

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**JANUARY 8, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BEFORE: LAURA A. GILLEN,**

**SUPERVISOR**

**APPEARANCES :**

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY

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COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.

MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

TOWN CLERK CABANA

TOWN ATTORNY RA

COMPTROLLER CONROY

**HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 1/8/19**

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening, everyone,  
2 welcome to our regularly scheduled Town Board  
3 Meeting.

4 For those of you who have never attended <sup>Page | 3</sup>  
5 Board Meeting before, we will first have Public  
6 Hearings followed by an Administrative Calendar.

7 There are meeting agendas available in the  
8 rear of the Pavilion.

9 If you like to be heard on any matter, you  
10 can get a slip from one of our Safety Officers and  
11 fill it out.

12 After, the calendar is closed, we will  
13 remain in session to listen to Public Comments as  
14 has been our tradition for three hundred and fifty  
15 years.

16 Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Here.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

2 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman  
3 Goosby?

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

7 I, now, ask our Senior Councilwoman to lead  
8 us in the Pledge of Allegiance. If everyone  
9 would, please, stand.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Put your hand  
11 over your heart.

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

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If everyone would  
16 remain standing for one moment; this past week,  
17 the Town of Hempstead has suffered a very  
18 devastating loss of our young twenty-year old  
19 lifeguards unexpectantly and left behind grieving  
20 parents and a grieving Town of Hempstead.

21 So, if we can bow our heads in a moments of  
22 silence for him. His name is Chris Kraffa.

23 (Whereupon, a moment of silence was  
24 observed. After, the following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, would you

1 Please call the first Public Hearing.

2 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
3 "Regulations and restrictions" to limit parking in  
4 Baldwin, near Valley Stream, Wantagh, West Page | 5  
5 Hempstead (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the  
6 Town of Hempstead)

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

10 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin  
11 resident.

12 With regard to this law, what was the  
13 rationale behind it and where exactly is the  
14 parking to be eliminated in Baldwin?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Reed.

16 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Happy New Year,  
17 Supervisor, Town Board Members.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

19 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: This location in  
20 Baldwin is on Grand Avenue at the intersection of  
21 Smith Street.

22 META MEREDAY: And, why is it limited  
23 parking?

24 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It is just to update  
25 the existing Town Ordinance which does not match

1 up to the existing signs that are out in the  
2 field.

3 META MEREDAY: Okay, so, this is just kind  
4 of - -

5 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Paperwork.

6 META MEREDAY: - - Paperwork? There was  
7 nothing in terms of safety situations or anything  
8 along those lines?

9 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Where the existing  
10 signs encroaches and the property owner asked us  
11 to move the sign and we found out that the  
12 Ordinance didn't match up with the sign, so, we  
13 have to legally make the adjustments and the sign,  
14 now fits what the Ordinance reads.

15 META MEREDAY: So, everything now is in  
16 compliance?

17 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Yes.

18 META MEREDAY: And, safety measures that  
19 are necessary will be continued or be put in  
20 place?

21 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It will allow proper  
22 parking in front of the person who asked us to  
23 investigate this.

24 META MEREDAY: Right, okay, thank you.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else

1 that would like to be heard on this Public  
2 Hearing?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,  
4 the following ensued.) Page | 7

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

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I  
8 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be  
9 adopted.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
11 motion.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
13 call the roll.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

3 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
4 Hearing. Page | 8

5 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
6 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Baldwin,  
7 Bellerose Terrace, Franklin Square, Inwood,  
8 Uniondale, Wantagh, West Hempstead (To amend  
9 Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of  
10 Hempstead)

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

14 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin  
15 resident.

16 Same question with regarding to  
17 prohibitions, where is it located?

18 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: This location is  
19 Nelson Avenue at the intersection of Rose  
20 Boulevard for a resident at this location.

21 META MEREDAY: Okay, has there been any  
22 situations there?

23 Have you received any number of violations,  
24 code violations?



1 TRAFFIC CONTROLL REED: No, just a concern  
2 with a resident, herself, for her property to  
3 clear out the site portion of her residence.

4 She did not want people parking there for <sup>Page | 9</sup>  
5 certain periods of time and she was concerned  
6 about suspicious activity with people parking  
7 there.

8 So, we accommodated her request to clear  
9 the parking.

10 No one will be able to park there.

11 META MEREDAY: Okay, so, I am gathering  
12 that the police department will be advised in  
13 terms of this?

14 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Yes, they are always  
15 advised when new restrictions are posted, so if  
16 the resident has any problems, she can contact the  
17 Police Department and people who do violate the  
18 parking restrictions that park there, they will be  
19 ticketed.

20 META MEREDAY: Okay, so, these are not on  
21 any streets that have been problematic in terms of  
22 any other issues or potholes, as far as you know?

23 TRAFFIC CONTROLL REED: No.

24 This is strictly parking.

25 META MEREDAY: Yes, thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
2 that would like to be heard?

3 (Whereupon, "yes," was heard calling out  
4 from the audience. After, the following ensued.) Page | 10

5 PATTY HARRIS: Patty Harris, Uniondale.

6 I like to know what is the location in  
7 Uniondale?

8 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: This one on this  
9 particular agenda, Ex Street and Park Place, we  
10 are recommending no stopping here to corner at the  
11 intersection, this is for turning vehicles at this  
12 location, the intersection of the roadway.

13 There are residential houses at the corner,  
14 we are implementing keeping the cars away from the  
15 corners so people can turn in and out of the  
16 intersections.

17 PATTY HARRIS: Thank you.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
19 that would like to be heard on this Public  
20 Hearing?

21 BARBARA HAFFNER: Barbara Haffner,  
22 (phonetic spelling) West Hempstead.

23 Could you clarify the locations in West  
24 Hempstead, please?

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1 TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: This is, we are - -  
2 excuse me, we are preventing one-hour parking  
3 restrictions at this location on the East side of  
4 the roadway just North of Hempstead Turnpike. Page | 11

5 BARBARA HAFFNER: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
7 that would like to be heard on this Public  
8 Hearing?

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

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

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
14 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
16 Motion.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
18 call the roll.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

3 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? Page | 12

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

8 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
9 Hearing.

10 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
11 "Arterial Stops" in Bellerose Terrace, Wantagh (To  
12 amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of  
13 Hempstead)

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

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

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

21 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move the Public  
22 Hearing be closed and the local law be adopted.

23 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

14 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
15 Hearing.

16 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: "Bus  
17 Stops" in Wantagh (To amend Section 202-52 of the  
18 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I  
2 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be  
3 adopted.

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4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Second.

5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

8 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

10 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

14 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

19 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
20 Hearing.

21 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
22 "Traffic Regulations in the Vicinity of Schools"  
23 in Wantagh (To amend Section 197-13 of the Code of  
24 the Town of Hempstead)

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not

1 have any slips on this Public Hearing, is there  
2 anyone that would like to be Hearing?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,  
4 the following ensued.) Page | 15

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I  
7 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be  
8 adopted.

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

11 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

19 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
25 Hearing.

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1 CLERK CABANA: To consider the sale of a  
2 certain 32,698 square foot parcel of vacant real  
3 property located at Reynolds Channel within the  
4 City of Long Beach sale by the Town of Hempstead <sup>Page | 16</sup>  
5 to the City of Long Beach - Long Beach - Town of  
6 Hempstead (City of Long Beach) subject to  
7 permissive referendum.

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

11 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin  
12 resident.

13 With regard to this property, I just have  
14 a couple of questions, what is the current  
15 condition of the property?

16 What is the sale price value, things of  
17 that nature?

18 And, once it is sold, does that constitute  
19 any relief on taxes to Town residents?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, my understanding is  
21 that Long Beach is going to do a hazard  
22 remediation project and this parcel of land is  
23 partially under water and needed for them to  
24 complete the project. There were two appraisals  
25 done for this project, one was done by Long Beach



1 and one was done by the Town of Hempstead and we  
2 agreed on a price somewhere in between those two  
3 appraisals.

4 Mr. Laccaruba, you can correct me if I am <sup>Page | 17</sup>  
5 wrong.

6 MR. LACCARUBA: Good Evening, that is  
7 correct, Supervisor, the property is on Reynolds  
8 Channel just East of Riverside Boulevard,  
9 partially under water.

10 The rest of the property that is not under  
11 water is undevelopable property.

12 It sits behind the National Grip and PSEG  
13 substation and two appraisals were done and an  
14 Agreement was reached by the Town Attorney's  
15 Office and Long Beach Corporation Counsel.

16 META MEREDAY: That answers the first  
17 question.

18 I haven't been given the number, is there a  
19 reason why it is not public information to have a  
20 number?

21 MR. LACCARUBA: I think it is in the  
22 Resolution; fifty-five thousand two hundred and  
23 fifty dollars.

24 META MEREDAY: So, I am gathering there was  
25 no home, any residential, commercial

1 property on there?

2 MR. LACCARUBA: No, no structures at all.

3 META MEREDAY: So, as far as the tax  
4 burden, does that - - how does that address that? Page | 18

5 MR. LACCARUBA: It was municipal property  
6 before, it remains municipal property, so, the tax  
7 impact doesn't change.

8 META MEREDAY: It changes, who does it  
9 impact, who pays the taxes?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It use to belong to us.  
11 It is going to belong to them when we sell  
12 it.

13 META MEREDAY: So, then, it becomes the  
14 responsibility of the City of Long Beach, right,  
15 as far as paying the taxes, any other liabilities  
16 and things of that nature?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: And, I think just  
18 to add to Mr. Laccaruba, would agree the parcel of  
19 the property that we are talking about here, there  
20 is absolutely nothing else that would have been  
21 able to be constructed with the land.

22 It is a piece of land that is not being  
23 able to be used by either municipality.

24 It is part of this mitigation project.

25 META MEREDAY: No, I understand that.

1 I get that, but, unfortunately, we still  
2 have residents that are paying taxes on properties  
3 that they can't live in.

4 So, I just want to get some clarification Page | 19  
5 as it pertains to this particular property, so,  
6 there is something that is going to, um, relieve  
7 the tax burden in some aspect for overburdened T  
8 own residents, then, I am all for it.

9 I just wanted to some clarity and address  
10 that.

11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
13 that would like to be heard on this Public  
14 Hearing?

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

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

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move that the  
20 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second the  
22 Motion.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

24 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

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5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

12 Madam Clerk, would you please call the

13 Administrative Calendar.

14 CLERK CABANA: There are Items 7 through 39  
15 on the Administrative Calendar.

16 I also have three items of an urgent or  
17 urgency nature.

18 The first is a Resolution authorizing  
19 payment of annual membership dues for the town of  
20 Hempstead to the Association of Towns and State of  
21 New York.

22 This will be Item number 40 on the  
23 Administrative Calendar.

24 The second is a Resolution authorizing  
25 attendance of Senior Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby

1 at the 2019 training school annual meeting of the  
2 Association of Towns of the State of New York from  
3 February 17, 2019 through February 20, 2019.

4 This will be Item 41 on the calendar.

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5 The third is a Resolution authorizing  
6 attendance of Supervisor Laura Gillen at the 2019  
7 training school annual meeting of the Association  
8 of Towns of the State of New York from February  
9 17, 2019 through February 20, 2019.

10 This will be Item Number 42 on the  
11 Calendar.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Would any of the  
13 Council Members like to sever any items on the  
14 Administrative Calendar?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Yes, I  
16 sever - - I move to postpone Item Number 29  
17 indefinitely.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do we have a second?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
21 please, call the roll.

22 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

23 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

7 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

11 Are there any other items that the Council  
12 would like to sever?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Madam Supervisor, I like  
14 to move Item Number 31 postponed without a date.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are you moving to  
17 postpone this indefinitely?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Without a date.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,  
20 call the roll.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am going to vote  
2 no and I would like to make an explanation as to  
3 why I am voting no.

4 I think that the benefit of the Animal Page | 23  
5 Shelter should be to get animals out of the  
6 Shelter and I think regardless of personalities,  
7 regardless of how we feel about one another, we  
8 should be making sure the best interest of the  
9 animals are at hand and it shouldn't regard  
10 personalities, I vote no.

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

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: No.

17 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No.

19 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

21 Anyone want to be heard on this, you can be  
22 heard during Public Comments.

23 Are there any other items that you wish to  
24 sever?

25 (Whereupon, no response was heard.)

1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion on  
3 the Administrative Calendar.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Madam  
5 Supervisor, I am voting in favor of tabling.

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6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right. May I have  
7 a Motion on the Administrative Calendar.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I make a  
9 Motion that we move the calendar with the  
10 exception of Number 31 and 29.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: A second?

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Just to clarify what  
14 just happened is Item Number 29 was tabled  
15 indefinitely, is that correct.

16 And, Item 29 was tabled indefinitely, is  
17 that correct?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Without a date.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: And, Item 31 was tabled  
20 without a date.

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

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is that clear enough  
24 for you, Felix? Okay, on the Administrative  
25 Calendar, I have Jane Nicholsberg.



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1 JANE NICHOLSBERG: Yes, I have a question  
2 about Number 14, disposal of certain records  
3 Office of the Town Clerk, um, with the  
4 understanding that the Town of Hempstead is not  
5 anywhere near computerized, how can records be  
6 disposed of without backing them up?

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7 What kind of records?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, there is a  
9 question about disposal of records, I believe,  
10 pursuant to statute that authorizing - -

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The statute of the State  
12 of New York says that certain records after a  
13 certain amount of time can be destroyed.

14 JANE NICHOLSBERG: What kind of records are  
15 these and the dates that we are talking about?

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry, let me just  
17 pull out the resolution.

18 What number is it?

19 JANE NICHOLSBERG: 14.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Records from the Town  
21 Clerk's Office.

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Records from the Town  
23 Clerk's Office.

24 These records are bingo - -

25 JANE NICHOLSBERG: I am sorry, can you

1 use the mic.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The records are bingo,  
3 cards, alcohol beverage licenses, bingo inspector  
4 reports, block party permits, hunting licenses, Page | 26  
5 peddler licenses, taxi driver license, all of  
6 which and there are many others, all of which are  
7 more than seven years old and no longer under  
8 State Law, no longer need to be retained.

9 JANE NICHOLSBERG: Thanks.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Nicholsberg, I also  
11 have you for Item 15, do you have questions about  
12 that, too?

13 JANE NICHOLSBERG: Same question.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Same question, Mr. Ra,  
15 could you look at Number 15, as well.

16 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: 15, Audits and records  
17 from 2012, coins and warrants from 2012, Receiver  
18 of Taxes Office dating as far back as 2012.

19 JANE NICHOLSBERG: And, these being from  
20 the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, is there any use on the computer  
21 system - -

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I didn't hear, is there  
23 any what?

24 JANE NICHOLSBERG: With there being many of  
25 them - -

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Some of them are backed  
2 up but these are paper records that are being  
3 destroyed.

4 JANE NICHOLSBERG: But they are backed up? <sup>Page | 27</sup>

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

6 JANE NICHOLSBERG: Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Susan Ryan?

8 SUSAN RYAN: Happy New Year, everybody, you  
9 know, I had a question on the, um, I wanted to ask  
10 about the, um, the sexual harassment, where does  
11 the Town of Hempstead get their sexual harassment  
12 policy guidelines, is that - -

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, awhile back, we  
14 passed a resolution, a resolution retaining  
15 outside counsel from Jackson, Lewis to take a  
16 comprehensive look, to take a look at the existing  
17 harassment policy at the Town of Hempstead and to  
18 take a fresh look and update to be in compliance  
19 with current Federal and State regulations.

20 So, that is what they have done.

21 And, that is what we are adopting, here,  
22 tonight, if it passes.

23 SUSAN RYAN: And, my specific question ab  
24 out it, how does that - - are people with  
25 disabilities, um, their cognitive or

1 developmental or physical disabilities, are they  
2 included in this, you know?

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Absolutely, yes.

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4 SUSAN RYAN: I would think so.

5 I just wanted to make sure.

6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

7 SUSAN RYAN: If somebody does, for my own  
8 information, if somebody feels they are, um, being  
9 harassed, what is the process with an employee  
10 that would go, I mean, you know - -

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The policy which will  
12 be posted on our website, if it passes, tonight,  
13 it has recorded mechanism spelt out, the policy,  
14 of how it should be reported, to who it should be  
15 reported and certain reporting requirements,  
16 again, to comply with Federal and State law.

17 So, it is spelt out quite clearly in the  
18 policy.

19 SUSAN RYAN: It is very important, it  
20 really is, that people feel comfortable.

21 I also wanted to, um, mention, we got this,  
22 um, flyer in the mail.

23 It is wonderful, it has been very well  
24 received in Point Lookout.

25 I want to thank you for the information

1 on that in terms of sanitation pick-up and  
2 schedule.

3 Thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Commissioner <sup>Page | 29</sup>  
5 Pritchard, thumbs up on your schedule.

6 (Whereupon, "yes, yes," was heard calling  
7 out from the audience. After, the following  
8 ensued.)

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix Procacci?

10 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165  
11 Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York.

12 You tabled and then you want to move things  
13 around when you want to postpone it indefinitely,  
14 you postpone it indefinitely.

15 We are changing the meanings of words and  
16 it confuses me.

17 And, I read this so many times, let's stick  
18 to - - you can define how you want to whether you  
19 want to make it debatable or not debatable.

20 Why not just make it so people understand  
21 what you are talking about.

22 If you want to postpone it and kick it down  
23 the road for another time, sometime later, say  
24 "postpone," certainly not indefinitely.

25 If you want to table it, meaning that

1 everything goes before it and it comes sometime  
2 later, you are just moving it somewhere in the cue  
3 and since we don't have legislative sessions,  
4 essentially, one meeting is our legislative  
5 session, you are tabling it.

6 You are moving it to the end of the meeting  
7 or something like that, at least, that is the way  
8 the typical understanding of the Robert Rules of  
9 Law is.

10 Let's just stick to the standard  
11 definitions, then, you can say whether you want to  
12 make things debatable or not, if you want to  
13 discuss them and make it really clear.

14 It is the way you are doing it.

15 It is very confusing.

16 So, 31, is off the table right, now, is  
17 that clear?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: We can talk about it later  
20 because it is postponed indefinitely, is that  
21 correct?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: No, that one is  
23 postponed without a date.

24 FELIX PROCACCI: Postponed without a date  
25 is debatable.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Postponed without - -

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Neither item is on the  
3 calendar, neither item is on the calendar.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: You removed it from the Page | 31  
5 calendar so you didn't postpone it, you severed  
6 it.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We did not sever it.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: You are redefining  
9 everything.

10 Anyway, let me ask you what number 32  
11 means?

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Sammon, would you  
13 like to explain this.

14 Is Mr. Sammon, here?

15 PERSONNEL DIRECTOR SAMMON: Good evening,  
16 Supervisor, Members of the Board:

17 This is an annual resolution required by  
18 the State.

19 It is called a "Master Resolution."

20 Essentially, it is a snapshot of the Town  
21 of Hempstead payroll as of January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

22 It is all the information.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix, it is all posted  
24 on line.

25 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, I didn't

1 understand the way it is worded. I didn't get it.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is the master  
3 payroll for the Town of Hempstead as of January  
4 1<sup>st</sup>.

5 FELIX PROCACCI: It has all the positions  
6 in it with - -

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: So, I don't have to FOIL  
9 that.

10 Now, on Number 31, since we did, I think it  
11 needs to be discussed, Number 31, um, and what I  
12 would say about Number 31, you know, the  
13 appointment is good - -

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can talk about it  
15 in Public Comment.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: You didn't do it right. I  
17 am following eh right rules.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I didn't do it at all.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: Whoever did it, they did  
20 it wrong.

21 I am following the rules; the thing is the  
22 rules say I am allowed to do this.

23 The problem with Diane's contract is, this  
24 is not a contract that - - I read contracts all  
25 the time for contractors, here.



1 This is sort of like she is designed to  
2 fail.

3 I am not sure how anyone, me included,  
4 could be efficient in my job if I was given - - Page | 33

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Point of order,  
6 Supervisor, that matter has been adjourned.

7 I don't want to set a precedent that we are  
8 going to allow debate on issues that are not  
9 before the Board.

10 You can bring that up in Public Comment  
11 because I know you will be speaking in Public  
12 Comment, Felix, since you are a stickler for  
13 procedure, that is our procedure.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: That is why I am talking  
15 because I am a stickler for procedure, because you  
16 are doing it wrong.

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We have a difference  
18 of opinion. Mr. Ra will rule.

19 FELIX PROCACCI: He is telling people how  
20 to vote.

21 He is not a parliamentarian.

22 He is supposed to be a fly on the wall and  
23 he advises people.

24 He is not doing his job.

25 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am sure you got

1 other things you want to talk about.

2 FELIX PROCACCI: That's it, that is the end  
3 of it. Aren't you happy about that?

4 Ra is not doing his job.

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5 He violated the rules by talking to Dorothy  
6 Goosby.

7 He should not be doing that as a  
8 parliamentarian.

9 He is supposed to be like a fly on the  
10 wall.

11 I read the rules.

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Sometimes you come up  
13 with really good ideas, so, I do like to hear from  
14 you.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: It is a good idea, follow  
16 the rules.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Valerie Lampe?

18 VALERIE LAMPE: Valerie Lampe, Baldwin.

19 I am here to speak about Item 32, 33, is  
20 that the section where Alex Salos's salary is  
21 involved?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I believe that is 33.

23 VALERIE LAMPE: 33, okay, anyway, um, is  
24 Alex, here?

25 Hi, Alex, ha, ha, um, I am really here

1 just to give a testimonial and I am glad to see he  
2 is, in fact, up for some just deserves.

3 You know, in the past year and change, I  
4 got involved in local government and I have  
5 reached out to probably almost all of your offices  
6 and more, um, including the Town Attorney's  
7 Office, the Clerk's Office - - hi, Sylvia and, um,  
8 anyway, I just want to commend, um, this young man  
9 because I feel that a lot of times, you know,  
10 people come and they complain and there is  
11 grievances and they are entitled to do hat too,  
12 but not too often do we realize just the staff and  
13 the administrative people that also help the Town.

14 And, Alex is always professional and he is  
15 always responsive, very responsive and he is  
16 always very, um, respectful and I think that he  
17 works hard.

18 He always has called me after hours, um,  
19 and he also dresses really well.

20 So, I am just voting - - I just want to say  
21 that and I think that he really deserves the  
22 recognition.

23 S, um, I hope you guys do vote for that  
24 raise and maybe double it.

25 I am in a generous mood, tonight.

1 So, I am in a great mood, so, double it.

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

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Ms. Lampe, I Page | 36  
5 just want to thank you for your kind remarks and  
6 can you confirm we did not organize this ahead of  
7 time.

8 VALERIE LAMPE: No, no, definitely not,  
9 but, I would say also for other people that they  
10 were up for their raise.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I appreciate  
12 that.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have Nancy Gerosé, it  
14 is not clear if you want to speak in Public  
15 Comment or the Administrative Calendar.

16 (Whereupon, "I want to speak on the  
17 Administrative Calendar with regard to 31," was  
18 heard calling out from the audience. After, the  
19 following ensued.)

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, please, come up.

21 Oh, that is tabled.

22 Stuart Kroll?

23 (Whereupon, "I will pass," was heard  
24 calling out from the audience. After the  
25 following ensued.)

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else  
2 that would like to be heard on the Administrative  
3 Calendar?

4 PEARL JACOBS: Happy New Year, everyone. Page | 37

5 Pearl Jacobs, Uniondale, speaking for the  
6 Nostrand Gardens Civic Association.

7 Item 8, um, the resolution authorizing  
8 special services, um, unsafe, one-family  
9 dwellings, last time I was, here, I spoke about  
10 one-family dwelling on 625 Uniondale Avenue that  
11 has been there for years and in very deteriorated  
12 condition, unsafe.

13 Um, the surrounding neighbors are telling  
14 me about bricks falling off the chimney, so, I  
15 spoke about it several times.

16 They did come. The Town put a fence but it  
17 is an unsecured fence.

18 There is a large gap in the fence where  
19 kids can still get through that gap.

20 And, um, but, I am advocating and asking  
21 that it has been there for years and that needs  
22 to be demolished.

23 I do understand that a church has purchased  
24 that property, irregardless, whether it is a  
25 church or developer, whoever it is, it is

1 unsafe.

2 It is not good for the community.

3 It is not a good look.

4 It is not a terrible look and it is  
5 definitely a terrible situation.

6 And, I am asking and I received a lot of  
7 calls from residents in the community about the  
8 same property and we are asking for this to be,  
9 um, demolished, 625 Uniondale Avenue.

10 And, I do have a long text message today  
11 from one of my colleagues in Uniondale speaking  
12 about the excessive complaints regarding code  
13 enforcement in Uniondale, fifteen hundred, he is  
14 telling me, fifteen hundred open complaints.

15 I am not validating that.

16 I am not sure it is fifteen hundred.

17 He is telling me he has information that  
18 there are fifteen hundred, um, open complaints in  
19 Uniondale regarding building code enforcements.

20 That is a high and unacceptable number,  
21 fifteen hundred complaints.

22 Can I ask how many Code Enforcement  
23 Officers are assigned to Uniondale?

24 Does anyone know?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Rottkamp,

1 are you, here?

2 He was here. Ms. Jacobs I will get that  
3 number.

4 Where are you sending these complaints, Page | 39  
5 Senior Councilwoman would like to know?

6 PEARL JACOBS: I am hearing that there are  
7 fifteen hundred open complaints, probably through  
8 the helpline.

9 With my complaints, I call them directly to  
10 Code Enforcement, so, okay

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Rottkamp, Ms.  
12 Jacobs is asking how many Code Enforcement  
13 Officers are assigned to Uniondale?

14 She said she doesn't know.

15 She heard there are fifteen hundred open  
16 complaints with respect to Uniondale, could you  
17 look into that for her?

18 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Absolutely, we have  
19 one Code Enforcement Officer that is assigned to  
20 Uniondale.

21 What we also do, we do seeps through  
22 Uniondale, we go up all the main, um,  
23 thoroughfares to make sure they are in Code  
24 compliance and as far as the amount of complaints  
25 that just means fifteen hundred people in the

1 last year called up and said there was a  
2 complaint, that doesn't mean we are not addressing  
3 them and they have not been addressed.

4 PEARL JACOBS: I beg to differ,  
5 Commissioner.

6 I get calls, I mean several times a week  
7 regarding code complaints that are unresolved.

8 They have been unresolved for many, many,  
9 many months, sometimes, um, a year or so and um, I  
10 do not want to hash it out, here.

11 If we can get together after the meeting, I  
12 have a long email, today, from one of my  
13 colleagues in Uniondale, who is very, very  
14 concerned about this, as well.

15 He is another volunteer advocate in  
16 Uniondale.

17 So, we would like to, um, have a meeting.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You know what,  
19 I would like to do what we have been doing in  
20 Uniondale.

21 We didn't have this problem.

22 I ask that all the complaints be sent to my  
23 office so that we can - - you changed that.

24 You know it, yourself.

25 I have not seen these complaints that you



1 are speaking of.

2 PEARL JACOBS: Senior Councilwoman Goosby -  
3 -

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Would you,  
5 please, would you please have them sent to my  
6 office.

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7 PEARL JACOBS: I was told to call the  
8 helpline.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am asking  
10 you if you would kindly send them to my office.

11 PEARL JACOBS: If they are replicated, I  
12 will send them, as well.

13 I am still asking for a meeting,  
14 Commissioner.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will work with you.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Can I say something.

17 I can only tell you from my experience,  
18 when - - and, I am just echoing what Councilwoman  
19 Goosby said, when someone calls my office about  
20 Town violations, um, we get on it right away as I  
21 know Senior Councilwoman Goosby does, our Building  
22 Department goes out that day or the very next day.

23 And, I have had some very serious problems  
24 in my District that our Building Inspectors have  
25 really been very good at that, as well as my

1 Executive Assistant.

2 We had a terrible situation in Inwood and  
3 we had a terrible situation in Cedarhurst and we  
4 were able to help the people and eradicate that. Page | 42

5 So, I think our Building Inspectors, if  
6 they know they go out and do it.

7 And, usually, the proper way is to notify  
8 your Member of this Town Board and their staff  
9 will get on it and they will open a file.

10 PEARL JACOBS: We have done that in the  
11 past and if she wants us to resume that, we will.

12 And, with all due respect - -

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

15 PEARL JACOBSZ; Councilman Blakeman,  
16 Uniondale is not Cedarhurst or Inwood.

17 We do not get the same response, at least  
18 in the past we haven't, that is why things have  
19 been allowed to escalate to the point where we  
20 probably do have fifteen hundred unresolved  
21 issues.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I have no idea what  
23 that means, um, I know Senior Councilwoman Goosby  
24 and I meet and talk.

25 I don't know anybody that fights as

1 hard as Senior Councilwoman Goosby.

2 PEARL JACOBS: You can come out and I can  
3 drive you through the community and show you the  
4 unresolved issues.

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5 A picture is worth a thousand words.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yeah, well,  
7 sometimes, sometimes the law does not allow us,  
8 sometimes the courts are slow.

9 All I can tell you, I know our Building  
10 Department, when they get a complaint like that,  
11 they go out right away and address it.

12 PEARL JACOBS: I would say, recently, I  
13 have been getting a lot of feedback, a lot of, you  
14 know, assistance with the issues in Uniondale.

15 I have been.

16 Okay, I did the last time I was here. I  
17 spoke about John Pinkee is really good and he is  
18 very receptive, but, we have a lot of unresolved  
19 issues and we need a meeting.

20 And, I will continue and I will send you  
21 the unresolved issues.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Thank you very  
23 much, if you do that, I keep a record and I know,  
24 I would know exactly who has not been served.

25 Thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
2 that would like to be heard on the Administrative  
3 Calendar?

4 PATTI HARRIS: Patti Harris from Uniondale. Page | 44

5 Um, there has been numerous complaints  
6 about this specific location in Uniondale.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are you talking about  
8 anything on the Administrative Calendar?

9 PATTI HARRIS: Yes, I am talking about  
10 because you just said that - - Councilman  
11 Blakeman, you just said that Senior Councilwoman  
12 is a hardworking lady, that Councilwoman that  
13 represents Uniondale, we have not seen her in  
14 Uniondale in months.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, we are talking  
16 about the Administrative Calendar, right, now, if  
17 there is something on the Administrative Calendar  
18 that you would like to address one of these items?

19 PATTI HARRIS: That house Ms. Jacobs was  
20 talking about, that house has been there for over  
21 - - I am fifty-three years old, that house has  
22 been there longer than I have been in Uniondale.

23 And, the person that use to have that  
24 house, she was killed, that house was sitting  
25 there since she has been killed.

1 Nobody has picked up there.

2 Construction workers have not come there to  
3 knock that house down, yet and they keep telling  
4 us they will do something. Page | 45

5 There is a big gap in the fake fence.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am sorry, this is not  
7 on the administrative calendar.

8 PATTI HARRIS: It is being held there with  
9 sandbags, that is dangerous.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will take a look.

11 PATTI HARRIS: When you go to Garden City,  
12 when you go to Merrick, when you go to other  
13 locations that are a little more established than  
14 Uniondale, it is okay to say they will tear their  
15 building down and get it out of the way so you  
16 don't see it anymore.

17 Why is Uniondale getting less?

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I will send someone out  
19 to look at this building, is there anyone else  
20 that would like to be heard on the Administrative  
21 Calendar?

22 DIANE MADDEN: Good evening, Diane Madden,  
23 East Meadow.

24 Um, I also like to shout out to Alex,  
25 within your office, Councilwoman Sweeney, on my

1 own, he truly is incredible.

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

4 DIANE MADDEN: Every employee should be as <sup>Page | 46</sup>  
5 diligent.

6 It is interesting because Dave Watkins  
7 (phonetic spelling) was just, here from Open  
8 Nassau, a very well known and respected site and  
9 he, on his own, had mentioned he even noticed Alex  
10 was up for this consideration, he has done an  
11 outstanding job.

12 It is so, um, it really feels good when you  
13 use taxpayer money for such good purpose.

14 So, I want to say that.

15 Also, before I forget, please, Valerie  
16 Lampe forgot to pass along, if you could all read  
17 them, shortly.

18 She wanted to make sure someone reads them.  
19 (Indicating to letters.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Give them to  
21 Michele.

22 DIANE MADDEN: Have a good evening.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, is there anyone  
24 else that would like to be heard on the  
25 Administrative Calendar, only, that is all we

1 are doing right, now?

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Record, this;  
3 one of the purposes of having Councilmatic  
4 Districts is for each individual to have his or Page | 47  
5 her District and take care of it.

6 I have done that. I will continue to do  
7 that.

8 If they don't see me in Uniondale because I  
9 don't see them when I am there, I didn't see them  
10 when I got hurt in Uniondale, they haven't seen a  
11 lot of things.

12 But, the reason I am saying this is because  
13 I am so tired of people making comments and they  
14 are not true.

15 What happened is, remember, Supervisor, you  
16 were - - there were a couple of meetings with you  
17 when they asked for a meeting with you, you  
18 assigned two people to them to come to those  
19 meetings.

20 Those are the ones that are responsible for  
21 taking whatever they found wrong, I never got any  
22 of that.

23 I am always taking care of Uniondale.

24 I take care of everything that is there and  
25 let me know, but, I don't get that anymore because

1 you have people assigned to that area which you  
2 assigned and they took over those  
3 responsibilities.

4 I have told everyone and other people, as <sup>Page | 48</sup>  
5 well, call me if they have a problem and I  
6 certainly will give it to that particular Council  
7 person.

8 I think it is really very, very - - I don't  
9 know even what to say of a person that comes and  
10 tells these kind of fibs because they are not  
11 taking care of it.

12 If someone said there was fifteen hundred  
13 complaints in an area, let them come, whoever this  
14 person is, bring him, here and let him say it,  
15 that is what I have to say.

16 I have to go someplace.

17 You have that Court Reporter? Thank you.

18 DAVE HANSON: Dave Hanson. P.O. Box 7645,  
19 Garden City, New York.

20 Um, Item Number 8, I remember something was  
21 passed by this Board about the abandoned buildings  
22 and the Building Department is supposed to be  
23 sending notice to the bank 90 days, can you tell  
24 me what - - who is doing that?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am not exactly sure



1 what you are talking about.

2 DAVE HANSON: There was a law passed about  
3 abandoned homes in the Town of Hempstead that  
4 house is abandoned, the Town should notify the  
5 bank or the owner and if it is they should do  
6 something with that, can you tell me where you are  
7 with that?

8 Because this home should be demolished.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: What item are you on  
10 the Administrative Calendar?

11 DAVE HANSON: Number 8.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Number 8 - - Mr.  
13 Rottkamp - - is assessment on homes, is that what  
14 happened?

15 DAVE HANSON: I really think that - - I  
16 don't think you guys are doing a good job for the  
17 Town.

18 I call the office on several occasion about  
19 what is going on, here, in the Town and I really  
20 think that, um, you guys don't deserve the salary.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Hanson, can I  
22 ask you a question?

23 DAVE HANSON: Yes.

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We are talking  
25 about the Administrative Calendar, Number 8,

1 right.

2 We are speaking on the Administrative  
3 Calendar, so, Calendar Number 8 authorizing  
4 special assessment for professional services  
5 rendered in regard to unsafe, one-family  
6 dwellings.

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7 DAVE HANSON: Right.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: In Baldwin, Garden  
9 City, South Merrick, Roosevelt in the Department  
10 of Buildings and this is to authorize Cash &  
11 Associates to assess these homes to see if they  
12 need to be torn down.

13 Okay, what is the question?

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Basically, we are doing  
15 what we said we are doing.

16 DAVE HANSON: Since you have such a big  
17 mouth, you should make sure those buildings are  
18 torn down, the public safety is at risk.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I think that is  
20 what we are doing.

21 DAVE HANSON: I think you guys are  
22 violating the civil rights of the people of  
23 Uniondale and constitutional rights.

24 I really think so.

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: In that item - -

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1 DAVE HANSON: If you guys continue, I will  
2 personally get the U.S. Marshal - -

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I will see you in  
4 Court. Page | 51

5 DAVE HANSON: You have a big mouth. I was  
6 watching all along and I am so fed up with  
7 Hempstead needs to be removed. I was talking - -  
8 but takeover the Village and the Town with the  
9 State because I am so fed up with you guys.

10 It is sickening what you guys are doing,  
11 always appointing jobs, giving up - - taxes are so  
12 high here, the cost of living, you guys must do  
13 something.

14 Believe me, I got the Public behind me.

15 I got Facebook Live, now, tapped to Mark  
16 Zuckerberg because you guys - -

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Hanson, thank you.

18 DAVE HANSON: I will nail everyone.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much.

20 DAVE HANSON: I told you the last time - -

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
22 please, call the roll ON Items Number 7 through  
23 42, this is on the Administrative Calendar.

24 (Whereupon, "I am waiting my turn," was  
25 heard from the audience.)

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You spoke on the  
2 administrative calendar.

3 (Whereupon, "I spoke on the Hearing  
4 issues," was heard calling out from the audience. Page | 52  
5 After, the following ensued.)

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay.

7 RESIDENT WALKER: Good Evening.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your name and  
9 address.

10 RESIDENT WALKER: My name is Walker and I  
11 live in West Hempstead.

12 My issue is Item 30, um, about the Town of  
13 Hempstead discrimination, um, can you define that,  
14 is that discrimination for the Town employees or  
15 outside of the Town?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is for the Town of  
17 Hempstead, so, our antidiscrimination policy  
18 protects people working.

19 RESIDENT WALKER: Okay, all right, um, this  
20 issue of harassment, there is certain employees  
21 that figure they own the Town of Hempstead and  
22 they figure they can break the code enforcement,  
23 um, and cry they are being harassed because they  
24 don't want Code Enforcement Officers checking out  
25 complaints, does that cover them?

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is hard to address  
2 that hypothetical situation without specific  
3 facts.

4 If you have some specific facts or someone <sup>Page | 53</sup>  
5 you are talking about, I encourage you to report  
6 them to the Town Attorney's Office or someone else  
7 in the Town of Hempstead.

8 RESIDENT WALKER: Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

10 META MEREDAY: It is on the Administrative  
11 Calendar. I have been here long enough to know  
12 what I need to talk about and when I need to talk  
13 about it.

14 Someone needs to give me a slip so I have  
15 to fill it out, specifically, I will do the same.

16 It would have been unfortunate for me to  
17 list 29 and 31 since during the meeting this is  
18 the Administrative Calendar, that was pulled out  
19 prior to the meeting, to give me a heads up, what  
20 would be discussed during the meeting, that you  
21 now took off 29 and 31, so, it just seems  
22 disingenuous to put out a calendar ahead of time  
23 if you got backroom deals that are going to be  
24 addressed and discussed during the public.

25 Let me first say, I concur with all

1 of those that spoke very highly of Alex because I  
2 too have been, um, very encouraged by his support,  
3 his follow-up and his activity.

4 So, um, again, I want to start out 2019, <sup>Page | 54</sup>  
5 least, on a positive note and let's get down to  
6 the basics here with regard to Item 32, I know it  
7 was stated that this is something that is kind of  
8 ongoing but, unfortunately, and again because we  
9 had high hopes with a new leadership coming into  
10 this administration, but, unfortunately, the same  
11 old statistics are being replicated but sometimes  
12 these things can always wash out during an  
13 election cycle.

14 We will see how that works.

15 I have questions on the additional items,  
16 since I now have the three minutes, which I don't  
17 quite understand we changed from five minutes to  
18 three, but, that is a whole another issue.

19 When we say in compliance, all of a sudden  
20 it has changed.

21 On the emergency Item 40, 41 and 42, what  
22 is the actual location for this?

23 And, why wasn't this put on the Calendar on  
24 a timely fashion for those of us that don't get -  
25 - who don't get the access to the information

1 when you get it to be able to come up with some  
2 rational details with regard to this.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Association of Towns  
4 has a meeting in February and there was not enough  
5 time between this calendar. Page | 55

6 There was not enough time to put it on the  
7 next calendar and do the registration for the  
8 Senior Councilwoman, so, that is why it had to go  
9 on this calendar, that is why they were handed up.

10 META MEREDAY: So, the Association of Towns  
11 which represents leadership for townships doesn't  
12 plan their meetings within a three month, six-  
13 month period?

14 I mean doesn't that make it costly for  
15 reservations, for hotels?

16 And, no one told me the location of the  
17 meeting.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is in Manhattan.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What I am saying to you  
20 is, I believe, the information for the Annual  
21 Meeting got to us late and there was not enough  
22 time to put it onto the next meeting and make  
23 reservations, so, it had to be a hand-up on this  
24 calendar.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: And, we are actually

1 authorizing them in advance.

2 I think last year, we might have authorized  
3 it retroactively, so, we are moving in the right  
4 direction.

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5 META MEREDAY: Okay, um, I got my question  
6 answered with regard to Number 8.

7 So, I do thank Commissioner Rottkamp's  
8 office for giving me that information.

9 I made a suggestion last year with regard  
10 to a number of these contracts, so, that people,  
11 those of us who are here on a regular basis, Diane  
12 Madden, who I still don't understand why it had to  
13 be publicized in terms of her trying to  
14 incorporate her life's work into the Animal  
15 Shelter that these contracts that we are giving  
16 out for these other various consulting services  
17 that don't seem to render much in terms of safety  
18 or support that we list, if these contracts, for  
19 example, Cash & Associates, or CM, if they are  
20 minority, business, women-own businesses or  
21 Veteran-owned businesses, at least to give me some  
22 type of hope that we are going in some diverse and  
23 inclusive relationships, so, we can possibly get  
24 away from the ongoing litigation that seems to  
25 impact the Town and the County.



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1 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
2 following ensued.)

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is that something we  
4 can do, Mr. Ra?

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5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We can look into that  
6 for her.

7 META MEREDAY: I am sorry?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will look into it.

9 META MEREDAY: Okay, thank you.

10 And, I have my additional comments during  
11 Public Comments.

12 Thank you.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, I believe that  
14 concludes the comments on the Administrative  
15 Calendar.

16 Madam Clerk, would you, please, call the  
17 roll for a vote on Items 7 through 42 which  
18 excludes Items 29 and 31.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am voting aye. I  
25 want to comment on Item Number 19, which

1 is a resolution declaring and establishing  
2 advance, life support service for the Town of  
3 Hempstead. I just want to say a quick thank you  
4 to Dr. Dave Newberg who is the Town of Hempstead <sup>Page | 58</sup>  
5 Medical Director, who was here, also Chief Jared  
6 Siegelman, who is here from Point Lookout, Lido  
7 Fire Department and the Town Board Members who  
8 have supported this.

9 Um, for those of you who don't know what it  
10 does, this law established the Town of Hempstead  
11 as advance life support, that means on our beaches  
12 or our Parks, anywhere in the Town of Hempstead,  
13 EMS agency is able to provide care there.

14 It will be advance life support and also  
15 allows us to do better work with the neighboring  
16 fire departments and actual continue care from the  
17 beaches and patients right to the hospital on  
18 various ambulances.

19 So, I just want to say thank you to Dr.  
20 Newberg and, those Members from the Point Lookout  
21 Fire Department and everybody that is in our EMS  
22 Agency in the Town of Hempstead.

23 I vote aye.

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

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Let me take the  
3 opportunity to thank Dr. Newberg, would you stand  
4 up and be recognized. Page | 59

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

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I vote aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I also want to  
10 thank the Doctor. He has done tremendous work on  
11 all these projects and many others throughout the  
12 Town, cutting edge.

13 And, I want to mention Item number 30, I am  
14 proud of the Town of Hempstead for passing this  
15 and expanding the discrimination, harassment  
16 policy.

17 I think it is a good day for the Town of  
18 Hempstead and its residents, aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I also like to  
21 thank Councilman D'Esposito and Councilwoman  
22 Sweeney for spearheading this.

23 I am very, very proud the Town of Hempstead  
24 is participating in this type of program and I  
25 certainly thank you Doctor for all you did to

1 help us and learn to be on cutting edge of all we  
2 need for the Town, here, so, thank you so very  
3 much for all of that.

4 And, I thank my colleagues for working  
5 together on this, I vote, yes.

6 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would like to join in  
8 the lovefest for Dr. Dave and say thank you very  
9 much for all the good work that you do for the  
10 Town of Hempstead when we had needles wash up on  
11 our Shores, you were right there to make sure our  
12 residents and workers were safe, so, thank you  
13 very much for all the good work that you and all  
14 EMT's do for the Town of Hempstead.

15 I also like to thank Councilwoman Erin  
16 King-Sweeny for working with me on the sexual  
17 harassment update and policy.

18 I am very proud we modernized it in the  
19 Town of Hempstead and I vote aye.

20 May I have a Motion to adjourn.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Move we  
22 adjourn.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town  
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of pages 1 through 62 inclusive is an accurate  
transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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