 Goosby.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning.

10 COMMISSIONER: It is going to be a
11 transfer.

12 Right, now, we are increasing twenty
13 thousand dollars, um, in "veterinary" as you call
14 it, veterinary services.

15 At some point, we aren't using Central Vet
16 as much but at some point that transfer will be
17 done, but, it is not actually in this resolution.

18 It is just it seems most of the animals,
19 so, the money right, now, with that being said, we
20 go by past practices, you don't know what will
21 happen.

22 Right, now, it appears it is going.

23 DIANE MADDEN: You are adding money?

24 COMMISSIONER: We are adding money right,
25 now and the money will be deducted at a later

1 point.

2 It is not being done in this. (Indicating)

3 I thought it was a transfer. I read it.

4 We are adding twenty.

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5 We are not using all the money with Central
6 Vet, which I assume it will be deducted.

7 I didn't read it in the resolution as I was
8 told it would be.

9 DIANE MADDEN: So, could you, please, tell
10 me if this has anything to do with diverting
11 injured animals from one vet to another?

12 COMMISSIONER: Absolutely not, one hundred
13 percent.

14 I have a letter actually from the Vet, they
15 would never turn away an animal.

16 As Councilman Blakeman once said and I know
17 everyone agrees, any veterinarian that would turn
18 away an injured animal is someone that the Town of
19 Hempstead would never do business with, I firmly
20 believe that I actually called and asked they sent
21 me a letter.

22 DIANE MADDEN: This is Farmingdale?

23 COMMISSIONER: Yes, I have the letter that
24 I would gladly bring to the next Town Board
25 Meeting.

1 DIANE MADDEN: I think it is important,
2 previously, the shelter is in good standing but it
3 seems in the past six months or so, we have a few
4 of these incidences where the staff is contrary to ^{Page | 87}
5 what you are saying.

6 I understand. I respect the letter that
7 you have gotten but I do have information, animals
8 that are injured are being diverted because bills
9 aren't being paid and I do direct that concern to
10 the liaison that is overseeing these day-to-day
11 operations.

12 COMMISSIONER: I don't wish to be
13 disrespectful to anyone, that is not happening. I
14 have to see that in writing.

15 The information I have, every ticket I have
16 from Animal Control Officers, every animal that we
17 sent has been taken care of.

18 We apologize.

19 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, no, we will talk about
20 it because I have very different information and
21 thank you so much.

22 SUPERVSOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else
23 that would like to be heard on the Administrative
24 Calendar?

25 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard calling out.

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Ryan, do you want
3 to speak?

4 SUSAN RYAN: I just wanted to, again,
5 reiterate what I was saying before, numbers on
6 resolution 31, it is printed for parking stickers,
7 no number there.

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8 Resolution 32, it is a display of
9 fireworks, um, then, you know computer-related
10 services, you know, I was in government, when I
11 would do something like fireworks, I knew,
12 approximately, what the fireworks were going to
13 cost, ten, twenty thousand dollars.

14 When I would do my budgets, I would submit
15 according to a range and I am just not seeing that
16 on any of this and it is just kind of reinforces
17 what my concerns are and with the SEQRA review,
18 what is that?

19 There are three items, 35, 36 and 37.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, would you like
21 to explain that?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: 37 has been postponed
23 indefinitely.

24 SEQRA is New York State Environmental
25 Quality Review Act.

1 There are many different facets to SEQR.

2 SUSAN RYAN: Right.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What you see on the
4 calendar, today, are Negative Declarations under Page | 89
5 SEQRA meaning that the proposed development has no
6 negative impact on the environment.

7 SUSAN RYAN: Okay, um, and, then, the next
8 page is the same goes from, you know, security and
9 shredding of documents to, you know,
10 authorizations of retirement, the range is huge.

11 And, it is, um, you know, not - - it is not
12 giving enough information.

13 And, lastly, um, I didn't know that you had
14 talked about the three minute, you know,
15 presentation or whatever, um, if in a situation
16 like that, my question is if something is tabled
17 and it is tabled indefinitely and people coming to
18 these meetings would like to have it brought up,
19 what is the process for that if I wanted to, um,
20 ask for something to be, um, re-brought up, again?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well, this is a new
22 rule changed, that is what happened at the last
23 Town Board meeting, where the Board voted to
24 change the procedural rules when something is
25 postponed indefinitely - -

1 SUSAN RYAN: Right.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: - - It can never come
3 back up again, either by me or anybody else unless
4 the majority votes to put it back up, again, so, ^{Page | 90}
5 it is tabled forever, silenced, squashed.

6 SUSAN RYAN: Anything like that from the
7 public, how does that work?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You hope the Council
9 would take it into consideration and vote to bring
10 it back.

11 SUSAN RYAN: Yeah, I mean there are certain
12 things really, I mean the taxpayers should be able
13 to, you know.

14 The last and I, again, I know it is off
15 topic, special elections and whistleblower policy
16 we are two very important, in terms of the public
17 being able to, um, seek transparency and it is not
18 - - it is not even brought up and - -

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Ryan, I have to
20 keep you on the Administrative Calendar.

21 SUSAN RYAN: Okay, I am looking at all the
22 Public Hearings and they are not as important in
23 terms of voter feedback on that, so, I just like
24 to bring that up, so, if the communities are - -
25 I am in Point Lookout, I would do, you know,

1 Petition to Erin Sweeney, who represents me and
2 the same would go on?

3 I am looking for process, you know, in
4 terms of, you know, if we would want something
5 brought up, again, is that the process?

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6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, basically, there
7 are a number of ways you can do it - -

8 SUSAN RYAN: Okay.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: - - You can email,
10 call, mail your representative in your District -
11 -

12 SUSAN RYAN: Okay.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, the Supervisor
14 and make a case or you can come here and during
15 Public Comment - -

16 SUSAN RYAN: Okay.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: - - You can make
18 your case reviving anything.

19 SUSAN RYAN: That is exactly what my
20 question was, so, if I do that, is there a number,
21 like, I don't know how many in your District?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I can get you the
23 numbers.

24 SUSAN RYAN: That gives a structure if we
25 feel we would like something brought up,

1 regardless, okay, thank you.

2 DAVE HANSON: Good Morning.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning.

4 DAVE HANSON: Supervisor, first time I have ^{Page | 92}
5 been here since you took office.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Just state your name
7 and address for the record.

8 DAVE HANSON: Dave Hanson. P.O. Box 7645,
9 Garden City, New York.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Hanson, I have a
11 slip for you, you wanted to speak during Public
12 Comment, do you want to speak on the
13 Administrative Calendar?

14 DAVE HANSON: Yes, yes, yes.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do you have an item on
16 the Administrative Calendar you want to discuss?

17 DAVE HANSON: Fifty-nine (59)

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay.

19 DAVE HANSON: I want to discuss, I see a
20 lot of stuff I like to speak on and I was waiting
21 quite sometime and, um, I want to know if these
22 buildings, now, in the Town of Hempstead, if you
23 guys are considering green buildings with solar on
24 these buildings because I see where they are
25 talking about electrical here?

1 And, California just passed a law where
2 every thing they are building must have solar.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You know what, I happen
4 to share your comments about solar energy.

5 DAVE HANSON: Explain to me, please.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Fifty-nine is just
7 calling for a Public Hearing that would be held at
8 the next Town Board Meeting to discuss enacting a
9 Code about putting in signs at retail
10 establishments that sell vaping products so that
11 will come before the Town Board Meeting and
12 comments on it.

13 You can look at the agenda. You can look
14 at the Resolution and comeback at the Town Board
15 Meeting and discuss it.

16 DAVE HANSON: When is the next Town Board
17 Meeting?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: September 20th.

19 DAVE HANSON: September 20th, there is a
20 lot of stuff that is going to change in this Town
21 very soon.

22 It is not going to be the whole regime, old
23 Board.

24 I was away and Felix taping stuff. I was
25 able to watch the stuff is mindboggling what is

1 going on.

2 There is a lot of stuff in the Town will
3 change from day 1.

4 And, Number 1 - -

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

6 DAVE HANSON: Every single one, I heard a
7 guys saying he was a detective for New York City.
8 I don't care about those things.

9 I care about this Town and the people that
10 pay taxes.

11 So, I am going to hold everyone
12 accountable.

13 I will hold Santino accountable to do their
14 jobs and I have to do my job when the public put
15 you in office to work for us, a lot of them are
16 working for themselves.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Hanson?

19 DAVE HANSON: Yes, sir.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We will go on Public
21 Comment shortly.

22 DAVE HANSON: Yeah, so much to do.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you so much.

24 DAVE HANSON: You always jump in and I see
25 you and I told you already, the only person I

1 liked on this Board was a lady.

2 I said it years ago and I hope you remember
3 that.

4 I am back and I am watching and I am
5 telling you, I tell people if you don't want your
6 jobs, resign, because I am watching.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr. Hanson.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you, Mr.
9 Hanson.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, is there
11 anybody else that would like to be heard on the
12 Administrative Calendar?

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

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,
16 please, call the roll on the Administrative
17 Calendar.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I vote yes on all
20 the items except 52, Item 52, I vote yes on all
21 the resolutions except Mr. Fricchione I vote no on
22 the resolution concerning Mr. Fricchione and I
23 recuse myself concerning Mr. Smirti.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I vote yes on all

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1 Items except with respect to Item 52.

2 Item 52, I vote yes on all resolutions
3 except Mr. Fricchione, I vote no and Mr. Smirti, I
4 vote no. Page | 96

5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I vote yes on all
7 the items with the exception of 52, I vote yes on
8 all the resolutions with the exception of Mr.
9 Fricchione and Mr. Smirti, for both Mr. Fricchione
10 and Mr. Smirti, I vote no.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I vote yes on all items
13 except with regard to Item 52, on Item 52, I vote
14 yes on all the resolutions except to Mr.
15 Fricchione and Mr. Smirti, I vote no on Mr.
16 Fricchione and Mr. Smirti. Thank you.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I vote yes on
19 all Items. With regard to Item 52, on 52, I vote
20 yes except on Mr. Fricchione and Mr. Smirti, I
21 vote no.

22 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I vote yes on
24 all items with the exception of 52, I vote yes on
25 all resolutions with the exception of Mr.

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1 Fricchione, I vote no and Mr. Smirti, I vote no.

2 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, once, again, we
4 have the Town Board is messing with people on my ^{Page | 97}
5 budget, people who work under my budget in the
6 Town Board and I would like to say, let's remember
7 that.

8 I never interfered with any of their
9 decisions, with would they staff, with who they
10 have as Director of Communications.

11 Again, we have a Tax Receiver with a two
12 hundred and five thousand dollar Director of
13 Communications.

14 The Town Majority has her own Director of
15 Communications, but, once, again, so, with respect
16 to my vote, I vote yes, except on Item 52,
17 personnel, I vote no for Cheryl Petri moving from
18 the Receiver of Taxes Offices.

19 She was one of the people that was moved in
20 December to the Town Attorney's Office.

21 She was part of the one hundred and ninety-
22 two that were moved last year, moved to the
23 Receiver's budget from the Supervisor's office.

24 There is no funding in the Town Attorney's
25 Office t support this move, so, she should

1 have been let go last year as par of the former
2 Supervisor's staff. I vote no.

3 To Carl Preuss, however you say his name,
4 he works in the Receiver's Office as well, another ^{Page | 98}
5 person who was in the Receiver's Office.

6 There is no solid reason to move this
7 individual and there is no funding in the Building
8 Department to accept him while we did agree to add
9 to the Building Department, three building
10 inspectors and building examiners, these positions
11 were warranted. This one is not.

12 I think what happened when we were at the
13 Town Board Meeting a civic meeting and people were
14 saying, wow, the Tax Receiver took almost six
15 hundred thousand dollars worth of unbudgeted
16 employees on his staff, if we get rid of the Tax
17 Receiver can we get rid of that budget, so, now,
18 the Tax Receiver is unloading people into places
19 that have no budget for them.

20 I also vote no on Shelia Douscher, who is
21 the wife of Conservation and Waterways Deputy
22 Commissioner, Tom Douscher.

23 There is no money in the Highway
24 administrative budget to support this rate and
25 position.

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1 Money does not exist in the Department of
2 Highways' budget, so, I vote no on those three
3 people.

4 May we have a Motion to adjourn.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we
6 adjourn the meeting.

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
9 call the roll.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 (Whereupon, the official meeting of the
25 Hempstead Town Board held on September 4, 2018

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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 September 4, 2018,
consisting of pages 1 through 100 inclusive is an
accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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