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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

JANUARY 10, 2017

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: SUPERVISOR SANTINO

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APPEARANCES :

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN HUDES

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN

CLERK AHMAD

TOWN ATTORNEY RA

TOWN CLERK SECRETARY TISO

COMPTROLLER CONROY

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Evening. I
2 will begin with a few comments.

3 By, now, most of you have heard of the
4 tragic passing of Police Officer Steven
5 McDonald, a hero and inspiration to so many
6 of us in the Town of Hempstead.

7 Despite being left paralyzed after
8 being shot while on patrol back in 1989,
9 Steven never gave up on life, not in the
10 Police Department, not on our community and
11 most, particularly, not on his love of
12 family.

13 This past weekend, we lost another
14 great man and really exceptional community
15 leader, here, in the largest township that is
16 former Nassau County Legislator John Ciotti.

17 John served his community for more
18 than fifteen years as a legislator.

19 He was a dedicated public servant and
20 always ahead of the line when it came to
21 helping people in need.

22 It is with a heavy heart and great
23 sadness that I ask everyone to join me in a
24 moment of silence for Detective Steven
25 McDonald and former Nassau County

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1 | Legislator Ciotti.

2 | Please, keep your friends and their
3 | families in your thoughts and prays.

4 | (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
5 | observed. After, the following ensued.)

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6 | SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you all
7 | very much.

8 | Now, please, remain standing as I ask
9 | Councilman Bruce Blakeman to lead us in the
10 | Pledge of Allegiance.

11 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Put your hands
12 | over your heart and join me, please.

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

16 | SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You may be
17 | seated.

18 | There will be two items before we
19 | begin the regular Town Board Meeting.

20 | The first will be the induction of a
21 | wonderful public official and great friend,
22 | Councilman Anthony D'Esposito, who was
23 | elected last November to fill the unexpired
24 | term in the 4th Councilmatic District.

25 | I would like to being by

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1 asking Monsignor John Tutone, Pastor of
2 Sacred Heart Church in Island Park to lead us
3 in the Invocation. Monsignor?

4 MONSIGNOR TUTONE: The concept of
5 invocation calling upon God to be present is
6 very much a part of our identity as American
7 people in our government to begin in
8 Washington, locally and State Capitols with
9 an invocation of God.

10 Why?

11 It is a reminder to invoke God.

12 As a reminder, you know, in the back
13 of the dollar bill, there is that symbol with
14 the eye on top of the pyramid and it
15 symbolizes an understanding that our founding
16 Fathers had, God is above all and God sees
17 all and God watches all and what we do, we do
18 in the sight of God.

19 So, we want to make sure that all our
20 endeavors, all our actions are not done for
21 me but they are done in the sight of God to
22 be pleasing to God.

23 He becomes the moral compass.

24 He becomes the arbiter of
25 that which is good.

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1 Without that, it is each one of us
2 decides and there is chaos, so, very much
3 written into our understanding of what we do
4 and why we do it is calling upon God,
5 reminding ourselves that what we do, we do in
6 the sight of God.

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7 I ask, then, for all the officials of
8 our community, not just for Anthony, who I
9 have known for twenty-four years, not just
10 for Anthony but all officials of our Country,
11 may we always remember, may that eye on the
12 back of the dollar bill remind us, God
13 watches in what we do and what we say to
14 other people and how we treat other people
15 and our efforts on their behalf are not done
16 for me, they are done in the eyes of God and
17 may he always guide us to do well.

18 Amen.

19 (Whereupon, Supervisor Santino
20 administered the oath of office to Councilman
21 D'Esposito. The following ensued.)

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I, Anthony
23 Paul D'Esposito do solemnly swear I will
24 uphold the Constitution of the United

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1 States of New York and the Local Laws and
2 Ordinances of the Town of Hempstead and I do
3 further swear I will faithfully execute the
4 duties of the Office of Council of the Town
5 of Hempstead to the best of my ability, so
6 help me God.

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7 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
8 was heard and a standing ovation was
9 observed. After, the following ensued.)

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you very
11 much.

12 I would like to take a moment and ask
13 everyone to remember and pray for NYPD
14 Detective Steven McDonald, who, after being
15 shot over thirty years ago, has joined the
16 ranks of many brave brothers and sisters who
17 defend the gates of Heaven.

18 Recently this nation has been plagued
19 with anti-cop rhetoric that has caused the
20 life of many.

21 Detective McDonald, a Malverne and
22 Town of Hempstead resident was left paralyzed
23 for over three decades, has been a source of
24 inspiration for thousands.

25 Steven McDonald held his

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1 faith in God when most would lose it.

2 He cherished and fought for his life
3 when most would have given up.

4 He forgave what most would consider
5 just unforgivable.

6 He was everything, we, as humans,
7 should strive to be in this life.

8 May God bless him. May God bless
9 Malverne Mayor Patti McDonald and may God
10 bless their son, Connor McDonald.

11 Some people are lucky enough to have
12 the opportunity to work at one job during
13 their lifetime which they truly enjoy, I
14 consider myself doubly blessed having
15 received the chance to work at two careers in
16 public service that captured my passion to
17 help others.

18 First, I embraced a rewarding career
19 as an NYPD Detective and, now, I am honored
20 and thrilled to serve the residents of the
21 Town's 4th Councilmatic District as a Member
22 of the Town Board.

23 Thank you to the people whom I
24 represent for the confidence that you placed
25 in me on November 8, 2016 electing me

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1 with over 62 percent of the vote.

2 For those that didn't support me, you
3 also have my word that I will work as hard as
4 I possibly can to do right by you, our
5 township and our loved ones.

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6 I would like to take a moment to thank
7 my fiancé, my parents, my brother, my sister-
8 in-law, cousins, loved ones, family and
9 fellow first responders who have made my
10 dream of career in public service possible.

11 A special thank you to my hardworking
12 staff and my colleagues on the Town Board, a
13 special thank you to Senior Councilwoman
14 Dorothy Goosby for her leadership and
15 guidance.

16 Thank you to my close personal friend
17 and mentor, Supervisor Anthony Santino, who
18 has become a second brother to me.

19 Again, thank you to all the residents
20 of the 4th Councilmatic District and a special
21 thank you to all those, here, tonight from
22 the Island Park Fire Department, NYPD, MTA,
23 PD and the Nassau County Police Department
24 and I especially want to recognize NCPD
25 Deputy Commissioner Patrick Ryder.

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1 One of my heroes in government is our
2 nation's 26TH President, former Police
3 Commissioner and Long Island resident, Teddy
4 Roosevelt.

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5 We share roots in law enforcement and
6 public service.

7 And, Roosevelt's trio far and away,
8 the best price that life has to offer is the
9 chance to work hard at work worth doing.

10 It has been an inspiration in my call
11 to action in deciding my work in the past
12 year along Supervisor Santino and the Town
13 Board has been a study in hard work and under
14 his leadership, we have accomplished many
15 things that would meet the President's
16 definition of work worth doing.

17 A little bit about hard work worth
18 doing is providing value to our taxpayers,
19 providing the best municipal services at the
20 lowest possible costs; beautiful beaches,
21 marinas, parks, pools, senior citizens'
22 programs, the ankon program that is near and
23 dear to my heart for children with special
24 needs, golf courses, nature preserve, a
25 colonial museum and one of a kind

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1 renewal energy park.

2 At the same time, Hempstead Town
3 comprises only .9 cents out of our residents'
4 tax dollars and for residents of local
5 villages, town taxes make up only .2 cents of
6 their tax dollars over the past year.

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7 We have shown serious fiscal
8 responsibility.

9 I am proud to work with Supervisor
10 Santino and the Town Board this past year to
11 produce the first structurally balanced Town
12 Budget in thirty years.

13 In recognition of our commitment to
14 fiscal responsibility, the Town of Hempstead
15 was recently awarded an upgrade in its fiscal
16 outlook by the respected Wall Street credit
17 rating agency Standard & Poors.

18 We continue to do more with less
19 slashing the 2017 budget by 13.4 million
20 dollars compared to 2016.

21 The Town has cut salary costs in the
22 2016 budget by nearly 20 million dollars.

23 Actually, overtime costs in 2016 would
24 be 35 percent below the budgeted amount due
25 to the Administration's dedication to

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1 efficient operations.

2 Hempstead Town has trimmed its
3 workforce.

4 In fact, the fulltime workforce is at
5 the lowest level in two decades and we have
6 cut staffing levels by 3.3 percent compared
7 to the number of employees just four years
8 ago.

9 I have joined those sitting behind me
10 in innovative initiatives to save our
11 taxpayers money.

12 We have converted fifty thousand
13 street lights, conventional fixtures to LED
14 lamps offering forty-three million dollars in
15 savings over twenty years.

16 We have partnered with the US Army
17 Corp. of Engineers to protect our coastline.

18 Two hundred and thirty million dollar
19 project will fortify our coastline and due to
20 Supervisor Santino's leadership, the Town is
21 saving the twenty-five million dollars
22 originally proposed that the Town shares for
23 the project.

24 Our Town has saved taxpayers seventy-
25 five thousand dollars while equipping

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1 our Parks with fifty lifesaving, automatic
2 external defibrillators.

3 These units were secured from a Grant
4 from Saint Francis Hospital and Mercy Medical
5 Center.

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6 We worked with the Baldwin Chamber of
7 Commerce and businesses to rename Pride Park
8 at virtually no cost.

9 And, just as I fought crime in the
10 streets of Brooklyn, I continue fighting for
11 my neighbors in Hempstead Town.

12 Supervisor Santino and I are fighting
13 the Governor's Office of Storm Recovery for
14 flipflopping on appraisals to pay for Sandy-
15 damaged bulkheads in my hometown of Island
16 Park.

17 We have passed local laws to waive
18 building permit fees for more Sandy-damaged
19 homeowners who are rebuilding after the
20 superstorm.

21 The Town is working with local
22 municipalities to assist and ease their
23 burden in rebuilding and as I look toward the
24 future, I can only see more work worth doing.

25 Tonight, we will vote on an Advocacy

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1 Program for homeowners who are seeking the
2 Town's approval for home improvements without
3 required Town permits, watching penalty fees
4 to encourage people to get permits and to
5 make sure their homes are safe.

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6 I look forward to the erection of a
7 permanent 911 Memorial Town Park in Point
8 Lookout honoring the lives of those lost on
9 that September morning.

10 Increasing public and private
11 partnership to enhance community while
12 controlling costs and expanding our LED
13 Street Light Conversion Program to include
14 lighting right here at Town Hall and other
15 Town facilities.

16 To expand our workers training
17 programs in the Town Career Resource Center
18 to help workers adapt to the changing job
19 market and to continuing commitment of fiscal
20 responsibility in government transparency.

21 Indeed, the 26th President of the
22 United States of America was right when he
23 said far and away, the best price that life
24 has to offer is the chance to work hard at
25 work worth doing.

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1 I have to add, however, working hard
2 work worth doing is much more productive when
3 you are part of the hardest working team in
4 government, my colleagues on the Hempstead
5 Town Board.

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6 Thank you to them for making our
7 government a powerful and positive force for
8 the residents of America's largest Township.

9 I will continue each day to live the
10 my alma mater: "Man does the right thing at
11 the right time because it is the right thing
12 to do regardless of who is watching."

13 Each year when the McDonald Family was
14 presented with the New York Ranger Extra
15 Effort Award, Steven McDonald said, "together
16 we will push each other and we will drive
17 each other."

18 And, that is true of this Town Board.

19 Together we will push each other. We
20 will drive each other to lead with integrity,
21 honesty and compassion, making this not only
22 America's largest Township but America's
23 greatest Township.

24 God Bless you all and God Bless
25 America.

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1 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
2 was heard, as well as, a standing ovation was
3 observed from the audience. After, the
4 following ensued.)

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I also, at this
6 time, would like to recognize some of the
7 local dignitaries that have joined with us,
8 today to share in this Induction Service, I
9 would like to begin with New York State
10 Senator Todd Kamensky.

11 Senator, thank you for being, here.

12 We, also have Mayor Michael McGinty
13 from the Village of Island Park.

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

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Barbara Volpe-
17 Ried, Island Park Trustee.

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

20 SUPERVSIOR SANTINO: The Mayor of the
21 East Rockaway, Bruno Romano.

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

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: East Rockaway
25 Deputy Mayor Theresa Gaffney.

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

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have Ed Fare,
4 Mayor of Valley Stream.

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

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Joe Annarella,
8 Deputy Mayor of Island Park.

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

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thomas Cohen,
12 Trustee of the Village of Hewlett Harbor.

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

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Tom Longobardi,
16 Trustee of Floral Park.

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It was mentioned
20 previously, again, Deputy Commissioner Tati
21 Riley. (as heard)

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

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: From the Island
25 Park Fire Department, we have 1st Assistant

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1 Chief, James Diotto. (phonetic spelling.)

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

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: 2nd Assistant
5 Chief Michael Len.

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

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, Chief James
9 Soto.

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

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, we are also
13 pleased this evening to have a number of
14 extremely talented students with us, the work
15 of these students has earned them the very
16 prestigious recognition in the Siemens
17 Westinghouse Science and Technology
18 Competition.

19 These students have challenged
20 themselves, earned the admiration of
21 dedicated teachers and shared the gifts of
22 academic excellence with friends, colleagues
23 and their families, members.

24 They should all be very proud of
25 themselves, four hundred and ninety-eight

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1 Students remain semifinalists, nationwide
2 with ninety-one students residing in New York
3 State and ten right, here, in the Town of
4 Hempstead.

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5 These students worked diligently and
6 deserve our recognition for their dedication
7 and hard work.

8 The first group of outstanding
9 students who we are honored to recognize,
10 tonight, Justin Ng and Nicholas Zumba from
11 Hewlett High School.

12 (Whereupon, photos were taken.
13 Proclamation of recognition were distributed
14 to the students. Applause from the audience
15 was heard.)

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Rachel Sacks and
17 Gila Schein of the Hebrew Academy of the Five
18 Towns and Rockaway.

19 (Whereupon, photos were taken.
20 Proclamation of recognition were distributed
21 to the students. Applause from the audience
22 was heard.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, now, we have
24 from Oceanside High School, Nathan
25 Gershengorin and Sarah Romanelli.

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(Whereupon, photos were taken.

Proclamation of recognition were distributed to the students. Applause from the audience was heard.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have from W.T. Clarke High School in Westbury, we have Alby Joseph.

Alby, come on up.

(Whereupon, photos were taken.

Proclamation of recognition were distributed to the students. Applause from the audience was heard.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, now, from John F. Kennedy High School in Bellmore, we have Perri Zilberman.

(Whereupon, photos were taken.

Proclamation of recognition were distributed to the students. Applause from the audience was heard.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, now, we have Brendon Gong of Garden City High School and we have, also Steve Hammowitz of Davis Scholar Heshiva High School, they were not able to be with us this evening. We honor and recognize them. A big round of applause.

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

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I would also like
4 to - - I would be very remiss if I didn't
5 recognize the parents and the teachers of
6 these wonderful students, their support and
7 encouragement I know go a long way for each
8 of these young people to achieve this success
9 that we are acknowledging, tonight.

10 I really want to thank everyone who
11 made this day possible for these fine young
12 people for being with us, here this evening
13 and the future of our community are these
14 fine, young men and women.

15 And, we wish them the best of luck.
16 Keep up the good work.

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: At this point,
20 the Board will take a ten-minute recess
21 before we s tart the formal part of the
22 meeting.

23 (Whereupon, a ten-minute recess was
24 entertained. After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk,

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call the roll.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

X. Clavin?

RECEIVER CLAVIN: Here.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have the first item on the calendar.

CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner of Buildings to demolish and remove two and one and a half story wood frame one family

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1 dwelling with detached garage and cottage
2 and remove all litter and debris from
3 property - BALDWIN- west side of Milburn
4 Avenue, 200 feet North of Cottage Place -
5 Department of Buildings.

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have Mr.
7 David Suppe.

8 ATTORNEY SUPPE: David Suppe. I am
9 here for Loepold & Associates.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Give your name
11 and address for the record, please.

12 ATTORNEY SUPPE: Surely, Loepold &
13 Associates. 80 Business Park Drive, Armonk,
14 New York 10504.

15 ATTORNEY SUPPE: And, we are the
16 Attorneys for the servicer of the loan on the
17 property that is blighted and we have been in
18 touch already with your Building Department
19 Inspector.

20 And, we would like the opportunity to
21 gather some bids in order to rectify the
22 situation, from what I am hearing, maybe
23 demolish then repair and give us an
24 opportunity to get our client, who is a
25 national server to get some bids together,

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What we normally do would be to pass this Resolution, tonight with the understanding we wouldn't actually move to effectuate repair or demolition, whatever the Building Department recommended for thirty days.

Just keep the Building Department informed with Mr. Rottkamp, right, there, if you haven't been talking to him and keep the Building Department informed as to the progress your client is making in that regard and we will certainly will make every effort to work with you, as long as, it is done expeditiously.

ATTORNEY SUPPE: I understand you.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Counselor.

Anyone else on this item?

(Whereupon, no response was heard.

After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none, I will accept a Motion, please.

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr. Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing

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be closed and the item adopted.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

please.

CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner

of Buildings to demolish and remove one and a

half story wood frame one family dwelling

with attached garage and remove all litter

and debris from property - WOODMERE -

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1 Southeast corner of Brower Avenue and
2 Benton Street - DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I do not have
4 anyone signed in on this particular Public
5 Hearing, is there anyone that would like to
6 be heard on this matter?

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

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
10 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
11 the petition granted.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
13 Motion.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
2 Sweeney?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
5 please.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
7 "Arterial Stops" in LEVITTOWN, ROOSEVELT (To
8 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town
9 of Hempstead)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
11 that would like to be heard on this matter?

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

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
15 I will accept a Motion.

16 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
17 move the Public Hearing be closed and the
18 proposed local law be adopted.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
20 the Motion.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

4 Goosby?

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

7 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

9 Sweeney?

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

12 please.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

14 "Fines for violations of restrictions on

15 commercial marine vessels" (To amend

16 Subsection 155-C of Chapter 155 of the Code

17 of the Town of Hempstead)

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

19 that would like to be heard on this matter

20 before the Town Board?

21 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

22 After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

24 I will accept a Motion.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,

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1 I move that the Public Hearing be closed
2 and the proposed Local Law be adopted.

3 COUNCILMAN HUDESZ: I second the
4 Motion.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

7 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
13 Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

16 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
18 Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
21 please.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
23 "Licensing and Regulation of Peddlers and
24 Solicitors" (To amend Subsection 118-13 of
25 Chapter 118 of the Code of the Town

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1 of Hempstead)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have one
3 individual that has signed in on this matter,
4 Mr. Felix Procacci.

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
6 Barns Street, Franklin Square, New York.

7 First, I would just like to know what
8 this law is about.

9 I couldn't find the details on line.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
11 Attorney, could you go into detail on it.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Currently, when a
13 peddler's license is denied and a person
14 requests a Hearing, the Hearing must be
15 before two Members of the Town Board.

16 This law changes that to make it in
17 front of the Town Attorney's Office, thereby
18 letting the Town Board not hear the appeal.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Is there a reason why
20 we are changing the procedure?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Just for expediency
22 purposes and to alleviate the burden on Town
23 Board Members.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: Did you notify any
25 trade associations and people, you know,

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1 who have licenses about this law?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We do our public
3 notices in accordance with the laws of the
4 State of New York.

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5 FELIX PROCACCIZ: I understand, I know
6 you do that, a lot, that is the standard line
7 you give us.

8 Did you meeting prior to this to
9 discuss the situation that they are doing and
10 explain why you are changing the procedure?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think the Town
12 Attorney has answered your question, we gave
13 the appropriate public notice.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Some places you do
15 that.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It has been asked
17 and answered.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: Sometimes you do
19 more, this time you didn't do anything extra
20 to make people aware of this change. I think
21 people should be aware.

22 You should have done more to ensure
23 that people who are in this situation who
24 have licenses, peddler's licenses, have the
25 proper notice.

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1 I think it is inappropriate and I know
2 you have done it for other people, maybe for
3 some reason you are doing it.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, can I have
7 a Motion, please.

8 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
9 move the Public Hearing be closed and the
10 proposed local law be adopted.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
12 the Motion.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
2 Sweeney?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
5 please.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Revised Public
7 Park Field Maps in BALDWIN, BELLMORE,
8 HEWLETT, INWOOD, MERRICK, OCEANSIDE, SEAFORD,
9 WANTAGH, WOODMERE (Fields B-A-5, B-3, H-4, I-
10 2, M-8, O-8, S-6. WA-2, W-6)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
12 that would like to be heard on this matter?

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

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
16 I will accept a Motion, please.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
18 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
19 closed and the item adopted.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
21 Motion.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: On the Decision
Calendar, we have Application of 486 Wantagh
Realty, LLC.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can I have a
Motion, please.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
move the application be approved.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
the Motion.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

6 Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

9 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

11 Sweeney?

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the

14 Administrative Calendar.

15 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative

16 Calendar, I have items from 1 to 42.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have

18 Administrative Calendar, does any Town Board

19 Member wish to sever any item on the

20 Administrative Calendar?

21 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

22 After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

24 I will accept a Motion on the Administrative

25 Calendar.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
2 Supervisor, I move the entire Administrative
3 Calendar.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
5 Motion.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have two
7 individuals that have indicated to speak on a
8 matter on the Administrative Calendar.

9 We will begin with Diane Madden.

10 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden. I am a
11 Hempstead resident.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can I have your
13 address for the record?

14 DIANE MADDEN: I have been advised by
15 my attorney, I am no longer to put my
16 personal address on the record.

17 I am a Hempstead resident.

18 Um, I would like to ask about Item
19 Number 30.

20 Can someone explain to me a little
21 bit, I am a little familiar with it but I had
22 a particular situation in mind.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is Mr. Sammon in
24 the room, our Personnel Director, William
25 Sammon, here, just briefly give us details

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1 about the program.

2 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR SAMMON: This
3 organization provides additional counseling
4 for employees in a variety of different
5 matters.

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6 They also supply us with what is
7 called the SAP Program.

8 Under Federal Highway Administration
9 Act, worker testing takes place. If anyone
10 tests positive, they have to enter into
11 counseling, "Substance Abuse Professional,"
12 that is what this organization does.

13 DIANE MADDEN: Is this for disputes
14 between employees or employees and, um, the
15 public?

16 It is not a grant that would benefit
17 for - -

18 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR SAMMON: No.

19 DIANE MADDEN: All right, thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you.

21 Also, on the same item, Mr. Felix
22 Procacci.

23 FELIX PROCACCI: On that Item, I have
24 the print out from what was online, it states
25 - - it involves training and how to speak to

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1 Employees, to facilitate productive
2 exchange and to prevent counter-productive
3 behavior, so, this agreement to help
4 management deal with employees and employees
5 deal with coworkers, I get that from just
6 that one line.

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7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think Mr.
8 Sammon gave us the scope of the program as we
9 utilize it.

10 Do you want to go, again, Mr. Sammon,
11 maybe Mr. Procacci didn't hear you.

12 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR SAMMON: They offer
13 a variety of services to their clients, such
14 as what Mr. Procacci described, most of the
15 anger management situations that we deal with
16 by an in-house counsel.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: So, you don't use
18 them for that purpose, even though this was
19 the agreement on the WEB site, I assume that
20 you are using them for all the purposes
21 stated, here.

22 It says between Leska and the Town of
23 Hempstead, so - -

24 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR SAMMON: Not
25 normally, with that service.

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1 FELIX PROCACCI: It says service
2 agreement.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We have answered
4 your question.

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Well, you know, the
6 reason I bring it up, the reason I ask for it
7 because I know that some of the employees at
8 the Town, I request stuff, it seems like they
9 are under pressure not to answer me and
10 things like that and not follow the law to
11 the letter and I feel if LESKA is involved in
12 helping management, they should ensure
13 employees should not feel threatened if they
14 follow the law.

15 I have had numerous times - - and I am
16 not going to go into it, I have had numerous
17 times and I am not going into it, numerous
18 interactions like that, I felt the person
19 wanted to help me but didn't because their
20 supervisor or someone told them not to.

21 You know, I am very persistent, I get
22 what I want a lot of times.

23 I think that if it is not included, it
24 should be included because people really need
25 to - - employees need to know that they

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1 should follow the law first and management,
2 director, second, that is all I wanted to
3 talk about.

4 Thank you.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, no one else
6 has indicated a desire to speak on the
7 Administrative Calendar, there being no
8 others, Madam Clerk, call the roll.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye, except as
12 to Item 23 which I recuse myself.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

14 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
18 Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
23 Sweeney?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can I have a

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Motion, please.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we close the meeting.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the motion.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the Hempstead Town Board was concluded. Time noted: 7:50 p.m.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony taken in the matter of the
Hempstead Town Board held on January 10,
2017, consisting of pages 1 through 42
inclusive is an accurate transcription of my
cryptic notes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

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