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TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

MAY 23, 2017

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
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- TOWN COMPTROLLER CONROY
- RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
2 before we begin today's meeting, I would like
3 to, first, take the opportunity to honor and
4 congratulate an exemplary Uniondale Teacher
5 on his retirement after over twenty-five
6 years of sharing his love of science with
7 young minds.

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8 Dr. Paul Lichtman found a home in the
9 Uniondale School District as the Science
10 Research Program Advisor for Uniondale High
11 School.

12 There, his passion and enthusiasm was
13 infectious to the students, making it eager
14 to dive into the fascinating world of
15 science.

16 Dr. Lichtman was always readily
17 available to lend a hand to a student in
18 need.

19 In fact, it is in this regards that
20 Dr. Lichtman went onto mentor students for
21 the Seamans/Westinghouse competition and
22 Uniondale Science competition.

23 These are national competitions, in
24 which, students compete for scholarship
25 prices of up to one hundred thousand

1 dollars.

2 Under his leadership, several of Dr.
3 Lichtman's students went on to receive
4 national recognition in both of these
5 competitions providing them with necessary
6 funding to finance their college careers.

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7 In order to reach a broader audience,
8 Dr. Lichtman brought his passion and position
9 as Science Research Program Advisor to Turtle
10 Hook Middle School in Uniondale, where he
11 shared his love of science with the younger
12 students.

13 Although his presence will be missed
14 from the hallway, Dr. Lichtman's positive
15 energy and kindness will live on through each
16 of his students.

17 Dr. Lichtman, congratulations on your
18 retirement and along with Senior Councilwoman
19 Dorothy Goosby, I am very pleased to present
20 you with an official Town of Hempstead
21 citation.

22 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
23 was heard. Presentation of citation and
24 photos were taken. After, the following
25 ensued.)

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, we come to a
2 very bittersweet moment, because after nearly
3 twenty years, we are going to be saying
4 goodbye, today, to a member of this Town
5 Board who has served with distinction,
6 extraordinary energy and really unprecedented
7 devotion to the residents of the Town of
8 Hempstead.

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9 Not only the residents of his
10 District, but all the residents of America's
11 largest Township, a gentleman who, literally,
12 works seven days a week, who was always there
13 to help the constituents in need, went out in
14 the mornings himself early mornings to change
15 recycling bins that were broken, the man who
16 taught you what an arborvitae is and was
17 always concerned from so many different
18 aspects of Town life.

19 He also worked to make our Town a
20 better place for people to live.

21 I can go on and on.

22 His early days as a civic leader, his
23 days as really one of the most respected
24 local businessmen in the Town of Hempstead,
25 to all the service he gave here,

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1 but, Gary Hudes is truly someone that
2 exemplifies the very best in public service.

3 And, there comes a time when
4 everything comes to an end.

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5 There comes a time when people feel
6 the need because of personal circumstances to
7 move on in other directions and particularly
8 after twenty years, seven days a week having
9 people stop by his store and stop by his
10 house and always being there to answer
11 questions and help get potholes fixed, the
12 street lights fixed or local gas stations re-
13 beautified, Gary was somebody that gave his
14 all to being a Town Councilman but
15 particularly with that in mind, there comes a
16 time when you want to stop and smell the
17 roses a little bit.

18 But I think he will be just as active
19 and energetic in our community and in our - -
20 particularly in our small business community,
21 as he has ever here at Town Hall.

22 He may be slowing down. He is only
23 going to be slowing down just a little bit.

24 We will miss him, here.

25 We will miss his prospective.

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1 We will miss his dedication.

2 I, on a personal level, will miss his
3 friendship and his loyalty.

4 He was someone who always, if he had a
5 difference of opinion of me, he let me know
6 what that opinion was.

7 We hashed it out and we went forward
8 together and he was always someone that I
9 could count on to do the right thing for the
10 taxpayers.

11 He was never someone to push himself
12 forward. He was there to do the right thing.

13 So, I will miss him very sincerely.

14 I know all of our coworkers will miss
15 him very sincerely and the residents of our
16 Township, whether they know it or not, will
17 miss him but Gary, it is my pleasure with a
18 little presentation, now, which I would like
19 to invite all of my fellow Town Board Members
20 to come forward and help me present to you in
21 great full recognition.

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

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: "This nice plate
25 is presented to Town of Hempstead

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1 Councilman Gary Hudes, who, faithfully served
2 the residents of the 6th District from 1999 to
3 2017."

4 And, it has all the names of your
5 fellow Town Board Members and, also, our
6 Clerk and our Receiver of Taxes and the date,
7 which will be your last official date as
8 Councilman, June the 5th, 2017.

9 Gary, our warmest congratulations.

10 (Whereupon, presentation and photos
11 were taken. After, the following ensued.)

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Before I turn the
13 microphone over to Gary, I would like to
14 recognize the person who actual legal name
15 will be changed to "long suffering wife."

16 She is his long suffering wife,
17 Sherrie Hudes, where are you?

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

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thanks for
21 loaning him to us for the last twenty years.

22 Thank you, Sherrie.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I want to thank the
24 residents of the Town of Hempstead,
25 specifically, the families in my

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1 Council District 6th that includes Bethpage,
2 Levittown, East Meadow, North Merrick, North
3 Bellmore, North Seaford and Wantagh that I
4 have had the true privilege and honor to
5 serve for seventeen years.

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6 I came to the Town to help people and
7 to make a difference in people's lives and to
8 bring my extensive knowledge of customer
9 service to the Town.

10 To me, it has always been about the
11 little things, that things that are big
12 things to our constituents, like personally
13 dropping off thousands of recycling bins at
14 6:00 a.m. in the morning to people that
15 needed them, visiting residents at their home
16 in the evening and weekends to see for myself
17 what problematic conditions they were
18 describing or meeting with them one-on-one at
19 my "Gary-on-the-go" community meetings.

20 The community from all political
21 parties responded positively to this personal
22 attention.

23 And, most recently elected me with
24 almost seventy-five percent of the vote.

25 But, I have to tell you, I couldn't

1 do it alone.

2 I want to thank the very, very best
3 staff in the Town of Hempstead for being my
4 foundation and support.

5 You have given it all.

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

8 COUNCILMAN HUDES: As you know, I
9 demand excellence and you have given me just
10 that.

11 I want to thank the three Town
12 Supervisors that I served with, Rich
13 Guardino, Kate Murray and, of course, Tony
14 Santino for their support of what it seemed
15 like endless pieces of legislation that have
16 benefited so many quality of life issues in
17 our community.

18 Lastly, but certainly not last, I want
19 to thank my wife, Sherrie, for her support
20 and understanding, the endless nights and
21 weekends, alone, I assume alone, while I
22 attended - -

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

25 COUNCILMAN HUDES: - - While I

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1 attended to Town business, were not easy.

2 Service to the community was my
3 choice, not hers, but she supported me every
4 step of the way.

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5 My retirement, today, after seventeen
6 years, gives me the opportunity to enjoy life
7 with my family, my wife and my grandchildren
8 and to return to the private business sector,
9 Gennaro Jewelers.

10 I want to thank you all for your
11 support.

12 This job as Town Councilman has been
13 the opportunity of a lifetime and I have
14 loved every minute of it.

15 But, like a lone ranger, I must ride
16 off into the sunset.

17 I thank you all.

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

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
21 may I have a point of personal privilege for
22 a moment?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Absolutely.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I would like to
25 reminisce for a few seconds about Gary.

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1 Gary and I met each other in a
2 contentious situation over twenty years ago
3 as we were on opposite sides of an issue.

4 I was Presiding Officer of Nassau
5 County and supported the flea market at the
6 Coliseum and Gary vehemently opposed it but
7 he always conducted himself as a gentleman,
8 always talked about the issues and the
9 interesting thing is he won.

10 I lost that issue and, now, years
11 later, I come to realize he was right on that
12 issue and I was wrong.

13 He has always been someone who worked
14 tirelessly for the community.

15 As you drive around the Town of
16 Hempstead through all the business sectors
17 that we have, they have been softened.

18 They have been made to look more
19 beautiful because Gary and his insistence
20 that business owners, when they can, beautify
21 storefronts and their property with
22 landscaping, trees, shrubs, not only soften
23 the looks of the business community but also
24 are good for the environment, so, Gary, I
25 want to wish you well and I want to

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1 congratulate you on outstanding leadership
2 and community service.

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

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Would any other
6 Member of the Board like to speak?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Senior
9 Councilwoman Goosby.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:
11 Supervisor, I would like to say Gary has
12 really been a wonderful, wonderful Board
13 Member.

14 I have enjoyed working with you and
15 certainly any time I needed anything as far
16 as you are concerned, you have done the best.

17 We are going to miss you. I know that
18 you are going to have a wonderful second
19 life.

20 Thank you so much and I know you
21 worked hard and I thank you for all that you
22 contributed and your help.

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: My pleasure.

24 (Whereupon, applause from the audience
25 was heard.

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1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will begin our
3 regular meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance
4 led by Gary Hudes.

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5 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Hand over your
6 heart.

7 (Whereupon, Councilman Hudes led the
8 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After,
9 the following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, Madam
11 Clerk, would you call the roll, please.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

24 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Here.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

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Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes

Clavin?

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.: Here.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First, item,
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Regulations and Restrictions" to limit
parking in Bellmore, East Atlantic Beach,
East Meadow, Inwood, Merrick, Oceanside (To
amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of
Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
that would like to be heard on this matter
before the Town Board?

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

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

COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
move the Public Hearing be closed and the
Local Law be adopted.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second the
motion.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

10 Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

13 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

15 Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

18 please.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:

20 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in

21 BELLMORE, EAST MEADOW, HEWLETT, INWOOD,

22 OCEANSIDE (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code

23 of the Town of Hempstead)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

25 that would like to be heard on this

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1 matter before the Town Board?

2 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

3 After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

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5 I will accept a Motion, please.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,

7 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and

8 the Local Law be adopted.

9 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the

10 motion.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

13 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

20 Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

23 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

25 Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
3 please.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:
5 "Arterial Stops" in BELLMORE, EAST MEADOW,
6 LIDO BEACH, WANTAGH, WEST HEMPSTEAD (To amend
7 Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
8 Hempstead)

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
10 that would like to be heard on this matter
11 before the Town Board?

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

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

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

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the
20 Motion.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.
2 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?
3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.
4 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
5 Goosby?
6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.
7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?
8 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.
9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
10 Sweeney?
11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.
12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,
13 please.
14 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Revised Public
15 Parking Field Maps in LEVITTOWN (Field L-2)
16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone
17 that would like to be heard on this matter
18 before the Town Board?
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 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Mr. Supervisor, I
24 move that the Public Hearing be closed and
25 the proposed local law be adopted.

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the
2 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 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed sale by Greater
20 Atlantic Beach Water Reclamation District of
21 certain 0.019 acre parcel of vacant property
22 - near ATLANTIC BEACH - Section 58, Block A,
23 Part of Lot 9.

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

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1 matter before the Town Board?

2 FELIX PROCACCI: I would.

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

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
6 Barnes Street, Franklin Square.

7 Um, on this sale, has the property
8 been assessed, you know, appraised?

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, yes, Felix,
10 this is a boundary line dispute with the
11 neighbor of the property.

12 So, it is not proper to put up a "for
13 sale" in the market.

14 The only one that is interested in
15 this is the neighbor, basically, their fence
16 was on the Atlantic Beach reclamation center
17 property, so, in order to acquire title on
18 both sites, we entered into a boundary line
19 agreement, that is all this is.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: Thank you.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You're welcome.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else that
23 would like to be heard on this matter?

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 sale 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: Application of Mavis
2 Tire Supply, LLC for a Modification of a
3 Declaration of Restrictive Covenants dated
4 April 27, 1984 - WEST HEMPSTEAD - northeast
5 corner of Hempstead Turnpike and New York
6 Avenue.

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7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,
8 Counselor.

9 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Good Morning,
10 Supervisor, Members of the Board:

11 For the record, my name is Wayne
12 Edwards.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Speak directly
14 into the microphone so we can hear you.

15 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Sahn, Ward,
16 Coschignano & Baker. 333 Earle Ovington
17 Boulevard, Uniondale, New York.

18 I am the Attorney for Mavis Tires
19 Supply, LLC.

20 Before I start my presentation, I want
21 to congratulations to Councilman Hudes on his
22 retirement.

23 Having the experience of a local
24 businessman and retailer on the Board was
25 always important.

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1 You will be sorely missed.

2 Again, my congratulations.

3 Starting my presentation; Mavis Tire
4 Supply is a regional supply company whose
5 roots can be traced back to 1949.

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6 It not only supplies tires for cars
7 and trucks and repairs tires, it also does
8 general auto repair services within the Town
9 of Hempstead.

10 It has twelve locations, um, just for
11 your edification and for the record, I have a
12 list of those locations.

13 I think you will find a couple of
14 Council Districts.

15 The applicant is going to lease the
16 premises located on the northeast corner of
17 Hempstead Turnpike at New York Avenue in West
18 Hempstead.

19 The property is located in a business
20 and residential zoning on the official zoning
21 map of the Town of Hempstead.

22 It is known as Section 33, Block 549,
23 Lots 241 and 248 on the Land and Tax Map of
24 Nassau County.

25 In 1984, this Board approved the

1 premises for a Midas Muffler Shop.

2 Attached to the petition that we
3 submitted and in support of this application
4 was a Declaration of Restrictive Covenants
5 which was placed on by the owner of the
6 property at the time and the owners of the
7 Midas Muffler Shop.

8 The conditions at the time indicated
9 that the Midas Muffler Shop would be
10 developed subject to certain restrictions
11 which were numbered one through 19.

12 Unfortunately, these restrictions
13 would not allow us to operate Mavis Tire Shop
14 at this location.

15 And, in particular, Number 1,
16 Restriction 1 states the above property would
17 be developed only with a standard Midas
18 Muffler Shop with only underlined
19 substantially in accordance with the attached
20 site plan by Cushman Architects dated
21 November 18, 1983 and further revised on
22 March 15, 1984.

23 We are requesting that restriction be
24 stricken.

25 Um, the Midas Muffler Shop is not

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1 continuing at this location and the reason my
2 client executed with the owner is subject
3 to the approval of this Board striking
4 these restrictions that we are requesting.

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5 Um, the Midas Muffler Shop is a
6 muffler shop that does auto repair.

7 Mavis is a tire and auto shop and does
8 similar work.

9 We are going to be operating in the
10 same building, so - -

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We didn't hear
12 you, what restrictions are you looking to
13 waive?

14 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Restriction Number
15 1.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Which is?

17 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Basically, you can
18 only operate the property, the owner can
19 only operate as a Midas Muffler Shop.

20 We are putting a similar use in.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay.

22 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: But it is going to
23 be a Mavis.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is the only
25 restriction?

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ATTORNEY EDWARDS: No, we have a couple more.

Restriction Number 2, that we are asking for relief.

We have hours on Sunday. We are requesting Sunday hours, as well, because Mavis is a seven day a week operation.

Midas always closed on Sunday, all of their locations closed on Sunday.

So, we are asking, as I indicated and submitted, the hours of operation of Mavis elven out of twelve operators' operations in Nassau County in the Town of Hempstead have Sunday hours, that is important to the community.

Back in 1984, I guess, Sunday wasn't an important retail day, but it is an important retail day, now.

People have to get their car repaired, tires repaired.

They wait around and do the service.

And, um, we also have a large Jewish population in West Hempstead and who need service and things have changed since 1984.

The service stations that were there

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1 when we grew up, they use to provide service
2 to us, they are basically disappearing.

3 They are becoming few pumpers. Now,
4 you get your service either from
5 dealerships, places like Mavis or PEP Boys
6 or there a few service stations around the
7 service for the community, as well.

8 And, there is a third application, we
9 are making changes to the building,
10 basically, when the Town put restrictions
11 only, typically, Mavis Shop, obviously,
12 Mavis has different colors, different
13 operation.

14 The building is staying the same. We
15 are going to have one door on the North
16 side and our service doors are facing
17 Hempstead Turnpike.

18 There are operations within the
19 neighborhood, first, on the opposite corner
20 that has Sunday hours, another tire and
21 body shop on Hempstead Turnpike also have
22 Sunday hours, so, we want to make changes
23 to the building.

24 That is my presentation. I am trying
25 to keep it short.

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Do you have any questions.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any Members of
the Board have any questions?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes.

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SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Everyone will
have a chance.

I will recognize Councilman Ambrosino,
first, then, we will move along to anyone
else.

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: First question
I have, the Building Department, are there
any violations on the property?

COMMISSIONER OF BUILDINGS: Yes,
Councilman, there are.

They have maintained a construction
without a permit for a six-foot fence.

There was waste oil, fuel, no plumbing
permit, illegal storage of tires, an amount
of rubbish, debris, garbage, unregistered
vehicles, un-road-worthy vehicles,
commercial vehicles, equipment, required
fencing around the property in disrepair,
as well as, the exterior had some sidewalk
in disrepair, unkept exterior/interior.

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Counselor,

1 what is the status?

2 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Mavis is going to
3 come in there, rip it all out, put new
4 fencing on the exterior line, put all new
5 fences in the boxes that were designated on
6 the site plan and also clean up the place
7 and live by the rules and regulations and
8 restrictions and covenants.

9 So, I went and viewed the property
10 last week and it isn't pretty.

11 And, we are going to make it pretty.

12 If you look at the Mavis Shops in your
13 own Council Districts, they are very well
14 maintained.

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I am saying,
16 Supervisor, I, respectfully would say,
17 subject to that, that the Commissioner
18 would have to sign off on it, restrictions
19 and violations would be remediated and
20 changed - -

21 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: We are going to rip
22 the whole place apart.

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: And, the only
24 point I have is, I believe on Number 12,
25 you want to change the prototype business

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1 from Midas to Mavis but I wouldn't want that
2 to usurp the authority of the Building
3 Department, so, subject to the Building
4 Department being okay to those aesthetic
5 changes, I have no problem with it.

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6 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: We will also be
7 filing a building permit for those changes.

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I don't want
9 the Covenant to trump that, not using the
10 word trump to usurp regarding the Building
11 Department.

12 Thank you, Counselor. Thank you,
13 Commissioner.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Councilman
15 Blakeman.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am going to
17 yield to Councilman Hudes because he is
18 much more experienced in this area than I
19 am.

20 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I am going to have
21 to start with a fight.

22 Did you submit a landscape plan on
23 this at all?

24 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Yes, we did,
25 plantings on the rear property line.

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1 The North property line, we are
2 planting eight feet arborvitaes.

3 There are no plants there.

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I see that eight
5 foot on center really serves no purpose, it
6 should be three foot on center.

7 They create a wall to keep the noise
8 on the property rather than going through
9 with all the openings in between, that
10 would be Number 1.

11 Number 2, you have some notes, here,
12 about existing Evergreen shrubs to be
13 removed and replaced and, then, it says,
14 um, as per the planting plan from 1984, I
15 would think that the requirements from '84,
16 um, would be far less than what we look
17 for, now.

18 So, I would suggest that maybe you do
19 a landscape plan for New York Avenue and
20 the little corner on Hempstead Turnpike and
21 submit it to Councilman Ambrosino's office,
22 that really improves the look of this
23 property along the Turnpike and New York
24 Avenue, which would be including
25 perennials, Evergreens and so forth, which

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1 is what the Town has been trying to do with
2 commercial properties.

3 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: I have no problems
4 with that.

5 My clients have no problem.

6 The only thing that I would say, is
7 that keeping it low - -

8 COUNCILMAN HUDES: You can keep it
9 low.

10 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Because you don't
11 want to block off the corner.

12 Also, another thing, Mavis has free
13 air at all of their locations, that would
14 be offered.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Edwards,
16 would your clients actually be willing to
17 Covenant and represent that they would keep
18 the property free and clean of litter and
19 debris, that they will maintain and water
20 the landscaping?

21 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Yes.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Senior
23 Councilwoman Goosby.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: How do
25 the residents in the area feel about

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1 having this opened on Sundays?

2 It has never been opened on Sundays.

3 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: We sent a letter
4 regarding this, notices to each in the
5 radius and we found the response is on the
6 opposite corner on the same side, there is
7 another tire and gas place, that is opened
8 up on Sundays - - on the - - behind it is a
9 house, that has got more of a commercial
10 garage.

11 We haven't heard anything from the
12 residents.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we will
14 give you an opportunity to speak at the
15 end, if you wish.

16 Robert Merkowsky, but is he part of
17 the application?

18 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Yes.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Does he want to
20 speak or not?

21 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: He is here to
22 answer questions.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Very good, okay.

24 Lynn Barash?

25 Good Morning.

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LYNN BARASH: Good Morning.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Your name and address for the record, please.

LYNN BARASH: My name is Lynn Barash and I live at 301 Parker Avenue, West Hempstead.

It is around the corner from this, what was Midas.

We did get letters.

The neighbors did get letters.

Um, my side of the street go a different letter from the other side of the street.

The other side of the street was told they didn't have to come.

Um, but, our side, the letter didn't read that way.

Um, I have lived at 301 more than almost forty years, so, I lived through when Midas was being built and we went - - it was a vacant lot at the time.

Um, we went through all of that and it is - - we bought all of this commercial property and to have Sunday hours for us, it destroys the only day of the week that

1 we really have peace and quiet and the
2 commercial building is not operational.

3 The one on the corner of Arden and
4 Parker, there is a commercial building,
5 there.

6 Um, then, the other tire place, I
7 think it is Isaac's and, then, we have Ace
8 and, then, we got two empty stores and, the
9 Midas.

10 The other problem with that corner,
11 with the corner of New York and Hempstead
12 Turnpike is, um, the Elementary School,
13 George Washington Elementary School is
14 right behind the Burger King on that other
15 side.

16 So, we are always concerned about cars
17 coming in and coming out over there with
18 kids walking and there is always a Crossing
19 Guard for the kids when they are coming in
20 and out.

21 But, it is a very busy intersection
22 when school is coming in and school is
23 getting out.

24 Um, that has nothing to do with the
25 Sundays, I know, but to have peace and

1 quiet on Sunday would be wonderful.

2 I wish we could get the other tire
3 place closed but that is another issue.

4 My neighbor who couldn't come here,
5 today, wrote a letter and took a picture of
6 what Midas' fence looks like that you guys
7 have all been talking about is in terrible
8 disrepair.

9 And, I thought one of the Covenants
10 when they originally made Midas was that
11 they weren't going to park any cars in that
12 lot in the back overnight.

13 And, that has never been the case.

14 There has always been commercial cars
15 parked there and as the fellow mentioned,
16 the house next to it, we never complained
17 but the house next to it is a rental and
18 they extended the garage and they store,
19 um, gardening trucks there that we never
20 even - - we haven't complained about that,
21 either.

22 But, that is another issue, that is
23 over there, too.

24 So, I would just like to see us and
25 quiet on Sunday and not have anything

1 over there.

2 Um, we can't do anything about any of
3 the other places but having the tire store
4 closed on Sunday would be wonderful.

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5 I know he mentioned something about
6 West Hempstead being, um, an Orthodox
7 community and having access to the Orthodox
8 Jewish population would be a good thing for
9 them, so, they need to be open on Sundays
10 but our side of West Hempstead doesn't
11 really have any of the Orthodox Jews.

12 We are not in the right place, um, and
13 they don't walk to Temple from where we
14 are.

15 It is too far, so, it isn't really,
16 um, an Orthodox Jewish population on our
17 side of the Turnpike or in a small radius
18 of the store.

19 So, I can't see that being something
20 that needs to be available.

21 Um, I do have a letter from my next-
22 door neighbor.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Maybe you can
24 give the letter to the Town Clerk.

25 It will be made a part of the Hearing

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Record.

Thank you very much.

(Whereupon, handing documents to Clerk Ahmad. After the following ensued.)

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Ms. Barash.

LYNN BARASH: Yes.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you for coming.

Councilman Ambrosino and I are privileged and honored to share West Hempstead.

He has sixty percent of it and I have forty percent of it and I have Franklin Square that is right next door to it.

And, we are both very familiar with the area.

I just want to manage your expectations; if all the other buildings and businesses are opened on Sunday, the Courts would not find it was rational and reasonable for us to restrict this one business.

So, I just want to be candid with you, upfront, we may not be able to do that, what you want.

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1 LYNN BARASH: Right.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: But you
3 understand?

4 LYNN BARASH: Right, the parking is a
5 big problem there to being with, so - -

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you for
7 coming.

8 LYNN BARASH: Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Francis Avolio.

10 FRANCIS AVOLIO: Good Afternoon.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon,
12 sir, your name and address for the record.

13 FRANCIS AVOLIO: I live on 310 Parker
14 Avenue which is East of that area.

15 Do you have anything on that, that
16 shows a variance?

17 They don't use it there, they rent out
18 parking in the back and are noisy.

19 I imagine they will be a little bit
20 noisy.

21 You have ratchets, the tires, that is
22 on Sunday, a lot of people in that
23 neighborhood have that day off and they
24 want to rest and have a barbecue in the
25 backyard.

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1 And, they don't want to hear this.

2 This is a second building in that
3 area.

4 I am there fifty years and every time
5 somebody wants to do something, why?

6 Part of that is residential, half the
7 backyard is residential.

8 We had one recently someone wanted to
9 build a nursery for children, a big wall.

10 Why they are looking because honestly
11 it is foolish.

12 They got turned down, thank God.

13 I don't know what they are going to
14 do.

15 By the way, there is another Hempstead
16 Tire, they have been there longer than I
17 have.

18 They are one hundred yards.

19 They are a block and a half away.

20 They are closed on Sundays.

21 Now, if they see Mavis is opened, they
22 will want to open up.

23 It has been an empty store next door
24 if they want to expand later on.

25 It makes it hard for people and a lot

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1 of people came up and they hope it goes down.

2 Thank you very much.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, sir.

4 I have no one else that signed in on
5 this application.

6 Mr. Edwards, do you want to say
7 anything else?

8 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: First, you know,
9 Mavis has - -

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A little louder.

11 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: Mavis is different
12 than Midas.

13 They have a good reputation in the
14 Town of Hempstead.

15 We have twelve locations, to my
16 knowledge, we have not had any serious or
17 any complaints about our operation.

18 The way the store is designed, there
19 is only one door opening up on the North
20 side which faces the residential area.

21 And, in terms of design, it will keep
22 the noise facing Hempstead Turnpike and I
23 think we have a representative from Mavis,
24 here.

25 They have heard the residents.

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1 They will make every effort so that we
2 don't have noise emanating from there.

3 We will put in new landscaping.

4 We will make it look good.

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5 There are a lot of empty stores on
6 Hempstead Turnpike in the West Hempstead
7 area.

8 Um, I hate to see another one and I
9 think this will, basically, improve that
10 block in terms of what is nicer looking
11 that what exists there and I think it will
12 be an improvement.

13 And, I request the Board to grant the
14 application.

15 Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Edwards.

18 I will accept a Motion.

19 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: One point, Mr.
20 Edwards, can you maybe resolve the parking
21 situation?

22 ATTORNEY EDWARDS: I will.

23 You know, again, what is the best
24 thing for me to do is get the
25 representative of Mavis, if there are

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1 issues, we are not open, yet, after we open,
2 a lot of issues, they can go in and talk to
3 the manager if there is an issue and take
4 care of it.

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5 That is always the best way to take
6 care of it.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
8 Edwards.

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,
10 I move that the Public Hearing be closed
11 and the decision be reserved.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the
13 Motion.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

17 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman
23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 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 BOLLA EM
8 REALTY, LLC. for a variance from the
9 provisions of "GSS" to operate a convenience
10 store as well as area, sign and parking
11 variance relief and front yard set-back for a
12 canopy - ELMONT- southeast corner of Linden
13 Boulevard and 240th Street.

14 Mr. Supervisor, I have a companion
15 case, application of BOLL EM REALTY, LLC for
16 modification of Declaration of Restrictive
17 Covenants recorded on October 23, 1989 -
18 ELMONT - southeast corner of Linden Boulevard
19 and 240th Street.

20 (Whereupon, Councilman Ambrosino left
21 the meeting at this time. After, the
22 following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

24 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Good Morning,
25 Supervisor, Board Mmembers:

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1 For the Applicant, David Altman. 530
2 Broad Hollow Road, Suite 301, Melville, New
3 York.

4 Before I make my presentation and
5 introduce my colleagues here, today, I also
6 want to congratulate Councilman Hudes.

7 I wish you well. It has been a
8 pleasure to work with you and have your
9 input, certainly on our applications. It has
10 always been most appreciated.

11 We always come to this Board with our
12 best foot and I think you help make that best
13 foot even better.

14 We want to thank you.

15 With me today, Mr. Supervisor, I have
16 on our Bolla application is Chris Tartaglia
17 from High Point Engineering.

18 Chris is the Project Engineer.

19 Any questions related to the site plan
20 before the Board, today, Chris will be happy
21 to address them.

22 Also with me, today is Frank Filljoe
23 (as heard).

24 Frank testified before this Board on a
25 number of occasions.

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1 Frank is a traffic expert and I will
2 submit copies of his report into the record.

3 Also, with me today, Mr. Supervisor is
4 John Breslin from Breslin Appraisal Company.

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5 John has prepared a real estate
6 evaluation in connection with this
7 application.

8 And, I will submit copies of his
9 report into the record, as well.

10 Finally and not the least, the
11 President and the applicant of Bolla, Harry
12 Sing is here, today.

13 And, I want the Board to know, Mr.
14 Sing is present.

15 Finally, I will submit into the
16 record, the certified mailing, return
17 receipts, green card and envelopes that were
18 part of the application and hand them up to
19 the Clerk, as well.

20 All that being said, um, the subject
21 property is known as 2115 Linden Boulevard in
22 Elmont, New York.

23 It is located at the southwest corner
24 of Linden Boulevard and Elmont Road.

25 It is known by Nassau County Tax Map

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1 Number as Section 37, Block 421 and there are
2 a number of lots so, I will read them slowly,
3 Lots 1 through 8, 12, 13, 24, 26 and 31.

4 And, I will pause, here, for a second
5 to explain the composition of the Lot that is
6 in front of you.

7 Um, Bolla, following its acquisition
8 of the property a couple of years ago, had
9 the opportunity, the ability to obtain from
10 the County of Nassau part of lots which are
11 on the southeast portion of the site to
12 provide for little site movement to enhance
13 site circulation and landscaping.

14 That happened over the last year and a
15 half, two years, we have been working with
16 the County of Nassau to acquire portions of
17 County property on the southeast portion of
18 the site, that was accomplished last year.

19 And, in that regard, tax Lot 31 was
20 created and merged in with the overall site.

21 If you look at the video display
22 screens above us, you will see the shaded
23 portion up in the left hand corner portion
24 which is the bounds there, what has been
25 added to the site a little over four

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1 thousand square feet making the total site
2 area thirty-two thousand square feet.

3 It is thirty one thousand four hundred
4 and fifty-eight square feet, .72 acres.

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5 The site before us, the addition of
6 the County land was point seven thousand two
7 hundred and eleven or .26 acres.

8 So, it gives us the ability to provide
9 for a little more.

10 As I said, site circulation and
11 additional planting to provide better parking
12 onsite.

13 The property is unique that it has
14 three frontages.

15 It has frontage of approximately
16 260.72 feet on Linden Boulevard, 108.88 feet
17 on Elmont Road and approximately 136.62 feet
18 on 240th Street.

19 Um, I would note, for the record, that
20 right, now, the property does have on the
21 approved survey two curb cuts and on 240th
22 Street, those curb cuts are being closed.

23 In connection with the access on
24 Linden, there are currently three curb cuts.

25 Those are being consolidated with two

1 curb cuts and the curb cut on Elmont Road
2 will remain curb cuts on both Elmont Road and
3 Linden will be left-turn out, only.

4 The applicant proposed to raze the
5 existing structures that are currently
6 onsite.

7 Presently, there are five fueling
8 pumps, fueling positions, canopy measuring,
9 approximately, one hundred and twelve by
10 twenty-four or two thousand and six hundred
11 and eighty square feet.

12 A small attendant/kiosk which is
13 located underneath the existing canopy, um,
14 and, um, various site improvements.

15 The applicant is going to be razing
16 those particular structures and as you look
17 at the site plan which is up on the video
18 screen, you will see the additional plantings
19 that are provided, most of which does not
20 exist, today.

21 The site is pretty much asphalt,
22 today, so, bear in mind, this Board
23 recognizes in terms of landscaping Bolla
24 provides, um, and having also vetted this
25 application fairly thoroughly with the County

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1 as part of the County acquisition, the County
2 and land acquisition, Bolla is proposing a
3 densely planned and triple row of arborvitaes
4 along the South property line, as well as
5 landscaping at the southeast - - I am sorry,
6 northeast corner of Elmont Road and Linden,
7 as well as northwest corner of 240th Avenue.

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8 In addition, the applicant proposes to
9 build a new convenience store structure
10 measuring forty-one hundred and twenty-five
11 square feet located on the, um, western
12 portion of the site as highlighted in yellow.

13 There will be ten parking stalls out
14 front and additional parking stalls fronting
15 on Elmont Road.

16 There will be nine fueling dispensers
17 or eighteen fueling positions.

18 I will note, for the record, that the
19 site has been designed to provide for maximum
20 circulation to allow for vehicles to pass, as
21 well, the site does have such - - as this
22 site.

23 In addition, the applicant will be
24 constructing a new canopy over the pump
25 islands measuring fifty by ninety-two

1 or forty-six hundred square feet.

2 Um, there will be a masonry trash
3 enclosure located at the southeast corner of
4 the site.

5 The lot acquired from the County last
6 year measuring ten by eighteen by six, that
7 masonry trash enclosure, as I am sure the
8 Board is aware, typically, matching the Bolla
9 design on the building, as well.

10 We are requiring fifteen parking
11 stalls.

12 As mentioned, there are curb cuts on
13 Linden and curb cuts on Elmont.

14 And, there will be two ground signs
15 proposed, one, at the southeast corner,
16 rather at the intersection of Elmont and
17 Linden, where one exists today and one,
18 approximately to the easterly - - I am sorry,
19 westerly curb cut on Linden where one exists,
20 today, as well.

21 Um, the character of the area,
22 typically in and around the site is largely
23 commercial.

24 East of the site, you have 240th
25 Street.

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1 You have P.C. Richards, Chase Bank and
2 other commercial uses.

3 On the North side, you have mixed use
4 strip centers.

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5 There is some, um, residential to the
6 North of that.

7 You have Mobile Gas Station on the
8 northeast corner of Linden and Elmont, I am
9 sorry, northwest corner of Linden and Elmont
10 and, then you have mixed-use commercial
11 center.

12 To the southeast of the subject site,
13 you have a former gas station which, I
14 understand is, now, being redeveloped with a
15 used car sales business and I believe that is
16 under construction.

17 To the South, you have single-family
18 residential, smaller number on the southwest
19 corner of the site is single-family property,
20 in part.

21 And, then, further East, along Linden
22 Boulevard, you have mix-use commercial
23 including SUNOCO Gas Station and a car wash
24 which is opened 24/7.

25 Um, the applicants in connection

1 with this application seek a number of
2 variances based in large part on the
3 dimensions of the site.

4 You can see the site is long and
5 somewhat narrow.

6 It is slightly trapezoidal in shape as
7 it moves West to East.

8 Um, as I mentioned, there are a number
9 of variances that I believe there are
10 eighteen in total which includes, um,
11 signage, as well.

12 I will read through it, if the Board
13 wants to or I will dispense with the reading.

14 I think the denial notice - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Without
16 objection, so ordered.

17 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: I am just going to
18 touch on the ground signs for a second, the
19 applicant is proposing two ground signs, one,
20 as I mentioned, one on the corner of Linden
21 and Elmont, the other, approximate to the
22 western curb cut on Linden, both ground signs
23 are approximately, one hundred and thirty
24 square feet and twenty-seven in height.

25 I will submit, if the Board wants to

1 hear testimony given the traffic in the area,
2 as well as the composition of the road
3 system, as well as the extensive site
4 frontage that these signs are necessary for
5 the motorists' safety in this particular
6 area.

7 Finally, the applicant is requesting
8 relief in part from certain Covenants and
9 Restrictions that were imposed by this Board
10 on October 23rd of '89.

11 Those Covenants and Restrictions were
12 recorded in libre 10023 dated 4/12.

13 The applicant, at that time was
14 Advantage Petroleum, um, as part of those
15 particular C and R's, the rear portion of the
16 site, which I think the aerial photo shows,
17 you can see there is a grass strip over there
18 right, now, that grass strip, um, was, as
19 such and is not included in the "GSS" as part
20 of this application.

21 The applicant is asking that the grass
22 strip be included in the "GSS".

23 And, as you can see from the, um, site
24 plan, particularly the landscaping plan, that
25 the applicant has provided extensive

1 landscaping along that area.

2 There will new fencing, so, you will
3 have more than adequate buffer to the South,
4 particularly the southwest.

5 As to the southeast, that portion
6 remains unavailable as County land and is
7 anticipated to remain as such.

8 What the applicant is proposing,
9 relative to inclusion of that southerly
10 portion of the site, um, is more than
11 adequate in terms of protecting the residents
12 to the South.

13 And, in fact, that was noted by the
14 County Planning Commission when it heard the
15 application to acquire the County land.

16 And, I think, on the whole, the
17 application is a vast improvement to what
18 exists, today, that has been there fifty
19 years, 1966, when it was built out.

20 This will be a vast improvement.

21 The Board is familiar with the Bolla
22 brand and the total quality that it brings to
23 its customers, both in terms of service and
24 aesthetics.

25 I will note, for the records, that we

1 did receive, um, the Town's violation report
2 with respect to a number of items, that
3 Violation Report, I believe was received, um,
4 May 15th.

5 I also note, for the record, the
6 applicant has already taken steps to address
7 a number of violations on the site, that is
8 to the existing tenant, to remedy the
9 violations that can be addressed, today, a
10 number of the violations be addressed once
11 the project ever goes forward.

12 That, essentially, concluded my
13 presentation, Mr. Supervisor, if there are
14 any questions of myself or fellow experts, I
15 would be happy to address them.

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

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Counselor, is
19 CITCO going to be the provider going forward?

20 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: No, it will be
21 SHELL.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is good
23 news.

24 I, for one, don't want to support
25 dictatorship in Venezuela, so, I will be

1 happy to see CITCO leave.

2 The other thing I would like to ask
3 you, just to be consistent with everything
4 else, although I have to say I don't think it
5 is necessary, your client's circumstance,
6 because I think they are the gold standards
7 as far as procedures of petroleum products in
8 this Town.

9 They maintain their properties in a
10 way that I wish other people would emulate
11 but for the record, would you Covenant on
12 behalf of your client, you will keep the
13 property free and clear of litter and debris,
14 that you will maintain and water and
15 landscape your property?

16 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Of course.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I have no other
18 questions.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any other
20 questions?

21 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I will be
22 consistent, because I ask this question every
23 other time, the bathrooms will be equal to
24 the other ones that have been built at Bolla?

25 The annuals will be planted along

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1 with perennials that have been planted?

2 By the way, the project was just
3 finished in my District a few weeks ago on
4 Columbus and Newbridge Road, absolutely
5 spectacular.

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6 And, I hope this certainly will equal
7 that and all the other Bolla properties.

8 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: We will build it to
9 the same specs.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: When you
11 build the next one, I want you to come in
12 Uniondale.

13 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any other
15 questions from any other Members of the
16 Board?

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

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,
20 I will thank you, Mr. Altman.

21 We have some residents that want to
22 address us.

23 Michele Ingram?

24 Good Morning, Ms. Ingram.

25 Your name and address for the record.

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1 MICHELE INGRAM: Michele Ingram. 863
2 240th Street, Elmont, New York.

3 If that is still up, that house, is
4 that little square right next to looks like
5 trees, so, we are right next door to the
6 proposal.

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7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is
8 where your home is?

9 MICHELE INGRAM: Yes, my Mom is also,
10 here.

11 Can she come up?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, that would
13 Una Ingram, good morning to you, Mrs. Ingram.

14 UNA INGRAM: Good Morning. Una
15 Ingram.

16 I live next to the property next door.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

18 UNA INGRAM: I have concerns right,
19 now, all the property as it stands, there, is
20 a lot of congestion there.

21 People parking even in my driveway.

22 There are times I can't get into my house.

23 Um, the fumes from that station comes
24 into my bedroom.

25 They are proposing to build a bigger

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1 Facility with more pumps and more fumes.

2 My question is what - - how are you
3 going to buffer the fumes that is, now,
4 coming into my bedroom?

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5 My children are there. My whole
6 family is there and I am old.

7 I have no way of moving from there,
8 right, now.

9 What guarantee will I have because I
10 have this problem?

11 P.C. Richards is there.

12 They stated they will take down the
13 structure and they are going to make a bigger
14 structure, where they stated will have cars,
15 twenty, thirty cars there, so, it is going to
16 be more congestion, more fumes, more dumping,
17 more garbage, more of everything.

18 And, you know, it is giving me a lot
19 of concern and this, to me, is bring a burden
20 onto me.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, Mrs.
22 Ingram, Mr. Altman, Counselor, do you have
23 anyone from your team that might be able to
24 address Mrs. Ingram's concerns?

25 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Yes, certainly.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can they come
2 forward, please.

3 Identify yourself, again.

4 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Chris Tartaglia,
5 Principal owner of High Point Engineering.

6 I am Project Engineer for this
7 development.

8 Thank you, first and foremost, Ladies,
9 for coming out, today.

10 We have pretty good responses to your
11 concerns with regard to the traffic and
12 congestion.

13 I think one of the biggest impacts
14 that we are facing with this development, we
15 are shutting off all access to your street.

16 There is a curb cut, now, on 240th that
17 allows vehicles to and from that will be
18 closed.

19 MICHELE INGRAM: That is blocked off,
20 so, there is no access on 240th right, now.

21 We have a buffer because you have, I
22 believe, twelve and thirteen, so, even with
23 the buffer, we still are experiencing issues,
24 right, now.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Let Mr. Tartaglia

1 answer the question.

2 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: With regard to the
3 buffer, the aerial photograph, the existing
4 condition right, now, what is out there is
5 just a grass field which, I believe you
6 would agree with me, grass is an inch or
7 two off the ground, it doesn't offer any
8 buffer capability whatsoever.

9 What we are going to propose as
10 mention by my colleague, Mr. Altman, a
11 triple row of dense evergreens between the
12 proposed building and your property line,
13 so, right, now you are not getting any
14 buffering benefits, even though that is a
15 grass area right, now, that grass area is
16 thirty-eight feet wide right, now.

17 You are not getting any buffering
18 capabilities or buffering impacting from
19 that.

20 So, when we plant these evergreens at
21 the time of planting, they will be six,
22 seven feet tall within three to four years.

23 They are very fast growing when they
24 are irrigated on a regular basis.

25 These trees will be fifteen, eighteen

1 feet tall within three to five years.

2 So, you will not be able to see the
3 station any longer from your residence.

4 MICHELE INGRAM: Right, now, you are
5 absolutely correct in that there are some
6 trees there that were recently cut down.

7 In the past, trees offered a nice
8 amount of buffer.

9 My Mom and me spent seven, eight
10 thousand dollars putting up a six foot
11 fence for that same reason, so, if, right,
12 now, there is a PVC fence running along
13 that section of the property for that
14 reason.

15 So, our concern is that, now, that
16 land is going to be close.

17 There is even going to be more noise
18 factor in the future because it is going to
19 be more onto our residence.

20 I am now currently - - my Mom has
21 three of us.

22 We have all moved away.

23 I, now, moved back into the home to
24 help take care of my Mother.

25 She is sickly.

1 She has been in and out of the
2 hospital, recently and she is at the sunset
3 of her life.

4 She is retired.

5 She worked two jobs to buy that
6 property and is not in a position, now, to
7 move.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Tartaglia,
9 how is this issue going to be addressed?

10 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: As I described,
11 that grass area right, now, is thirty-six
12 or thirty-seven feet wide.

13 The new building is being proposed
14 twenty-five feet from the lot line.

15 So, we are not using that entire area.

16 As I stated earlier, we are, in fact,
17 taking that area and buffering it with
18 planting where none existed.

19 So, the current condition is by far
20 and away less attractive than what is
21 proposed.

22 You are going to be much, much better
23 buffered from these trees and from this
24 landscaping.

25 And, a couple of other issues, here,

1 too, right, now, we have a building that is
2 one hundred and twenty feet long.

3 So, when you look out your back window
4 and you see one hundred and twenty-foot
5 long building, our building is going to be
6 turned on its side.

7 So, that the wall of the building that
8 is facing your property is only forty feet
9 long.

10 You have roughly a third of the wall
11 there that is facing your property, so, you
12 will see trees.

13 You will not see the building and
14 another issue I think you mentioned, also,
15 is the lighting and headlights that might
16 bother you as well, so, we have a great
17 answer for you there, as well.

18 The pump islands are entered North and
19 South, so when the vehicles pull into the
20 pump islands there, headlights are right in
21 your windows.

22 We are turning them ninety degrees.

23 Now, all the vehicles will be heading
24 in an East/West direction.

25 The headlights will be facing

1 East/West, not into your windows.

2 So, again, I think, overall, there is
3 a significant improvement on the impacts to
4 your property.

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5 And, I think it will make the entire
6 neighborhood look a lot better.

7 MICHELE INGRAM: There is no question
8 about Bolla Markets.

9 I actually got this Notice yesterday
10 and I didn't have a lot of time to do a lot
11 of research.

12 I have seen Bolla Markets.

13 I think that is probably the worse
14 building that they own right, now.

15 They are pretty substantial, um, and
16 it appears that they do take care of their
17 issues.

18 We have, in fact, had a number of
19 issues with, um, the tenants who are there,
20 now, apparently, so, with mattresses thrown
21 into that open lot.

22 We do have a representative from Bolla
23 that we have been able to call and work
24 with.

25 He has been somewhat responsive.

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1 He has indicated that, um, he is
2 working primarily in New Jersey, so, when
3 we don't get him that is because he is not
4 around.

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5 But, still, my concern is if it is as
6 bad as it is, now, with cars parked along
7 there, um, cars have been ticketed, we have
8 called, the car are ticketed.

9 They are there for months.

10 There has been a mattress there for
11 months.

12 There is debris there for months.

13 What are the assurances going forward?

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Tartaglia?

15 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Your assurance is
16 sitting right, here in the front row.

17 I will speak for him right, now.

18 Bolla, although they own the property,
19 they don't control that tenant.

20 They are going to get that tenant out
21 of there, as part of this, once these
22 permits come, that tenant is gone.

23 So, you hit it right on the head and
24 thank you so much for doing that.

25 This facility is in the Bolla chain.

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1 It has not been operated as a Bolla.

2 As you heard the Board state, their
3 facilities are literally the gold standard.

4 I am proud to work for and I know the
5 Town Board is happy to have in the
6 Township.

7 I guarantee, personally, you will
8 notice the difference when Bolla takes
9 charge of this site.

10 That said, though, as was mentioned, I
11 believe by Councilman Ambrosino, we are
12 certainly willing to connect with you after
13 this meeting, get your name, get your phone
14 number and get your information and assure
15 that you are satisfied with what we are
16 proposing.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Would you give
18 them a list of other facilities that you
19 have?

20 Our experience has been with this
21 particular company that whatever they go,
22 they completely landscape and renovate and
23 maintain their properties.

24 If the Board approves this, I think
25 you will find it is a big, big

1 improvement over what is there.

2 MICHELE INGRAM: Well, since,
3 yesterday, we got the Notice, yesterday,
4 since yesterday, just driving around, I
5 made point of looking at all the Bolla
6 stations that I have seen and I am
7 impressed.

8 I have to be honest with that,
9 however, my concern is still with my
10 Mother's health, the fumes coming over.

11 I have to say, there is no question
12 that they do a top job in what they do,
13 but, still to be this close, to come even
14 closer to my Mom's property, how do we
15 address the fumes?

16 I can't wait five years.

17 She can't wait five years.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What I think, as
19 was stated by their Engineer, by planting
20 those eight foot trees, that will
21 eventually grow to, approximately, eighteen
22 feet, that should be the buffering barrier
23 that will filter any smell of the fumes.

24 MICHELE INGRAM: Those are trees that
25 can eventually grow.

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1 I can't eventually wait.

2 Can he plant eight foot trees?

3 ENGINEER TARTAGLIA: Yes.

4 MICHELE INGRAM: Now, the only other
5 question I have, maybe you can identify on
6 this, I am still concerned, as I said, this
7 is a family home.

8 How will this affect my Mother's use
9 and enjoyment?

10 How will this affect her property
11 value?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I don't think
13 there is any particular way to represent
14 that.

15 Our experience, the Bolla franchise
16 operates in a way that is minimally
17 intrusive to neighbors, as any service
18 station, gas station facility can be, you,
19 now, in terms of the effect on your
20 property values.

21 Obviously, no one is qualified to
22 speak on that but other than what you have
23 there, now, moving forward, once the Bolla
24 chain takes complete control of it, just my
25 experience that we have, here, on the Town

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1 Board, if it approves it, every facility that
2 they take over, Mr. Altman, if you want to
3 address that.

4 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: Yes, Mr. Supervisor,
5 John Breslin is here.

6 We actually submitted his report.

7 I want John to say a few words.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Identify yourself
9 for the record.

10 APPRAISER BRESLIN: Yes, my name is
11 John Breslin. I am the principal of
12 Breslin Appraisal Company.

13 With respect to the issue of property
14 values, um, the conditions that effect
15 property values already exist at this
16 location, it is an existing use, a gas
17 station that abuts the residential home.

18 But, in this particular situation, the
19 benefits of the redo of the service station
20 will make the conditions that exist
21 actually better than exists today.

22 With the redo to the more modern
23 facility and more importantly, the creation
24 of the buffer that is separating is going
25 to make the condition that exists today,

1 so, there will not be an adverse impact on
2 the property values by virtue of this
3 redevelopment of the site.

4 Is there an impact on the property
5 values by virtue of the proximity of the
6 commercial to the residential, yes, those
7 conditions already exists but in this
8 situation it will be an improvement of the
9 existing conditions by this new
10 development.

11 It will not have an adverse impact.

12 One other thing with this
13 redevelopment, all modern gasoline
14 components to it, as well, which may also
15 help the fume component.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.
17 Breslin.

18 Thank you, Ms. Ingram, Mrs. Ingram.

19 Okay, we have also signed into speak,
20 Donald Folkes, come forward, please, name
21 and address for the record.

22 DONALD FOLKES: My name is Donald
23 Folkes. 117 214th Street.

24 It is really a concern about the
25 congestion, the beautification of the

1 block, it has been kept pretty well for the
2 past number of years.

3 And, pertaining to classification,
4 Valley Stream gas station, exactly at the
5 corner of 240th Street and Linden Boulevard,
6 there has been a lot of activities there,
7 such as, collection of tires, relating to
8 the gas station.

9 We would just like to see that it is
10 kept up and, um, in my opinion, ask a
11 question regarding the location and
12 property and, um, in - - but, we have to
13 keep our eyes opened that our value remain
14 all the same that it should be and we are
15 hoping that we will get some response from
16 all of the leaders in charge of the area.

17 And, from that respect, we will be
18 keeping our eyes opened and hoping that you
19 will respond accordingly to see that we are
20 safe and the area is kept in the way that
21 it should and that is all I will say for,
22 now.

23 I look forward to your consideration.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very
25 much.

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1 Those are all the slips that I have
2 for anyone that said they wanted to speak
3 on this item.

4 On this item?

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5 Mary Ellen Kreye, come forward.

6 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.

7 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

8 I did hear it said in two of the curb
9 cuts there would be left turns only. This
10 would be very strange, left turns are
11 extremely dangerous and I would assume or
12 hope that the person misspoke and there
13 would be left turns prohibited.

14 So, somebody explain that.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Altman, do
16 you want to address that.

17 ATTORNEY ALTMAN: It is right turns
18 only, no left turns.

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Okay, thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you for
21 calling it to our attention.

22 Anyone else on this matter?

23 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

24 After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being

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1 none, I will accept a Motion.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
3 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the
4 Board reserve decision.

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second
6 the Motion.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: 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 (Whereupon, Councilman recused himself
22 from voting. After, the following ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, next,
24 Administrative Calendar, Senior
25 Councilwoman Goosby?

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

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: I second the
5 Motion.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there any
7 member of the Board that would like to
8 sever the Administrative Calendar?

9 It has been moved and seconded in its
10 entirety.

11 We have a number of individuals that
12 have asked to speak on the Administrative
13 Items.

14 Charles Robbins, would you like to
15 speak, sir?

16 (Whereupon, "no" was heard calling out
17 from the audience. After, the following
18 ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mary Ellen Kreye,
20 get you right back up, here.

21 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye.
22 436 Locust Avenue in Uniondale.

23 Item Number 7, where is that located,
24 please?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Say it one more

1 time.

2 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Number 7,
3 pedestrian access ramp, where is that
4 located?

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5 Is that Oceanside?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I believe I am
7 going to ask Commissioner Tuman.

8 Commissioner, how are you?

9 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Throughout the
10 entire Town.

11 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Those are things,
12 ramps on the sidewalks?

13 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Right.

14 MARY ELLEN KREYE: It is throughout
15 the Town?

16 Are you starting certain areas and,
17 then, I can't see every area will be done
18 at once.

19 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: No, it is not
20 every area at once.

21 We have a list.

22 It is not based on any certain
23 geography.

24 It is the ones that come to our
25 attention, first.

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1 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I see. Thank you.

2 Item Number 14.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Item Number 14.

4 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Architectural
5 Services for Greenfield Cemetery, what kind
6 of architectural services for Greenfield?

7 What kind of architectural services
8 for Greenfield?

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Well, the
10 changing market, for lack of a better term
11 on cemetery services has created a demand
12 for more people opting for cremation and
13 one of the trends for a lack of a better
14 term in the cemetery services industry is
15 providing a place for people to store and
16 memorialize cremated remains.

17 This is for architectural services to
18 design a system, a construction of an area
19 where urn remains, cremated remains would
20 be memorialized.

21 People can visit loved ones and things
22 of that nature because of the change in the
23 trend, more people are opting for
24 cremation.

25 This has created a demand, which at

1 the moment, Greenfield Cemetery is not able
2 to meet but with this work, they will be
3 able to meet that demand and serve our
4 residents better.

5 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Are you finding
6 that people who have already plots are, um,
7 you know, putting cremated remains?

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is a growing
9 trend in that particular area and, again, a
10 lot of people come to us looking for a
11 place to store memorialized remains and at
12 the moment, we don't have it, other than
13 inground burial.

14 MARY ELLEN KREYE: So, we will be
15 hearing more about this more in the future.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes, it is just
17 the initial.

18 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Than you. That is
19 very interesting.

20 Number 15, um, legislation authorizing
21 allocation of certain park lands for fair
22 market value.

23 Does that mean, "sale"?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, I will get
25 the Town Attorney to address that.

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1 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Charles
2 Kovit.

3 I am fairly familiar with the
4 situation, so - -

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Kovit, if you
6 can sit and speak into the microphone,
7 please.

8 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Thank
9 you, Supervisor, briefly, the eastern end
10 of Mott Street in Oceanside is a Town of
11 Hempstead ballfield located in the Town
12 Park property to the West of that is the
13 parking lot for the ballfield and to the
14 West of that is an eight-foot chain link
15 fence.

16 West of that is the former marina
17 closed.

18 It has been, basically, fallow for, at
19 least, ten, fifteen years

20 The proposal, in which there is
21 legislation in front of the Senate and
22 Assembly is to allocate a six hundred
23 square foot triangular parcel of parkland
24 property that is not used by the parkland.

25 It is not used in conjunction with

1 the ballfield.

2 It is needs State approval to do so.

3 And, it is totally part of a three-lot
4 subdivision in which three houses will be
5 built in what is now empty property, that
6 was the former marina.

7 And, also, we are going to get fair
8 market value for that property, six hundred
9 and forty-seven square feet and we are
10 going to get three thousand dollars for it
11 pursuant to the appraisal from a licensed
12 appraisal.

13 And, the person who is filing the
14 application is going to dedicate a like
15 amount of property on the West side of the
16 property adjacent to the canal, the canal
17 on Front Street and Mott Street to the Town
18 for use as a passive park area.

19 So, um, basically, it is going to
20 facilitate improvement of a rundown former
21 marina with upscale homes.

22 And, Home Rule Message, as I said, is
23 needed.

24 As I said - -

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.

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1 Kovit for that comprehensive explanation.

2 Does that answer your question.

3 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Yes, it does.

4 Parking or Standing Prohibitions,
5 Number 22 in Uniondale, I was wondering
6 where?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, well,
8 Traffic Control.

9 Calling the Public Hearing, certainly,
10 the exact streets from the Uniondale aspect
11 of Number 22, what streets, sir?

12 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Thomas Reed,
13 representing Traffic Control.

14 I would be happy to give the resident
15 a business card so I can do some research
16 on this and get back to her and give her a
17 proper answer.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is okay.

19 MARY ELLEN KREYE: And, the last one
20 on 29, prohibition of unreasonable notices,
21 um, that would be very interesting and I am
22 wondering if you are specifying times for,
23 um - -

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That, I believe,
25 will be the proposal to govern a timeframe

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1 which landscapers can use mechanical
2 equipment, blowers, lawnmowers which
3 present a nuisance in many areas and it
4 will change the allowable time, now, from
5 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

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6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It changes the time
7 they can start operating on Saturdays from
8 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.

9 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Thank you very
10 much.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are very
12 welcomed.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I
14 have a question, Mr. Kovit on that item.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Sure, Mr. Kovit,
16 if you would come back.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You mean to say
18 that the sale was of approximately, six
19 hundred square feet?

20 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Six
21 forty-seven square feet.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, the fair
23 market value is three thousand dollars?

24 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Pursuant
25 to appraisal.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, that is,
2 basically, five dollars a foot?

3 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes.

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay, that
5 sounds to me if you multiply that by ten,
6 six thousand square foot lot according to
7 your appraisal would be worth thirty
8 thousand dollars.

9 We all know that can't be true.

10 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: We are
11 not bound by that appraisal under this
12 legislation or anywhere what the Board is
13 adopting today.

14 If we want to revisit that appraisal,
15 thinking that it is inadequate, I can get
16 in touch with the appraiser and tell him
17 your concerns.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Why don't you do
19 this, this does not involve the sale of the
20 property, today, this is just the necessary
21 action we have to take to authorize the
22 State Legislature to act on this matter.

23 Address Councilman Blakeman's
24 concerns.

25 Let's get a different appraiser to

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1 do the appraisal and let's see what the
2 second appraiser comes out with.

3 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes,
4 Supervisor.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I
7 want to go on that train of thought on
8 that, so, there was an appraisal, whose
9 appraisal was it?

10 Was it our appraisal or their
11 appraisal?

12 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: It was an
13 appraisal that was performed by Robert
14 Hofferover, who was commissioned and paid
15 for by the applicant or the proposer of the
16 legislation.

17 Um, he is someone that we have
18 familiarity with.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Kovit, get
20 another appraiser to do another appraisal.

21 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
23 I would recommend, as part of the
24 negotiations, that we get an independent
25 appraiser by somebody else.

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1 If someone wants to purchase it, they
2 may want that appraisal because, obviously,
3 the appraisal, if the appraisal comes out
4 to three thousand dollars, we have done all
5 the work and we got nothing.

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Kovit, make
7 it happen.

8 DEPUTY TOWN ATTORNEY KOVIT: Yes,
9 Supervisor, yes, Councilman, I will do
10 that.

11 (Whereupon, calling out from the
12 audience was heard. After, the following
13 ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have it, here.
15 I will run the meeting.

16 I will call you.

17 William McCabe?

18 WILLIAM McCABE: William McCabe. Post
19 Office Box 334 New Hyde Park, New York.

20 Resolution Number 19, authorizing the
21 settlement of claim, No-fault, personal
22 injury protection, what is that in regard
23 to?

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town
25 Attorney?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Under State Law,
2 there is subrogation between insurance
3 companies and the Town of Hempstead, so,
4 the insurance company for the injured party
5 has paid medical bills for them and, then,
6 they claim on No-Fault for subrogation to
7 the Town of Hempstead and, that is what
8 that is, that is the reimbursing them.

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9 WILLIAM McCABE: Was there any hired
10 Counsel by the Town involved in that?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

12 WILLIAM McCABE: The destroying of
13 records, are there dates and what do the
14 records pertain to?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What number is
16 that?

17 WILLIAM McCABE: Number 6.

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: From time to time,
19 the Town Attorney has records that are no
20 longer of any value and have to be disposed
21 of.

22 WILLIAM McCABE: What is the procedure
23 to indicate what those records are?

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Under State Law,
25 you have to file a form.

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1 It is called MC-1 and, excuse me one
2 second, I am sorry, it goes back to 2009,
3 it also has some records having to do with
4 tax grievances from the year 2015 which the
5 Town was served but has no part in the
6 litigation.

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7 Nassau County sends us the records as
8 copies.

9 Those are records to be disposed of.

10 WILLIAM McCABE: Okay and Number 20 is
11 that positions that are being filled on,
12 Resolution 20?

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Personnel.

14 WILLIAM McCABE: Personnel Calendar.

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: What about it,
16 sir?

17 WILLIAM McCabe: Are there any
18 positions being hired, there?

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The personnel
20 calendar has a variety of different items
21 on it.

22 Mr. Sammon?

23 Is Mr. Sammon, here? Okay, there
24 are a variety of different things; there
25 are hiring, there are

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1 changes, there is a full range of items, what
2 is on every personnel calendar, is on this
3 one.

4 WILLIAM McCABE: Can you give the
5 names of those people that are being hired,
6 currently?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is on the WEB
8 site.

9 I don't have the information with me.
10 It is all posted on line.

11 WILLIAM McCabe: Okay, is there anyone
12 that has been on there that is currently or
13 has been employed or relatives have been
14 employed by the Town of Hempstead?

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. McCabe, it is
16 on the WEB site.

17 You are welcomed to look at it and all
18 the names are there, nothing hidden.

19 WILLIAM McCABE: I did. I will ask
20 about it a little later.

21 Thank you.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Felix Procacci?

23 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165
24 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

25 I want to speak on Number 20,

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1 Resolution for hire, fire, everything else.

2 Um, Diana Muller is getting a bump up
3 to one hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

4 Um, according to see-thru, New York,
5 which records this stuff, FOILS these
6 records in 2009, she was making about
7 fifty-four, fifty-five thousand dollars a
8 year.

9 If you do the math, it is very simple,
10 it is like one hundred percent increase in
11 eight years, one hundred percent increase.

12 Um, also, Kurt Rockensies is being,
13 um, given a position as a Clerk Laborer at
14 forty thousand dollars a year.

15 Recently you laid off a lady called
16 Andrea Weingarten and she went from maybe
17 fifty thousand or something to zero.

18 And, Kurt Rockensies, essentially, has
19 two years with the Town, from what the
20 records say as a part-timer, maybe, three
21 and you are giving him a fulltime position
22 and you gave Andrea Weingarten a pink slip.

23 And, all of your budget presentations,
24 all the lofty crap that you give the Press,
25 which they write religiously, you don't

1 mention how many people you are laying off.

2 You don't mention that and it is
3 unfortunate.

4 My question is does Kurt Rockensies,
5 is he related to William Rockensies, who is
6 former Commissioner of Engineering?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have no idea.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: You have no idea?

9 You have strong policies in place that
10 you said ethics, you have strong policies
11 which Mr. Ra couldn't identify a document
12 for me, whether it existed or not.

13 I had to FOIL it or not.

14 Wouldn't it be appropriate to use
15 those strong policies to make sure their
16 isn't no conflict of interest when you are
17 hiring people.

18 You have no idea this person is
19 related to somebody who has the same name
20 and also lives with the person Mary Kate
21 Rockensies?

22 You know the name, coincidentally got
23 a twenty percent increase in wages just
24 recently over the last couple of years and
25 you don't know?

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1 The fact that you don't know, you
2 don't have any policies or you don't follow
3 any policies, so, this is the real problem
4 with the Town.

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5 And, why don't you put terminations on
6 this list because you put the hires?

7 You put the demotions.

8 You put the transfers, change of
9 thing.

10 Why didn't Andrea Weingarten's name
11 show up as a terminating position?

12 You indicated that position was
13 eliminated but you didn't indicate that she
14 was laid off because, at least, the people
15 would know.

16 They would have a way of finding out
17 how many layoffs in the Town.

18 They wouldn't have to FOIL it and wait
19 months and months and months and have Joe
20 Ra say FOIL every rule and in reality you
21 don't.

22 He is lying. I wish he would do it
23 under oath so, at least, put him in jail
24 for saying a lie.

25 He wouldn't get away with it and

1 Everyone goes along with it.

2 So, this is the real problem.

3 I think the reform that was proposed
4 by Mr. Blakeman several weeks ago and you
5 know it almost went through except for one
6 vote short, need to be implemented, now.

7 Don't end this Administrative
8 Calendar, add another item, today, that at
9 the next meeting you will discuss ethics
10 because ethics is required, now.

11 Not in a few weeks, not in a few
12 months, now, very simple.

13 No Inspector General for, now, very
14 simple, put all the documents on line.

15 Put contracts on line as required by
16 law, because right, now, you don't do all
17 the documents.

18 You do a sparse number, then, you have
19 to FOIL it to get more, but State Law says
20 you are supposed to do all if you have the
21 ability to do so and you do have the
22 ability to do so.

23 You have proven it.

24 If not, give it to me and I will put
25 it on line for you, okay, so, pass ethics

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reform today.

Add it to the calendar, today, calling a public hearing for June 6th to discuss ethics, very simple, all contracts, all terminations on line, all political affiliations of people who are being hired on line, that is what is necessary, now.

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

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next individual speaking is Diane Madden, please.

DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

By the way, Mr. Procacci, Mr. Sammon has returned.

Item Number 6, I would like to know if any records are being destroyed from the Animal Shelter, photos, video surveillance?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

DIANE MADDEN: And, who determines what records are, just in general, across the Town, who makes those determinations?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: In general, it is governed by State Law.

After a period of time, certain

1 records maybe destroyed if there are copies
2 of records which is basically, what we have
3 in the Town Attorneys, most of the records
4 are copies that are sent to other places.

5 You can destroy those records before
6 the timeframe of State Law is expired.

7 So, original records you are required
8 to keep for sometimes, six years, sometimes
9 seven years.

10 There are some reports that you have
11 to keep for thirty years.

12 DIANE MADDEN: Is there an individual
13 that makes this decision?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is under State
15 Law.

16 Everybody has to carry out,
17 individuals have to carry out the State
18 Law.

19 DIANE MADDEN: You mentioned MU-1 from
20 New York State where we can find out what
21 you have been destroying for so many years.

22 Now, my particular interest, of
23 course, is the Animal Shelter, is that the
24 case?

25 Is there a form that you must fill

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out?

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes, whenever records are destroyed, a form accompanying a State form needs to be filled out.

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DIANE MADDEN: And, Item Number 20, um, I understand Debbi Fey (as heard), does not have to go under six months probation after going back to her position.

I think the calendar, I think it was changed.

She did. She didn't.

Again, I would like to know who makes those determinations?

Why that is?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Sammon, identify yourself for the record, please.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES SAMMON:
William Sammon, Director of Human Resources, Town of Hempstead.

Um, probationary period - -

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Speak into the microphone.

DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES SAMMON:
Probationary periods are prescribed by New York State Civil Service Law.

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1 In that particular situation, the
2 employee went back to the title she
3 previously held, had served probation.

4 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, so, how would you
5 explain that at times it comes on the
6 calendar it goes off the calendar,
7 probation period from a previous position?

8 DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES SAMMON:
9 We recently performed some personnel
10 changes that were unprecedented in terms of
11 the history of my office and the Town of
12 Hempstead Civil Service Office and the
13 Town Attorney's Office upon further review,
14 it was agreed that some wouldn't serve
15 probation and others would.

16 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You're welcome.
18 Andrea Weingarten?

19 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Hello, again.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Hello, name and
21 address for the record.

22 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: It hasn't changed,
23 again.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is a new
25 meeting, so, we have a new stenographic

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Record.

ANDREA WEINGARTEN: I am saying after living thirty-two years in Merrick, I just moved to Bellmore, so, the new address is 856 Virginia Avenue, Bellmore.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

ANDREA WEINGARTEN: My position after working for sixteen years as a reliable Town employee was terminated without cause.

And, I was given no option at the time and I am Andrea Weingarten that Felix has brought up three times because my case is a little different than some other people's cases.

As a matter of fact, it is so unusual that the Union does not know how to handle it.

And many departments have given wrong information in the Town from a variety of things as to what last day I have, what my medical insurance is what to do with my pension.

There is a big scapple like I was an Easter Egg Hunt trying to make things happen and work but after, um, a month

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1 ago at the same Board Meeting, my position
2 was being abolished, I read on the
3 employment resolutions that we talked
4 about, here, which included new hires,
5 increases and political-oriented promotions
6 at subsequent board meetings.

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7 This trend to award other employees
8 has continued when I am laid off,
9 terminated with no position, nothing to go
10 back to, even though, I have been in the
11 Town for sixteen years.

12 I am really concerned that the Town is
13 sending a dual message, if you have
14 connections, you stay.

15 If it is convenient to go, you are
16 out.

17 I am saddened and disappointed no job
18 could be found for me as I am reading about
19 other Town employees presently being
20 promoted and new positions being created.

21 So, I have a question for the Board
22 and also for Supervisor Santino, how could
23 this be?

24 Something doesn't seem right and I am
25 not the only one.

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1 Why can't you reinstate my position
2 working for the Town?

3 I have gotten no answer.

4 I have gotten no meeting. I run
5 around like a chicken without my head
6 trying to find out answers and it is
7 unprecedented.

8 It hasn't happened.

9 Other people have taken positions that
10 could be mine.

11 I am a good employee. I have an
12 excellent record and I don't understand
13 sweeping this under the carpet because it
14 is not right.

15 So, what can you guys do to help me?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We will have the
17 Department of Personnel review the matter,
18 again.

19 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Nobody has ever
20 contacted me.

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Sammmon will
22 review the matter.

23 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Will there be a
24 resolution?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Sammon

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1 will review the matter with you, okay.

2 ANDREA WEINGARTEN: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: At this point, I
4 would call on Councilman Blakeman to make a
5 Motion relative to the Administrative
6 Calendar.

7 (Whereupon, calling out was heard from
8 Ms. Cassaza from the audience. After, the
9 following ensued.)

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I will run the
11 meeting, Ms. Cassaza.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,
13 I move that we sever and table Item 15 from
14 the Administrative Calendar.

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: Thank you very
10 much.

11 So, Item Number 15 is no longer on the
12 Calendar, it has been tabled.

13 So, I do have a slip for you, Ms.
14 Casazza to talk about Item 15.

15 It is no longer germane to this
16 matter.

17 You are, obviously, welcomed at the
18 miscellaneous part to speak, then, I have a
19 question on Number 11.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Then, come, speak
21 about Number 11.

22 DONNA CASAZZA: Thank you so very
23 much.

24 Donna Casazza, Hempstead, New York.

25 But, I would like to say I raised my

1 hand before you tabled that issue and I think
2 as a taxpayer, who comes to almost every
3 meeting, I think it was disrespectful to not
4 allow me to speak before you tabled it.

5 However, Number 11, Number 11 happened
6 to be about an intermunicipal agreement
7 between you and the County for a car, one
8 car.

9 But, I was wondering whether there is
10 anything that this Town Board is doing with
11 respect to consolidating and sharing
12 services, um, with respect to like special
13 districts and that Governor Cuomo - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are.
15 Currently, we are involved with Governor
16 Cuomo's initiatives.

17 We are currently formulating plans.
18 We are in the process, townships,
19 municipalities, we are in the process of
20 doing that, now.

21 DONNA CASAZZA: I am wondering whether
22 you would be open this Board to have an, um,
23 taxpayer advisory board, some of us have some
24 great ideas how we can share services and
25 consolidate.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Any citizen is
2 more than welcomed to write a letter, send us
3 an email.

4 DONNA CASAZZA: I don't want to write a
5 letter.

6 I come here and I sit here for two
7 hours and I am wondering if you would be open
8 to some of us have great ideas.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: More than happy
10 to take input.

11 We have no plans for an Advisory
12 Committee at this time.

13 DONNA CASAZZA: Well, back to Number
14 15 is tabled but I would like to know who is
15 the owner of - -

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Number 15 is not
17 before the Board at this time.

18 DONNA CASAZZA: But it was before the
19 Board when I raised my hand as a taxpayer.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is not before
21 the Board, now, at this time.

22 DONNA CASAZZA: But it was before the
23 Board when I raised my hand.

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It is not before
25 the Board, now.

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1 It is not germane at the moment.

2 DONNA CASAZZA: Well, then - -

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Do you have any
4 other items that you want to speak about?

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5 DONNA CASAZZA: So disrespectful.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Ms.
7 Casazza.

8 I have no one else who asked to speak
9 or sign in to speak on the Administrative
10 Calendar.

11 That being the case, we have severed
12 off and tabled Number 15, this is on the
13 remainder of the Administrative Calendar if
14 you would call the roll.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye with the
19 exception of Item Number 16 which I recuse
20 myself.

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: I would
4 like to vote but before I vote, I would like
5 to speak on 13, Item 16, I would like the
6 Department of Water address this issue for
7 me, please, the Water Department.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Would you
10 ask the Water Commissioner to come in.

11 Clear up this resolution.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner
13 Reinhardt, could you explain this item in the
14 Roosevelt community.

15 COMMISSIONER REINHARDT: Good Morning,
16 Commissioner Reinhardt, Town of Hempstead,
17 Department of Water. 1995 Prospect Avenue,
18 East Meadow.

19 Resolution for approval of site plan
20 for improvements that American Water is
21 looking to make onto their site located on
22 Whitehouse Avenue and Pennsylvania Avenue in
23 Roosevelt.

24 Um, we recently met with, um,
25 Councilwoman Goosby and representatives of

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1 American Water to discuss this project.

2 The project is primarily for an iron
3 filter removal system to remove objectionable
4 iron from the water.

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5 Residents in the area are concerned
6 with discolored water.

7 American Water moved forward with this
8 plan in conjunction with the construction of
9 the iron removal plan for water quality.

10 American Water is committed to making
11 some site improvements to the area to benefit
12 the community including, um, replacement of
13 the perimeter fence around the area, um,
14 clearing out a perimeter area behind the
15 fence to eliminate the area people can hide
16 or dump around the property.

17 Um, this project is both a benefit to
18 the consumers as well as the residents of the
19 community.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you,
21 Commissioner.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Item
23 Number 16, Resolution adopting a lease
24 agreement in Roosevelt, Town of Hempstead,
25 Nassau County, Roosevelt subject to

1 signing of the lease.

2 I would just like to thank the
3 Supervisor and a special thanks to the Town
4 Attorney for all the work that they helped us
5 with.

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6 Steve Lesser and especially it is so
7 great to be able to do this for the children
8 in Roosevelt.

9 We were about to lose that particular
10 building because of the hard work with
11 everyone connected we were able to save it
12 and it is going to be run by the American
13 Legion and their very much needed work with
14 the youngsters in Roosevelt for thirty years.

15 So, I think it is an excellent,
16 excellent idea that we are doing and
17 certainly it gives us the opportunity to
18 Veterans to work with our children.

19 So, I thank you so much.

20 I thank you all for coming, today.

21 So, this is something that I
22 definitely I am voting on. I am voting for
23 that one and the one concerning the water,
24 so, we will have good water in Roosevelt.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I would like

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1 to join Councilwoman Goosby in thanking you
2 for your service.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Hudes?

4 COUNCILMAN HUDES: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-
6 Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I vote yes
8 with the exception of the following, 7, 8,
9 10, 18,19 which I abstain.

10 All my request to review the Town
11 contracting process and confirm that all
12 necessary safeguards are in place and no
13 conflicts exists have been rebuffed or
14 ignored.

15 I realized some may deem my voice
16 inconsequential, the issue of transparency in
17 government is not.

18 I applaud Supervisor Saladino in
19 Oyster Bay for partnering with Reclaim New
20 York to adopt transparency measures.

21 Surely, the Town of Hempstead can do
22 better.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can we have a
24 Motion.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I

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move we 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 meeting of
the Hempstead Town Board was concluded. Time
noted: 12:30 p.m.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on May 23, 2017 consisting of pages 1 through 112 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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