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**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

AUGUST 8, 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 DUNNE, SR.
- COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY
- CLERK AHMAD
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK MULLER
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- COMPTROLLER CONROY
- RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN, JR.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Before we begin  
2 today's Meeting, I would like to recognize  
3 two outstanding Police Officers for their  
4 courageous actions.

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5 NYPD Officer William Lauria was at  
6 beach duty at Rockaway Beach in Queens when  
7 he noticed a woman struggling in the water  
8 about fifty yards from shore.

9 It was 7:45 p.m. and there were no  
10 lifeguards on duty.

11 Luckily, Officer Lauria had four years  
12 under his belt as a Town of Hempstead  
13 lifeguard, without hesitation, Officer Lauria  
14 dove right in and swam out to help the  
15 drowning woman to Shore, not before helping  
16 another Good Samaritan who also jumped in to  
17 try to save her.

18 Hempstead Town Lifeguards are among  
19 the most qualified lifeguards anywhere and  
20 Officer Lauria embodies the adage, "Once a  
21 Lifeguard always a Lifeguard."

22 Thanks to his quick thinking and  
23 heroic actions, he saved not only one but two  
24 precious lives.

25 His advice to the one he

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1 rescued, "never swim without a Lifeguard on  
2 duty."

3 And, now, I ask that Police Officer  
4 William Lauria join me at the podium to  
5 accept the official Town of Hempstead  
6 Citation and Key to the Town.

7 (Whereupon, Supervisor Santino  
8 presented the Key and Citation to the Town of  
9 Hempstead and a standing ovation was  
10 observed. After, the following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Our second hero,  
12 Port Authority Police Officer Doreen Moran  
13 was just running home from her twelve-hour  
14 tour when she heard her neighbor scream and  
15 Officer Moran's husband ran to their  
16 neighbor's backyard.

17 She followed them and immediately  
18 sprang into action by administering CPR to an  
19 unresponsive child that was laying on the  
20 steps of an inground pool.

21 Officer Moran continued CPR until the  
22 arrival of the local Fire Department which  
23 credits her of saving the two-years old life.

24 Thanks to Officer Moran's quick  
25 actions, the child was conscious and

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1 breathing when the Fire Department arrived  
2 and they transported the child to the  
3 hospital.

4 We are pleased to commend Officer  
5 Moran for her lifesaving efforts and are  
6 privileged to have such an outstanding  
7 neighbor to be living in the Town of  
8 Hempstead.

9 Now, will Officer Moran, please, join  
10 me at the podium to accept an office Town of  
11 Hempstead Citation.

12 (Whereupon, Supervisor Santino  
13 presented a citation to Officer Moran and a  
14 standing ovation was observed. After, the  
15 following ensued.)

16 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne, Sr. led  
17 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
18 After, the following ensued.)

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk, call  
20 the roll.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Here.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman

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Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

CLERK AHMAD: Receiver of Taxes Donald

X. Clavin?

RECEIVER OF TAXES CLAVIN: Here.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: First item,  
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner  
of Buildings to demolish & remove the two-  
story wood frame one-family dwelling & remove  
all litter & debris from property - BALDWIN  
(635 LINCOLN STREET) - north side of Lincoln  
Street, 360 feet west of Madison Street -  
Department of Buildings

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

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1 that would like to be heard on this matter  
2 before the Town Board?

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

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

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

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second  
11 the Motion.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

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Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
please.

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CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner  
of Buildings to demolish & remove the two  
story wood frame one family dwelling with  
attached garage & remove all litter and  
debris from property - HEWLETT (1348 NOEL  
AVENUE) - west side of Noel Avenue, 129 feet  
North of Harris Avenue - Department of  
Buildings

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 accept a Motion, please.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.  
Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be  
closed and the item be adopted.

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

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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: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
please.

CLERK AHMAD: Petition of Commissioner  
of Buildings to demolish & remove the one &  
one half story wood frame one family dwelling  
with two car detached garage & remove all  
litter & debris from property - ROOSEVELT  
(110 Taylor Avenue) North side of Taylor  
Avenue, 663 feet East of Long Beach Avenue -  
Department of Buildings.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, we have one  
2 individual that has signed in with respect to  
3 this matter, Christopher Medina, is that  
4 right?

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5 ATTORNEY MEDINA: Yes, sir.

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

8 ATTORNEY MEDINA: Good Morning.  
9 Christopher Medina, Rosicki, Rosicki &  
10 Associates. 51 East Bethpage Road, Plainview,  
11 New York. 11803.

12 I am, here on behalf of the current  
13 owners, um, the lender of the property, U.S.  
14 Bank as trustee.

15 We just completed foreclosure and the  
16 Deed was executed on July 18<sup>th</sup>, this year.

17 We respectfully request a thirty-day  
18 stay, um, of this proposed demolishing so  
19 that we can work with the Town on repairs and  
20 selling of this premises.

21 I spoke with both Charles Kovit and  
22 Raymond Schwartz on this matter.

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner  
24 Rottkamp, is the property such that the Town  
25 can have a thirty-day stay to give the

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1 Lender time to deal with the condition there?

2 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Yes.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Normally, our  
4 policy has been, Counselor, that we will pass  
5 the measure, today, with the understanding  
6 that, you know, we will give thirty days  
7 before moving forward with enforcement to  
8 give your client time to remediate as  
9 necessary.

10 ATTORNEY MEDINA: Thank you.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Senior  
12 Councilwoman?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.  
14 Supervisor, I propose we close the Public  
15 Hearing and give you thirty days to complete  
16 whatever it is you are going to do to stay up  
17 to Code and we pass the Resolution.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
19 Motion.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
6 Goosby?

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
9 Sweeney?

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, thank you,  
12 Counselor.

13 ATTORNEY MEDINA: Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
15 please.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
17 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit  
18 parking in BALDWIN, EAST ATLANTIC BEACH,  
19 ELMONT, near ISLAND PARK, LIDO BEACH,  
20 MERRICK, NORTH BELLMORE, OCEANSIDE (To amend  
21 Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of  
22 Hempstead)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, is there  
24 anyone that would like to be heard before the  
25 Town Board on this matter?

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1 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

2 After, the following ensued.)

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

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5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor I  
6 move that the Public Hearing be closed and  
7 the proposed Local Law be adopted.

8 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the  
9 Motion.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

13 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

24 Sweeney?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
2 please.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
4 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in  
5 BELLMORE, HEWLETT, INWOOD, MERRICK, NORTH  
6 BELLMORE, UNIONDALE, near WESTBURY, WOODMERE  
7 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the  
8 Town of Hempstead)

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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 BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
17 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and  
18 the Local Law be adopted.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second  
20 the 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: Councilman Dunne?

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5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

7 Goosby?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
10 Sweeney?

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
13 please.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
15 "Arterial Stops" in BELLMORE, EST MEADOW,  
16 NORTH VALLEY STREAM, OCEANSIDE, WOODMERE (To  
17 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town  
18 of Hempstead)

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

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

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

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

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the  
5 Motion.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
17 Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
20 Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
23 please.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
25 "Traffic Regulations in the vicinity of

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1 schools" in LIDO BEACH (To amend Section 197-  
2 13 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

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

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr.  
11 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be  
12 closed and the item adopted.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
14 Motion.

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: 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.

25 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

2 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
6 Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
9 please.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed Local Law Re:  
11 "No Stopping Anytime - Police & Authorized  
12 Vehicles Only" in WOODMERE (To amend Section  
13 202-57 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

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

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
22 I move that the Public Hearing be closed and  
23 the proposed Local Law be adopted.

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I second the  
25 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: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

12 Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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 "Administration and Regulation of the

21 procedures of the Town of Hempstead Animal

22 Shelter and Control Division" (To amend

23 Section 152-7.1 of Chapter 152 of the Code of

24 the Town of Hempstead)

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

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1 that would like to be heard on this matter  
2 before the Town Board?

3 FELIX PROCACCI: I do.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Procacci,  
5 come forward.

6 Name and address for the record.

7 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
8 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

9 Um, I read through the Resolution.  
10 Why is this necessary?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town  
12 Attorney, can you amplify on that, please.

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We have discovered  
14 a flaw in our law in that the American Kennel  
15 Club will not certify animals or dogs to be  
16 pedigree or show dogs unless they are, at  
17 least, one year of age.

18 What happened was that a dog that was  
19 three or four months was sheltered in error,  
20 according to the owner, in that he has no  
21 opportunity and he proved the pedigree of the  
22 dog and he has no opportunity to have this  
23 dog certified because it is so young.

24 So, this is to cover that eventuality.

25 It has never happened before.

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1           We don't know that it will happen,  
2           again, but that is basically to - -  
3           eventuality, covering those dogs under twelve  
4           months of age.

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5           FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, thank you.

6           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else that  
7           would like to be heard?

8           No one signed in.

9           Come up, one at a time.

10          (Whereupon, "we all signed in" as  
11          heard from the audience. After, the  
12          following ensued.)

13          SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,  
14          name and address for the record.

15          TERI MICHEL: Good Morning, my name is  
16          Keri Michel, Bohemia, New York.

17          I would love to see where that cite  
18          is, sir, that you listed because I am pretty  
19          familiar with the pet law.

20          And, that is a bunch of poppycock,  
21          sorry.

22          I am, here, today to play a video from  
23          2014 where Mr. Santino you boasted about the  
24          spade/neuter program.

25          SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are only

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1 talking about this matter before the Town  
2 Board.

3 KERI MICHEL: This has everything to  
4 do with this, sir.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On this  
6 legislation?

7 KERI MICHEL: Yes, it absolutely does.  
8 It has to do with spade and neuter law.

9 (Whereupon, Keri Michel holds up a  
10 tape recorder and the following is played:)

11 "SUPERVISOR MURRAY: Legislation that  
12 will require the spading and neutering of all  
13 homeless dogs and cats that are brought to  
14 the Town of Hempstead Animal Shelter, spading  
15 and neutering a cat or dog, ensures that the  
16 animal cannot reproduce.

17 "This prevents future litters from  
18 becoming part of the Animal Shelter  
19 population or the population of stray animals  
20 and according to Spade, USA, which is a North  
21 Shore Animal League America Program, an un-  
22 spade female dog, her puppies and all future  
23 offspring, if none of them are fixes can lead  
24 to sixty-seven thousand that is sixty-seven  
25 thousand puppies in just six years time.

1 "That is a phenomenal fact. Un-spade  
2 cats can result in those same kinds of  
3 numbers.

4 "There is also evidence that  
5 sterilized cats and dogs live longer, are  
6 actually healthier and live longer than non-  
7 sterilized animals.

8 "Now, during this morning's Town Board  
9 Meeting, Councilman Santino and I called for  
10 a Public Hearing on this new legislation and  
11 that Hearing is scheduled to occur at our  
12 Town Board on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

13 "This proposed legislation is going to  
14 absolutely reduce the very significant  
15 problem of overpopulation and we think that  
16 is a great long-term solution for all of us,  
17 here, in the Town of Hempstead."

18 "SUPERVISOR SANTINO: And, the result  
19 of this initiative will be felt in just a few  
20 years moving forward, so, the Town of  
21 Hempstead has always been a leader when it  
22 comes to its animal shelter.

23 "It has one of the finest Animal  
24 Shelters that you will find anywhere in the  
25 State of New York and we continue to be on

1 "the cutting edge of active programs that are  
2 designed to help not only control the over  
3 population of stray animals in the Town of  
4 Hempstead but to ensure those dogs that are  
5 rescued do find loving homes."

6 "SUPERVISOR MURRAY: Bulldogs don't  
7 usually reproduce that readily, however, we  
8 are seeing a big increase in mixed breed.

9 "I think it is a wonderful thing, we  
10 always think before they go out, so, I  
11 appreciate this and, um, it is a good thing  
12 all together.

13 "So, I think this is the first step in  
14 stopping the over population of these dogs  
15 and cats that are out there on the street.

16 "In closing, Senior Councilman Anthony  
17 Santino and I are certainly very confident  
18 that mandatory spaying and neutering of all  
19 cats and dogs entering the Town of Hempstead  
20 Animal Shelter will have a very, very  
21 significant impact on the over population of  
22 animals on the streets and in our local  
23 shelters."

24 KERI MICHELS: So, let's fast forward  
25 to 2017, where you are, now, looking to

1 dismantle this very program, over three  
2 million animals in the shelter system are  
3 euthanized each and every year due to the  
4 over pet population and the lack of spade and  
5 neutering.

6 Why on Earth would you consider even  
7 back peddling?

8 We are supposed to evolve. I come out  
9 from Suffolk because I come to these  
10 meetings.

11 I hear about this stuff going on,  
12 here, like everybody has to put their  
13 political BS aside and stop punishing the  
14 animals.

15 This is so irresponsible, so  
16 irresponsible.

17 And, as for that statement, again, I  
18 have to reiterate, sir, you are completely  
19 wrong.

20 If that is the case, why are these pet  
21 stores advertising musk, mongrels, multi-poo,  
22 cockleshoo?

23 I am telling you how come they are AKC  
24 certified of being sold at eight weeks old.

25 We have to cut the BS.

1 We really do.

2 Everyone has to work together because  
3 you are going to continue to go downward.

4 It is not looking good out in Suffolk.

5 It is all over.

6 Just stop. Cut the crap and work  
7 together.

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

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address  
11 for the record.

12 ELIZABETH STEIN: Elizabeth Stein. 5  
13 Dunhill Road, Woodmere Park.

14 Mr. Ra, there is no flaw in the law at  
15 all.

16 One of my questions that I was going  
17 to ask, which, thank you, you already  
18 answered for me is whether you were in  
19 contact with AKC or any other certifying  
20 organization before you did this.

21 Obviously, you were and that this  
22 happened, which is really tragic.

23 The tape that we all heard, I think,  
24 speaks for itself.

25 Since I was involved in drafting the

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1 Law and I do have a statement, I would like  
2 to read it for the record.

3 When I began working on this law with  
4 the Town, I was concerned that the Town's  
5 interest would pass such an important  
6 Ordinance was merely an attempt by the Town  
7 to make itself look good politically.

8 I was assured, however, that the Town  
9 understood the gravity of the dog and cat  
10 over population crisis in Hempstead and at  
11 the Shelter and that enforcement mandatory  
12 spade/neuter was essential to curtail this  
13 problem which is exactly what the Town touted  
14 to the Press upon passage of the law.

15 The fact that the Board is even  
16 considering amending this law to carve out a  
17 further exception to the spade/neutering  
18 requiring proves to me that the Town once,  
19 again, used animals for their own political  
20 purposes and, now, is willing to sacrifice  
21 the animals further by amending the law.

22 The law as written allows for the  
23 exemption of dogs and cats who are presently  
24 being used for show purposes and is based on  
25 the New York City Law which does not

1 include the amendment before the Board,  
2 today.

3 The New York City Law has been  
4 litigated and has past constitutional muster.

5 There is absolutely no legitimate  
6 reason for the law to be expanded to include  
7 dogs and cats that maybe used for providing  
8 or show purposes in the future.

9 In fact, this amendment belies the  
10 very intent of the legislation.

11 The time has come to stop the  
12 indiscriminate breeding of dogs and cats and  
13 put animals' welfare above political  
14 expediency.

15 I applaud the Board to vote against  
16 this amendment and finally take an honest  
17 stand on behalf of the animals.

18 Thank you.

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

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning,  
22 name and address for the record.

23 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden,  
24 Hempstead.

25 Mr. Ra, since you consulted with

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1 AKC, did you consult with any spade/neuter  
2 experts or animal welfare experts, as well?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Would I or did I?

4 DIANE MADDEN: Did you?

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Did I, no.

6 DIANE MADDEN: So, is it too late to  
7 do so and table this?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We spoke to AKC,  
9 they will not certify any dog under twelve  
10 months.

11 DIANE MADDEN: And, so, this law has  
12 been in affect three years without a problem.

13 You are going to release litters, now,  
14 so, the community understands, you are  
15 releasing litters of animals to go out to  
16 breeders and that dog we are specifically  
17 speaking of was turned in by his owner that  
18 paid for him and he turned him in as a stray  
19 because he didn't want to pay an intake fee.

20 Later on, the breeder found out he  
21 wants his puppy back for breeding.

22 Just so the public knows, there are  
23 many applicants for this puppy to be neutered  
24 and welcomed into their home as a welcomed  
25 family member instead you are asking this

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1 Board, who is at the decision point of what  
2 they believe is ethical to release a puppy to  
3 be further bred in an animal shelter, where  
4 we have no space to further the burden to the  
5 taxpayer to pay for these dogs that keep  
6 coming into the shelter.

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7 You have promised us that if anything,  
8 this law would be strengthened.

9 You convinced us as we were part of it  
10 and you put our reputations on the line  
11 because we wanted it a little stronger.

12 You promised to make it as strong as  
13 New York City.

14 You didn't.

15 You said, let's get it on the books  
16 and we will work on it.

17 Three years later, you are cutting it  
18 to pieces to release more animals into the  
19 public and to further burden the taxpayers.

20 Why?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If this particular  
22 animal was twelve months of age, it would  
23 have qualified for American Kennel - -

24 DIANE MADDEN: This particular animal  
25 you have had sitting in the Animal

1 Shelter since May, this puppy went in there  
2 at three months of age.

3 You have, now, lost almost four months  
4 of the most critical time to socialize this  
5 animal and he has been sitting like a  
6 prisoner.

7 And, just the same way this Board and  
8 Santino has argued the laws or particular  
9 individuals, this law is being changed to  
10 accommodate one breeder.

11 And, I haven't found out why.

12 I haven't found out if he is donating  
13 a lot of money or he is going to.

14 You are changing a law to accommodate  
15 one unscrupulous breeder and release this  
16 puppy for further breeding.

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Once, again, if  
18 this dog was twelve months of age, he would  
19 qualify.

20 This dog didn't have the opportunity  
21 to qualify.

22 DIANE MADDEN: The dog was turned in  
23 as a stray.

24 It is unethical in itself.

25 It is unethical movement.

1           What would be done about that, that is  
2 unethical and, now, you are returning the  
3 dog. Why?

4           Why are you using the Town Board as a  
5 vehicle to pass this law?

6           And, I urge everyone of you at a time  
7 when we are talking about ethics, not to pass  
8 this law.

9           Why didn't you consult with others?

10           This is reminiscent of Michael  
11 Vendito.

12           We know what happened to him.

13           He only met with AKC. He didn't meet  
14 with animal advocates and I am not even  
15 suggesting, myself, bring in spade/neuter USA  
16 that Santino bragged about and he bragged ab  
17 out this law in 2014, bring them in.

18           It is unethical to pass this law  
19 without hearing both sides of the issue.

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

22           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on  
23 this matter.

24           Good Morning, name and address for the  
25 record, please.

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1 LUCILLE DeFINA: Lucille DeFina,  
2 Merrick.

3 You know, at this point, you have  
4 everyone shaking their heads.

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5 Every aspect of what you have done,  
6 Supervisor Santino, since you have come in,  
7 you have given your administration that we  
8 thought was out of control during the Kate  
9 Murray days, now, you have given them free  
10 reign to just go berserk with everything that  
11 they want to do.

12 They have destroyed the animal  
13 shelter.

14 They have full capacity.

15 The killing is insane.

16 The throwing them off to organizations  
17 illegally and without proper placement.

18 It has been out of control just to get  
19 rid of animals as quickly as possible.

20 And, now, you are doing this.

21 This, I have to believe, that all of  
22 you know that this is wrong.

23 And, a lot of things have happened  
24 here since Supervisor Santino has come in is  
25 wrong.

1 And, I do believe that Supervisor  
2 Santino knows it is wrong.

3 Why?

4 Why are the Town Attorneys and some of  
5 the Chief of Staff, like Cheryl Petri allowed  
6 to do all the things they wanted to do in the  
7 beginning but couldn't do under Kate Murray?

8 Has it gotten that bad, now, they have  
9 full control and can make one terrible  
10 decision after another?

11 Why?

12 Where is it really getting you in the  
13 end?

14 Is it just about money?

15 Is it just about donations?

16 Is it just about somebody getting  
17 their pockets greased?

18 You have everyone wondering at this  
19 point because it is not just this one time.

20 It is constantly.

21 It is every month.

22 Everyone just are dropping open,  
23 saying, what? Why?

24 I hope someone up there has the  
25 backbone to take control.

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1 I hope someone decides not to let this  
2 happen because this is just the last nail in  
3 the coffin.

4 There has been so many and this is  
5 probably the worse things that you are just  
6 about to do to the animals.

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

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Supervisor, may I  
10 say something?

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, Mr. Town  
12 Attorney.

13 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If this animal was  
14 thirteen months of age, it would qualify for  
15 the American Kennel Club's designation and it  
16 would fit into the exception in our law.

17 The animal has not had that  
18 opportunity.

19 This is not for any dog or any - -  
20 they have to prove lineage and they did.

21 (Whereupon, "That dog was sold" was  
22 yelled from the audience. After, the  
23 following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No commentary  
25 from the audience.

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1 We will maintain good order. We will  
2 maintain good order.

3 Anyone else on this issue?

4 Good Morning, name and address for the  
5 record.

6 BARBARA MELI: Good Morning.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Morning.

8 BARBARA MELI: My name is Barbara Meli  
9 and I live in Oyster Bay.

10 And, I came, here for more than one  
11 reason.

12 I came, here, originally because I was  
13 reading what was proposed about the  
14 spade/neuter and I thought it was a joke.

15 So, I came, here, to find out if it  
16 was a joke and it is not.

17 That people are primarily thinking  
18 about changing the spade/neuter rules in the  
19 Hempstead Shelter.

20 The AKC that you bring up a number of  
21 times is one of the best bastions of the  
22 proposing and strengthening puppy mills - -

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

25 BARBARA MELI: So, anything that

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1 AKC says, I automatically discount because  
2 they do not have the benefit of the animals  
3 at hand.

4 I do, the woman who spoke before me  
5 does and the multitudes of people who are  
6 unable to come, do.

7 This dog, this puppy that has been  
8 held in quarantine in a box since it was  
9 three months old, someone wants to breed it,  
10 which is against everything that this law,  
11 which is still a law until it gets changed,  
12 this law says.

13 I have been in shelters. I have held  
14 dogs as they are put down.

15 I ask you before voting on this,  
16 ladies and gentlemen, you go and you look in  
17 the eyes of the animals that will be killed  
18 if this law is passed.

19 Because there are a multitude.

20 We are not talking about one dog, we  
21 are talking about the future, what comes in  
22 could be vast.

23 It would say that the AKC gives papers  
24 to three-month old puppies.

25 It is true. Before I knew better,

1 I bought two dogs.

2 And, they were babies and I got their  
3 papers with them, so, please, discount what  
4 AKC says because there is no truth in them.

5 Before thinking of passing this,  
6 please, speak to people involved in  
7 spade/neuter.

8 I was involved decades ago in  
9 attempting to get puppies as young as eight  
10 weeks old neutered because people would  
11 promise and they would not do it.

12 When I started in animal welfare, six  
13 million dogs a year were put down.

14 Now, I just herd, tonight, it is three  
15 million.

16 Well, that is better than six, but for  
17 a country, I think it was Gandhi who said,  
18 "You judge your country by the way you treat  
19 its animals."

20 Well, this is pretty good because the  
21 law should be strengthened.

22 This dog that is staying there is  
23 taking the place of dogs that could be saved  
24 and conversely by being there is causing dogs  
25 to be put down.

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1 I don't think any of you if given the  
2 choice would say, yeah, imprison the puppies,  
3 that would be killed today because we need  
4 the room.

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5 Help us change the law to strengthen  
6 it.

7 Don't weaken it.

8 A country is known by how it treats  
9 the animals. Keep that in your mind.

10 I thank you for this opportunity to  
11 address you.

12 And, I pray that you will do the right  
13 thing.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

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

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Name and address  
18 for the record.

19 PATTY MILLER: Hi.

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

22 PATTY MILLER: Patty Miller, East  
23 Meadow, New York.

24 My disbelief in the way you are  
25 phrasing what you are going to be able to do

1 with killing this law is not just ab out  
2 every other animal that goes in there, that  
3 could possibly meet some kind of bazaar  
4 requirement that you are speaking of and when  
5 I think about it and all of the animals that  
6 come in, that is a scary number.

7 What is to prevent the next person  
8 with an intact beautiful AMSTAFF (American  
9 Staffordshire Terrier) to say, well, you know  
10 at twelve months I am going to get this dog  
11 certification.

12 Please, hold him. Please, hold him  
13 intact.

14 What will stop that person from having  
15 the same rights as Beauregard, whoever really  
16 owns him.

17 I think the Town of Hempstead owns him  
18 because he was turned in as a stray, a  
19 beautiful puppy that has, at least, five  
20 people willing to take him that were approved  
21 by the Town of Hempstead.

22 And, they vetted them very, very well.

23 They do the spade/neuter very well.

24 And, it would be really a shame to  
25 see the next Poodle, the next Lhasa Apso,

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1 Imagine all of those intact animals going  
2 back because people want to breed them.

3 And, you are allowing them because of  
4 one person, one beautiful puppy.

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5 There are a lot of beautiful puppies  
6 that is a very scary number.

7 I could not sit there and imagine  
8 going into that shelter week after week and  
9 seeing all of the animals that could possibly  
10 be reproducing and how many will die on  
11 account of this one dog, one dog owner's  
12 actions, not the dog.

13 So, I really, really can't see this  
14 law being touched at all, strengthened, not  
15 touched because of the blood of so many dogs  
16 on our hands, it is not even funny, all  
17 breeds because he is not the only dog.

18 There are many beautiful ones.

19 Have you walked through the shelter  
20 lately?

21 There are drop dead, gorgeous dogs in  
22 there, every single week, purebreds, every  
23 single week.

24 So, think about them when you are  
25 sitting there saying that this dog can go

1 back and reproduce.

2 Think about all of them escalating  
3 numbers. Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on  
5 this matter?

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

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

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr.  
11 Supervisor, I move that the Public Hearing be  
12 closed and the item be adopted.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I second the  
14 Motion.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
2 Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
5 Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,  
8 please.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Proposed "Handicapped  
10 Parking on Public Streets" in FRANKLIN  
11 SQUARE, INWOOD, LIDO BEACH, UNIONDALE, WEST  
12 HEMPSTEAD (Liberty Place, Bayview Avenue,  
13 Audrey Drive, Regent Drive, Clarendon Road,  
14 Maplewood Street)

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone that would  
16 like to be heard on this matter before the  
17 Town Board?

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

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

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,  
23 I move the Public Hearing be closed and the  
24 proposed Local Law be adopted.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the

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Motion.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item,

please.

CLERK AHMAD: Authorizing Sanitary

District No. 6 Town of Hempstead to sell at

auction surplus machinery and equipment -

Town of Hempstead (Sanitary District No. 6)

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone

that would like to be heard on this matter

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1 before the Town Board?

2 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

3 After, the following ensued.)

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: There being none,

5 I will accept a Motion, please.

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Supervisor,

7 I move the Public Hearing be closed and

8 authoring be adopted.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second  
10 the 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: Councilman Dunne?

20 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: 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: Application of PENN  
5 COLLISION, INC. for Special Exception (Public  
6 Garage) to maintain a Public Garage on a  
7 larger lot to utilize a portion of Parcel 2  
8 for the purpose of parking & storage of  
9 vehicles awaiting repair in connection with  
10 its automotive repair shop on Parcel 1 -  
11 BALDWIN - South side of Atlantic Avenue,  
12 287.22 feet West side of Yale Place.

13 ATTORNEY PANELIS: Good Morning,  
14 Supervisor Santino, Members of the Town  
15 Board:

16 Thomas Pantelis with Offices at 170  
17 Old Country Road, Mineola, New York,  
18 appearing on behalf of the Applicant, Penn  
19 Collision.

20 Um, with me is Mr. Michael McCabe who  
21 is the principal of Penn Collision and also  
22 one of the owners of the properties which are  
23 before the Board and which compose this  
24 application.

25 This is an application for a Special

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1 Exception permit to expand a public garage on  
2 property located at 615 Atlantic Avenue and  
3 620 Atlantic Avenue in Baldwin.

4 The subject property is identified as  
5 follows:

6 We have Parcel 1 and Parcel 2.

7 They are depicted on the site maps  
8 which the Board has and which have been  
9 submitted in connection with this  
10 application.

11 I do have a copy of the site plan  
12 displayed on the board, that is the sketch at  
13 the top of the board and below that is the  
14 radius map which is also part of this  
15 application.

16 As the Board Members face the site  
17 plan, Parcel 1 is, um, Parcel 1 is on the  
18 right side of the plan and Parcel 2 is on the  
19 left side of the plan.

20 Parcel 1 is improved with an existing  
21 auto body repair shop.

22 Parcel 2 is a vacant parcel, meaning  
23 it does not have any buildings on it.

24 No buildings are proposed to be  
25 erected on this property.

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1 Parcel 1 which is 615 Atlantic Avenue  
2 is identified as Section 54, Block 274, Lots  
3 140 and 144 on the Nassau County Land and Tax  
4 Map.

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5 Parcel 2 which is 620 that is a vacant  
6 parcel is identified as Section 54, Block  
7 274, Lots 141 and 145.

8 Um, the, um, body shop has been  
9 operating on this property since,  
10 approximately, 1952.

11 Um, my client originally purchased the  
12 property in 1987 and Penn Collision has been  
13 before this Board on two occasions.

14 Once in 1994 to add an addition, to  
15 expand the operation and, then, again, in  
16 2014.

17 Both applications were approved.

18 In the last application before this  
19 Board which was Case Number 24929 and  
20 approved in Resolution 12003-1994, um, a  
21 Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions was  
22 recorded at the request of the Board and that  
23 is a recorded instrument.

24 I will submit a copy of that.

25 That Declaration contains certain

1 Covenants which we would propose still be  
2 continued in connection with the present  
3 application.

4           Essentially, what we are seeking to do  
5 is to utilize Parcel 2 to, um, park vehicles  
6 which are waiting repair.

7           Customers will bring in vehicles.  
8 Cars will be towed in from an accident.

9           As soon as estimates have to be  
10 obtained, parts have to be ordered and, then,  
11 repairs are commenced.

12           Typically, um, you would have anywhere  
13 between ten or twenty cars on the property.

14           Actually, the applicants have been  
15 utilizing this property for many years for  
16 that purpose.

17           Approximately, two years ago, they  
18 received a Notice of Violation, um, saying  
19 that you can't park these cars without two  
20 forms of approval, one, would be approval  
21 from this Board to expand auto repair use,  
22 part of a Special Exception powers of this  
23 Board but, in addition to that, you have sort  
24 of, I guess, a split jurisdiction, here,  
25 because the Board of Zoning Appeals has a

1 Special Exception powers over storage of  
2 vehicles, so, therefore, if this Board were  
3 to approve this application, we still have to  
4 go to the Zoning Board in order to be able to  
5 park those vehicles, keep those vehicles,  
6 here.

7 In addition, the applicant will be  
8 making an application to the Board of Appeals  
9 to allow for a small amount of Winter storage  
10 of boats with trailers, not a marina, um,  
11 just the fact that some people have boats and  
12 trailers which they can't store at home and  
13 during the Winter they can have less business  
14 than they do in the Summer.

15 But, again, I want to indicate to the  
16 Board that there will be two applications  
17 that will be necessary, here.

18 So, we are actually, pursuant to your  
19 Special Exception powers to, um, get  
20 permission to store those cars on the  
21 property.

22 Um, in the Declaration of Covenants  
23 and Restrictions, which I indicated we would  
24 still be bound by and if a new one was  
25 required, we would incorporate prior

1 conditions, the hours of operation were  
2 indicated.

3 They are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.,  
4 Monday to Friday; 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on  
5 Saturday with the shop closed on Sunday.

6 Um, no outdoor work is to be  
7 performed.

8 No outdoor storage of parts and  
9 supplies.

10 All ventilation systems involved with  
11 the paint spray booth are to be vented  
12 towards Atlantic Avenue.

13 At that time, the paint booth had been  
14 installed that has been actually  
15 accomplished.

16 The rear doors to the building are to  
17 be closed at all times.

18 The existing six-foot high vinyl fence  
19 shall be maintained in good condition and  
20 replaced, if necessary.

21 I would just like to note that there  
22 is a vinyl fence that surrounds the entire  
23 property that is in good condition.

24 All lighting shall be designed as to  
25 shine on other subject property, only a

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1 Minimal amount of lighting and existing  
2 landscaping shall be maintained and, um,  
3 shrubbery placed, if necessary.

4 And, the Board has some pictures  
5 regarding, at least, the landscaping.

6 Um, as far as other aspects of the  
7 operation and concern, they will continue as  
8 they presently are operated.

9 There are approximately, six employees  
10 including the two owners.

11 Trash, the regular trash is removed by  
12 the Town of Hempstead.

13 Recycling is done by Mid Island which  
14 takes the metal parts and they usually store  
15 them in a dumpster and waste oil is removed  
16 by Environmental Marketing, when you have  
17 some waste oil involved in repair of cars.

18 There is a dumpster on the property.

19 The applicants, Penn Collision are on  
20 the Town of Hempstead Towing list, very small  
21 operation on their part.

22 They maybe get four to five cars, not  
23 a big tow operation.

24 I do have some photos, um, which I  
25 would like to submit.

1 Three photographs, one of them shows  
2 the existing building.

3 Second photograph shows the storage  
4 yard and the third photograph is an overall  
5 photograph of the property.

6 I would like to just ask that they be  
7 marked into evidence.

8 Um, as I indicated, Mr. McCabe is  
9 here.

10 He is one of the principals of Penn  
11 Collision.

12 He also, individually with his partner  
13 owns Parcel 1 and in corporate name, him and  
14 his partner own the adjacent parcel which we  
15 are seeking permission to park on.

16 If the Board has questions, we  
17 certainly like to try to respond to them.

18 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Are there any  
19 Members of the Board that have questions for  
20 Mr. Pantellis?

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Whose '64 Chevy  
22 is in the picture?

23 APPLICANT McCABE: That is my Father's  
24 car.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Nice car.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else for  
2 Mr. Pantellis?

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

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Does that  
6 conclude your presentation, Mr. Pantellis?

7 ATTORNEY PANTELLIS: Yes.

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: At this time, I  
9 will accept a Motion - -

10 RITA MEREDAY: I would like to speak.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Stand down, Mr.  
12 Pantellis.

13 RITA MEREDAY: Rita J. Mereday,  
14 Baldwin resident.

15 I am curious and I appreciate the  
16 very, um, informed presentation but, again, I  
17 am curious with regard to the fact that there  
18 had been noise of violations.

19 So, I am gathering that there are  
20 residents in that area who have had issues,  
21 thus, noted, in these extensive declarations,  
22 so, the problem that I am seeing in terms of  
23 this extension and give n this exception,  
24 Baldwin will, basically, be considered, um,  
25 the capitol of 7-ELEVEN and auto collision

1 and repair shops because, um, other than  
2 that, that is about the only businesses that  
3 we have there.

4 Our concern continues to be with  
5 regard to these cars that are going to be  
6 parked, um, at this facility as he said  
7 because you are looking for more space to  
8 leave more cars, even though the work period  
9 maybe a certain amount of hours, you are  
10 still going to have cars that will be there.

11 Um, who is going to be protecting  
12 those cars, as well as, the interests of the  
13 residents that live nearby?

14 And, with regard to addressing the  
15 fact that there have already been two  
16 applications to expand and this is, now, the  
17 third one, how much more land and property  
18 will be acquired to park cars when we are  
19 trying to fight to keep residents in their  
20 homes?

21 I mean I am already looking at the  
22 list that I was given, um, with the  
23 circumstances of open and abandoned homes in  
24 Baldwin and, now, the list before, there were  
25 one or two, now, this list has seven

1 Properties in Baldwin that are open and  
2 abandoned family dwellings.

3 Um, should I be the only one that has  
4 a major concern with regard to that?

5 Um, no, I should not be.

6 I live on a block that is only two  
7 blocks and we have two potential zombie homes  
8 there.

9 And, again, I am not trying to thwart  
10 anyone's business authority of opportunity  
11 but we do not have any progressive or  
12 proactive business development model, not  
13 only in Baldwin, but there are other  
14 communities that do not have progressive and  
15 aggressive and diverse business development  
16 models.

17 And, to have this facility to just,  
18 basically, take up additional space that  
19 could be either a different type of business  
20 because, now, even hearing about boats and  
21 trailers being parked there.

22 Um, we had a situation where we had  
23 homes that had their trailers and their boats  
24 parked and, yes, there is extensive waste oil  
25 and it just takes one match to cause a

1 significant problem, even if the tanks are  
2 empty.

3 Those cars, those automobiles, those  
4 boats still have fuel that could be  
5 detrimental if there were some type of  
6 accident.

7 And, once lives are lost, you can't go  
8 back and say, oops, we made a mistake. We  
9 didn't know.

10 You can't bring that life back, so, I  
11 am just hoping that as we look at all of  
12 these opportunities, when we talk about work  
13 that we also consider the safety, as well as,  
14 the possibilities of other things that are  
15 taking place in these communities because we  
16 are an unincorporated village.

17 We are, basically, a hamlet, so, as  
18 other have said at other times, other  
19 meetings, it does not seem that our voices  
20 are being heard.

21 But, funny, you have no problem  
22 collecting our taxes, raising our fees but  
23 you reduce our services and you don't seem to  
24 have many voices to speak to us.

25 But, I also want to add before my

1 time is up because I always like to leave a  
2 little good news, I will commend the Town  
3 with regard to the Building Department and  
4 Mr. Gunther for the advocacy in terms of the  
5 facilities that was on Grand Avenue and the  
6 fencing that was there.

7 I want to acknowledge Senior  
8 Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby in that regard  
9 because we do appreciate when those do step  
10 up to protect the safety, particularly of our  
11 most vulnerable, our young people, so, again,  
12 I hope you take these things into  
13 consideration to hear the voices of the  
14 taxpayers because we are leaving in droves.

15 Thank you.

16 (Whereupon, the five-minute bell rang.  
17 After, the following ensued.)

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

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on  
21 this application?

22 Mr. Pantellis, any concluding remarks?

23 ATTORNEY PANTELLIS: Just briefly, the  
24 violation came about is not as a result of  
25 any neighboring complaints.

1           Actually, my clients, considering they  
2           operated there for many years, have had a  
3           pretty good relationship with the neighbors.

4           The violation came about because the  
5           Building Department was doing its job they  
6           came in to do and inspect for CO purposes and  
7           saw the cars.

8           So, we, since, then, have been working  
9           to clear that violation and, also, I would  
10          like to note, it is a Business Zone property,  
11          which would not be suitable for residential  
12          property.

13          It is a longstanding business and we  
14          would ask that the Board consider this as a  
15          part of your Special Exception powers.

16          Thank you.

17          SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would  
18          like to say, sir, I know that the Building  
19          Department was there and they are the ones  
20          that did find all the various actions that  
21          you have not taken away the violations that  
22          were revealed.

23          I am questioning, this is the  
24          Councilwoman's District.

25          I do share part of Baldwin. I will

1 speak about it.

2 You have been in business for quite  
3 some time.

4 This inspection was July 7, 2017 and  
5 for them to come and find this many  
6 violations does not speak well to me.

7 And, you're talking about even putting  
8 more cars and more booths there.

9 It certainly doesn't bode well and it  
10 is not right.

11 I don't know if you got this, if you  
12 got the memo or not.

13 It is just not right.

14 ATTORNEY PANTELLIS: Actually, almost  
15 all of those violations are partially the  
16 subject of this Hearing and the Hearing to  
17 take place before the Zoning Board.

18 Um, the issues with fencing, with the  
19 storage shed and so on will be - - you can't  
20 legalize them until we go to the Zoning Board  
21 or until we get the Special Exception from  
22 this Board.

23 So, I understand.

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: What  
25 about used tires and used batteries?

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1           ATTORNEY PANTELLIS:  They are taken  
2 away and sometimes, also, you know, with auto  
3 body shops, they can - - they are taken away.

4           They are recycled.  It is part of the  
5 business and we try as much as possible to  
6 keep the property looking proper.

7           SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:  I am  
8 sorry, the neighbors don't complain?  That is  
9 part - - the neighbors' complaints are very  
10 important to us.

11           They help us, so, that is all I have  
12 to say.

13           ATTORNEY PANTELLIS:  I understand.

14           SUPERVISOR SANTINO:  Okay, at this  
15 point, if you have no further remarks, Mr.  
16 Pantellis, I will accept a Motion, please.

17           COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:  Mr.  
18 Supervisor, I make a Motion to reserve  
19 decision.

20           SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY:  I second  
21 the Motion.

22           SUPERVISOR SANTINO:  So, we made a  
23 Motion to close the Public Hearing and  
24 reserve decision.

25           Madam Clerk, call the roll.

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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: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

12 Goosby?

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

15 Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you, Mr.

18 Pantellis.

19 ATTORNEY PANTELLIS: Thank you.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, on the

21 Decision Calendar.

22 CLERK AHMAD: On the Decision

23 Calendar, Supervisor, we have an application

24 of Engel Burman at Uniondale, LLC. to rezone

25 a portion of existing A. Holly Patterson

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1 Campus from "Residence" District to "Golden  
2 Age GA" Residence - UNIONDALE - approximately  
3 875 feet North of Jerusalem Avenue &  
4 approximately 800 feet deep.

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5 I have a companion application on the  
6 Decision Calendar, that is Application of  
7 Engel Burman at Uniondale, LLC to rezone a  
8 portion of existing A. Holly Patterson Campus  
9 from "Residence B" District to "Residence CA"  
10 - Uniondale, North side of Jerusalem Avenue,  
11 approximately 238 feet East of Liberty  
12 Street.

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A Motion, please.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.  
15 Supervisor, I move this matter to be  
16 adjourned without date.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a  
18 second?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: 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: Councilwoman King-  
8 Sweeney?  
9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.  
10 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne, Sr.  
11 refrained from voting as he was not a Member  
12 of the Board at the time the application was  
13 presented. After, the following ensued.)  
14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next decision,  
15 please.  
16 CLERK AHMAD: Application of 38  
17 Lincoln Owners Corp for Special Exception  
18 (Public Garage) to construct an addition to  
19 the existing garage building in order to  
20 maintain an automotive and auto body repair  
21 use as well as used automotive sales business  
22 - OCEANSIDE - North side of Atlantic Avenue  
23 211.12 East of the intersection of easterly  
24 line of Davison Avenue.  
25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there a Motion

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1 on this matter, please.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
3 I move that the application be approved.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the  
5 Motion.

6 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

8 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

9 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

10 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
15 Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
18 Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne, Sr.  
21 refrained from voting, as he was not a member  
22 of the board at the time the hearing was  
23 presented.)

24 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Next item.

25 CLERK AHMAD: On the Decision Calendar

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1 is the application of MAVIS TIRE SUPPLY, LLC.  
2 for a Modification of a Declaration of  
3 Restrictive Covenants dated April 27, 1984 -  
4 WEST HEMPSTEAD - Northeast corner of  
5 Hempstead Turnpike & New York Avenue.

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6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: A Motion, please.

7 SENIOR COUNCILMAN GOOSBY: Mr.  
8 Supervisor, I move that the decision be  
9 approved.

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

12 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

14 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
21 Goosby?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
24 Sweeney?

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 (Whereupon, Councilman Dunne,  
2 refrained from voting as he was not a member  
3 of the Board at the time the Hearing was  
4 heard.)

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Madam Clerk,  
6 please call the Administrative Calendar.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Mr. Supervisor, on the  
8 Administrative Calendar, today, we have Items  
9 1 through 57.

10 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:  
11 Supervisor, I have an amendment of an  
12 emergency nature.

13 I gave a copy to the Town Attorney and  
14 I also gave a copy to the Town Clerk, um, it  
15 is all distributed to Council Members.

16 It will now be considered Item Number  
17 58, calling for an Inspector General.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the  
19 Motion.

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

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, does anyone  
23 want to sever any items on the Town's  
24 Administrative Calendar.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes, Supervisor,

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1 Item Number 57.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Supervisor,  
3 I would like to sever Item 58.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I don't need a  
5 second on the sever.

6 So, Items 57 and the hand-up of 58  
7 have been severed.

8 So, I will, now, entertain a Motion on  
9 the Administrative Calendar 1 through 56.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Mr.  
11 Supervisor, I move the Administrative  
12 Calendar Items 1 through 56.

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are discussing  
15 Administrative Calendar Number 1 through 56.

16 I do have some individuals that who  
17 have signed in with respect to the  
18 Administrative Calendar.

19 Okay, so, Mary Ellen Kreye.

20 (Whereupon, "I pass" was heard yelling  
21 out from the audience. After, the following  
22 ensued.)

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Elizabeth Stein.

24 (Whereupon, "I will be speaking at the  
25 public portion" was heard yelling out from

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1 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I can't hear  
3 that.

4 (Whereupon, "I will be speaking at the  
5 public portion" was heard yelling out from  
6 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Fine.  
8 Donna Casazza?

9 DONNA CASSAZA: Donna Casazza, Town of  
10 Hempstead.

11 Um, I am, here on numbers 33 and 34.

12 These were bids that were out and,  
13 then, it says, here that, um, all these bids  
14 are being rejected.

15 Can you find out why the bids were  
16 rejected?

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Commissioner  
18 Tuman, come forward, please.

19 This is Engineering Commissioner  
20 Tuman.

21 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Hi, how are you?  
22 What is your specific question?

23 DONNA CASAZZA: Why were these two  
24 jobs, RFP - -

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The question is

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1 on Item Number 33 and Item Number 34, various  
2 roadways in the unincorporated areas of the  
3 Town rejecting all bids.

4 The question is why were you rejecting  
5 the bids?

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6 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Two reasons,  
7 primarily, there were changes in  
8 specifications.

9 DONNA CASAZZA: If there were changes  
10 in specifications, let me ask you a question,  
11 when were the RFP's posted on the WEB site,  
12 approximate date when were they put out for  
13 bid?

14 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: There wasn't an  
15 RFP.

16 DONNA CASAZZA: What were they? Even  
17 better. Go ahead.

18 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: I don't  
19 understand.

20 DONNA CASAZZA: When did you offer out  
21 these jobs for the Town pavements to the  
22 bidders to bid on?

23 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Approximately,  
24 three months ago.

25 DONNA CASAZZA: When did you open up

1 the bids?

2 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Typically, two to  
3 three weeks after that.

4 DONNA CASAZZA: When did you find out  
5 there was a problem with the specifications?

6 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Once, after  
7 reviewing the bidding.

8 DONNA CASAZZA: Once you reviewed the  
9 bids, you opened the bids, correct?

10 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Correct.

11 DONNA CASAZZA: So, if you opened the  
12 bids why didn't you just not award it?

13 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: That is what we  
14 are doing, here, rejecting all the bids.

15 DONNA CASAZZA: My problem is when did  
16 you know there was a problem with the  
17 specifications, only after?

18 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Correct.

19 DONNA CASAZZA: None of those bidders  
20 asked you a question about specifications?

21 You just opened the bids and, then,  
22 realized there was a problem with the specs.?

23 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: It is just  
24 information that came to us on a later date  
25 and we were using that.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are rejecting  
2 all bids and starting all over, again.

3 DONNA CASAZZA: My question is when  
4 you rejected bids, you are not rejecting the  
5 bids themselves, you are rejecting - - you  
6 may not put the right specifications in, so,  
7 you may not want to award the bid, but the  
8 bottom line is my problem is, here, once the  
9 bids are opened, the name of the bidders and  
10 the prices should be disclosed, so -- once  
11 you opened the bids - - you see, the problem,  
12 here is, I could be a sinister taxpayer and  
13 say, you know what, you didn't like who the  
14 low bidder was.

15 You didn't like the dollar amount.

16 Therefore, we will reject all these  
17 bids, put out more specs. and see what you  
18 can do.

19 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You are entitled  
20 to your opinion.

21 I think we answered the question.

22 COMMISSIONER TUMAN: Those numbers can  
23 be disclosed.

24 DONNA CASAZZA: But you didn't - - you  
25 didn't disclose them today.

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1           COMMISSIONER TUMAN: They are not  
2 disclosed in there.

3           DONNA CASAZZA: Can we in the future,  
4 can we agree that any time the bid is opened  
5 - -

6           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: In this  
7 particular case that can be FOIL-ed.

8           Mr. Town Attorney?

9           DONNA CASAZZA: No, no, I asked this  
10 question before, every time you come in and  
11 reject bids, the problem is we can assume  
12 being sinister, the reason you are rejecting  
13 these bids is you don't like the low bidder.

14           SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You can assume  
15 anything you want.

16           DONNA CASAZZA: But the critical  
17 point, here is I don't understand why you are  
18 finding out three months later that there is  
19 a problem with the specs., usually when  
20 someone is bidding on it and they are  
21 estimating, they are going to question your  
22 department, so, why are you telling me only  
23 after bids are opened miraculously both these  
24 jobs have a problem?

25           COMMISSIONER TUMAN: It was a

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1 realization that we had looked at the specs  
2 halfway through the bidding.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You can answer  
4 the question in a different way if you want.  
5 We have answered your question.

6 Thank you, Commissioner.

7 DONNA CASAZZA: My time is not up. I  
8 have two more minutes.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You can say  
10 anything you want for two minutes.

11 DONNA CASAZZA: I think a prudent  
12 thing is and not wasting taxpayer monies are  
13 put out an amendment affording - -

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you.

15 DONNA CASAZZA: Oh, you are welcomed,  
16 so, pleasant, keep in mind that you serve at  
17 the pleasure of the taxpayers, for some  
18 reason every time I come up, here, you have  
19 that attitude we are giving you a problem,  
20 every time we raise an issue.

21 I am here because I just want to save  
22 taxpayer money.

23 If we bring up an idea that can save  
24 taxpayer dollars, open your minds.

25 Think about it.

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

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: On the  
4 Administrative Calendar, Mr. Procacci.

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

7 Um, on the Case 19246, um, Walker  
8 versus the Town of Hempstead, you are bonding  
9 out some money.

10 You didn't discuss that. I can't see  
11 anything in the details which is required by  
12 law why you are doing this.

13 You are settling the case.

14 What is the case, Walker versus the  
15 Town of Hempstead?

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town  
17 Attorney?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The accident  
19 happened where a Town of Hempstead sweeper  
20 ran into Mr. Walker's vehicle and upended it.

21 Mr. Walker was confined to a  
22 wheelchair.

23 The jury verdict was 1.2 million  
24 dollars to save costs of Appeal, we were able  
25 to settle for eight hundred thousand.

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, the  
2 accident occurred when?

3 How many years ago?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I think 2014.

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5 FELIX PROCACCI: There is a number of  
6 resolutions for NEWSDAY ads, um, I oppose any  
7 Town spending any money on NEWSDAY ads.

8 I believe it, plus the recordings, I  
9 just go back to last meeting when we talked  
10 about the short-term rental ban, a resident  
11 came here asking whether studies would be  
12 done, that issue - - Marie Armando mentioned  
13 it very eloquently, very politely, it wasn't  
14 in - - NEWSDAY never told the story, never  
15 says the Town did absolutely no studies about  
16 short-term rentals.

17 And, I believe that the money that is  
18 funneling in the Town of Hempstead to NEWSDAY  
19 plus the recording, maybe it is something  
20 else.

21 I could be wrong but I think we should  
22 stop the money flow.

23 And, I project in today's Hearing  
24 regarding - - regarding spade/neuter law,  
25 that you watered down, NEWSDAY will not put

1 the fact that why you watered it down.

2 You didn't do any thorough studies.

3 You only consulted one organization  
4 and made that decision, that will not show up  
5 in tomorrow's NEWSDAY, that is my prophecy.

6 I don't believe you should have any  
7 NEWSDAY.

8 This Town shouldn't spend one dime on  
9 NEWSDAY, at least, eliminate that as the  
10 possible cause for their poor reporting, in  
11 accurate reporting.

12 They water down the facts.

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

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, those are  
16 all the slips that I have to comment on Items  
17 1 through 56.

18 Is there any other Member of the  
19 Audience that wants to comment on Items 1  
20 through 56.

21 Meta Mereday?

22 META MEREDAY: Thank you. Meta  
23 Mereday, Baldwin.

24 Some of the questions have been asked,  
25 I do wish that, um, to put on the record,

1 with regard to my concerns, my ongoing  
2 concerns about the vetting process for  
3 contractors and contracting within the Town  
4 and particularly as it pertains to inclusion  
5 or lack of inclusion and outreach of Disabled  
6 Veteran-owned businesses.

7           And, quite honestly, I have yet to see  
8 - - yet to see in 2017 any documentation that  
9 outlines, specifically, the amount of input  
10 that service Disabled Veteran-owned and  
11 Minority woman businesses have in the Town of  
12 Hempstead with the Millions of dollars that  
13 we pay in taxes, people of all ethnicity,  
14 gender, etc., yet to see if anyone wants to  
15 run around have their assistants, aides or  
16 whatever folks are making a lot of money in  
17 the Town of Hempstead.

18           And, those of us have to pay these  
19 taxes are actually losing money, so, if  
20 anybody wants to bring me that documentation,  
21 otherwise, I am whistling in the wind.

22           I know that and these nice little  
23 updates, I was astonished to find out the  
24 Town of Hempstead spends more money in its  
25 promotions than the County of Nassau.

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1 I mean, Nassau County just authorized  
2 to increase these expenditures in  
3 advertising, just over a million, but, I  
4 think the Town has been spending in the  
5 multiples of millions for a number of years.

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6 Um, these are very interesting but I  
7 think one of these publications could  
8 possibly help a Veteran to stay in their  
9 home, maybe give one of our young people a  
10 job, so, they are not leaving, here in droves  
11 or we could possibly have some programs and  
12 services for our seniors, you know, who don't  
13 really, um, they are not able to get to the  
14 expensively long locations where these  
15 special events that we also pay for, occur.

16 So, again, the vetting process for  
17 contracts, who determines the procurement  
18 opportunities and the fact we could possibly  
19 be sued because if you spend one dollar that  
20 is attributed to Federal or State funding,  
21 there are laws required to that.

22 And, I know that the Town will be  
23 getting some funding or will be working in  
24 collaboration with the County, with some  
25 projects.

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1           Again, the question will come up and  
2 as the previous speaker outlined, this type  
3 of questioning, this type of requests from  
4 the taxpayers never seems to get into NEWSDAY  
5 about what we are asking of you.

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6           And, to come here earlier to find out  
7 that, you know, you are going to spend more  
8 time in terms of changing your own mind about  
9 legislation that impacts animals, that you  
10 are allowing businesses to run rampant  
11 through our communities with all kinds of  
12 hazardous materials.

13           You know we have roads, I see that  
14 there have been some suspended contracts on  
15 roads.

16           Have you driven some of the roads in  
17 these unincorporated hamlets around, here?

18           I have busted out a number of traffic  
19 lights on my own car, my headlights in  
20 Uniondale and Baldwin, in Roosevelt on Town  
21 roads but what do you do when you try to  
22 submit information or a complaint.

23           And, I wish I could look into the eyes  
24 of all of those who are sitting in front of  
25 me who are elected, please, give me

1 that respect to look me in the eye when I am  
2 talking.

3 I only have three minutes. I am not  
4 asking for that much, Supervisor Santino.

5 Thank you, I really like talking to  
6 people in the eye.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you for  
8 that lesson.

9 MS. MEREDAY: It is funnier and  
10 funnier, here, but, unfortunately, the costs  
11 are coming out of our pockets.

12 Again, what is our money going towards  
13 Items 45, 46, 47, since you want to keep your  
14 head down, who is Haugland Energy Group?

15 What is the vetting in terms of  
16 political connections?

17 How much money have they paid to  
18 anybody's individual campaign contributions?

19 Whose relatives work there?

20 Again, that is why we need to have  
21 stronger oversight because it is a joke when  
22 you have one thing - - I will say for  
23 NEWSDAY, the cartoonist seems to get a better  
24 handle on what is happening in Nassau County  
25 and the Town of Hempstead when you talk

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1 about the cronyism, patronage and nepotism  
2 that continues to run rampant.

3 It doesn't matter who is in the head  
4 seat.

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5 Stop spending the millions on your  
6 advertising and self-promotion and start  
7 looking out for the residents.

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

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Is there anyone  
11 that wants to speak on the Administrative  
12 Calendar, Items 1 through 56?

13 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Yes.

14 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Good Afternoon,  
15 Name and address for the record.

16 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Domenica Califano,  
17 Island Park, New York. Items 33, 34 on the  
18 contracts, same contracts that you signed for  
19 Operation VIP that is under Federal  
20 investigation that should be disclosed.

21 It shouldn't be to family and friends  
22 from Island Park to give the contract,  
23 Councilman Santino, that you signed the  
24 contract a few years ago - -

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I didn't sign it.

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1 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Your signature was  
2 on the contract.

3 It is a Federal investigation.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I wasn't the  
5 Supervisor.

6 DOMENICA CALIFANO: VIP - -

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I was not the  
8 Supervisor at the time.

9 DOMENICA CALIFANO: I will bring you  
10 the contract that it was signed.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Fine.

12 DOMENICA CALIFANO: It should be  
13 exposed to the public about contracts  
14 including D'Esposito and his campaign have  
15 dirty money.

16 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are talking 33  
17 and 34 rejecting all bids for 2017  
18 requirements.

19 DOMENICA CALIFANO: And you signed off  
20 on the bids with Operation VIP, the public  
21 should be aware of all friends and families -  
22 -

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Anyone else on  
24 any items before this Board on the  
25 Administrative Calendar?

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1 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden. I just  
2 want to clarify is the ethics plan - -

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: This is not under  
4 consideration, now.

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5 DIANE MADDEN: That has been removed?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: It has been  
7 severed for the moment.

8 We are discussing Items 1 through 56.

9 The other items will be discussed in  
10 turn when we are done.

11 DIANE MADDEN: Severed for how long?

12 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Five minutes.

13 DIANE MADDEN: You are severing for  
14 five minutes, revisiting - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Council Members  
16 under procedure of tis Board have asked for  
17 items to be handled separately, that is what  
18 "severed" means.

19 We are handling them separately at  
20 this time.

21 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, it will be  
22 addressed, again.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Number 58,  
24 the item that I added for Inspector General  
25 that will be discussed after Item 57.

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1 DIANE MADDEN: Thank you for that.

2 Thank you for the explanation.

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: All right, anyone  
4 else on the matter 1 through 56?

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5 DOUGLAS MAYERS: Thirteen and 30, Mr.  
6 Supervisor.

7 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

8 Name and address for the record.

9 DOUGLAS MAYERS: Douglas Mayers.

10 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Have a seat.

11 DOUGLAS MAYERS: I came down looking  
12 at, here, Number 13, resolution, um, in  
13 approving application for a 25-year extension  
14 of tax exemption, this property, here, in  
15 East Meadow.

16 Twenty-five extension in taxes. Can  
17 you bring me up on that?

18 Is this right?

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, may  
20 I?

21 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Go ahead.

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is a Golden  
23 Age project that was done twenty-five years  
24 ago.

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Can you define

1 "Golden Age."

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Sixty-two and over.

3 DOUGLAS MAYERS: I am 75.

4 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Not everyone in  
5 the audience may understand what that means.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: And, they are  
7 income restricted and the sales price are  
8 restricted and they have tax exemptions that  
9 doesn't mean they pay no tax but they pay a  
10 reduced tax rate because of the restrictions  
11 on their resale and restrictions on people on  
12 the age of the people that can live there.

13 That tax exemption which was passed 25  
14 years ago is about to expire.

15 We have about another thirty of these  
16 in the Town of Hempstead that will be  
17 expiring over the next year and so this just  
18 extends those senior citizen tax exemptions.

19 DOUGLAS MAYERS: It seems to me this  
20 is an elected community - -

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is in these  
22 Golden Age - - Golden Age Communities that  
23 are built in the Town of Hempstead.

24 DOUGLAS MAYERS: More or less certain  
25 communities.

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1 My community of Golden Age people and  
2 especially where I live and their taxes in  
3 Roosevelt, all right and I am telling you  
4 Number 30 is a concern.

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5 I see streets but there is no business  
6 coming into that community and in the last  
7 twenty years, we have a bank.

8 The bank which I find is rather good  
9 but nothing else, no young people.

10 I have lived in the Town of Hempstead,  
11 when I got here in 1969, Roosevelt was a  
12 vital community; hardware stores and  
13 everything.

14 Now, today, we need a revitalized look  
15 like sidewalks, McDonalds, no jobs, no kids,  
16 nothing.

17 The Town of Hempstead has done a  
18 disaster to the Village of Roosevelt for  
19 years.

20 The people who are elected have not  
21 done a bloody thing where Roosevelt is  
22 concerned and now you tell me about Golden  
23 Age and this stuff that is not even in  
24 Roosevelt.

25 There have been a few houses.

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1           We still want jobs. It is the worse  
2           Town in Nassau County and then the streets,  
3           there, just to give a contractor some money  
4           from the taxpayers to come and put more  
5           things in Roosevelt, I am asking this Board  
6           not to vote on this because it is just to  
7           make it look good and I am surprised this  
8           Town with previous Supervisors and now, Mr.  
9           Santino, who I know a lot of years, now.

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10           And, you are going to do this, now and  
11           I think I know you mentioned Councilwoman  
12           because she sits there and nothing is done.

13           Nothing is done.

14           This is a disgrace what you are doing  
15           to that little hamlet in Roosevelt.

16           Every little company, come in, here  
17           and set up and set it up so it doesn't look  
18           like a junk yard.

19           I know you don't give a bloody hell  
20           about it.

21           You sit there.

22           Invite people and build stores and  
23           build things in Roosevelt and you do nothing  
24           about this and you sit there.

25           And let young people come into that

1 Community.

2 It is time.

3 Enough.

4 Mr. Santino, the last thing you have  
5 been in here, one of your people, the guy  
6 used to work, has ten years, that shouldn't  
7 happen on commercial property.

8 It shouldn't happen.

9 We got a church. It is a disgrace,  
10 Mr. Santino. It is a bloody disgrace. It  
11 shouldn't happen.

12 Thank you.

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

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Thank you very  
16 much.

17 Again, anyone on Items 1 through 56?

18 (Whereupon, no response was heard.

19 After, the following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, there being  
21 none, the Administrative Calendar has been  
22 moved and seconded, Items 1 through 56.

23 Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

25 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

2 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

4 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

9 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
10 Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
13 Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I continue  
15 to call for real and meaning ethics reform,  
16 until it can be confirmed that all necessary  
17 procedures are in place to avoid conflicts, I  
18 will continue to abstain on all items  
19 involved with expenditures of Town funds,  
20 accordingly I vote yes on all items except  
21 the following on which I abstain, 6, 7, 8, 9,  
22 10, 14, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27, 28, 30, 31, 32,  
23 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41 and 44.

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

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1 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, moving onto  
2 the other two items, we have Item Number 58,  
3 the hand-up which has been moved and  
4 seconded.

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5 The hand-up on 58 which, quite  
6 frankly, I haven't seen.

7 No one has had the courtesy of giving  
8 me a copy of it.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: The Town  
10 Attorney has had it for weeks.

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I have not seen  
12 it.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING SWEENEY: Back in  
14 April - -

15 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I will run the  
16 meeting, please.

17 Mr. Town Attorney, will you please.

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
19 57 is before the Board.

20 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I will run the  
21 meeting, Mr. Blakeman.

22 I will deal with the hand-up, first.

23 Please be quiet from the audience.

24 Mr. Ra, would you, please, give us an  
25 assessment of the handout.

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Mr. Supervisor, I  
2 just received a hand-up, 12:02, today - -

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: You had  
4 that.

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5 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, listen to  
6 the Town Attorney.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: He had  
8 that information.

9 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: You can speak  
10 after the Town Attorney speaks.

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is identical to  
12 the Resolution that was delivered to my  
13 office while I was away two weeks ago.

14 I didn't realize it was until the  
15 hand-up, today.

16 The issue with the hand-up is that it  
17 purports to establish the title, "Inspector  
18 General" and in order to establish that  
19 title, Number 1, the Town of Hempstead under  
20 the Civil Service rules does not have that  
21 title, so, we need Civil Service approval.

22 Number 2, in order to establish that,  
23 we need to amend the Town Code and have a  
24 Public Hearing on the establishment.

25 This Resolution doesn't call for that.

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1           And, Number 3, it calls for the  
2           expenditure of money and it does not have the  
3           Comptroller's approval.

4           SUPERVISOR SANTINO:  So, Mr. Town  
5           Attorney, in your legal opinion as the Town  
6           Attorney of the Town of Hempstead it is  
7           defective on those three grounds?

8           TOWN ATTORNEY RA:  Yes.

9           COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY:  It is an  
10          attempt to stonewall me.

11          Mr. Supervisor, I handed this in two  
12          weeks ago and his Deputy was not authorized  
13          to speak to me.

14          I had to sit in his office and demand  
15          a response.

16          You would not give me one.  I had to  
17          - - this was based on form and substance.  
18          You gave me no time to correct this.

19          We have a Town Attorney that reports  
20          to you.

21          I do not have my own Town Attorney.

22          No one will give me advice.

23          No one is authorized to give me  
24          advice.

25          I had to hire my own personal attorney

1 to help me on this.

2 Give me a solution.

3 Why are you afraid to have an  
4 Inspector General?

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5 (Whereupon, applause from the audience  
6 was heard. Calling out and screaming was  
7 heard from the audience.)

8 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: I will clear the  
9 audience. I will clear the audience.

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Point of order,  
11 this is an emergency resolution, the  
12 understanding is that at this point in time,  
13 we are not discussing merits of the  
14 resolution but rather the emergency nature,  
15 so, I believe that it is in order to have a  
16 vote on the emergency resolution.

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town  
18 Attorney?

19 Please, you are here to observe, not  
20 to cat call from the audience.

21 Mr. Town Attorney?

22 You are not here to cat call from the  
23 audience.

24 Mr. Town Attorney?

25 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: So, please, are the

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1 Issues that I see with the Resolutions.

2 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Call the roll.

3 Call the roll.

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I don't  
5 have Counsel, no, this is not correct.

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Please, call the  
7 roll.

8 Madam Clerk, call the roll.

9 (Whereupon, "no, no, let her speak,"  
10 was heard screaming from the audience.)

11 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are voting on  
12 58.

13 Public Safety, deal with the audience.  
14 The Board cannot hear or focus on the vote we  
15 are taking and what is before us because of  
16 the cat calls from the audience.

17 So, I ask - - let me make it clear,  
18 let me make it clear, we are voting on the  
19 hand-up, the emergency hand-up, that is what  
20 we are voting on, so, Madam Clerk, we are  
21 voting on the emergency hand-up.

22 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

23 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No.

24 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

25 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: No.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes.

3 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: No.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: No.

7 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
8 Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, I  
10 don't vote on anything that I have never  
11 seen.

12 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
13 Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: This is a  
15 sad day in the Town of Hempstead when I  
16 cannot have a voice to speak and the Town  
17 Attorney is completely misrepresenting the  
18 situation.

19 The Supervisor denying me the  
20 opportunity to correct anything as to form  
21 and substance.

22 This is evidence of a deep state of  
23 the Town of Hempstead.

24 I vote yes and I think the entire  
25 community should support me on this.

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

3 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Now, we go to  
4 Item Number 57, which is simply to call a  
5 Public Hearing for September the 5<sup>th</sup>, so, the  
6 merits of the legislation as proposed is not  
7 in order to comment on.

8 This is only to schedule or not  
9 schedule a Public Hearing for September the  
10 5<sup>th</sup>.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
12 I move that Item 57 be adjourned without  
13 date.

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

15 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

16 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Yes.

17 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

18 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yes.

19 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: No.

21 CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: No.

23 CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
24 Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No.

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1 CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-  
2 Sweeney?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes with  
4 pleasure.

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5 CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

6 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: No.

7 Now, Item 57 is in order.

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Mr. Supervisor,  
9 with regard to this item, there is an item  
10 with respect to nepotism, I would ask that  
11 all the Town Board Members who have a  
12 relative that is employed with the Town of  
13 Hempstead recuse themselves.

14 (Whereupon, screaming and applauding  
15 was heard from the audience. After, the  
16 following ensued.)

17 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: We are simply  
18 calling for a Public Hearing.

19 Call the vote.

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I ask for a  
21 ruling by the Town Attorney.

22 SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Town  
23 Attorney?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Should they not  
25 recuse themselves from voting if they have

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Relatives.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: This is a Motion?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: This is a point  
of order.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: If you are making a  
Motion, the Board can vote on the Motion, but  
- -

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I think that  
each Member - -

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Mr. Ra, please  
give an opinion on the point of order.

TOWN ATTORNEY RA: There is nothing  
before the Board to overrule unless it is a  
Motion.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Okay, fine, call  
the roll.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: No.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: No.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Yes.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Yes.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman

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Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: No.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Yes.

Okay, a Motion to adjourn, please.

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move to  
adjourn the meeting.

SUPERIVSOR SANTINO: Is there a  
second.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

CLERK AHMAD: Supervisor Santino?

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Ambrosino?

COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: No.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Senior Councilwoman  
Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK AHMAD: Councilwoman King-

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COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: No.

SUPERVISOR SANTINO: The meeting has  
been adjourned.

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(Whereupon, the official meeting of  
the Hempstead Town Board held on August 8,  
2017 was concluded.)

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town Board Meeting held on August 8, 2017 consisting of pages 1 through 102 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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