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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

10:30 A.M.

BEFORE: ANTHONY J. SANTINO,

SUPERVISOR

APPEARANCES :

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- SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO
- COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN
- COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO
- COUNCILMAN HUDES
- COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY
- CLERK AHMAD
- RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
2 everyone and welcome to our regular Town
3 Board Meeting.

4 At this time, I would like to ask you
5 all to please stand for a moment of silence
6 in memory of former Councilwoman, former
7 Receiver of Taxes Angie Cullin, a true
8 trailblazer, the first woman elected to serve
9 on this Town Board, who regrettably past away
10 within the last few days.

11 Angie was a wonderful woman.

12 She was dedicated, committed, high
13 spirited.

14 She fought for the people she
15 represented. She fought for her community
16 and township with extraordinary energy and
17 with grace resolve, so, we will miss Angie,
18 her family mourns her loss, the community of
19 Freeport, that was her second family mourns
20 her loss, the greater Town of Hempstead
21 community mourns her loss.

22 She was truly somebody who made an
23 indelible mark.

24 So, please, a moment of silence for
25 Angie Cullin.

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1 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was
2 observed for Former Councilwoman Angie
3 Cullin. After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
5 much.

6 Please, remain standing as Senior
7 Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby leads us in the
8 Pledge of Allegiance.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Hand over
10 your heart, please.

11 (Whereupon, Senior Councilwoman Goosby
12 led the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.
13 After, the following ensued.)

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

16 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
25 Goosby?

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item,
8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
10 of Buildings to demolish and remove an
11 inground swimming pool and remove all litter
12 and debris from property - BALDWIN- North
13 side of Cramer Court, one hundred forty-six
14 feet West of Brookside Avenue - Department of
15 Buildings.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
17 that would like to be heard on this matter as
18 it relates to the Baldwin case?

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

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
22 I will accept a motion, please.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:
24 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
25 Hearing and adopt the item.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second
2 the motion.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
12 Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
17 Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
20 please.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
22 of Buildings to demolish and remove a one
23 story wood frame one family dwelling and
24 remove all litter and debris from property -
25 BELLMORE - East side of Bellmore Avenue, five

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1 hundred feet North of Alder Place -
2 Department of Buildings.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we are
4 talking about the property on Alder Place,
5 so, I have a Lewis Forisi.

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6 LEWIS FORISI: Lewis Forisi. 39
7 Riverside Drive, Smithtown, New York.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead, please.

9 LEWIS FORISI: I am requesting a
10 thirty-day adjournment to complete the
11 demolition permit.

12 The only thing I have to do is
13 disconnect the sewer.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you. If
15 you would stand aside for a second, we have
16 another individual on the same project.

17 Frank Bolerra.

18 Good Morning.

19 Name and address for the record.

20 FRANK BOLERRA: Frank Bolerra. 2836
21 Pulman Road, Baldwin, New York.

22 I request and ask the Board to approve
23 this permit to demolish the building.

24 I own my property for six years, now

1 and the house has been in that condition the
2 entire six years.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

4 What we normally do in these cases, we
5 will move forward and approve this petition
6 but, then, we will give the property owner or
7 his or her agent thirty days to effectuate
8 the cleanup and if not, then, I will move
9 forward to our own devices to get it done.

10 So, essentially, what we are saying we
11 will pass the item, today, sir and you will
12 have thirty days to move forward and get it
13 done yourself before we take action.

14 Just stay in close contact with our
15 Building Department, that is Commissioner
16 Rottkamp, right, there, in front of you.

17 That is Mr. Schwartz, our Chief
18 Building Inspector.

19 Keep them apprise of your progress and
20 we can work together to get it down in that
21 thirty-day period.

22 So, if there is anybody else on this
23 matter?

24 There being none, a motion, please.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.

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1 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
2 Hearing and adopt the item.

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
4 Motion.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
19 Sweeney?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, next item,
22 please.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner
24 of Buildings to demolish and remove two story
25 wood frame one family dwelling with attached

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1 garage and inground swimming pool and remove
2 all liter and debris from property -
3 BELLMORE- East side of Judith Drive, five
4 hundred and thirty feet North of Ardix Place
5 - DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS.

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, this is for
7 the Judith Drive property. I have one person
8 who has signed in.

9 Donald Niper?

10 DONALD NIPER: Yes, sir.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

12 DONALD NIPER: Good Morning, sir.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
14 for the record, sir.

15 DONALD NIPER: Donald Niper. 3579
16 Davis, Seaford, New York.

17 We are requesting a thirty-day
18 adjournment on the property.

19 We are going to contact Mr. Schwartz.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, similar to
21 what I said on the prior, we will move
22 forward, today and, obviously, we will stay
23 execution for thirty days to get you to be
24 able to do it yourself.

25 DONALD NIPER: Thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anything else on
2 this particular matter?

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

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
6 a Motion, please.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
8 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
9 Hearing and adopt the item.

10 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
11 Motion.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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 Local Law Re:
7 "Regulations and restrictions" to limit
8 parking in Bellmore, Merrick, Seaford,
9 Uniondale, Wantagh, (To amend Chapter 202 of
10 the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, all right,
12 anyone who would like to be heard on this
13 particular matter, Bellmore, Merrick,
14 Seaford, Wantagh?

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

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
18 I will take a Motion. We have someone from
19 the audience.

20 Please, come forward. Good Morning,
21 name and address for the record, please.

22 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
23 436 Locust Valley Avenue, Uniondale.

24 So, I am just wondering where these
25 regulations and restrictions are in

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1 Uniondale, please?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Certainly.

3 COMMISSIONER: Good Morning,

4 Supervisor, this legislation in Uniondale is
5 in Bedford Avenue and it is a parking sign
6 for thirty feet.

7 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thirty feet in
8 front of it is because of a person?

9 COMMISSIONER: I am sorry, ma'am.

10 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Somebody with
11 disabilities?

12 COMMISSIONER: Yes.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
14 much.

15 On this matter, a Motion, please.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
17 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
18 Hearing and adopt the item.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
20 the motion.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Vote, please.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

25 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: Next item,

14 please.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

16 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in

17 Baldwin, East Meadow, Elmont, Garden City

18 South, Levittown, North Bellmore, Wantagh,

19 West Hempstead (To amend Section 202-1 of the

20 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there

22 anyone that would like to be heard on any of

23 these items?

24 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

25 After, the following ensued.)

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

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
4 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
5 the Local Law be adopted.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the
7 Motion.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
17 Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

20 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
22 Sweeney?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
25 please.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
2 "Arterial Stops" in ELMONT, POINT LOOKOUT (To
3 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town
4 of Hempstead)

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
6 that would like to be heard on any of these
7 items?

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

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

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
13 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
14 he local law be adopted.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
16 second?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second
18 the Motion.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

6 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
8 Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
11 please.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
13 "Parking for Firemen only" in WANTAGH (To
14 amend Section 202-56 of the Code of the Town
15 of Hempstead)

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

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

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.
23 Supervisor, I move to close the Public
24 Hearing and adopt the item.

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the

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Motion.

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: Okay, call the
next two items.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Obstructions on sidewalks, roads and
streets" (To amend Section 181-14 of Chapter
181 to add new subsections C & D of the Code
of the Town of Hempstead)

Proposed Local Law Re: "Removal of

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1 Snow, ice and obstructions from sidewalks,
2 roads and streets" (To amend Section 181-11
3 of Chapter 181 of the Code of the Town of
4 Hempstead.)

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, if
6 I might, there is still some work to be done
7 on this item and the next item, too.

8 I would respectfully request that it
9 be adjourned without date.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can I have a
11 Motion to adjourn these items without date.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
13 Supervisors, I move the proposed local laws
14 be adjourned without date.

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
16 Motion.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
7 Sweeney?

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
10 please.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed renewal
12 contract for furnishing fire protection
13 services within the Angle Sea Fire Protection
14 District (Incorporated Village of East
15 Rockaway)

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

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.
23 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing
24 be closed and the proposed contract be
25 approved.

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1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second the Motion.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
11 Goosby?

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

14 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
16 Sweeney?

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
19 please.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed renewal
21 contract for furnishing fire protection
22 district (Franklin Square and Munson Fire
23 District)

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

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1 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there being
4 none, I will accept a Motion.

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5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
6 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and
7 the contract be renewed.

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the
9 motion.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

19 Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

22 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

24 Sweeney?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
2 please.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed leasing of
4 space on the elevated water tank for the
5 purposes of placing mobile telephone
6 communications equipment upon the tank in the
7 Levittown Water District - LEVITTOWN- Azalea
8 Road (New York SMSA Limited Partnership,
9 D/B/A Verizon Wireless)

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10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, I have a
11 Mr. Martin Lammer?

12 Excuse me, one second.

13 (Whereupon, "pass" was heard. After,
14 the following ensued.)

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

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
20 can I have a Motion, please.

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
22 move that the Public Hearing be closed and
23 the proposed lease be approved.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a
25 second?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second the
2 Motion.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
12 Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

15 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
17 Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
20 please.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Amendment of
22 Article XXXI of the Building Zone Ordinance
23 of the Town of Hempstead insofar as to create
24 a new Section 311.1 thereof in relation to
25 "Special Regulations Pertaining to corner

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1 Residential Lots" - TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, I have a
3 few folks that have expressed an interest to
4 speak.

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5 Mr. Michael Mucario (Phonetic
6 spelling)

7 Good Morning, sir, your name and
8 address for the record.

9 MICHAEL MUCARIO: Michael Mucario.
10 (Phonetic Spelling)

11 157 Swan Lane, Levittown.

12 Thank you for the opportunity. I am
13 here, today, to show my support and
14 endorsement to this amendment that will
15 provide a continued use and enjoyment of the
16 property we purchased sixteen years ago to
17 raise our family.

18 My wife and I worked constantly to
19 improve our home and our property which, in
20 turn, benefits the neighborhood.

21 By not approving this legislation
22 would cause economic hardships for my family,
23 as well as, many other families that are on
24 corner lots in the Town of Hempstead.

25 I appreciate the consideration you are

1 giving.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

3 Frank Marmo? (Phonetic Spelling)

4 Good Morning, sir.

5 Name and address for the record.

6 FRANK MARMO: Frank Marmo. (Phonetic

7 Spelling)

8 86 Green Lane, Levittown, New York.

9 Um, I just also wanted to thank you for, um,
10 reviewing this amendment.

11 I actually brought some documentation

12 if - -

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Give them to the

14 Clerk and we will make it part of the

15 Hearing, please.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Thank you.

17 FRANK MARMO: To reiterate what was

18 said, I have prepared comments but I just

19 wanted to bring up the situation.

20 I live on the corner, as well. The

21 law is affecting me to get a final

22 Certificate of Occupancy for the addition to

23 my house.

24 I was either told to bring my fence in

25 ten feet or to take the fence down.

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1 And, obviously, with four, small
2 children in my house, I think it is wrong
3 to take the fence down and it is also, as I
4 said, I think an issue to bring my property
5 in line ten feet in.

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6 I don't think that is, um, fair, as
7 well, especially, since, um, it is posing
8 no danger to the community, the fence.

9 I am setback enough, um and I brought
10 some pictures so you guys can see, just
11 see, obviously, this proposed legislation,
12 I think, can help a lot of, um, individuals
13 or families in Levittown or with setback
14 fences that are on corners.

15 So, as I say, I appreciate your time
16 and I hope you guys will approve this
17 legislation.

18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

20 Dawn Marmo. (Phonetic Spelling)

21 DAWN MARMO: My name is Dawn Marmo.

22 86 Green Lane, um, thank you, again, for
23 listening to us.

24 My husband just explained it. We do
25 have four, small boys.

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1 When we purchased our home, we didn't
2 have any children.

3 We weren't really thinking that we had
4 two front lots.

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5 We thought we had a backyard. It
6 turns out it is considered a front lot.

7 Um, I don't want to get upset, that is
8 the only place we have for our children to
9 play.

10 It is our only backyard.

11 If I move my fence ten feet, I do not
12 have a backyard. I do not have a place to
13 sit and eat with my children.

14 There is a small playset for my
15 children to play with. That would have to
16 be taken down, either that or open to the
17 public because I don't have a fence, that
18 is our backyard.

19 We live on a corner lot.

20 You don't realize, initially, we don't
21 have any other space.

22 Um, I have nothing else to say. It is
23 very heartbreaking to fathom the idea of
24 losing a fence and our privacy.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mrs.

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Marmo.

Thank you very much.

Is there anyone else that would like to be heard on this matter before the own Board?

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

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, if not, I will accept a Motion, please.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: I move the Public Hearing be closed and decision reserved.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the Motion.

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?

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1 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
3 Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
6 please.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Application of 1442
8 Wantagh, LLC., for rezoning from Business X
9 District and Residence A ("R-A") to rezone
10 the (R-A) portion of the overall property to
11 Business X - WANTAGH- West side of Wantagh
12 Avenue, 964.11 feet North of Island Road.

13 Supervisor, I have a companion
14 Application of 1442 Wantagh, LLC. for a
15 variance from provisions of "GSS" Ordinance
16 to operate a gasoline station and convenience
17 store as well as area, sign and parking
18 variance - WANTAGH - West side of Wantagh
19 Avenue with 964.11 feet North of Island Road.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

21 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Good Morning,
22 Supervisor, how are you?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
24 for the record?

25 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Of course, David

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1 Alden. 538 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 301,
2 Melville, New York for the applicant.

3 With me, today, um, is Frank Fuchilli
4 (phonetic spelling) from Stonefield
5 Engineering.

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6 Frank is a traffic engineer, civil
7 engineer in the State of New York.

8 I also have Larry O'Brien, licensed
9 architect in the State of New York from High
10 Point Engineering.

11 They are the folks that drew the civil
12 plans that are before the Board, today.

13 And, also, I have with me Michael
14 Lynch from Lynch Appraisal.

15 Michael is a New York State licensed
16 appraiser. Mike handed me a copy of his
17 report and I will submit an original and nine
18 copies of Mike's report into the record.

19 And, I will submit an original of
20 Stonefield's November 14th parking and traffic
21 report for the record.

22 I believe it has already been
23 submitted. Also, Mr. Supervisor, I will
24 submit some green cards that came back in the

1 mail subsequent to the filing the Affidavit
2 of Mailing.

3 Mr. Supervisor, I will try to keep my
4 comments brief relative to this application.

5 The first aspect I will give you some
6 generic information relative to the site.

7 It is located at 1442 Wantagh Avenue
8 in Wantagh, County of Nassau, State of New
9 York.

10 It bears on the Nassau County Tax Map,
11 Section 56, Block H, Lots 920 through 927
12 inclusive.

13 The site is partially zoned or
14 predominately zoned, I should say, Business X
15 with the rear portion, apparently, still
16 being zoned Residence A.

17 Um, as you heard, the applicant is
18 seeking a zone change for the remaining rear
19 portion of the site, which is zoned Business
20 A, that portion of the site, I am sorry,
21 Residence A, um, is, approximately, twenty-
22 seven hundred and ninety-four square feet in
23 area.

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1 That portion of the site, which is
2 zoned Residence A abuts on the westerly lot
3 line, green space Town Park at that point.

4 For purposes of this application, in
5 order to include the entire parcel within the
6 "GSS" Overlay District, um, which is also
7 part of this application, the applicant
8 requires the entire parcel be zoned Business
9 X, as the underlying zoning district.

10 The lot, itself, is approximately,
11 twenty-three thousand, five hundred and
12 fifty-six square feet in area.

13 It has frontage of approximately
14 201.59 feet long Wantagh Avenue, that is the
15 westerly side of Wantagh Avenue.

16 Wantagh Avenue is primarily
17 North/South with two lanes running
18 northbound, two lanes running southbound.

19 Um, there are no shoulders to speak of
20 on either side.

21 There is a double yellow line median.

22 The applicant proposes to maintain the
23 existing automotive repair building and
24 convert the same to a convenience store.

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1 I will note for the record, Mr.
2 Supervisor and Town Board Members, that the
3 site was formerly used for automotive
4 repairs.

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5 I believe there are two-bay doors,
6 there, now.

7 Automotive repairs have discontinued
8 on the site for a number of years.

9 In fact, I am sure the Board is well
10 aware, automotive repairs, particularly at
11 local stations these days, area a dying
12 business.

13 These days, most automotive repairs
14 are done at the dealership.

15 Excuse me, cars are being made better
16 than decades ago, simply automotive repair is
17 not a viable business and shun, as such.

18 The convenience component has become
19 today, ubiquitous with the gasoline service
20 station use, here, today in New York, in
21 particular, where we have among the highest
22 tax by the State of New York on a gallon of
23 gasoline.

24 Um, the margin in terms of gasoline
25 sales varies .3 cents to as much as .25 cents

1 on a gallon of gas, as such, convenience
2 store sales have become adjunct to complement
3 the gasoline service station business and the
4 applicant is, therefore, looking to convert
5 the existing building to a convenience store
6 use.

7 The property is, presently, improved
8 with three gasoline, um, product dispensers.

9 They are lined parallel to Wantagh
10 Avenue providing six fueling positions.

11 There is an existing canopy. The
12 canopy measures, approximately, twenty-one
13 and a half by sixty-six feet or approximately
14 one thousand four hundred and nineteen square
15 feet in area.

16 I do note and have received the Town's
17 violation report a couple of days ago.

18 There is no C of O for the canopy and
19 that is something for which we are here to
20 do, which is to legalize that canopy.

21 The canopy is, of course, becomes an
22 ambiguous component for the gasoline use,
23 today.

24 It has probably been the better part
25 of twenty-five to thirty years.

1 It helps to provide convenience and
2 shelter motorists from inclement weather.

3 Um, in addition, the applicant is
4 providing six parking spaces including one
5 Compliant space.

6 There is a trash enclosure at the
7 southwest portion of the site and the
8 applicant is also proposing to maintain the
9 four existing curb cuts.

10 I will note that the Wantagh Avenue is
11 a County road under the jurisdiction of the
12 Nassau DPW.

13 A 239 F application has been made and
14 no comment has been received from DPW at this
15 time.

16 Certain comments received from the
17 Town relative to this application noted.

18 The southern curb cut of this site,
19 um, providing access to the rear portion of
20 the premises, that curb cut is, in fact,
21 gated.

22 It is for purposes of accessing the
23 rear portion of the premises only and the
24 applicant, if the Board so requires, would,
25 in fact, also post signage in front of the

1 curb cut indicating no public access, for
2 employee use only.

3 There are a number of variances
4 associated with this application.

5 Um, there are anywhere from how you
6 classify fifteen to eighteen in number,
7 certain variances are relative to signage.

8 Um, I will set them aside for a
9 second.

10 Most of the variances sought, today,
11 Mr. Supervisor and fellow Board Members
12 relate candidly to the unique dimensions and
13 topography of this site, approximately,
14 thirty, thirty-five percent of the existing
15 development - - this property has been
16 developed as a gasoline service station for
17 seventy years.

18 The C of O was issued for this site on
19 August 1st of 1947 for gasoline use.

20 C of O number is 194747690.

21 The reason I mention this is the
22 property slopes severely in the westerly
23 direction.

24 The westerly portion of the property
25 for, approximately, sixty, sixty-five percent

1 of the property is anywhere from eight to
2 nine feet below grade, um, from that portion
3 of the site, which is improved as a gasoline
4 service station, as such, the gasoline is
5 compressed into that area making certain
6 compliance with the Town Zoning Ordinance
7 with respect infeasible.

8 Um, with respect to signage, the
9 applicant, um, proposes to maintain two
10 existing ground signs at the site.

11 The signs are fifteen feet in height
12 and, approximately thirty-two, thirty-four
13 square feet in area.

14 They are not very large signs, um,
15 they are necessary for brand identification,
16 as well as, for providing motorists traveling
17 on Wantagh highway with the pricing of the,
18 um, petroleum product sold at the site.

19 The site is operated on a 24/7 basis.

20 The applicant will be making
21 applications to the State of New York for a,
22 m, all service beer sale license.

23 As I mentioned, there will be no
24 repairs.

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1 Um, carting at the site is done
2 through private entity and, um, in terms of
3 employees, one employee per shift.

4 If there are any questions of myself
5 or any of my fellow colleagues, here, today,
6 I will be happy to address them.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Councilwoman
8 King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Thank you.
10 You are right in my neighborhood, a
11 couple of blocks away. I go to the gas
12 station all the time.

13 I use it and I find a couple of
14 questions, you know, it is right by Wantagh
15 High School and Wantagh Middle School and
16 there are always a lot of kids walking back
17 and forth, would you be open to eliminating
18 the sale of alcohol from, um, midnight to
19 6:00 a.m. excluding those hours?

20 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Well, I have to be
21 candid with you, this is a discussion I had
22 with your Town Attorney's Office on this
23 matter and while I understand the concern,
24 um, alcohol in this State are regulated by
25 the State of New York.

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1 There is a pretty, healthy body of
2 case load in terms of preemptions of
3 alcohol and we will certainly abide by our
4 State licensing in that regard but we are
5 not inclined to otherwise limit the sale,
6 to be honest with you.

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7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I
8 understand you talked to the Town Attorney
9 about that.

10 We do often agree to limit alcohol.

11 ATTORNEY ALDEN: I don't mean to
12 interrupt but this is a discussion I have
13 had with the Town Attorney's Office with
14 regard to that particular request from the
15 Town Board.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Are you a Member of
17 the Long Island's Gasoline Retailers
18 Association?

19 ATTORNEY ALDEN: You mean, LIGRA?

20 I would have to see if the applicant
21 is.

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We have had an
23 agreement with them for about twenty-five,
24 thirty years.

25 We can talk about it.

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1 ATTORNEY ALDEN: I am happy to discuss
2 it with you, Mr. Ra.

3 I have other matters that - - issues
4 that have arisen.

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I have a question.

6 I don't see any papers, any landscape
7 plan but I do see repeated on the site
8 plan, "existing, existing, existing."

9 I do notice, obviously, we are going
10 for a convenience store.

11 It looks like you got money that would
12 also come in from vacuums and so forth,
13 what I am not seeing is what you are giving
14 back to the community in terms of beauty.

15 I see nothing on, here, regarding a
16 drastic increase in landscaping.

17 Now, you happen to be in a situation
18 where the back of the property faces this
19 wooded area, so, it is not a matter of
20 having to screen that area, but, looking at
21 your new proposal there, I am wondering
22 that area to the South that you have,
23 you're talking about replacing asphalt and
24 I don't see that area as being stripped for
25 your parking spaces.

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1 So, I am wondering why that corner
2 there cannot be expanded to include
3 additional landscaping and that you cannot
4 make a more extensive landscaping plan?

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5 As an example, if you go and look at
6 some of the Bolla Stations which are super
7 examples of landscaping, we are looking to
8 beautify neighborhoods and if it means
9 sacrificing some asphalt, it is a good
10 idea.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Identify yourself
12 for the record.

13 FRANK FUCHILLI: Frank Fuchilli,
14 Stonefield Engineering, design, traffic and
15 civil engineer in the State of New York for
16 over thirteen years.

17 Thank you for the opportunity to
18 speak, Mr. Councilman.

19 I believe you were talking about SP-3
20 which is the landscaping that is provided -
21 - the detail are provided, um, there is a
22 large area proposed sort of adjacent to the
23 parking that is South of the proposal of
24 the existing building, that landscaping
25 envelopes around the parking and

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1 Continues to the South southerly portion of
2 the site.

3 COUNCILMAN HUDES: The area I am
4 talking about, you have a large triangular
5 area, just above the South, 23, 34 feet
6 West marker, that square you have nothing
7 in that triangle and yet you have that curb
8 cut in that area, why can't you expand that
9 area rather than having - - we are looking
10 for frontage on Wantagh Avenue that when
11 people drive through the community, they
12 see beautiful flowers, a variation of
13 things high and low, some interesting-
14 looking, creative landscaping, not a
15 typical soldier standing in a row, a line
16 of things but something that looks like a
17 landscaping that we find out it belongs in
18 the community, something that has people
19 driving down Wantagh Avenue, they see
20 something that looks nice, unfortunately,
21 your pumps are so close to Wantagh Avenue.

22 You are limited as far as anything
23 along there that would kind of light that a
24 little bit but you do have certainly that
25 southern area and the ability to go

1 into that northern area where you have
2 equipment, you have things lined up.

3 Do something a little more creative
4 with boulders and we have a whole list that
5 have worked well in other gas stations that
6 bring some interest.

7 I suggest that you take a look at that
8 southern area.

9 It is a nice area to do landscaping
10 along Wantagh Avenue.

11 Thank you.

12 FRANK FUCHILLI: It is a good point. I
13 want to address the point, the area you are
14 referring to, while it is not stripped for
15 parking, it is an area for site
16 circulation.

17 You will notice just East of that, I
18 am sorry, North of that, are underground
19 fueling tanks for the gasoline service
20 station and that area is used on a weekly
21 basis by a tanker truck that comes to
22 deliver the gas, so, while that area isn't
23 specifically stripped for vehicles, it is
24 an active area that will be used for other
25 tanker trucks and the site has been in

1 existence for seventy years, that is an area
2 that is used for circulation and
3 encroaching upon that area would limit that
4 ability.

5 There is also drainage in that area
6 that is existing that would come into play
7 if landscaping would be looked at in that
8 specific area, so, we have tried to look at
9 this site.

10 We are working with constraints.

11 Of course, there is a large amount of
12 vegetation behind the site to the West that
13 exists and untouched as part of this
14 application, so, we are doing the best we
15 can with the limited site constraints that
16 Mr. Alden spoke about earlier.

17 COUNCILMAN HUDES: If you are
18 approved.

19 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Of course.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: A follow-
21 up question as well, there are several
22 violations that are current violations that
23 are outstanding, I think I mentioned one of
24 them.

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1 Will you commit to correcting all
2 of those current violations?

3 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Absolutely, as part
4 of this application, we notice a number of
5 violations, the canopy - -

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6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Right, one
7 thing from the picture, here, can you
8 figure a way to clean that up, there were
9 some of the fences have fallen in the back?

10 Not a lot of people are looking at
11 that because of the parking in the back,
12 can you kind of clean that up?

13 ATTORNEY ALDEN: Absolutely.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Okay,
15 thanks.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any
17 other questions from Members of the Board?

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

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Alden, any
21 more of your presentation?

22 ATTORNEY ALDEN: No, Supervisor, I
23 thank you for your time and the Town Board.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you. Is
25 Mr. Lynch going to address us or no?

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1 ATTORNEY ALDEN: No, you have his
2 report.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, great, I
4 have no one signed in from the public with
5 respect to this matter.

6 Is there anyone that would like to be
7 heard?

8 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard. After,
9 the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, please,
11 come forward.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
13 Barns Street, Franklin Square, New York.

14 Um, I wasn't planning on speaking on
15 this issue, but, um, I feel, that, first of
16 all, you mentioned the outstanding
17 violations but when Bolla came, here for a
18 similar application, you didn't mention
19 their outstanding violations in Elmont.

20 Um, I really am upset about the way
21 you are treating different applicants
22 differently and I think that is unfair.

23 Um, if you are going to bring up
24 someone's outstanding violations, you

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1 should do that across the board, not
2 selectively and as far as trying to mandate
3 what these people do, um, regular business is
4 hard enough without having to deal with Mr.
5 Hudes' selective gardening requirements.

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6 I think it is - - people pay a lot of
7 prime money in taxes, here and, then, there
8 are a lot of requirements of running a gas
9 station and convenience store, a lot of
10 permits, you have to do.

11 It costs a lot of money and you just
12 pile it on.

13 If you have limited money, you tax
14 people when you need more money.

15 These people have to make a living day
16 in and day out.

17 You guys don't do that. Thank you
18 very much.

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

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I
23 appreciate Councilman's input to help make
24 Wantagh beautiful.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Oh, she speaks.

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1 She doesn't speak when you ask her, though.

2 It is a true statement, though.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is enough.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: It is a true

5 Statement.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On this matter,

7 May I have a Motion.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.

9 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be
10 adjourned and the decision be reserved.

11 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the

12 Motion.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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: Thank you very
5 much.

6 Now, moving forward to the
7 Administrative Calendar.

8 May I have a Motion, please.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.
10 Supervisor, I move the entire Calendar.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Move it in its
12 entirety?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Does anyone want
15 to sever any motion on the calendar?

16 I will, at this time, ask to sever
17 Item Number 27, and so, I ask for Item Number
18 27. We will take that, first, sever it to
19 return to the calendar at our next meeting
20 because this has to do with the appointment
21 of a Member of the Town of Hempstead IDA and
22 it has been my policy, where practicable, I
23 am also on the appointment to give Senior
24 Councilwoman Goosby the respect and courtesy
25 to meet with my prospective appointees prior

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1 to her being asked to take a vote because of
2 scheduling difficulties with Councilwoman
3 and prospective appointee, that meeting did
4 not take place, so, I will give two weeks for
5 that to take place, so, Senior Councilwoman
6 can meet with the selective appointee that is
7 the reason I am severing it to return it to
8 the calendar at our next meeting.

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9 I move to sever, is there a second to
10 adjourn to the next calendar, which is
11 February 7th.

12 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Second.

13 Moving 28 to the February 7th Calendar.

14 Moved by myself.

15 Seconded by Councilman Ambrosino.

16 Now, on the adjournment, not on the merits of
17 the item, does anyone want to speak on the
18 adjournment, only.

19 There being none - -

20 (Whereupon, "Supervisor, can I be
21 heard on the adjournment" was heard calling
22 out from the audience. After, the following
23 ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You object or
25 support the adjournment?

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1 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Good Morning.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address
3 for the record.

4 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Good Morning,
5 Supervisor.

6 Carrie Solages, Legislator of the 3rd
7 District. 1550 North Franklin Avenue,
8 Mineola.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

10 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: Your Honor,
11 Supervisor, on the merits of the
12 adjournment, I support that and I
13 appreciate that.

14 Just one consideration in the
15 adjournment, in the time that you are
16 processing that, I ask you to consider a
17 number of voucher - -

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are not on the
19 item. This is the adjournment. You can
20 speak at a later part of the meeting. This
21 is strictly on the adjournment.

22 LEGISLATOR SOLAGES: So, when we get
23 to return and give us the right to the
24 microphone - -

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: This will be
2 February 7th, that is when this matter will
3 be taken up to give Senior Councilwoman
4 time to meet.

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5 It has been first and seconded.
6 Please, call the roll.

7 On the adjournment, name and address
8 for the record.

9 MR. MONTOBAUM: In my capacity as an
10 employee of the New York State Assembly, we
11 support the adjournment.

12 We wish to say that, um, we will be
13 reviewing this matter further with regard
14 to the appointment of Gerald Smith.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you for
17 your input.

18 There being no one further, now, call
19 the roll.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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: Okay, on the
12 regular Administrative Calendar, remainder of
13 the calendar, moved and seconded with the
14 exception of 27.

15 CLERK AHMAD: On the Administrative
16 Calendar, 1 through 53 except for Item 27
17 which is being adjourned.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move
19 the entire Calendar with the exception of
20 Item 27.

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
22 motion.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have a number
24 of people that have signed in relative to the
25 Administrative Calendar.

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1 Donna Cassaza?

2 DONNA CASSAZA: Donna Cassaza. 405
3 Long Beach Road, Rockville Centre, New York.

4 Number 43 on the agenda, providing
5 legal services to the Town Board, Mr. Ra,
6 that is a consultant?

7 When do legal services - - when are
8 they provided by a consultant and not by an
9 attorney?

10 As far as I am concerned, only
11 attorneys can render legal advice.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First of all,
13 direct the question to me but I will defer it
14 to Mr. Ra.

15 DONNA CASSAZA: Every other one of
16 those - -

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You asked a
18 question and we will give you an answer.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Vigilant negotiates
20 contracts with various departments in the
21 Town of Hempstead.

22 Those contracts are reviewed by
23 attorneys but he does negotiate, hence, that
24 kind of caption.

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1 In addition to that, Vigilant is the
2 liaison between the Town of Hempstead and all
3 of the Fire Departments, together with the
4 Fire Protection Districts.

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5 DONNA CASSAZA: As far as the other
6 items, here, each one of them that are
7 providing legal services and I have other
8 agendas in the past years has also had a name
9 of an attorney.

10 Again, a consulting firm or an in
11 adamant object, that is not a unit, an
12 attorney that is not practicing.

13 It has to be the name of the attorney
14 who is the principal of Vigilant, is that
15 Christopher Shelton?

16 Vigilant is a consulting company that
17 does other work including, um, surveys and
18 other items for the Town of Brookhaven on
19 consultations.

20 Christopher P. Shelton, who is an
21 attorney, who maybe rendering legal services
22 is an active Member of the East Rockaway Fire
23 Department.

24 And, again, I have raised this issue,
25 if he is providing legal services and he is

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1 appearing at parades and he is appearing at
2 other events that are also fire related, how
3 do you separate most of the appointments that
4 he is obtaining as an active Fire Department
5 guy and how is he working at six thousand
6 dollars a month for the Town of Hempstead?

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7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I think your
8 question has been answered in terms of the
9 services that is provided to the Town by
10 Vigilant Consulting, and anything else is
11 extraneous and he does in a private capacity
12 and I think we have answered your question.

13 DONNA CAZZASA: Another thing is,
14 procedurally, if, on the record, outside, we
15 have to put our name and addresses and that
16 is for the record, why do we have to
17 duplicate the efforts putting it, here?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: For the
19 stenographer.

20 DONNA CAZZASA: Do you give your
21 address.

22 Reasonable people can differ, so, if
23 we are speaking as a taxpayer and you have
24 the record outside in writing, why do we have
25 to duplicate it?

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: For the
2 stenographic record.

3 DONNA CAZZASA: So, where is that
4 Document, where does that document go?

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That document
6 remains in the office.

7 DONNA CAZZASA: I am saying in the
8 future, you know, for the taxpayers that come
9 here and maybe even the minority, if it is
10 already on the record - -

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is for the
12 stenographic record. Thank you very much.

13 Felix Procacci.

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

16 Okay, Administrative Item Number 3,
17 Case Number 21646, what positions were
18 advertised in the ad that Mr. Denny purchased
19 with his credit card?

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, please.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe this was
22 for the Behaviorist.

23 FELIX PROCACCI: Which one?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We advertised that
2 the position of Behaviorist was for the Town
3 of Hempstead.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: There are two
5 Behaviorists that are on today's Calendar,
6 that is why I asked the question.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This was for an ad
8 in the NEW YORK TIMES that appeared in
9 October.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Indicated that
11 position was available.

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry?

13 FELIX PROCACCI: There are two
14 Behaviorists on the Calendar, what is the
15 name of that Behaviorist for?

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Christie Fanti
17 (PHONETIC SPELLING) is the person that was
18 hired.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Kim Strong is a
20 Behaviorist?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Kim Strong, I
22 believe, runs a rehabilitation center in
23 Utica, New York.

24 She is being retained. She is not
25 being hired.

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1 Kim Strong is for protecting those
2 animals which, otherwise, maybe euthanized
3 because of danger dog proceedings.

4 Kim Strong is from Utica, New York.

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5 Christie Fanti is going to be
6 stationed at the Hempstead Animal Shelter.

7 FELIX PROCACCI: If the Town wanted to
8 advertise these positions without using an
9 employee's credit card, would the Resolution
10 have to be passed by the Town Board for those
11 monies to be spent?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry, I don't
13 understand your question.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: If the Town Board
15 wanted to advertise, spend a thousand
16 dollars, close to a thousand dollars - -

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I think the issue
18 was, it was a NEW YORK TIMES advertisement.

19 There were time constraints and the
20 TIMES would not wait for a Town of Hempstead
21 check to clear, I believe that was the issue.

22 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, were all
23 Members of the Town Board informed Mr. Denny
24 Was going to use his credit card to buy an ad
25 in the NEW YORK TIMES for this position?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, they are
2 informed, today, because it is on the
3 calendar for their approval.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Today is the first
5 time?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the
7 answer to that.

8 They know today because it is on the
9 Calendar.

10 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, why is Mr.
11 Denny using his credit card?

12 Why isn't the Director of General
13 Services or the Shelter Director making this
14 purchase?

15 It is for their Department.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I just said there
17 was a timeframe issue and we didn't want to
18 wait for - - the TIMES requires a period for
19 a check to clear.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: I understand.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Okay, that is the
22 answer.

23 FELIX PROCACCI: General Services
24 Commissioner, he doesn't have a credit card?

25 He couldn't do it?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't think he
2 does.

3 FELIX PROCACCI: I am just asking.

4 Okay, Item Number 4, um, Case Number
5 21646, how was Kim Strong selected?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Administration
7 at the Animal Shelter brought it to the
8 attention of the Board and there were letter
9 bids that went out in decision to that and
10 there was a process.

11 That is how she was selected by bids.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: How many bids did the
13 Town receive for this contract?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Just one.

15 (Whereupon, laughter was heard from
16 the audience. Whereupon, "Here we go again,"
17 was heard from the audience. After, the
18 following ensued.)

19 FELIX PROCACCI: What certifications
20 and animal training and behavior does Kim
21 Strong have?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, I will get it
23 to you.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: FOIL, you are saying?
25 Who will transport the dogs to Yorkville,

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1 New York, two hundred and fifty miles away?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There are a group
3 of people that transport the animals called
4 "Animal Alliance."

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: How much will that
6 cost each trip?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is a charitable
8 organization.

9 There is no cost to the Town for that.

10 FELIX PROCACCI: Any shelter personnel
11 will accompany these people on the trip?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

13 FELIX PROCACCI: Did anyone consider
14 that changing the environment of an animal by
15 transporting two hundred and fifty miles may
16 affect that animal?

17 I know it affects my dog by when my
18 sister babysits at my house.

19 Is that an issue?

20 It is difficult.

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: These are animals
22 that are candidates for euthanasia, that we
23 are trying to save.

24 Kim Strong owns this rehabilitation
25 center where she rehabilitates these

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1 animals, that is the answer, there.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: There is nobody
3 capable of filling this position in the Town
4 of Hempstead, is that a correct statement?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We did run ads and
6 we got one response.

7 FELIX PROCACCIZ: Okay, Item Number 5,
8 how many bids did the Town receive for this
9 contract, this is Christie Fanti?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Excuse me, I am
11 sorry.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: How many bids did the
13 Town receive for this contract?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We got two
15 responses.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: Can I have the name
17 of the other respondent?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You have to FOIL
19 it.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: Um, what
21 certification in animal training does
22 Christie Fanti have?

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe it is
24 put on line.

25 It is not there? I thought it was

1 there. I will provide her resume to you.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: Why are you making
3 this a contract position and not a permanent
4 position?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The needs of the
6 Department.

7 FELIX PROCACCI: The needs of the
8 Department.

9 I made this argument about hiring a
10 fulltime person when you were hiring a
11 contract Vet. and, then, Kate Murray was here
12 at the time and she made the argument as to
13 why we are hiring a contract person and two
14 years later you made the contract person a
15 fulltime person.

16 We are going to be in the animal
17 business as long as we have an Animal
18 Shelter.

19 I am not sure why you won't make a
20 Behaviorist a fulltime position, you know
21 because that is what we do.

22 And, I just want to know what is the
23 Philosophy, the reasoning, rationale at all?

24 (Whereupon Diane Madden was calling
25 out from the audience.)

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, we will
2 not speak from the audience.

3 (Whereupon, Diane Madden calling out
4 from the audience "somebody should answer
5 it.")

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will not speak
7 from the audience.

8 Please, maintain good order.

9 (Whereupon, "You too" was called out
10 by Diane Madden from the audience. After,
11 the following ensued.)

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Department made
13 a decision based on departmental needs, how
14 they wanted to retain/employ this person.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Vague, you are
16 spending our money doing it.

17 It is not like I am a stranger, here.

18 You are not affecting me when you do
19 things, you know, it would be really
20 appreciated that if you are going to do
21 something with our money, you know the people
22 who live in the Town of Hempstead and an
23 explanation like that could fit any answer.

24 If I asked you why you hired fulltime,
25 you could say the same thing.

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1 You are not explaining it at all and
2 that is really the crux of the problem we
3 have with this.

4 Um, so, I have to FOIL a bunch of
5 stuff.

6 As you remember, State Law does
7 require you to give the details of a contract
8 which you didn't provide according to the
9 law, so, in the future, if you give a
10 contract, give us the details as to why you
11 are hiring someone as required by law in the
12 future.

13 Thank you.

14 (Whereupon, "I want to say something"
15 was heard yelling out of the audience.
16 After, the following ensued.)

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No, we will go
18 by the order that I call.

19 Lucille Defina?

20 (Whereupon, "let the man speak" was
21 heard from the audience. After, the
22 following ensued.)

23 LUCILLE DEFINA: Lucille Defina. Good

24 Afternoon, um, unlike others, I have
25 never had any doubt that you, Supervisor

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1 Santino would ever hire anyone but Christie
2 Fanti for this position.

3 You went as far to put together
4 another bogus committee that has no knowledge
5 in this area and pretends that they are the
6 ones that made the selection.

7 In fact, it is so obvious that the
8 entire Hearing process was stalled and
9 manipulated to give this particular applicant
10 time to acquire the proper credentials but
11 that is okay.

12 But, that is okay, actually, I am
13 fine.

14 It is quite amusing. You just made
15 our job a lot easier because, ultimately, you
16 are in charge.

17 You are in charge of the circus that
18 you are allowing to go on.

19 Many people who were uncertain about
20 what we were saying, now, suddenly would like
21 to meet with us.

22 Thanks to your awful choice of hire,
23 you, now, have caught everyone's attention
24 and all eyes will be watching.

25 Since you have taken office, the

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1 Animal Shelter has become a revolving door of
2 incompetence, no-show jobs, unfair treatment
3 of people and animals.

4 And, let's not forget undeserved
5 promotions of long-time patronage political
6 supporters as they get close to retirement.

7 Quite honestly, our animals would be a
8 lot better off if you just paid these people
9 to stay home.

10 This bad and blatant decision to hire
11 the least qualified applicant for top dollar,
12 will surely prove to be another waste of our
13 tax dollars.

14 As your Director, it appears that you
15 only want former ACO Officers because they
16 believe in the old dog pound kill mentality.

17 Your lack of transparency,
18 accountability has allowed many dogs to die
19 by bypassing the authorization process of
20 your Director, a Supervisor and a qualified
21 Behaviorist.

22 To kill at the owner's request instead
23 of the true reason is for aggression.

24 By not have a Behaviorist, you are
25 able to continue to do that.

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1 By not having a qualified Behaviorist,
2 you will continue to do that.

3 So, my question is, are you still
4 going to allow pet owners to continue to
5 sign in their animals, signing both forms,
6 "owner requests immediate euthanasia" and
7 owner surrender for adoption and rescue?

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8 Is that going to still be allowed that
9 a pet owner must sign two forms?

10 That is not only totally unethical,
11 it potentially is illegal.

12 Is this going to continue happening?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
14 I would like to ask a question, you just made
15 a very serious allegation that there are no-
16 show jobs at the Animal Shelter, what
17 evidence do you have of that?

18 LUCILLE DEFINA: Well, we have people
19 telling us that there was a sign on the
20 Purchasing person's door every day he was not
21 there.

22 There were no supplies. There was no
23 food.

24 There was no cat food.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is

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1 Hearsay, do you have any direct evidence of
2 that?

3 Certainly, if that were the case,
4 I would want to know that.

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5 LUCILLE DEFINA: We already told that
6 - - that person was removed because we
7 already brought that up.

8 We spoke about that.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, you are not
10 making allegations that there are no-show
11 jobs at the Animal Shelter currently,
12 correct?

13 LUCILLE DEFINA: Correct, when I found
14 out two forms are going to continue to be
15 signed by pet owners when someone surrenders
16 their pet to the Shelter, are they still
17 forced to sign two forms?

18 Because without a qualified
19 Behaviorist, these animals can't keep going
20 under the radar and bypassing the policies
21 and procedures to be killed under aggression.

22 Can I get an answer on that?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, would
24 you, please.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry, Can

1 you, please, repeat your question.

2 LUCILLE DEFINA: There was a policy
3 that allowed an owner when an owner came in
4 to surrender their pet, they had to sign two
5 forms, "owner's request for immediate
6 euthanasia," but it is supposed to be when a
7 person does that, it is immediate euthanasia.

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8 They have been signing, "owner's
9 request for euthanasia" and "owner surrender
10 for adoption and rescue."

11 They have been recently forced to sign
12 both those forms, which when a dog has been -
13 - when the Director made the decision to kill
14 that dog under aggression, it shows up as
15 owner's request.

16 So, it has to be one or the other.

17 Is this still going to go on because,
18 now, it is very clear to everyone that you
19 are not going to have a qualified Behaviorist
20 in there that has the right in terms for
21 lifesaving, no kill mentality.

22 We have the same mentality continuing,
23 that is why it is so blatant and obvious that
24 this is why you were waiting for her to get
25 the credentials, so, you could hire her.

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1 So, now, that we know this, can we, at
2 least, avoid all of these dogs from dying
3 under owner requests?

4 Are these people that are surrendering
5 their dogs into the shelter, are they going
6 to continue to have to sign those forms?

7 That is all I want to know.

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Two things, Number
9 1, put that request in writing.

10 It will be answered in the contents of
11 the lawsuit that is pending.

12 LUCILLE DEFINA: What does that have
13 to do with the lawsuit that is pending?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, be
15 respectful and quiet.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There is a pending
17 Federal lawsuit concerning every aspect of
18 the Animal Shelter.

19 The questions that you asked touched
20 on questions, therefore, I will answer those
21 questions in writing within the contents of
22 the lawsuit, so, please, put that in writing.

23 LUCILLE DEFINA: This is always what
24 you do when you are afraid to answer
25 something, so, I will suspect that the owners

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1 are going to be signing both forms because
2 your excuse is a pending lawsuit and cannot
3 answer.

4 One has nothing to do with another,
5 so, yes, okay, we will find out if both of
6 these forms are being signed.

7 We will find out.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you. David
9 Pernachi. (phonetic spelling)

10 DAVID PERNACHI: David Pernanchi,
11 Westbury, New York.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, sir.

13 DAVID PERNANCHI: On the Resolution,
14 21646, um - -

15 (Whereupon, "talk in the mic," was
16 heard calling out from the audience.)

17 DAVID PERNANCHI: - - is a very good
18 idea overall but since it is being so far
19 away, um, is there any committees or any
20 meetings together to follow-up on these dogs,
21 follow the progress to see if they are
22 actually being trained?

23 From what I hear, from all the dogs
24 she has taken in, one has been adopted.

25 What is happening to all the rest of

1 them?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Please, put that
3 request in writing.

4 DAVID PERNANCHI: She can only hold so
5 much.

6 And, are you guys going to put in a
7 program to follow-up on the dogs to see if
8 they are being trained, adopted, euthanized,
9 shipped somewhere else or is it just off your
10 records, now?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL that
12 information.

13 DAVID PERNANCHI: It is a question.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: And, please, put it
15 in writing and we will treat it as a FOIL
16 request.

17 DAVID PERNANCHI: Okay and the
18 trainer, I don't know her. I don't know her
19 qualifications are very important.

20 Are you going to be, um, having a
21 volunteer program to go along with this
22 because once a dog is behavior tested and it
23 is deemed, you know, adoptable, that is only
24 the very beginning and the programs that you
25 have in line after that for the training to

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1 keep them sociable and adoptable is very
2 important.

3 Like I said, I went down there and I
4 volunteered and what I saw is very upsetting,
5 not that everything is bad but there are
6 certain changes for the betterment of the
7 dog, but to keep them adopted.

8 I don't know if you even looked at the
9 information that you had at the last meeting
10 but, it is very possible in a twelve-month
11 period, I adopted one hundred and four dogs
12 out of the Town of Hempstead and I found them
13 all with no returns.

14 And, it is not just the Behaviorist,
15 it is all the follow-up with the training,
16 keeping them socialized and progressing along
17 to be adopted.

18 Re any of those programs going to be
19 beefed up to help the Behaviorist?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you put those
21 requests in writing, I will direct them to
22 the Department.

23 DAVID PERNANCHI: When you say put them
24 in writing, at the next meeting if I have
25 them here or I have them via email or hand

1 them in?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You can hand them
3 at the meeting, there won't be an answer at
4 the meeting.

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5 DAVID PERNANCHI: I am aware of that.
6 You will take them and follow-up.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Sure.

8 DAVID PERNANCHI: Thank you very much.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.
10 Diane Madden.

11 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden. I live
12 in the Town of Hempstead.

13 Um, Item Number 21646 on the contract,
14 what is an acceptance letter bid?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Excuse me?

16 DIANE MADDEN: What is an acceptance
17 letter bid?

18 Is that a response to an RFP?

19 What is that?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is a response to
21 a request from the Department for the
22 services that are necessary.

23 DIANE MADDEN: Where was this posted?
24 When? Where? How many applicants?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It was sent to

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1 Rehabilitative Services as identified by the
2 Department.

3 DIANE MADDEN: How can we find out?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You can FOIL it?

5 DIANE MADDEN: Because you said that
6 was the only response, correct?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We got the
8 response.

9 DIANE MADDEN: Was it ever posted on
10 FACEBOOK?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Please, FOIL the
12 information.

13 DIANE MADDEN: There is no
14 specification on how many videotapes are
15 required during the dog's time there.

16 Can this contract be modified to
17 request updates until the outcome of the dog
18 is finalized?

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Please, put the
20 request in writing.

21 DIANE MADDEN: That is not a yes or no
22 answer.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Please, put your
24 request in writing.

25 DIANE MADDEN: With this contract

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1 arrangement, does the Board understand after
2 sixty days, these dogs can be destroyed?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I would tell you
4 that, thank you for your comments and if the
5 document is available, I will provide it for
6 you.

7 DIANE MADDEN: The document - -

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is a FOIL
9 request.

10 The Board is not going to comment.

11 There is a Federal Civil Rights
12 lawsuit.

13 The Board is not going to comment with
14 anything that has to do with the Animal
15 Shelter.

16 DIANE MADDEN: That is interesting
17 because the Board has commented on other
18 lawsuits that have been in different
19 departments, so, I am finding that quite
20 interesting because this is so reminiscent to
21 the last time we filed a lawsuit for animal
22 rights violated.

23 In any case, what are the policies and
24 procedures for transport?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: As we said earlier,

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1 there is a major alliance that transported
2 the animals to the facility.

3 DIANE MADDEN: Is that the only
4 organization that is going to be
5 transporting?

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6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: So far, that is the
7 only one that we know of.

8 DIANE MADDEN: Does Ms. Strong have
9 any input on which dogs will be sent there?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't think so.
11 We will pick the dogs that are going to be
12 sent.

13 I could imagine there is a possibility
14 when we go against and she refuses, I don't
15 know the answer to that.

16 It is a work in progress since the
17 contract hasn't started yet, we don't know.

18 DIANE MADDEN: So, the contract is
19 going to get voted on today and there are no
20 policies and procedures as to which dogs get
21 picked, if it is Ms. Strong or the
22 Department.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Department will
24 determine which dogs are being sent.

25 You asked me can she refuse delivery

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1 and the short answer is - -

2 DIANE MADDEN: I asked you if she has
3 any input in the dogs coming in?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: In the first
5 instance, I would imagine if there is an
6 instance if the dog gets there, we would have
7 to discuss it with her, which would be
8 reasonable.

9 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, under this
10 agreement, ten favorite dogs will be sent for
11 extra training or placement, who determines
12 which dogs are selected out of the hundreds
13 that need help and pass through the shelter
14 doors each year?

15 Who makes those determinations?

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Animal Shelter.

17 DIANE MADDEN: Who in the Animal
18 Shelter?

19 What names?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL the
21 information and if it is available, we will
22 give it to you.

23 DIANE MADDEN: So, there is no
24 committee?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL the

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1 Information.

2 DIANE MADDEN: So, there is no one
3 that is going to be making those decisions?

4 It is not the trainer that you are
5 hiring?

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL the
7 information.

8 DIANE MADDEN: Was Kim Strong's
9 facility inspected?

10 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

11 DIANE MADDEN: And, by whom?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: FOIL that
13 information, please.

14 DIANE MADDEN: By whom?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: FOIL the
16 information.

17 DIANE MADDEN: Has the Board seen any
18 qualifications and any licensing on this
19 contracted job?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Board has the
21 background of Kim Stron.

22 DIANE MADDEN: From FACEBOOK or actual
23 certifications, licensing, references?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I can provide that
25 to you.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: To be clear, the total
2 of this contract on top of one hundred and
3 nine thousand dollar contract is an
4 additional ninety thousand dollars taxpayer
5 dollars to send only thirty dogs over a
6 period of three years for rehabilitation,
7 they could be receiving at the Shelter under
8 a seventy-five thousand dollars on staff,
9 fulltime Behaviorist.

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10 This is more money, less services.

11 Does this contract eliminate the
12 collecting and handling of unaccounted cash
13 donations and GO FUND ME pages previously
14 created by Shelter supervisors and/or
15 employees or is this additional money, this
16 line item?

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't have that
18 information available.

19 I will get it to you.

20 DIANE MADDEN: Advocates have been
21 asking since last October what the line item
22 was for, what the policy and procedures for
23 this placement of animals, thirty thousand
24 dollars from last October when did you decide
25 where this money was going to go?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL the
2 information.

3 DIANE MADDEN: And, the policies and
4 procedures, as well?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You may FOIL the
6 information.

7 DIANE MADDEN: And, finally on this
8 issue, this is a four hundred and seventeen
9 thousand dollar taxpayers' expense versus,
10 um, two hundred and twenty-five thousand
11 dollars, it should cost to have a fulltime on
12 staff Behaviorist.

13 There is nearly a two hundred thousand
14 dollars additional cost for this contract
15 combined.

16 When, on Ms. Fanti's resume, she says
17 she handles very difficult, aggressive dogs,
18 so, I think it is important that the Board
19 understands taxpayers are paying two hundred
20 thousand dollars difference to have less
21 services and this does not address the
22 majority of dogs that need this kind of
23 intervention.

24 To answer your question, Councilman
25 Blakeman, you asked if we are saying that

1 | there are no-show jobs.

2 | We have no way of knowing, at this
3 | moment, today, but, yes, there have been.

4 | There has been no-show jobs at the
5 | Animal Shelter.

6 | It took place as we were - -

7 | (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
8 | following ensued.)

9 | SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your time is up.
10 | Thank you very much.

11 | DIANE MADDEN: I have a second item,
12 | Item Number 4, um, I know you don't know what
13 | I have to say.

14 | Pat Murphy, Chris Smith was fired.
15 | The office was vacant.

16 | SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You have had your
17 | five minutes.

18 | DIANE MADDEN: That is it, that is
19 | where the no-show job takes place.

20 | Um, the next item is Item Number 5,
21 | the Comptroller stated in October of 2016,
22 | eighty thousand dollars included in the 2017
23 | budget for fulltime Behaviorist, how did you
24 | come up with one hundred and nine thousand
25 | dollars?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe that she
2 is getting sixty dollars per hour, that is
3 what it is based on.

4 DIANE MADDEN: That is about what
5 doctors and lawyers make.

6 So, we have an Animal Shelter Director
7 that is getting thirty dollars an hour on
8 Long Island.

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

11 DIANE MADDEN: Sixty dollars an hour
12 and that is why it came out to because - -

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: That is what it is
14 based on.

15 DIANE MADDEN: Topped out on eighty,
16 you are paying this Behaviorist who is less
17 qualified one hundred and nine thousand
18 dollars a year plus thirty thousand dollars a
19 year to send more dollars somewhere else
20 where she won't handle or can't handle.

21 Um, I think the public needs to know
22 that and I think the Board should have looked
23 into this before they are sitting, here,
24 ready to approve this kind of money.

25 Did anyone contact Laura Miller

1 because she sits on the Town's only Civil
2 Service test for seventy-five thousand
3 dollars?

4 Handle both cat and dog rescue
5 behavior.

6 She has run departments before.

7 She trained under Laura Gorber (as
8 heard).

9 Did anyone reach out to her for this
10 position?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the
12 answer to that question.

13 DIANE MADDEN: The Town is using a
14 total of one hundred and thirty-nine thousand
15 to relocate animals.

16 Why wouldn't they hire a fulltime on-
17 staff-qualified Behaviorist capable of
18 restoring all the progressive programs that
19 are gone?

20 Isn't the point of hiring a
21 Behaviorist so you address the issues
22 preventing the animals being transported out
23 of the facilities in the first place?

24 The Board is about to approve spending
25 a one hundred and nine thousand dollar

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1 contract for the least qualified candidate to
2 select a portion of the dogs to get sent to
3 an Upstate facility for additional taxpayers'
4 cost of thirty thousand dollars, that is one
5 hundred and thirty-nine thousand dollars.

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6 Kick the can down the road or seventy-
7 five?

8 An expert who can handle it all, has
9 handled it all and it has been a success
10 before this Administration.

11 The contract is vague, yet, Supervisor
12 Santino said this would require fulltime
13 hours.

14 What are the hours of this position?

15 It is not online.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I believe she is
17 hired to work thirty-five hours a week,
18 going to provide thirty-five hours.

19 DIANE MADDEN: Provide, right, so that
20 leads me to my next question, is that on
21 property, on-staff hours or is that work at
22 home thirty-five hours a week?

23 What is that process?

24 Does she clock in?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: She didn't start,

1 yet, but I believe she will be there and
2 account for her time by signing in and
3 signing out and it will be on premises.

4 DIANE MADDEN: On premises, thirty-
5 five hours will be strictly on premises,
6 anything off premises?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I would think if
8 there had to be home visits for a specific
9 animal, that would happen.

10 I don't think the contract - - any
11 Behaviorist would want to have that kind of
12 flexibility.

13 DIANE MADDEN: Well, Laura Gorber
14 never left the buildings.

15 She managed to do all of this. So,
16 the fact that you are telling me already that
17 this sixty dollars an hour, it is kind of
18 what your trainer was doing, all kinds of
19 weekend road trips.

20 Um, the dog was adopted from New York
21 City, he disappeared for five hours.

22 Is that what you are telling me
23 because Laura Gorber stayed on-staff.

24 She clocked in and she clocked out.

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am not telling

1 you anything. I am telling you that we have
2 a Behaviorist who is going to do a very good
3 job.

4 She will be onsite but there is
5 flexibility for any behaviorist to prevent a
6 dog to come back to the Shelter.

7 There would be home visits that would
8 be permitted.

9 I think anybody would want that
10 flexibility.

11 DIANE MADDEN: How come Laura Gorber
12 didn't have that flexibility and she managed
13 to do that?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I disagree with
15 your premise.

16 DIANE MADDEN: I disagree with sending
17 someone out at our dollar that can go
18 anywhere a dog is sent to Connecticut and
19 they are telling you that they are going to
20 bring it back, someone would leave right and
21 give some home service.

22 Laura Gorber held a once a month
23 training session at the Animal Shelter for
24 anyone that was having issues to come and see
25 her.

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1 She devoted two hours on-staff for
2 that.

3 There were no road trips at our
4 expense.

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5 Having said publicly, Ms. Fanti is
6 resigning her position for the animal shelter
7 control job and the other government
8 shelters, is that still the case.

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

10 DIANE MADDEN: Who makes the
11 determination of which dogs get sent up to
12 Yorkville and what happens to the dogs that
13 don't get sent up to Yorkville?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Department will
15 decide which animals go.

16 DIANE MADDEN: Who, in the Department?

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, please
18 FOIL the information. This is the third
19 time.

20 DIANE MADDEN: You are telling me - -

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am telling you
22 FOIL the information.

23 DIANE MADDEN: You are telling me you
24 can't answer that question?

25 You are paying a Behaviorist one

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1 hundred and nine thousand, you are saying
2 anyone in the Department is going to decide
3 which dogs.

4 It sounds to me she is not qualified
5 for and will pick dogs she can't handle.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am saying FOIL
7 the information.

8 DIANE MADDEN: I was provided Christie
9 Fanti's resume in September of 2016, was that
10 the only resume she ever submitted or was
11 there an additional resume when there is a
12 second RFP?

13 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the
14 following ensued.)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
16 much, Ms. Madden, your time has expired.

17 Is there anyone else that would like
18 to speak on the Administrative Calendar on a
19 specific item on the Administrative Calendar?

20 Sir, in the back.

21 Name and address for the record.

22 DAVE HANSON: Dave Hanson. 47 Fordham
23 Road, Hempstead, New York.

24 I am involved in Uniondale and
25 Hempstead.

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1 (Whereupon, "speak into the
2 microphone" was heard screaming out from the
3 audience. After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is this on a
5 specific item?

6 DAVE HANSON: Yes.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Identify the
8 item.

9 DAVE HANSON: Very upset, whatever it
10 maybe, interest to me, because when I worked
11 at the Port Authority, New York and New
12 Jersey, I studied constitutional law.

13 I am not a lawyer, per say, and this
14 is the problem we have in Nassau County and
15 throughout New York State and the problem
16 that we are faced, here with, today, a lot of
17 our kids go to college and leaving Nassau
18 County because they can't afford to live,
19 here because of high taxes.

20 I am saying to you, I want this thing
21 to be investigated, this lawyer. We have the
22 State Attorney General, Eric Schneiderman and
23 I think this is room to investigate.

24 There is an office in Mineola and I
25 want this to be investigated.

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1 This should be investigated.

2 There is a lot of corruption, a lot of
3 conflict of interest and we should also go to
4 Schneiderman and also the Feds.

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5 Get the Feds in and investigate it.

6 If I ask these people, here, what year
7 this Town is formed?

8 I am sure none of them don't know.
9 1644, the great seal.

10 My great grandfather came here from
11 Spain, John Hanson, okay.

12 I am seventh generation. It is a
13 wakeup call for you guys.

14 I told Mangano and the Legislature to
15 be careful of conflict of interest.

16 You see what is going on.

17 I want these guys - - I am tired of
18 what is going on in Nassau County and we must
19 stop that, now, because I have four sons,
20 here.

21 I built a house on Fordham Road.

22 Hofstra is one of those people. About
23 these kids, they must have a place for them
24 to live.

25 Hofstra is taking over my neighborhood

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1 from Hempstead to Uniondale.

2 They complain so much time for the
3 Building Department, so much time for Kate
4 Murray.

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5 Goosby, this man just take the job. I
6 am watching him to see what he is going to do
7 the Town Supervisor.

8 I am tired of these kids living here.
9 Rick Potina from Kentucky, are you going to
10 live in New York. He said, hell no.

11 Why? Taxes are too high. We are
12 losing good people.

13 Nassau County is the richest County in
14 the whole United States because it was formed
15 before the United States.

16 The United States was formed March 1,
17 1781.

18 It is a wakeup call what is going on
19 here.

20 We have money here. When the Coliseum
21 was drawn up for Charles Wong to do it,
22 Goosby signed on, Kate Murray made bounty for
23 the people of Nassau County.

24 Now, I sit with my grandmother who
25 give up her house.

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1 My Dad was born, here. I was born in
2 '86.

3 I have a lot of people. My family is
4 big. The Hanson family is one hundred men
5 strong and still counting.

6 When I look at Hempstead, it looks
7 like a third world country. The same thing
8 Joe Biden said about LaGuardia.

9 I worked at the Port Authority for
10 many years, that is where I educated myself.

11 And, you know something, I work for
12 the Town, too as a cesar burying dead.

13 Right down the Jewish Center, I work
14 for Nassau County.

15 My background, my parents had a store
16 in Brooklyn, potential Port Authority, Nassau
17 County, Town of Hempstead and I travel the
18 World.

19 It is a wakeup call. I want a total
20 investigation by the State Attorney General
21 and by the Feds.

22 Another thing, too, the Feds gave Kate
23 Murry a hand to give affordable housing.

24 Nassau County, I went over there to
25 rent an apartment one time.

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1 Where is the affordable housing?

2 You take the money from the taxpayer
3 and the Feds.

4 Nobody know much.

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5 She is from West Virginia, those
6 people are thieving us.

7 I am very involved in Kentucky, too.

8 I got the Key from that City from
9 Jerry Abrams in 2005 to bring Bob Marley's
10 Mother there and his son to perform for the
11 Army coming back from the war.

12 You guys should wake up, here in
13 Nassau County.

14 When I look at the building, it is so
15 terrible, it hurts my soul.

16 I was just in Florida in that airport,
17 I just missed it by five minutes coming back
18 from Jamaica.

19 When I was at LaGuardia working for
20 the Port Authority, I didn't go.

21 I stayed in the airport. It bothers
22 me watching. You got to respect President
23 Hanson, what he did under federation and do
24 your job when you take an appointed job and
25 you don't want to go in and work you should

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1 read that book because it seems like -- wake
2 up, there are a lot more.

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

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you. Your
6 time is up.

7 Anyone else on the Administrative
8 Calendar?

9 Anyone on the Administrative Calendar?

10 Mary Ellen Kreye.

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
12 3436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

13 There are three times that I would
14 like to address.

15 Number 1, is the Item Number 14
16 through 20 about urban renewal community
17 development projects.

18 I am urging you to work with Uniondale
19 Community Land Trust to see some of our
20 communities are established and working to
21 improve the housing, the Thobby Homes, so, we
22 need to work together for this.

23 And, Uniondale has pulled itself up by
24 its boot straps.

25 We have this organization which has

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1 five years of history behind it.

2 So, um, we need to move together and I
3 urge you to meet with us and move this
4 forward.

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5 On Item Number 30, um, about senior
6 enrichment, I would like to protest that
7 there have been switches in scheduling of
8 various classes in the senior programs which
9 have significantly affected people who have
10 their meetings and activities already
11 scheduled and, now, they have to switch and
12 finding classes are under, um, attended
13 because of conflicts that have resulted from
14 this scheduling.

15 And, the third one is a question about
16 the site for, I presume, Hofstra, was that -
17 - was there a Hearing on this?

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What item?

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I am sorry, 37,
20 you're approving a site plan, was there a
21 Hearing?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It does not
23 require a Hearing.

24 It is a site plan.

25 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Is this a parking

1 lot?

2 Was it a private house, that is being
3 demolished?

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: This has to do
5 with the construction of a business.

6 I don't know what it was exactly at
7 the time.

8 Mr. Ra.

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What number was it?

10 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thirty-seven, it is
11 on, um - -

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The question,
13 what was existing on the property?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is currently a
15 parking lot.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A parking lot, we
17 believe.

18 MARY ELLEN KREYE: On California
19 Avenue, it is South of - -

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We can get you
21 the exact location.

22 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On Administrative
24 Calendar, anyone that has not spoken on the
25 Administrative Calendar?

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1 (Whereupon, "yes, yes" was heard.
2 After, the following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Someone who has
4 not spoken.

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5 We moved it. Call the vote on the
6 Administrative Calendar.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

10 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

16 Goosby?

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

19 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

21 Sweeney?

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A Motion, please
24 to adjourn.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we

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Adjourn.

COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
Motion.

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.

(Whereupon, the official calendar
meeting of the Hempstead Town Board was
concluded. Time noted: 12:30 p.m.)

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CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony taken in the Hempstead Town Board
held on January 24, 2017 consisting of pages
1 through 103 is an accurate transcription of
my cryptic notes.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.

MELANIE DORMAN

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