

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**September 20, 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 (ABSENT)
- TOWN CLERK CABANA
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK SEDACCA
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- DEPUTY TOWN COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI

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1 (Whereupon, Supervisor Gillen declared  
2 September is Children's Cancer Awareness month and  
3 launched a "Gold Ribbon Campaign" at Hempstead  
4 Town Hall with the support of the Christina Renna <sup>Page | 3</sup>  
5 Foundation. The Supervisor invited Phil Renna and  
6 Charlie Clyne to the podium on behalf of the  
7 Christina Renna Foundation to present them with a  
8 citation and to honor their foundation efforts.  
9 Citation and photos were taken. After, the  
10 following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Morning, I would  
12 like to welcome everyone to our regularly  
13 scheduled Town Board Meeting.

14 For those of you who have never attended a  
15 meeting before, we will first have Public Hearings  
16 followed by an Administrative Calendar.

17 There are meeting agendas available in the  
18 rear of the Pavilion if you wish to be heard on  
19 any matters, please, fill a form out and hand it  
20 to the Public Safety Officer.

21 After the Meeting is adjourned, the Town  
22 Board will follow our custom of three hundred and  
23 fifty years and remain in session to hear  
24 residents that would like to address the Board on  
25 other matters.

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1 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the  
2 roll.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

11 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

13 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

15 I, now, would ask Councilman D'Esposito to  
16 lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Hand over your  
18 heart.

19 (Whereupon, Councilman D'Esposito lead the  
20 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the  
21 following ensued.)

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
23 please, call the first Public Hearing.

24 CLERK CABANA: Petition of Commissioner of  
25 Buildings to demolish & remove the one-story

1 wood frame one-family dwelling with attached  
2 garage & remove all litter & debris from property  
3 - Merrick (1370 Noel Court) southeast corner of  
4 Noel Court & Ott Lane - Department of Buildings Page | 5

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

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

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

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that we  
13 close the Hearing and move the item.

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

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

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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 <sup>Page | 6</sup>  
5 Hearing.

6 CLERK CABANA: Petition of Commissioner of  
7 Buildings to demolish & remove he inground  
8 swimming pool & remove all litter & debris from  
9 property - Merrick (3099) Whaleneck Drive) East  
10 side of Whaleneck Drive, 63 feet North of Bayberry  
11 Avenue - Department of Buildings

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

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

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

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close  
20 the hearing and vote on the item.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the motion.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

11 CLERK CABANA: Petition of Commissioner of  
12 Buildings to demolish & remove the one-story wood  
13 frame one-family dwelling with attached garage &  
14 remove all litter & debris from property - Wantagh  
15 (2337 Mermaid Avenue) East side of Mermaid Avenue,  
16 480 feet North of Saint Regis Street - Department  
17 of Buildings.

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

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

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

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close

1 the Hearing and vote on the item.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
4 call the roll. Page | 8

5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

17 Madam Clerk, please, call the next item.

18 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

19 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in  
20 Bellmore, Elmont, Levittown, Oceanside, Roosevelt,  
21 Woodmere (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the  
22 Town of Hempstead)

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



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2 the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
4 have a Motion.

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

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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 item.

22 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

23 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Bellmore,  
24 East Atlantic Beach, Elmont, Franklin Square,  
25 Levittown, near Malverne, Merrick, Oceanside,

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1 Roosevelt (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of  
2 the Town of Hempstead)

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
4 on this time, is there anyone that would like to <sup>Page | 10</sup>  
5 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 BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor, I  
11 move that the Public Hearing be closed, and the  
12 local law be adopted.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
14 Motion.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

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: 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.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
6 "Arterial Stops" in Baldwin, Bellmore, Franklin  
7 Square, Inwood, Levittown, Lido Beach, near  
8 Lynbrook, Oceanside, Wantagh, West Hempstead, near  
9 Westbury (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of  
10 the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

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

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
19 Public Hearing be closed, and the local law be  
20 adopted.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
22 Motion.

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

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

12 Madam Clerk, please, call the next item.

13 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

14 "Loading Zones" in Roosevelt (To amend Section  
15 202-53 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
17 on this matter, is there anyone that would like to  
18 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 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move to  
24 close the proposed local law and recommend it be  
25 adopted.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the motion.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
3 call the 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: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

16 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public  
17 Hearing.

18 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law in  
19 relation to "Enacting Enhanced Signage  
20 Requirements for Retail Sale of Electronic Aerosol  
21 Delivery Systems (Vapes)" (To create a new  
22 Subsection "D" of Section 121 of the Town Code.)

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix Procacci?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Felix, if you don't  
25 mind, if I make a statement before?

1 Madam Supervisor?

2 FELIX PROCACCI: Go ahead.

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you. Madam  
4 Supervisor, if I may?

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you. I proposed  
7 this legislation as part of my multi approach to  
8 address the concerns of cigarettes and vaping in  
9 teens.

10 Just last week, the FDA declared electronic  
11 cigarettes used by teens as epidemic in this  
12 country.

13 This is particularly disturbing in light of  
14 the fact that the studies released this week with  
15 findings released this week, one in eleven  
16 students have used marijuana in electronic  
17 cigarettes.

18 I began asking experts earlier this year to  
19 address vaping and in addition to the idea of  
20 vaping as a gateway to drugs, um, one of the  
21 concerns that I heard consistently is that the  
22 teens that are using the vape products have no  
23 idea what they contain and that they contain  
24 nicotine, very, very addictive.

25 The nicotine in these vapes

1 are almost ten to twenty times stronger than  
2 nicotine that we had as children when we tried  
3 smoking cigarettes.

4 It is very, very addictive.

5 This legislation, um, that we are talking  
6 about, today, is designed to correct that  
7 misapprehension that vaping is not hazardous to  
8 your health.

9 It absolutely is, and we have to educate  
10 them somehow.

11 So, how do we do it, put it in black and  
12 white, right in front of their face.

13 This legislation would require any business  
14 that sells electronic cigarettes, vaping products,  
15 um, to post a sign like this.

16 Well, this is too small. This is the  
17 actual sign, but this is what it says.

18 So, you have a visual. They are going to  
19 see when they go to the cash register to purchase  
20 this, whether it be a Mom and Dad buying it for  
21 the kids, whether it is their older brother or  
22 sister and friends to purchase you have to be  
23 twenty-one to purchase this stuff.

24 But, right, now, tis is an actual sign that  
25 is going to be in the stores.

1 If we pass this today, hopefully, we will,  
2 this is what it contains. (Indicating.)

3 (Whereupon, applause from the audience was  
4 heard. After, the following ensued.) Page | 16

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

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: All right, my sincere  
9 hope is that once these kids see in black and  
10 white and red that these products are dangerous to  
11 their health, I hope they will think twice before  
12 purchasing these products.

13 Thank you, Madam Supervisor.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Councilman.  
15 Mr. Procacci?

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

18 I want to talk about enhancing signage.

19 This is the sign outside my Park, Avril  
20 Park that says, "no smoking and/or vaping strictly  
21 prohibited in this Park."

22 I coach. Some of the kids I coach that run  
23 at that Park, these are the kids taken with the  
24 same lens.

25 I don't show their faces



1 because they look like they are underage lighting  
2 up.

3 The Park employees have told me they have  
4 called the police numerous times. Page | 17

5 We have called. The Track Club has called.  
6 The police, all they do is escort them out of the  
7 Park.

8 Now, here you have an instance, now, you  
9 have a real thing, not an abstract, a group of  
10 kids, some statistical number, you have actual  
11 kids doing something, whether it is marijuana,  
12 whether it is cigarettes, whether it is vape,  
13 whatever it is, it is illegal any way and all they  
14 are doing is being escorted by the Nassau County  
15 Police Department out of the Park.

16 So, as far as sending any signal that this  
17 is bad, it is crazy.

18 I mean you can put your sign up, put your  
19 sign up, but I can tell you right, now, it is  
20 going to do nothing.

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Can I say - -

22 FELIX PROCACCI: After I finish. You have  
23 unlimited time.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I will wait.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: The way

1 you would solve this, and it is not an easy  
2 problem to solve, I was a kid and you were a kid,  
3 we were all kids and the Surgeon General  
4 notification on the cigarette packs have been  
5 there since '61 or something like that and kids  
6 just ignore it.

7 They all know it, the kids who smoke in my  
8 school knew it.

9 They all did it anyway.

10 They all know drugs are bad, they did it  
11 anyway.

12 Heroin doesn't come with a warning.

13 They do it anyway.

14 You really think the kids don't know.

15 Underage drugs on my block is pervasive.

16 The police come, I let them know a bunch of  
17 alcoholic beverages under my car to get rid of it  
18 before the police came, I give it to the police.

19 If you want to do something about it, they  
20 don't want to do anything about it.

21 If you really want to solve this problem it  
22 has to be a comprehensive thing where the police,  
23 instead of just escorting them out of the Park, go  
24 back - - I don't know, have them establish a J.D.

1 card where they spend some community service or  
2 something if they get caught doing this, they  
3 get some sort of thing on their record.

4 And, in order to eradicate that thing from <sup>Page | 19</sup>  
5 their record, go to some sort of seminars that  
6 teach the dangers of it.

7 But, just do this and put the sign up to  
8 catch them in the act and, then, to do nothing,  
9 which is what they do.

10 I don't want to mention the guy's name, the  
11 Park Employee told me about this.

12 He told me, he called the police over a  
13 half a dozen times, caught them dealing, and all  
14 the police does it let them off.

15 If you want to solve the problem, you work  
16 with Nassau County. You work with New York State.

17 Establish a law that really means nothing,  
18 not just putting signs up, put this on your  
19 campaign literature, it is going to do nothing.

20 I tell you that right, now.

21 It is a nice idea.

22 It sounds good, but it will do nothing.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Felix, Councilman  
24 D'Esposito and I - -

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Let me - -

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Let me address the  
2 enforcement part.

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: He just hit on something  
4 we talked about earlier today and I set up a Page | 20  
5 meeting with the Commissioner of Police for  
6 Wednesday morning, Public Safety had issued to us  
7 the exact things that you are saying that they  
8 don't have the ability to enforce it but there are  
9 sector cars in the area and if they call  
10 immediately, if a Mom is sitting there with aa kid  
11 on the swing or seesaw or whatever and there are  
12 teenagers who come and sit on the bench and light  
13 up, they can call either Public Safety.

14 We will post the number on the sign or 911  
15 and we will have the Commissioner of Police  
16 instruct the rank and file that something like  
17 this, they got to get there right away and write  
18 up a ticket, a two hundred and fifty dollar fine.

19 I think it goes up to five hundred thousand  
20 dollars if you are caught with it.

21 We are trying to now, put the fines on the  
22 bottom of the signs.

23 You know when you go into a handicapped  
24 parking spot, you say you will only be two minutes  
25 and run in and get your stuff, come out, when they

1 post the fine on the bottom of those handicapped  
2 signs, the people say, "five hundred dollars,  
3 "I am not going to park here," and they park  
4 elsewhere, that is the same thing in line of what <sup>Page | 21</sup>  
5 we are trying to do is put the fines on those  
6 signs so the parents, whoever is going to smoke,  
7 how serious it is.

8 And, two, when the police do arrive, they  
9 don't escort them out, they might write an  
10 appearance ticket and write the ticket with the  
11 fine on it and that is a meeting Wednesday  
12 morning, 11:00 o'clock with our Nassau County  
13 Commissioner of Police to discuss the proper  
14 enforcement of that.

15 That was brought up in our meeting.

16 Some of the people are here right, now,  
17 that were at that meeting and voiced that same  
18 exact opinion and address it immediately by  
19 Wednesday we will have, hopefully, the attention  
20 to it and hopefully resolve it.

21 Thank you for bringing it up.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: These pictures were taken  
23 yesterday.

1           COMMISSIONER DUNNE: You know what, if you  
2 want to give that to me, I will bring it to the  
3 Commissioner.

4           FELIX PROCACCI: I can take the same  
5 Picture at every track meet, it is the same thing  
6 at Avril Park, same thing.

7           My daughter's bike got stolen at Avril  
8 Park.

9           It is the same thing.

10          I got the DVD for the video, they don't  
11 watch most of the Park, they don't have cameras  
12 there at all.

13          I just picked up the DVD for the video,  
14 most of the Park, they don't have cameras there at  
15 all.

16          I just picked up the DVID because the bike  
17 got stolen two months after my daughter's bike got  
18 stolen.

19          I bet you a million dollars, I don't have  
20 time to look at it, I bet they didn't add cameras,  
21 so they watch the bike rack.

22          My daughter made a mistake, a big mistake.

23          She started to talk to her friends and  
24 forgot to lock the bike.

1 The guy whose bike got stolen at the end of  
2 August had the lock cut right off and the lock was  
3 left there.

4 So, they ae not doing the enforcement of Page | 23  
5 anything because even when you report it like  
6 I said this Park Employee says, he has called the  
7 police a half a dozen times and still they haven't  
8 put the cameras around the Park and this is over  
9 many years having a conversation with him Sunday  
10 Night.

11 I never met him before in my life and he is  
12 telling me all this stuff that is happening, all  
13 instances, a half hour, while my daughter is  
14 working out and he is talking about all this stuff  
15 that is going on.

16 And, he is basically throwing up his hands  
17 because you guys have done nothing.

18 The Town Board has done nothing.

19 The Town has done nothing over the years,  
20 now, suddenly you want to do something, and I want  
21 it to be something, so, I am really tired what I  
22 call, um, you know, "grandstanding," with these  
23 signs and stuff and making these things that don't  
24 do anything.

1           Everybody knows they are not going to do  
2 anything.

3           It is a nice public relations thing.

4           COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It is not public  
5 relations.

6           FELIX PROCACCI: Well, I want to see you  
7 do something.

8           Let's see the cameras go up.

9           Let's see the cameras go up.

10          COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

11          SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Felix.

12          Corinne Alba?

13          CORINNE ALBA: Hi, Good Morning, Corinne  
14 Alba 152 Center Lane, Levittown.

15                 I am here, today, to represent Yes  
16 Community Counseling Center as well as the  
17 Levittown Community Action Coalition, all of who  
18 is behind me over, here.

19                 We have a couple members, here, today.

20                 Um, our mission in both our agency and the  
21 coalition is about the prevention of substance  
22 abuse, so, it is really bringing education and  
23 awareness to the community and to our youth about  
24 the dangers of substance abuse.



1 So, we are, here today to thank Councilman  
2 Dunne for inviting us, here, today in support of  
3 this legislation because we are about the  
4 education and awareness of this issue.

5 What I can tell you as an Addiction  
6 Professional is that there is not a lot of  
7 research on vaping, but what we know is  
8 there is nicotine in it, as Councilman Dunne said.

9 Nicotine we know is addictive.

10 We know it is a gateway. We know the  
11 apparatuses of the companies that are selling the  
12 vaping equipment or apparatuses are gearing it  
13 towards our kids.

14 It is appealing to our youth. It comes in  
15 favors.

16 It is easy to hide.

17 We know in the work that we do in the  
18 Coalition and our agency in working so closely  
19 with School Districts in the Town of Hempstead is  
20 that the suppression rates for vaping in  
21 apparatuses such as the jewel, which is very easy  
22 to hide, are tremendous.

23 The numbers are very high, twelve to  
24 thirty, forty kids a month with out of school  
25 suspensions.

1           What we also know it impacts brain  
2           development, so, any substance abuse before the  
3           age of twenty-five until the brain is fully  
4           developed is going to impact their development,  
5           emotionally cognitively, so, we know this is a  
6           gateway.

7           We also know that what we are  
8           seeing, now, in some National studies that came  
9           out that kids, they are using earlier and earlier,  
10          now, so, you have twelve percent of 8<sup>th</sup> graders  
11          that are reporting in the past thirty days using -  
12          - are vaping, 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

13          One in every three 12<sup>th</sup> graders across the  
14          Nation are reporting vaping in the past thirty  
15          days.

16          Personally, what I can tell you the kids  
17          that come through our doors and the kids are  
18          involved in our Coalition will tell you some of  
19          them that they are affected.

20          They do get addicted.

21          They get addicted like we do with nicotine.

22          So, sometimes it is social, and they are  
23          smoking, and they are having contests about their  
24          smoking but, then, there are some kids that are

1 using a line in the bathroom in between classes  
2 because they are addicted to the nicotine.

3 So, the education, again, is so important.

4 It is so easy to get, and this is kids  
5 telling us, they can name the stores they get it  
6 in, how they get it.

7 They can name what street it is on and the  
8 kids are honest about it because they are  
9 only in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades.

10 So, this is, again, why it is so important.  
11 We are all about keeping our kids safe.

12 And, if we know we are in this big opioid  
13 epidemic, now and we are putting out the fires for  
14 that and we are doing so much work in that  
15 prevention is key and it does start with nicotine  
16 and marijuana and underage drinking, so, this is a  
17 start in the right direction, just to get the  
18 message out there and to educate all of our  
19 community members in the Town of Hempstead.

20 So, thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you. If I  
22 could just amplify or supplement what you had to  
23 say, what Councilman Dunne had to say, I have  
24 talked to a lot of people about this, a lot of

1 parents, a lot of kids, they have no idea that  
2 there is any detrimental health effects from this.

3 The parents are clueless.

4 So, anything that we can do to notify the <sup>Page | 28</sup>  
5 public that this is a public health concern, I  
6 think is important.

7 So, I want to congratulate Councilman Dunne  
8 for bringing this today.

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would like to thank  
12 Councilman Dunne for all the good work that you do  
13 in your community to raise awareness and try to  
14 help our youth.

15 I thank you, Councilman Dunne for bringing  
16 this legislation forward as aa Mother of four  
17 children, I know that this is something that I am  
18 constantly working to really make my children  
19 understand the seriousness and dangers associated  
20 with vaping.

21 So, I think this is a great measure.

22 Thank you, Councilman Dunne.

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I want to thank Corinne  
24 Alba for coming down to testifying.

1 She brought with her Beth Dalton, who has  
2 been in the Kiwanis and Chamber of Commerce and  
3 she is practically the Queen of Levittown.

4 She is in all the organizations of  
5 Levittown.

6 Thank you, Beth.

7 Mike Nelson, who is the President of the  
8 Levittown Youth Council over fourteen hundred  
9 children that participate in sports in Levittown.

10 And, he is helping us get the word  
11 out to the parents, coaches, um, via text  
12 messages, emails, whatever technology that you  
13 use, um, and we have a Mom from Levittown Schools,  
14 she shows up for everything.

15 And, she is just a breath of fresh air  
16 because she is a Mom.

17 She is the one that hears from her kids  
18 coming from MacArthur High School and there is a  
19 school, MacArthur in our District that we said it  
20 again, this week, the Class of 2010, twelve kids  
21 died of overdose of drugs in the Class of 2010,  
22 one school, one small school.

23 It is so dangerous and this gateway to  
24 drugs is not helpful.

1 And, I tell you how serious it is, there is  
2 a school on the South Shore and it is not in my  
3 District, um, that put up the vape detectors in  
4 the bathrooms and you guys heard this, it is not <sup>Page | 30</sup>  
5 really you.

6 They put up the detectors in the bathrooms,  
7 the School District was proud of it.

8 And, the first day of school, they went  
9 over and checked it out and they go in the  
10 bathroom, every one of the detectors was torn off  
11 the wall and thrown in the toilets because  
12 that nicotine gets you.

13 We have to have that nicotine and those  
14 people that smoke, you know how tough it is to  
15 stop smoking.

16 This is much more powerful nicotine, so, it  
17 is a problem and we are addressing it.

18 And, I have taken way too much time.

19 I think it is worth the time because of  
20 such a serious epidemic.

21 Anybody else want to speak?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Fatima Alicon?

23 FATIMA ALICON: (Phonetic spelling of name)

24 Fatima Alicon, Wantagh.

1 I like to thank the Town and Councilman  
2 Dunne for, um, putting this through.

3 I can tell you as a concerned parent for  
4 many years in my community, that this has become a Page | 31  
5 very, very serious issue and we need to continue  
6 to educate.

7 I joined this Coalition and I cannot tell  
8 you how much I learned.

9 And, it is our duty and responsibility as  
10 Community Members and as parents to save any  
11 children we can from the dangers of addiction and  
12 vaping.

13 And, I can tell you this from - - I know  
14 from speaking to so many people in our  
15 communities, it is not only nicotine, there is THC  
16 and it is starting younger and younger.

17 So, we need to continue to educate because  
18 knowledge is power, and this is a great start.

19 And, I thank you and I hope you continue to  
20 work together.

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

22 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. I do not  
25 have any slips.

1 Is there anyone else that would like to be  
2 heard on this item?

3 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin  
4 resident.

5 Overall, I am always in support of anything  
6 that is going to further educate and generate  
7 awareness.

8 But, structurally, I would have to agree  
9 with Mr. Procacci with regards to the signage, not  
10 necessarily not being enough because if you go to  
11 some of the other Parks, the locations that young  
12 people go to congregate, where we do not  
13 have enough resources, whether it is public safety  
14 or police officers, um, the sign, it is oblivious  
15 to them.

16 You can drive by Coes Neck Park, today,  
17 there is like fifteen signs along the gate.

18 I would hazard to guess how many people  
19 actually read all of those signs.

20 We have a problem.

21 We often have people hopping the fence or  
22 cutting the wires to get into the Park to go there  
23 to, you know, do vaping and do all other various  
24 un-sundry things.



1 We have a problem with zombie homes, which  
2 has become a breeding ground and meeting place for  
3 people to do various un-sundry things.

4 And, all of a sudden, we want to keep  
5 putting it on the police department.

6 Our police officers do a Yeoman's job with  
7 the recourses that they have, particularly where  
8 we are, where we have the 1<sup>st</sup> Precinct.

9 Um, we have police officers that are  
10 covering for street crossing duties because we  
11 don't have still enough crossing guards to help  
12 protect our children.

13 Where is the signage? Where is  
14 the outreach?

15 Where is the promotion for that?

16 We need to increase the support services on  
17 our school campuses for places for our young  
18 people, for our young people to do things in this  
19 Township, so they can be active and involved.

20 You know, again, we are stretching our  
21 limited resources and we are not building up the  
22 types of support systems.

23 Hey, here is a thought, you know, we have  
24 Veterans out here who need something to do to be  
25 involved, to be encouraged and to encourage

1 others, why don't we have some program in place to  
2 get them involved, to set up groups and counsel  
3 interactive things with our young people?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you think it would <sup>Page | 34</sup>  
5 be helpful if the Town investigated whether or not  
6 we should put somebody to work on issues related  
7 to counseling, not only for Veterans, for  
8 citizens, young people who may have substance  
9 abuse issues that need referral to the proper  
10 agency?

11 Because it seems to me that a lot of people  
12 who have those issue and I am sure a lot of them  
13 are Veterans, um, they don't know where to be to  
14 get pointed in the right direction for treatment  
15 and maybe we can do more in that regard.

16 META MEREDAY: Yes, I think we need to  
17 focus more on the preventative and educational  
18 aspects as oppose to, "oh my goodness, now, we  
19 have an epidemic."

20 An, epidemic doesn't happen overnight.

21 It evolves. You have to deal with the  
22 situation.

23 You have to deal with the denial. We know  
24 where the epicenter is as far as the opioid  
25 crisis.

1 We know that. I attended the session with  
2 the Police Commissioner and our officers and  
3 Veteran organizations where you are talking to  
4 families and you are asking them, you know, in  
5 Levittown, in the Massapequa's and you are like,  
6 who, here has a problem with drugs in their  
7 household?

8 And, three people raised their hands.

9 There are five hundred people in the room  
10 at Police Headquarters, you know, where you had to  
11 have parents who lost their relatives and stood up  
12 and said I can point out people in this room where  
13 there is a known problem.

14 But you don't want to shame people to  
15 coming forward.

16 This is a sensitive issue, but if we had  
17 more peer counseling in the substance abuse arena,  
18 peer counseling, peer support, then you can have  
19 the greatest amount of success.

20 But you have to sort it somewhere, you  
21 know.

22 And, again, we really have to start looking  
23 at, you know, ways to not necessarily bring in our  
24 police officers until it is absolutely necessary  
25 because they are already strained as it is.

1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think we do that  
2 already, though, I mean Members of this Board have  
3 helped me over the last year and a half to host  
4 over two thousand people at opioid overdose  
5 training classes, where we go over how to  
6 distribute Narcan and we give them Narcan.

7 We go over how to identify an overdose, how  
8 to save someone with Narcan.

9 We go over how to keep your home safe, how  
10 to make sure there is opioid not readily available  
11 to your people.

12 And, we also stress one of the biggest  
13 parts of the class is stressing the fact that if  
14 people need help and if someone is in an overdose  
15 situation, one of the most important things is to  
16 make sure that they are transported to a hospital  
17 so that they get that necessary help.

18 And, we provide them with organizations  
19 throughout the Township who can give them that  
20 help.

21 And, there are some classes that I have  
22 that have ten people.

23 There are some classes that have one  
24 hundred and ninety people and I don't ask people  
25 do you have a drug problem in your home.

1 I think, um, people are smart enough to  
2 make that decision, that if they see the  
3 opportunity and the resources available to help  
4 themselves, their family, their friends or their  
5 loved ones and, they are taking the initiative.

6 Tonight, I will be in Salisbury with  
7 Councilman Ambrosino.

8 There are people that are taking their  
9 Thursday night to sit in a room and listen to me  
10 for an hour, um, chances are they are doing it  
11 because they need it.

12 So, I think to say that the Town of  
13 Hempstead isn't doing their part, maybe we  
14 are not doing everything we can, but I think we  
15 are by far and above light years ahead of other  
16 Townships in the work that they were doing with  
17 the opioid issue, with the vaping issue.

18 I mean to say that signs aren't going to  
19 solve the issue, does that mean we take out all  
20 the Stop signs in the Town of Hempstead because  
21 people everyday go through Stop signs.

22 It is a terrible argument because the signs  
23 do create conversation and you know what, maybe  
24 the parents, this meeting right, here, will create  
25 conversation.

1           Hopefully there will be some reporting  
2           about it, maybe people will be at home at the  
3           kitchen table discussing about vaping, discussing  
4           the concerns, discussing really what the issues     Page | 38  
5           are and how it can affect you and I think they are  
6           all steps in the right direction.

7           So, I think there are a lot of things the  
8           Town of Hempstead is doing.

9           Maybe it is not everything that we all  
10          want, um, but like I said, I would put the work  
11          that we are doing with opioids, I would put the  
12          work that we are doing with vaping up against  
13          pretty much any Township, at least, I know of  
14          in the State of New York.

15          And, I think we would be by far and above  
16          lightyears ahead of them.

17          META MEREDAY: Well, we can agree to  
18          disagree.

19          And, you kind of put words in my mouth that  
20          I didn't say.

21          I will keep moving.

22          COUNCILMAN DUNNE: You did say people in  
23          Levittown do have a problem, but we have the YES  
24          Organization, Corinne that just spoke to us - - we  
25          try to - - one of the major departments in that

1 YES Organization and not only does she help, they  
2 asked for a fifteen-thousand-dollar grant from the  
3 Town of Hempstead.

4 And, we are trying to get maybe more than <sup>Page | 39</sup>  
5 that because it is an epidemic, now.

6 We need to get more than that kind of a  
7 grant for YES and here is what YES does.

8 People can walk through the door, just walk  
9 in and they are with the schools and I just found  
10 this out this week, the schools, if you get a  
11 school suspension of five days, now, if you go to  
12 one of their programs that YES has, they help the  
13 schools with this, then, your five day suspension  
14 gets cut down by one or two days.

15 It makes them, it forces them to listen and  
16 learn and get educated.

17 So, not only are we doing what we have to  
18 do, but, thank you, YES Organization, I know I am  
19 speaking out of turn, here, trying to get you some  
20 education to what we are doing.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Senior Councilwoman  
22 Goosby would like to say something.

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I am sorry.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like to  
25 say thank you to Councilman D'Esposito. I

1 attended his classes with all of my staff and  
2 others in the community.

3 So, we are all - - we have been educated  
4 ourselves because of the fact that you train us. Page | 40

5 So, thank you.

6 And, I know that others, it is necessary to  
7 this Town that others learn.

8 We have it opened to the public. It was on  
9 the website.

10 If you didn't take advantage of it, I am  
11 sorry, but we did do it, here, right here in this  
12 Pavilion.

13 META MEREDAY: Again, back to my actual  
14 point, with regard to the signs, as I said, I do  
15 agree with Mr. Procacci with regard to the  
16 effectiveness.

17 I appreciate Councilman Blakeman's points  
18 about doing something in addition to what is  
19 already being done.

20 I strongly believe that Counseling, as well  
21 as, peer support, community involvement, parents,  
22 as you mentioned, yourself, Supervisor Gillen with  
23 four children, it does really start at the home.



1 And, growing up in a household where I have  
2 been apart of the whole social work substance  
3 abuse and I am quite familiar with YES.

4 My Mother was one of the orchestrators with <sup>Page | 41</sup>  
5 the DWI Program for Nassau County.

6 She worked with the prison system.

7 We had people who had substance abuse  
8 issues in my home, so, I have direct relationship  
9 to believing in people and giving back and  
10 receiving and doing what is necessary.

11 So, I am just saying we need to broaden the  
12 scope, provide the resources and, again, use the  
13 uncapped and underserved resources that are right  
14 in our face, considering Long Island has the  
15 largest Veteran population in the northeast region  
16 to better serve our young people, as well as our  
17 Veterans.

18 Thank you.

19 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
20 After, the following ensued.)

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

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

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

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, <sup>Page | 42</sup>  
5 the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make the Motion that  
9 we close the Hearing and vote on the item.

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

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

3 CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped  
4 Parking on Public Streets" in Bellmore, Elmont, Page | 43  
5 Franklin Square, Inwood, Roosevelt, West  
6 Hempstead, Woodmere (Centre Avenue, Wellington  
7 Road, Francis Court, Holland Avenue, Norfolk Drive  
8 West, Barrymore Boulevard, Cathedral Avenue,  
9 Walcott Avenue, Linden Point, Woods Avenue,  
10 Roosevelt Avenue, Edward Avenue, Oak Street)

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

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

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
17 have a Motion?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
19 Public Hearing be closed, and the item be adopted.

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

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

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

13 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Public Parking  
14 Field Maps in Levittown, (Field L-11).

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

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move that the  
23 Public Hearing be closed, and the proposed parking  
24 plan be adopted.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

15 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
16 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: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

1 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

3 Madam Clerk, please, call the next Public  
4 Hearing. Page | 46

5 CLERK CABANA: Application of Shady Point,  
6 LLC., special exception (public garage) to permit  
7 an operation of an automobile repair shop and  
8 automobile body repair in addition the  
9 installation of a spray booth for painting of  
10 automobiles - West Hempstead - n/e/b Hamilton &  
11 Cherry Valley Avenues.

12 I have a companion application of Shady  
13 Point, LLC for restrictive Covenants dated  
14 December 20, 1995 affecting real property located  
15 at 160 Cherry Valley Avenue in West Hempstead.

16 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: Good Morning, Members  
17 of the Board, appearing for the applicant, Howard  
18 Avertine, 575 Underhill Boulevard, Syosset.

19 This is the application of Shady Point,  
20 LLC. for a special exception to permit operation  
21 of an automobile repair shop and automobile body  
22 repair shop, as well as, to revoke a Declaration  
23 of Restrictive Covenants with respect to premises  
24 in West Hempstead.

1 The property under application is located  
2 at the northeast corner of Hamilton Avenue and  
3 Cherry Valley Avenue in West Hempstead.

4 The property has a street address of 160 <sup>Page | 47</sup>  
5 Cherry Valley Avenue.

6 It is also known as Section 33, Block 535,  
7 Lot 54 on the Nassau County Land and Tax Map.

8 The premises has a lot area of 9,246.07  
9 square feet, slightly less than one quarter of an  
10 acre.

11 The premises under application is developed  
12 with a one-story brick and block building utilized  
13 with an automobile repair shop and automobile body  
14 repair shop.

15 The premises has been utilized for  
16 automotive repairs since, approximately, 1953, at  
17 which time, it also sold gasoline.

18 By Resolution Number 930-1995, under Case  
19 Number 25041, adopted on September 19, 1995,  
20 this Board approved the application of CVR Realty  
21 Corp. for a special exception to maintain and  
22 legalize an existing automotive repair shop, as  
23 well as, storage of new automobiles and new and  
24 used taxicabs, as well as, to allow parking in the  
25 front yard setback at the corner of Hamilton

1 Avenue on the easterly side of Cherry Valley  
2 Avenue.

3 By Resolution 387-1996, under Case Number  
4 25041, this Board approved the application of CVR <sup>Page | 48</sup>  
5 Realty Corp. to extend the time to secure building  
6 permits as authorized by the previously mentioned  
7 resolution, number 930-1995.

8 The Building permits and Certificate of  
9 Occupancy Number 9601911 were thereafter issued.

10 In addition, by Resolution Number 1023-  
11 1995, under Case Number 25041, adopted on  
12 September 19, 1995, this Board accepted a  
13 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants incidental to  
14 and in connection with the granting of the  
15 aforesaid special exception approval.

16 In that Resolution, along with the  
17 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants, Nassau  
18 County Clerk's Office in libre 10618 at Page 833,  
19 further by decision, April 11, 1996 and decision  
20 dated March 13, 1996, under Case Number 80, the  
21 Board of Appeals of the Town of Hempstead granted  
22 variances for off-street parking and permission to  
23 park in the front yard setback, as well as,  
24 insufficient back-up space in connection with the  
25 automotive repair shop use.



1           Petitioner, now, seeks approval from this  
2 Board authorizing automobile body repairs, in  
3 addition to general automotive repairs on the  
4 premises, as well as, installation of a spray  
5 booth for painting of automobiles in connection  
6 with the auto body work that is all in accordance  
7 with the site plans and plans which are on file  
8 with the Town Board.

9           The applicant also seeks approval of the  
10 application for revocation of the previously  
11 mentioned Declaration of Restrictive Covenants in  
12 conjunction with the application seeking the  
13 special exception to permit the autobody repair  
14 shop, in addition to the existing and approved  
15 automobile shop.

16           Applications will also be filed, if  
17 required, by the Board of Appeals for any  
18 variances which maybe part and in connection with  
19 the application.

20           In the event the application is approved,  
21 the premises will be developed substantially in  
22 accordance with the site plan and plans prepared  
23 by Antony S. Persico (phonetic spelling) on those  
24 plans that are before the Board, today.

1           In addition, the previously, recorded  
2 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants will be  
3 inappropriate for the subject premises in the  
4 event the application is approved and we  
5 anticipate in the event the application is  
6 approved, the Board will require execution and  
7 recording of a new Declaration of Restrictive  
8 Covenants in accordance with the approval, so, we  
9 respectfully request, in the event that the  
10 applications are approved this morning, that the  
11 prior set of Restrictive Covenants be annulled and  
12 be substituted with a new document which this  
13 Board will require in that event.

14           The granting of the application will  
15 provide for the continued use of the premises for  
16 a very similar use to which the property has been  
17 put for many years.

18           The sole change is to obtain approval of an  
19 automotive, body repair work, in addition the  
20 existing auto repair shop, the proposed use  
21 for this property is compatible with nearby uses,  
22 both residential, as well as, commercial.

23           And, I believe the granting of this  
24 application will have no adverse effect on the  
25 subject property and surrounding areas.

1 I do have some photos for those Members of  
2 the Board which may not be familiar with the  
3 property and surrounding area, those photos I took  
4 last week, and they do accurately depict the  
5 subject premises and both surrounding residential  
6 community, as well as, the surrounding business  
7 properties.

8 Review of the radius map will reveal there  
9 are numerous businesses on Cherry Valley Avenue  
10 within two hundred feet of the premises including  
11 Machine shops, a marble and granite company, a  
12 health club, a heating and plumbing business, as  
13 well as an existing autobody shop at 140 Cherry  
14 Valley Avenue.

15 The premises has, approximately, six  
16 employees.

17 The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to  
18 5:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday and the  
19 operation will fully comply with all Town, County  
20 and State requirements.

21 In fact, we were just advised verbally that  
22 the application has obtained approval of a spray  
23 booth machines which were filed with the Nassau  
24 County Fire Marshal's Office.

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1 The principal of Shady Point, LLC, Lawrence  
2 Messinger (phonetic spelling) is here with me this  
3 morning in case the Board has any questions, Mr.  
4 Messinger and of course, I will field any  
5 questions that the Board has for me, as well.

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6 That completes our application.

7 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Madam Supervisor, I  
8 have a couple of questions, Counsel's  
9 presentation, a couple points, I notice an  
10 inspection was made and there were violations on  
11 the property.

12 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: The inspections - -

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is cleaned up?

14 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: It is already done.

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: With respect to your  
16 revocation of C & R, do you have a copy for me?

17 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: Yes, sir.

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: To the extent these  
19 were inapplicable to the potential new use  
20 absolutely no problem with revoking them, if the  
21 rest of the Board agrees with that.

22 However, Covenant 5, 6, 7 and 8 is somewhat  
23 innocuous.

24 They are generic in nature.

1 I would anticipate that new C & R,  
2 something similar would be put in?

3 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Fire door, lighting <sup>Page | 53</sup>  
5 not spreading out, nice and orderly matter, we  
6 would like to have them in the C & R and it  
7 wouldn't hurt the new business and generic in  
8 nature.

9 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: Absolutely.

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: No further comments.

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: One quick question, I  
12 don't see an American Flag flying on there, are we  
13 going to make sure we do our patriotic duty and  
14 put a flag there?

15 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: We will do it tomorrow.

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: You will do it tomorrow,  
17 God Bless you.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, gentlemen.

19 ATTORNEY AVERTINE: Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
21 on this Public Hearing.

22 Is there anyone that would like to be  
23 Heard?

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

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I  
2 have a Motion.

3 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Madam Supervisor, I  
4 move that the Public Hearing be closed and we Page | 54  
5 reserve decision.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

8 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
9 Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: 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 item.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor, there are two  
23 Items on the Decision Calendar.

24 The first is the Application of 2765  
25 Broadway Realty, LLC & 2200 Bellmore Avenue

1 Realty, LLC for Special Exception (Public Garage)  
2 to permit a conversion of the existing public  
3 garage/auto repair facility into a public  
4 garage/auto repair facility and auto body and  
5 paint repair facility - Bellmore - southwest  
6 corner of Bellmore & Grand Avenues.

7 There is a companion decision, the  
8 Application of 2765 Broadway Realty, LLC. & 2200  
9 Bellmore Avenue Realty, LLC for a modification of  
10 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants - Bellmore -  
11 southwest corner of Bellmore & Grand Avenues.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move these  
14 decisions and I would like to make sure they are  
15 adopted.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second Councilwoman  
17 Goosby's Motion to adopt the two items.

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

20 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
21 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: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? Page | 56

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

8 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the  
9 Calendar.

10 CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor and Members  
11 of the Council, on the Administrative Calendar,  
12 this morning, there are Items 15 through 57.

13 I also have a Resolution that is of urgent  
14 or emergency nature, this is a Resolution  
15 authorizing the Supervisor to transfer funds from  
16 various appropriations and appropriated fund  
17 balances to other various appropriations.

18 This will be item Number 58 on the  
19 calendar.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Would any of the  
21 Council Members like to sever any of the items?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move to  
23 Amend Item 45 to change the amount to one hundred  
24 forty-five thousand to amend Item 46 to one



1 hundred and forty-five thousand and to amend Item  
2 47 to sixty thousand.

3 This will be seconded?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Seconded.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay.

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

8 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
9 Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

21 May I have a Motion on the Administrative  
22 Calendar.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Before I move  
24 Forward, Supervisor, can I just ask a question of  
25 the Comptroller's office on Item 36.

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Absolutely.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you.

3 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Good

4 Morning.

5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I just have a couple  
6 of questions, obviously, can you explain, briefly,  
7 what Cleargov. is and what it is going to be doing  
8 for the Department?

9 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: The way I  
10 understand Cleargov provide a dashboard-like item  
11 that will be on a website for places to provide  
12 financial data.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

14 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: It will be  
15 accessible by the public.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: The discussion we  
17 had this morning, we currently have, um, the  
18 enterprise system, Oracle, is that right?

19 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: That's  
20 right.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Can I be capable of  
22 providing the same information through Oracle as  
23 we would through this, I guess, software?

1 COMPROLLER LONGBARDO: This software  
2 through Enterprise system that we have, we provide  
3 the data for this system.

4 Um, right, now, the way it is configured, <sup>Page | 59</sup>  
5 we would not actually have, it would be an  
6 enhancement of what we have going forward, okay.

7 Um, this system, here, would provide,  
8 again, this is more of a viewing system, this,  
9 here, the financial data would go into this, um,  
10 what we currently do, probably would take  
11 spreadsheets and information, put it all together  
12 and put it on here, um, under the new pieces to  
13 the data that we have, we provide and the way that  
14 is much easier and accessible, for lack of a  
15 better term.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: ERP system the we  
17 currently have?

18 DEPUTY COMPROLLER LONGOBARDI: ERP system  
19 we are putting in.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That wouldn't be ready  
21 until 2020, is that correct?

22 DEPUTY COMPROLLER LONGOBARDI: Yes, that  
23 system would provide data for us in a much easier  
24 access than we would have to do right, now.

25 The data we would get out of the

1 System, um, probably would be done on a press of a  
2 button versus where we are today.

3 We have to put together some information  
4 but the actual two systems, one is more of a Page | 60  
5 viewing system, the other is a system that  
6 actually does all of our financials.

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay and they are  
8 compatible, and they work together?

9 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: They would  
10 be compatible, yes.

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: And, there is not  
12 like a duplication of service in there?

13 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: What I  
14 would say to you is it wouldn't be so much  
15 duplication of service, how we get the data right,  
16 now, getting the data would be much more manually  
17 intensive, whereas, going forward, um, it would be  
18 a lot easier and much more accessible.

19 It would be all part of the system.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Longobardi, we  
21 don't have something in place that can present the  
22 budget data in a clear way to residents in the  
23 same manner that Cleargov would do right, now?

24 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: In place  
25 right, now, no.

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, we wouldn't have  
2 that capability, any capabilities that we would  
3 have in association with the ERP system that we  
4 are putting in place, those are not likely to be <sup>Page | 61</sup>  
5 available for our use until 2020, January, 2020?

6 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Yes, in the  
7 last six months, yes, by January, 2020.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right.

9 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER LONGOBARDI: Again, to  
10 get accessible.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is it fair to say  
12 Cleargov is an inexpensive government transparency  
13 benchmark software that will present our Town  
14 Budget in a format to residents in a very clear  
15 and easy to understand format?

16 Um, it will help residents understand how  
17 their tax dollars are being spent. I don't know if  
18 anybody, here has ever tried to read the budget,  
19 um, but it is not decipherable.

20 Cleargov is a software program that we can  
21 use.

22 It is very inexpensive that will take the  
23 budget that we pass this year and put it in a very  
24 easy to understand format for residents to let  
25 them better understand how their taxpayer

1 dollars are being spent and compare expenditure to  
2 peer communities, as well.

3 The goal of Cleargov is to help the Town  
4 operate and communicate more efficiently and more <sup>Page | 62</sup>  
5 effectively with our taxpayers by providing them  
6 with unique fiscal insight through a financial  
7 transparency and benchmarking platform so  
8 everybody knows that this contract and this  
9 service was presented to a bipartisan review  
10 committee that includes a representative from my  
11 office, Gordon Fox from Purchasing and Alex  
12 Pessala representing the Town Board Majority and  
13 everyone in that group agreed that Cleargov is  
14 clearly the choice for the Town of Hempstead with  
15 transparency and benchmarking tools that it needs  
16 to present our budget to the community.

17 It is a great thing and we should be in  
18 favor of this.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you, Mr.  
20 Longobardi.

21 With that being said, I just move to table  
22 37 and 48.

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the Motion.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a motion on  
25 the Administrative Calendar?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: We need a Motion to  
2 table.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Sorry, may I have a  
4 Motion to table.

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I make the Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Second.

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

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Just to clarify that  
10 Motion to table to postpone indefinitely.

11 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
12 Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote no on Item 48  
24 is, um, an item that contemplates a rescue that  
25 may take dogs that have server behavioral issues,

1 I do not think it should be tabled indefinitely.

2 If there is an issue, we need to resolve  
3 it.

4 We can table it but not indefinitely.

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5 It would provide a valuable resource for  
6 our Animal Shelter.

7 Now, may I have a Motion on the  
8 Administrative Calendar.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
10 Administrative Calendar except 37 and 41.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix Procacci.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
14 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

15 Um, with regards to Number 36, you know, it  
16 is hard for me to say that I am against this, but,  
17 it is not that I am against what it is trying to  
18 do, but I am against it for the reason that you  
19 can give people a lot of data.

20 Newsday publishes the salaries, the names  
21 of every municipality, every School District,  
22 every Water District and so on and giving people  
23 that information is essentially a waste of time  
24 because there is no way to digest that  
25 information.



1 Without a transparency system, I discovered  
2 numerous violations, numerous anomalies that my  
3 Park District does not have a budget.

4 The Town Board unanimously passed a window<sup>Page | 65</sup>  
5 and restaurant law that put a business out of  
6 business, passed a Free Air Law that violates  
7 New York State laws, appointed a Building  
8 Commissioner that was not qualified for the job,  
9 voted for an illegal moratorium violating New  
10 York State Case Law, voted to open a Union  
11 Contract to give lifetime employment asking  
12 nothing in return.

13 Violated Town Law by not putting all  
14 financial disclosures online - -

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci, we are  
16 talking about Cleargov.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand that, the  
18 point is going on and on with all the  
19 violations, at the end of the day, these things  
20 that I mentioned cost the Town money making the  
21 correlations between what you are trying to  
22 present financially, all these things I  
23 mentioned, cost the Town money.

24 There is no correlation. All you are doing  
25 is giving people a ton of information to

1 look at numbers.

2 And, numbers will not do anything to help  
3 people understand.

4 I offered last year to be the transparency <sup>Page | 66</sup>  
5 outlet and I beat Cleargov.

6 I offered zero dollars to Supervisor  
7 Santino to put all the transparency, real  
8 transparency, things that will really tell the  
9 people how their government operates, what they  
10 really feel about things, things we really don't  
11 want to know.

12 We table things indefinitely, so, we avoid  
13 the discussion that is what people want to know,  
14 not a bunch of numbers will give people no clear  
15 insight as to how their government works and  
16 that is why I am for the idea, but I am against  
17 doing it this way.

18 Because we have a Board, let's face it,  
19 doesn't want transparency, doesn't want - - they  
20 want the appearance of transparency, that is  
21 what they want and that is why I don't see this  
22 as being beneficial.

23 And, let me go onto other Administrative  
24 items; Frederick P. Clarke Associates, once,  
25 again, that is an illegal resolution that

1 was never noticed properly, whether it was August  
2 7<sup>th</sup> or whatever it was, August 1<sup>st</sup>, I brought up  
3 that contract that was never presented to the  
4 public prior to the Hearing in violation of law.

5 I think I mentioned it at the July meeting,  
6 I think, and I brought that up and everybody  
7 ignored it and the law as violated and went  
8 ahead with it even though it is supporting an  
9 illegal moratorium, which is going to cost a lot  
10 of money in legal fees.

11 And, how are we going to see that in  
12 Cleargov to make the connection?

13 You will not see it.

14 Then the calling of the Public Hearing for  
15 the gasoline service station, the free air law,  
16 once, again, that is an illegal law and that is  
17 going to cost taxpayers money, also.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It was in two different  
19 parts of the Code.

20 It was to make sure we got it, in the other  
21 part of the Code, that is what the Free Air Law

22 - -

23 FELIX PROCACCI: It doesn't matter,  
24 whatever it is, the law, it preempts State Law.

25 There was an injunction which, you know

1 it is not ruling a final decision, but that is a  
2 very strong case, that you are doing something  
3 wrong and what Berkman Henoch proposed doing and  
4 this isn't going to show up on Cleargov either, <sup>Page | 68</sup>  
5 is to depose everybody which would cost tens of  
6 thousands of dollars.

7 Questions of law should be decided on  
8 people's opinions and what happened.

9 Questions of law should be discussed as  
10 what the law says and that was never discussed,  
11 here, ever.

12 And, that will not show up in Cleargov.

13 This is all these things and once, again, I  
14 am running out of time, but various positions,  
15 the personnel decisions, I FOIL-ed the  
16 "Resignations & Terminations."

17 I still haven't gotten no records found.

18 I haven't gotten any response to my FOIL  
19 requests.

20 Once, again, these are things, this will  
21 give insight on what the government is doing  
22 and, yet, we don't want to publicize this.

23 If you want transparency, I will offer it  
24 for free and I have done a freakin good job.

25 I had fifty-three thousand minutes

1 watched on my channel last month.

2 How many minutes of Town of Hempstead  
3 watched in one month and I have zero-dollar  
4 advertising budget.

5 I can do better.

6 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
7 After, the following ensued.)

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Felix.

9 I think presenting the information to  
10 residents is always a good thing.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: If you don't say why the  
12 money is being spent, it is useless information.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Meta Mereday?

14 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin  
15 resident.

16 Let's get this started, Number 17, um, I do  
17 have the information, I do thank those  
18 representatives from the Building Department  
19 giving me the information about the locations in  
20 Baldwin.

21 Um, still have questions regarding the  
22 contract being processed within the Town, um, in  
23 terms of expanding the outreach to provide  
24 assistance for and opportunities for our  
25 Veterans or struggling minority women and

1 Veteran-owned businesses and I know that the  
2 legislation or procurement language is all in  
3 the works and these things take time and one  
4 step at a time and all of that good stuff.

5 And, when I read about the numbers and the  
6 information that pertains to New York State  
7 being the second largest in homelessness in the  
8 Country, we are basically, the cold reality,  
9 sandwiched between the first State, Hawaii and  
10 the third State, California.

11 Um, my concern speaks to the fact that Long  
12 Island, again, has the largest Veteran  
13 population in the Town of Hempstead and the Town  
14 of Hempstead has the largest Veteran population  
15 in Nassau County.

16 So, these types of things are important to  
17 me and hopefully should be important to others.

18 When I see the number of contracts for  
19 services relating to our animals, the veterinary  
20 support services, there are a number of  
21 contracts on this particular agenda that  
22 provides resources for that.

23 But, I see zero, and, again, zero, zilch,  
24 nil that speaks to providing any type of  
25 services, supports or recourses for our

1 Veterans, nothing, nothing mobile, nothing rescue,  
2 nothing recovery, zero, that is a concern for  
3 me, as we are going into budgeting, yet, again.

4 Um, Item 21, this resolution proposal to <sup>Page | 71</sup>  
5 provide passage, what is that?

6 What is this cost?

7 What is it for?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, this is a three-  
9 year contract.

10 It is - - the cost is four thousand eight  
11 hundred and ninety-six dollars, um, it is  
12 support plan for a public safety management  
13 system, sole source providers.

14 META MEREDAY: Visitors, as visitors to the  
15 Township, visitors to the buildings, what  
16 exactly?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Visitors to the  
18 buildings, visitors that come and visit our  
19 building.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, 23, again, what is it?  
21 Um, why is it authorizing payment of the licensing  
22 maintenance and support services, again, what is  
23 that?

24 Do we have an existing contract with them?

25 Has that contract been satisfied?

1 Again, you are talking about budget.

2 You are talking about that, Item 36, when  
3 you are takin about this, you are supposed to  
4 give bench markings and transparency. Page | 72

5 We have elected officials who campaigned on  
6 the promise they were going to be our voice and  
7 they were going to provide us with transparency.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I can tell you what 23  
9 is, 23 is a management system that we use in our  
10 H.R.

11 Eventually, this function will be taken  
12 over by the ERP system that we have been  
13 discussing earlier, however, that system will  
14 probably not be fully functional until January,  
15 2020, um, this company is the one that  
16 maintenances that software right, now.

17 We need them because we don't have, as I  
18 said, the next system will not be ready until  
19 around January, 2020, so, they are insisting  
20 that we agree that we will keep them on board  
21 until then.

22 So, that they - - we can have continuity in  
23 operations until our new system gets in place,  
24 that is what this is about.

25 META MEREDAY: Okay, so does this mean we



1 are kind of being held hostage by a vendor that we  
2 are paying?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well, they are  
4 providing us a valuable resource that, um, Page | 73  
5 maintains some of our human resources  
6 applications and we need them, we need, in order  
7 to maintain our system until we put in a new  
8 system.

9 So, we want to keep them on board because  
10 they can provide us with the service all along.

11 We want to make sure there is no  
12 interruption, so, there is a smooth transition  
13 when the ERP system is fully functional.

14 META MEREDAY: Okay, um, Item 29, 30, 31  
15 pretty much, again, speaks to just asking  
16 questions as far as these major authorizations  
17 and serial bonds.

18 And, what companies - - where is the  
19 diversity and inclusion with these companies?

20 And, yes, that is an issue.

21 I am going to continue to bring up because  
22 I can't see where the Town of Hempstead in this  
23 scenario would be able to match up successfully  
24 or at the top of the level in terms of diversity  
25 and inclusion in case someone wanted to bring

1 up that issue that, you know, the Town of  
2 Hempstead could be matched up against on in  
3 terms of their diversity and inclusion because  
4 the track record, here is not acceptable at all. Page | 74

5 I already brought up my point about Item  
6 36.

7 37 was tabled.

8 Um, 38, I believe someone else will discuss  
9 that one in more detail.

10 39, why, authorizing retention of  
11 consulting services, do we not have someone who  
12 is in charge of the Parks Department?

13 Do they not have a staff?

14 I mean we seem to be providing consultants  
15 for staff people for workers and it is on the  
16 backs of taxpayers who are losing their homes or  
17 getting in larger numbers of zombie homes in  
18 their neighborhood.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner?

20 META MEREDAY: 38, no, not 38, 39.

21 Is there an answer?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: About 39.

23 COMMISSIONER: Various locations like  
24 anchor, spray head bathrooms, Anchor playground  
25 that this company is going to be helping us out

1 with engineering reports.

2 Um, with that being said, also, we are  
3 doing jobs evaluating the wall in Lido Beach  
4 where we need a specialist.

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5 None of our Park staff have the  
6 capabilities to give us the engineering report  
7 that this would require.

8 META MEREDAY: Okay, we don't have the  
9 qualifications on staff, so, this is kind of  
10 outsourcing?

11 COMMISSIONER: Yes.

12 META MEREDAY: How does this outsource  
13 done?

14 Was this advertised or what was the process  
15 that generated this particular consultant?

16 COMMISSIONER: This consultant has done  
17 work for us in the past.

18 We have a contract with this consultant  
19 already and we are just asking to replenish some  
20 of the funds, so we can use this consultant  
21 once, again.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Mereday, the Town  
23 had certain consultants already under contract,  
24 um, when we started this new term, this new  
25 year, we had changed the RFP process for

1 Consultants that is something we passed a couple  
2 months ago, so, going forward, we will have a  
3 more competitive process for consultants and  
4 have a list of qualified consultants starting in  
5 January that we will go through an RFP process,  
6 that is something that is going to happen moving  
7 forward.

8 META MEREDAY: Okay, you are saying at some  
9 point we are going to actually be in compliance  
10 and have a focus on diversity and inclusion.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are going to have a  
12 more open and competitive process for consulting  
13 services.

14 META MEREDAY: Okay.

15 Thank you.

16 Okay, 47, authorizing to perform planning  
17 environmental traffic studies, how many more  
18 traffic studies do we need to have?

19 Is there a way, I mean, in Nassau County,  
20 there is a Town and County Committee that never  
21 has anything listed on their agenda when they  
22 meet.

23 It is just wasted paper.

24 How many more traffic studies do we have  
25 when we have, you know, bad

1 roads, potholes and dangerous situations?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: For this one, what we  
3 are just doing is clarifying that the agreement  
4 is not to exceed a total ninety-five thousand <sup>Page | 77</sup>  
5 that is not in the prior agreement.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Can I just - -

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ninety-five thousand  
8 five hundred.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Can I just discuss  
10 that for one second, I am not sure we are going  
11 to spend any money yet, um, basically, this was  
12 generated primarily to look at the issues with  
13 respect to golf courses, um, coastal areas for  
14 wetlands.

15 META MEREDAY: A-hun.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, whether a change  
17 of use from golf course to something else  
18 including a Park District would have an impact.

19 Councilman D'Esposito and I have not agreed  
20 yet that should go forward until analysis is  
21 done on the potential acquisition cost of any  
22 particular golf course, if we decided to move  
23 into a Park District.

24 Am I right, Councilman?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: That is right.

1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We don't even know if  
2 we will be spending any money on that but they  
3 are tee-ed up in case, um, the cost of  
4 acquisition for a Park District is something  
5 that we decide to move forward later in the  
6 agenda that we have somebody tee-ed up, that  
7 would be ready to go right in and do the  
8 analysis, um, that is necessary to create a Park  
9 District.

10 But, again, that speculative until the  
11 acquisition costs are determined.

12 META MEREDAY: So, this is, basically,  
13 going to earmark ninety-five thousand dollars.  
14 (A) we can't seem to get fifty thousand dollars  
15 to do research to determine what programs and  
16 services our Veterans need in the Township.

17 I am just saying.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I wouldn't tie the  
19 two of them together.

20 I think they are independent issues and I  
21 think, basically, um, we are going to discuss in  
22 the upcoming budget exactly the issues that you  
23 brought forward because there are valid issues  
24 and important issues, so, in this budget  
25 process, I think that, you know, we will be

1 addressing the very things that you brought up.

2 META MEREDAY: Okay, I appreciate that.

3 Lastly, 41 and 42, again, 41, why the  
4 increase?

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5 And, 42, um, who is the deal with, just  
6 Molloy?

7 I mean, residents, we are not able to get a  
8 discount at any of the colleges?

9 I am curious.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Molloy College offered  
11 us this benefit.

12 It is a great thing.

13 So, we are accepting the benefit.

14 META MEREDAY: And, 41, why the increase?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner?

16 META MEREDAY: Hi, good to see you.

17 COMMISSIONER PAKRIGE: Good Morning Town  
18 Board Members, Supervisor; George Pakridge,  
19 Commissioner of the Planning Department.

20 This increase, if you remember the last  
21 Town Board Meeting, there was a resolution  
22 establishing a new account.

23 I think you questioned it at that time.

24 This is, now, reflecting that this is for  
25 services that would be rendered by VHB in

1 connection to the Baldwin Overlay Zoning Project.

2 META MEREDAY: Right.

3 COMMISSIONER: Okay, the money is in my  
4 account.

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5 They have the present contract with my  
6 department.

7 The CBG part of that contract had been  
8 exhausted and has been sent.

9 So, this will cover their costs to the end  
10 of the year.

11 META MEREDAY: That is what I want to know,  
12 this would be covering the cost to the end of  
13 the year.

14 I just needed clarification on that.

15 COMMISSIONER: Yes.

16 META MEREDAY: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

18 Valerie Lampe?

19 VALERIE LAMPE: Valerie Lampe, Baldwin.

20 Actually, my first question was pertaining  
21 to all of those bonds that are issued, um, a lot  
22 of money going out in bonds, I was wondering if  
23 someone could tell me who our bond counsel is?

24 Do we have more than one?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, can you



1 identify our bond counsel?

2 There are two law firms.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We have two, Hawkins and  
4 Wood and Phillips, Little.

5 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, thank you. So, you  
6 know, I would like to switch gears to Number 48,  
7 um, Councilman D'Esposito, I want to thank you,  
8 personally for tabling that, putting - - having  
9 the Board table that.

10 And, I would like to ask, though, because  
11 as usual, I am all about an ounce of prevention.

12 We recently had a dog named Brock at the  
13 Animal Shelter who was unnecessarily euthanized.

14 He was a healthy animal and he had a rescue  
15 lined up, willing to take him.

16 So, um, two days prior to his scheduled  
17 pick-up date, someone gave him the murder order,  
18 which is what I call it or the kill order and  
19 this dog had a chance.

20 It had a place to go.

21 It had a place to go. It had, according to  
22 the Shelter, behavior problems.

23 So, I would like to know and that is  
24 unacceptable by the way.

25 I would like to know what type of due

1 diligence is conducted while selecting a rescue,  
2 specific to rescuing dogs with behavior  
3 problems?

4 And, I also like to know what on earth  
5 would prevent this inhumane and ridiculous-  
6 decision making panel or committee to kill more  
7 innocent dogs who are healthy and have a rescue  
8 route committed.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Item 48 was to  
10 authorize us to send more dogs to rescue, so,  
11 you are saying you are against it?

12 You are glad it was tabled, is that what  
13 you are saying?

14 I don't understand it.

15 VALERIE LAMPE: No, I thought I made it  
16 very perfectly clear, my concern is that you  
17 have a rescue group lined up and ready to take a  
18 dog named Brock, who was considered aggressive.

19 The same criteria that you are talking  
20 about, here, okay, before you get coiled up and  
21 hissy, listen.

22 This dog was murdered, this dog that your  
23 staff claimed had aggressive problems, so, under  
24 this criteria, if the same thing happens, again,  
25 what is going to prevent your inhumane and

1 | incredibly malicious staff from murdering more  
2 | innocent animals?

3 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, do you support 48  
4 | or you don't support 48?

5 | I am not sure. Are you talking about 48?

6 | Are you in favor of these rescues?

7 | Are you in favor of this rescue or not?

8 | Do you think dogs should go - -

9 | VALERIE LAMPE: One question at a time.

10 | I am against this.

11 | I would like to know - - my question, which  
12 | you are supposed to answer, as I am a taxpayer  
13 | to an elected official, is what type of due  
14 | diligence was their conducted in terms of  
15 | selecting this rescue?

16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Marino?

17 | (Whereupon, "This is an issue that was way  
18 | before Gillen came here," was called out from  
19 | the audience. After, the following ensued.)

20 | VALERIE LAMPE: Are you talking about - -

21 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Let the Commissioner  
22 | explain the selection process.

23 | COMMISSIONER MARINO: Good Morning,  
24 | Supervisor, Town Board, Senior Councilwoman  
25 | Goosby:

1 I don't understand the question.

2 VALERIE LAMPE: Sure, I want to know what  
3 type of due diligence is conduct in selecting  
4 this rescue? Page | 84

5 I recognize there was an RFP, okay, that  
6 said there was a term that it said it was "duly  
7 qualified and meets the needs of the Town" can  
8 you tell me what those qualifications are?

9 COMMISSIONER MARINO: I actually didn't  
10 prepare this one.

11 What I did, last year, this was the only  
12 person's qualification that were proper.

13 The State of New York agreed with all of  
14 her certificates.

15 She had the proper insurance and we tried  
16 to choose a non-for-profit.

17 VALERIE LAMPE: Do they have the same or  
18 greater amount of insurance as Diamonds In the  
19 Ruff, which was a rescue group that was  
20 scheduled to save and prevent Brock from being  
21 murdered?

22 COMMISSIONER MARINO: That is a separate  
23 issue I won't discuss.

24 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, let me ask you this  
25 question, where was this rescue

1 Physically located?

2 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Somewhere in  
3 northwest New York State.

4 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, hours away.

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5 Did anyone go there to do a site visit?

6 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Yes, we did,  
7 actually, we had to wait until the facility was  
8 updated or done complete.

9 VALERIE LAMPE: And, upon that site visit,  
10 this facility met our standards?

11 COMMISSIONER MARINO: It met - - we  
12 considered the standards that would be it is  
13 best for a dog that has certain issues and  
14 address issues in an area that is more calmer,  
15 in a larger cage per square feet where it is  
16 easier to train her, so, we thought it would be  
17 best.

18 VALERIE LAMPE: That I agree with it.

19 COMMISSIONER MARINO: Maybe - -

20 VALERIE LAMPE: So, who is labeling these  
21 dogs as aggressive?

22 Who is evaluating these animals?

23 COMMISSIONER MARINO: The dogs are being  
24 evaluated by the Town of Hempstead.

25 When a dog bites somebody

1 more than once - -

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: They are being  
3 evaluated by the staff.

4 VALERIE LAMPE: By which staff, not all the <sup>Page | 86</sup>  
5 staff, not the front desk people who is labeling  
6 these animals as aggressive?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, can we stick to the  
8 Administrative Calendar.

9 Do you have anything on Item 48 or any  
10 other Item on the Administrative Calendar?

11 You can talk about other issues in Public  
12 Comment.

13 VALERIE LAMPE: This is germane to Item 48.  
14 I am trying to prevent another murder.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Item 48, actually, has  
16 been postponed indefinitely, so, it is not  
17 before the Board anymore.

18 VALERIE LAMPE: That is not the point, you  
19 know what, I notice you don't give anyone else a  
20 hard time when they are up, here and they may  
21 have something that is germane and pertinent to  
22 the conversation.

23 (Whereupon, "yes, she does," was heard  
24 called out from the audience.)

25 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, what I

1 want to know is with the four million dollars

2 budgeted for the Animal Shelter, why is it that

3 we can't afford to have the qualified and

4 credential professionals that are capable of

5 making these types of improvements with our

6 animals, here?

7 Why do we have to outsource it?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Ms. Lamp, may I

9 interject, Item 48 has been tabled and it is not

10 on the calendar.

11 VALERIE LAMPE: I know, right.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Right, now, we are

13 taking public comment on the Calendar.

14 We would be happy to listen to your public

15 comments later on in the meeting.

16 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, Mr. Ra, so, then,

17 thank you, Mr. Marino.

18 So, then, I have another question getting

19 back to the Bond Counsel, the first one that you

20 mentioned, Hawkins?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

22 VALERIE LAMPE: How long have you been

23 working with them?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Off and on for probably

25 the last twenty years.

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1 VALERIE LAMPE: Twenty years, thank you.

2 SUPERISOR GILLEN: Okay, there was an  
3 emergency hand-up, I believe it is Item - -

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: 58.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: 58, is someone from the  
6 Comptroller's, here.

7 I have some questions on this hand-up.

8 Thank you so much Mr. Prisano, I appreciate  
9 it.

10 Could you just please explain to me, I just  
11 got this hand up 6:00 o'clock last night, could  
12 you explain what the general purpose of this  
13 hand-up is and what it does and what it is  
14 proposing?

15 MR. PRISANO: This is a resolution that is  
16 done every year.

17 It is outside auditors.

18 It is shoring up any need for any  
19 appropriate Fund Balance to make sure the  
20 expenses that are being incurred at the end of  
21 the year are available funding to make sure we  
22 get the expenses.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, is it correct when  
24 there has been overspending, we have to correct  
25 items in the prior budget, is



1 that what it is?

2 MR. PRISANO: Yes, there are different  
3 areas as you can see, throughout the resolution,  
4 there are multiple departments, we have to make <sup>Page | 89</sup>  
5 sure we appropriate Fund Balance to cover any  
6 overages.

7 And, unfortunately, this does not cover any  
8 excess.

9 It just shows the overages in certain  
10 areas.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, in all these  
12 departments, we had overages and we, now, have  
13 to - -

14 MR. PRISANO: Correct.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We have to move Fund  
16 Balance to Fund Balance to address those  
17 overages, is that correct?

18 MR. PRISANO: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, um, is this the  
20 general process that we use in the Comptroller's  
21 Office that we just overspend, and we approve it  
22 later and not put it before the Board as we are  
23 overspending?

24 I have real concerns about that.

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Can I

1 ask a question, Supervisor.

2 Isn't it true it is just, basically, gap-  
3 related accounting?

4 MR. PRISANO: That's correct.

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5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is not overages,  
6 that is a political characterization of what it  
7 is.

8 What it is, is various lines have to be  
9 moved within the Department.

10 You are not blowing your budget with a  
11 department.

12 You are moving funds around in accordance  
13 with GAP?

14 MR. PRISANO: Yes.

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: So, the term  
16 "overages" is a political term, that is being used  
17 and disparaging your department, really, it is a  
18 bookkeeping error.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am just trying to  
20 understand what is happening because - -

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Let's use the  
22 correct term.

23 It is not overages.

24 It is bookkeeping entry, correct?

25 MR. PRISANO: Overall, we have in

1 excess - - overall, Town wide, sixteen and a half  
2 million dollars over the original budget, so,  
3 there are no overages Town wide.

4 We have in excess of sixteen and a half  
5 million dollars.

6 DEPUTY COMPTROLLER: If I may, Madam  
7 Supervisor, Town Board, Deputy Comptroller, we  
8 have certain transfers that we do every year,  
9 Workman's Comp. and transfers that happen in a  
10 year that is part of this.

11 They are not part of the regular budget.

12 They are taken out of certain expenses,  
13 here, as well, that is part of what this is.

14 They are transfers that are done out of the  
15 Fund Balance and things like that to cover our  
16 expenses, so - -

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do take issue with  
18 the Councilman's characterization I am trying to  
19 disparage your department.

20 I am just trying to understand.

21 I got this at 6:00 o'clock last night and I  
22 had no opportunity to understand what is in this  
23 document or where these expenditures come from.

24 And, so, I am not politicizing it.

25 I am just trying to understand this

1 document.

2 I have a couple more questions.

3 Um, so, I see that there is like items for  
4 2016, you see that in, here?

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5 MR. PRISANO: 2016?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, payroll expenses  
7 and capital transfers, 2016, I see about six  
8 million dollars of payroll items from 2016.

9 MR. PRISANO: In the resolution, itself?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yeah.

11 MR. PRISANO: Can you cite on which item  
12 you are looking at, in particular?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We asked for details  
14 from your office. We asked for details from your  
15 office about what some of these expenditures were  
16 and it said 2016 separation paid, total, one  
17 hundred and eighteen thousand.

18 2016 separation pay, total, three hundred  
19 and ninety-one thousand.

20 2016, separation pay, so, my question is  
21 why weren't these items addressed in 2016?

22 Why are they being addressed in 2018?

23 That is concerning to me, that is just my  
24 question.

25 MR. PRISANO: I understand your question,

1 now.

2 There was an accounting change under the  
3 current year, um, to change the methodology of the  
4 accounting principles of how we accrue the sick Page | 93  
5 and vacation pay which is the separation pay that  
6 you are looking at.

7 Unfortunately, this change took place  
8 during 2017, so, you are actually seeing  
9 separation pay that was paid in 2016 that was done  
10 during 2017 and it was not approved.

11 Back in the year 2017, there was separation  
12 pay, that was paid in 2018.

13 That is now approved back to 2017. Here  
14 will be two years of separation pay in 2017.

15 So, that methodology has been changed going  
16 forward.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Why wasn't 2016 vested  
18 in 2016 when you made the change?

19 MR. PRISANO: It was a prior period  
20 adjustment.

21 '16 books are closed and that was a prior  
22 adjustment.

23 This is a single year financial statement.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, so, about 2  
25 million in 2016 capital spending, why didn't

1 you seek Board approval when this capital spending  
2 needed to be funded?

3 MR. PRISANO: The only reason why it was  
4 included in the budget in this case an eighteen Page | 94  
5 month window, Mr. Ra can comment on this, it was  
6 brought to our attention by outside Bond Counsel,  
7 as far as the ruling to be able to include capital  
8 projects within a certain span of time, in a  
9 current bonding that was done and these were  
10 outside of the confines of that eighteen month  
11 period.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, does that mean we  
13 didn't seek bonding within the requisite time so,  
14 we, now, have to reallocate the line?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is more  
16 attributable to local finance of the finance law.

17 It is an eighteen-month window that  
18 pursuant to the term, "local finance law" you are  
19 not allowed to spend eighteen months, that is why  
20 the GASBY requires you to be in conformity with  
21 the local finance law.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right, but if we  
23 started bonding, we started these projects, we  
24 would comply with the local finance law, is that  
25 right?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is a spending  
2 issue.

3 It is not a bond issue.

4 MR. PRISANO: Correct.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We didn't do what we  
6 needed to do in time, is that correct?

7 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: We didn't spend the  
8 project, you need to draw down to a certain time.

9 MR. PRISANO: There was a premium that was  
10 recognized during the bond sale to offset these  
11 expenditures.

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: We are following the  
13 law.

14 It is not anything against anyone's part?

15 MR. PRISANO: Absolutely not.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am asking the  
17 questions.

18 I am not implying anything against - -  
19 going forward when we need to do spending in the  
20 requisite time, so, we don't have to go back two  
21 years later to correct line items.

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: It is not a  
23 correction.

24 We are complying with the law? That is a  
25 question.

1           Isn't that correct?

2           That is a question and your answer is no  
3 negligence?

4           MR. PRISANO: No negligence.

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5           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There is an item in  
6 here, auto relocation, which is about three  
7 million dollars, what is that about?

8           MR. PRISANO: Five, six different  
9 departments did auto mechanic repair, that was all  
10 consolidated last year and it is, now, under the  
11 Department of General Services, that was  
12 established and consolidated, that has, now,  
13 caused a lot of issues.

14           You see within this resolution, as far as  
15 the ins and outs and salary wages and different  
16 things along the lines with the maintenance and  
17 repair of all our vehicles and our fleet.

18           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Now, we are talking  
19 about three million dollars for that, is that  
20 correct?

21           MR. PRISANO: I don't have the specifics,  
22 the total ins and outs.

23           I see surpluses on the other side of that.

24           This is only showing transfers in what was  
25 put in General Services.



1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Was there an offset to  
2 that?

3 MR. PRISANO: Yes, absolutely, it doesn't  
4 encapsulate in this resolution, but that is Page | 97  
5 something we can provide at a later time.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Great, I would like to  
7 see that.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, may I ask  
9 a question?

10 Basically, what you are saying, the numbers  
11 have been changed and they don't affect the  
12 overall fiscal stability of the Town.

13 It is just a reallocation that is pursuant  
14 to law regarding accounting principles and really  
15 there is no change in numbers, just they are being  
16 put on the correct lines so that they comply with  
17 our reporting requirements?

18 MR. PRISANO: That is correct.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There is a line for the  
20 Board of Zoning Appeals, for ninety-two, around  
21 ninety-two thousand.

22 I just like you to explain that to me.

23 I don't know what that is relating to.

24 MR. PRISANO: Board of Appeals?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Board of Zoning

1 Appeals?

2 MR. PRISANO: The only thing I see on here  
3 is within the Park Town Fund and there is a couple  
4 of transfers, from and going into the salaries and <sup>Page | 98</sup>  
5 wages line.

6 I am not sure what you are looking at.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is characterized as  
8 "less savings," what is that?

9 MR. PRISANO: Less savings is an item that  
10 shows up on the salary lines to be able to  
11 tabulate salary that is going to be budgeted for  
12 an upcoming year.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I still don't  
14 understand what that means.

15 What does, "less savings" mean?

16 MR. PRISANO: Most of the time it is used  
17 as total to look at a person that maybe budgeted  
18 out of a different department and you have to do  
19 adjustments between salary adjustments and less  
20 savings to facilitate the budget transfer or  
21 movement of people within the department within  
22 the Town.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, is less savings the  
24 anticipated retirements, so, you are crediting  
25 that retirements in a certain department?

1 MR. PRISANO: I honestly don't know. I have  
2 to look at the notes when we drafted the budget.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Just in general, "less  
4 savings" term, I seen it used quite a bit. Page | 99

5 I am just trying to understand what it  
6 means.

7 MR. PRISANO: That is exactly how I explain  
8 that is generally what it is used for.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is it anticipating  
10 people are going to retire is that what it means,  
11 they are going to retire?

12 MR. PRISANO: That is not what it is used  
13 for.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am sorry, could you  
15 explain it one more time for me, please.

16 MR. PRISANO: Generally, what happens I  
17 will use simple numbers, if you have someone in  
18 General Services at one hundred thousand dollars  
19 and working at another incidents, you use share  
20 adjustments in the department that is going to be  
21 receiving the services and share adjustments in  
22 the department that is letting them go.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, my concern, now, we  
24 are in 2018, are there items that have active line  
25 adjustments going forward next year?

1           What are they? Are you seeing any of those  
2 trends?

3           Can you identify what they are?

4           Can you let my office know?

5           MR. PRISANO: There are a lot of line  
6 items.

7           I don't have the entire budget memorized.

8           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is that something we  
9 can work together on, so you can make me aware of  
10 those things?

11           I do not want to be in a position where we  
12 are spending, and we overspend, and we have to fix  
13 it later.

14           I rather have it all come before the Board  
15 as those issues arise.

16           MR. PRISANO: From what I seen so far that  
17 is the practice that has been taking place, yes.

18           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, thank you.

19           COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Nice job, thank you.

20           MR. PRISANO: No problem.

21           SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any other  
22 slips on the Administrative Calendar - - yes?

23           PEARL JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs, speaking on  
24 behalf of the Nostrand Gardens Civic Association  
25 in Uniondale.

1 I have a question. I have a statement  
2 regarding Item Number 36, speaking on behalf of a  
3 community that has been sympathetic, um, has  
4 suffered from exclusion in this investment.

5 I am in support of the Clear Gov.  
6 transparency, um, data services.

7 I think it is a step in the right  
8 direction, especially when it comes to promoting  
9 transparency and, um, comparing the expenditures  
10 among peer communities, that is very important,  
11 very important, speaking on behalf of the  
12 community that has suffered from exclusion as  
13 Uniondale has.

14 I have a question regarding Item number 38  
15 and my question is, um, why are the monies coming  
16 from the Department of Planning and Economic  
17 Development?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is community  
19 development block grant money and this  
20 Commissioner in this Department handles our grant  
21 monies that we receive.

22 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, it is CDBG funding,  
23 okay.

24 What would this money be used for?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I

1 believe for Youth Services, Youth Programing.

2 Commissioner, do you have any more  
3 information on that?

4 COMMISSIONER: Supervisor, programs, Youth <sup>Page | 102</sup>  
5 programs.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, Youth Programs.

7 PEARL JACOBS: I want to be clear, it was  
8 coming from CDBG monies, thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, all right.  
10 I do not have any slips.

11 (Whereupon, "Can I speak, please," was  
12 heard from the audience. After, the following  
13 ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

15 JAY JACOBS: Yeah, Jay Jacobs, good  
16 morning, Councilwoman Goosby, Supervisor Gillen  
17 and Town Board Members:

18 Item Number 17, special assessment, is that  
19 twenty-five thousand dollars for zombie homes,  
20 Item 17?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner, can you  
22 explain Item 17.

23 JAY JACOBS: Special Assessment, just one  
24 point of clarity.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe this is

1 work we performed and then we added to the  
2 homeowner's tax rolls.

3 Is that correct, Commissioner?

4 JAY JACOBS: Twenty-five for private  
5 residents and thirty-vie for these homes that were  
6 listed for a point of clarity?

7 COMMISSIONER: Good Morning, Supervisor,  
8 Members of the Town Board, what this resolution is  
9 for is opened and abandoned homes where we had to  
10 secure those properties and, then, assessment is  
11 put back on the properties for the work that was  
12 done.

13 JAY JACOBS: So, I am trying to understand  
14 the process, when they pass the resolution,  
15 twenty-five thousand dollars and once the owner,  
16 they have to, I guess, judgments against the  
17 property or some work out, I want a point of  
18 clarity?

19 COMMISSIONER: This is not this.

20 JAY JACOBS: Item Number 21, authorization  
21 proposing to pass three years, I want to make sure  
22 when they do that first GPS system is part of  
23 Uniondale, I want that part of Uniondale.

24 This is before your time, East Garden City,  
25 under this new proposal, 21, is issued, occurs

1 as an entity, Ms. Goosby is aware she will bring  
2 you up to speed.

3 It is part of the public record.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I don't  
5 understand what you are saying. We are doing the  
6 best we can. Go back to the - - the Legislators  
7 are aware of it, so, they can make sure other  
8 folks in the County we are aware of it.

9 JAY JACOBS: All right, Ms. Goosby, I  
10 appreciate that. Make sure Town - -

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We try to  
12 clean it up.

13 We try to clean it up.

14 We may make a mistake every now and then,  
15 right, Mr. Ra, we pass the resolution, so, I am  
16 aware of it.

17 JAY JACOBS: Item 25, that is the property  
18 that is abandoned, put a fine to it, Item 25?

19 SENIOR COUNCILMAN GOOSBY: That is dealing  
20 with, let's see, prevention of site plan approval  
21 on residential zone on the corner of Uniondale and  
22 First Street, Engle Berman.

23 JAY JACOBS: I just want to make sure Item  
24 35 when they do that kind of work, test water  
25 there, I know on Town level, I don't receive any



1 Purifying our water, I want to make sure.

2 COMMISSIONER: Good Morning, Supervisor and  
3 Town Board:

4 It is a series of test that are done  
5 before the Well is even completed and treatment is  
6 added accordingly.

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7 JAY JACOBS: Contaminants?

8 COMMISSIONER: One hundred sixty  
9 parameters.

10 JAY JACOBS: Prevent the public --

11 COMMISSIONER: I can show it to you.

12 JAY JACOBS: Item 44, Number 2978, I am in  
13 favor of that one, I respectfully request that if  
14 you do make sure to provide parking.

15 The one in Hicksville they have an issue  
16 with parking with other businesses there and that  
17 is the old Nathans location.

18 If you have been there, parking is very,  
19 very tight and when this does become a franchise,  
20 a lot of people from the Town parking there in  
21 that location, just - -

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is the  
23 old Nathans.

24 JAY JACOBS: Yes.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Park across

1 the street, as well. I think he is okay.

2 JAY JACOBS: The section when you - -

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It will be  
4 okay.

5 If you find anything that is wrong, you let  
6 me know.

7 JAY JACOBS: I am just saying there isn't  
8 ample parking.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: His  
10 application is fine, let me know if you see any  
11 problems.

12 JAY JACOBS: Watch them.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I can't watch  
14 the whole Town.

15 I work 21 hours a day supposedly.

16 JAY JACOBS: Thank you for that.

17 That is good business, but other  
18 businesses, their parking is an issue.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: They are going  
20 to have Chick-fil-a.

21 Nathans is not going to be there anymore.

22 JAY JACOBS: I am in favor of the  
23 establishment. They have excellent good there.

24 I am just saying parking is an issue.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You are all

1 getting me hungry.

2 JAY JACOBS: That is on you, sir, thank  
3 you.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, okay, Madam <sup>Page | 107</sup>  
5 Clerk, will you please call the roll of  
6 Administrative Calendar?

7 CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
8 Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

20 May I have a Motion to adjourn.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that we  
22 adjourn.

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the Motion.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can speak during  
25 Public Comment, sir.

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Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

CLERK CABANA: CLERK CABANA: Councilman  
Ambrosino?

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COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on September 20, 2018, consisting of pages 1 through 108 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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