

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2019**

**7:00 P.M.**

**BEFORE: LAURA A. GILLEN,**

**SUPERVISOR**

**APPEARANCES :**

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- DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN (ABSENT)
- SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO
- COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO
- COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.
- MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY
- TOWN CLERK CABANA
- DEPUTY TOWN CLERK TUMMINELLO
- TOWN ATTORNY RA
- DEPUTY TOWN COMPTROLLER RAMOS

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1 (Whereupon, citations were presented to  
2 Estee Ackerman, a West Hempstead Resident, 2 gold  
3 medals & 1 bronze medal at the 2018 Open Table  
4 Tennis Tournament Championship, ranked number 1 in <sup>Page | 3</sup>  
5 hardback player in the United States and 2020  
6 Olympic hopeful, as well as, Kaylie Hausknecht &  
7 Juliana Condoleo, 2 scientific Olympians who are  
8 students from Lynbrook High School and both  
9 students are participants in the Regeneration  
10 Science Talent Search. Applause and standing  
11 ovation were observed from the audience. After,  
12 the following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I welcome everyone to  
14 this regularly scheduled Town Board Meeting.

15 For those of you who have never attended a  
16 Board Meeting before, we will, first, have Public  
17 Hearings, followed by an Administrative Calendar.

18 There are meeting agendas available in the  
19 rear of the Pavilion, if you would like to be  
20 heard on any matter, please, fill out a slip and  
21 hand it to the Public Safety Officer who will hand  
22 it up to the dais.

23 After the meeting is adjourned, the Town  
24 Board will remain in session, as is custom, to  
25 hear the residents who would like to address the

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1 Board on any matters outside of the agenda.

2 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the  
3 roll.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

12 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman

13 Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

15 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

17 I, now, ask Councilman D'Esposito to lead  
18 us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: With your hand over  
20 your heart.

21 (Whereupon, Councilman D'Esposito lead the  
22 Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the  
23 following ensued.)

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,  
25 please, call the first Public Hearing.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:  
2 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in near  
3 Bethpage (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of  
4 the Town of Hempstead)

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips  
6 on this matter, is there anyone that would like to  
7 be heard?

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

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

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that we  
13 close the Hearing and adopt the law.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
15 Motion.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman

1 Goosby?

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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5 Madam Clerk, please, call our next Public  
6 Hearing.

7 CLERK CABANA: Determining parcels  
8 benefited by Construction or Reconstruction of  
9 sidewalk area in Baldwin, Bellmore, East Meadow,  
10 Elmont, Floral Park, Franklin Square, Garden City  
11 South, Hewlett, Inwood, Levittown, Merrick, North  
12 Baldwin, North Bellmore, North Merrick, Oceanside,  
13 Roosevelt, Seaford, Uniondale, near Valley Stream,  
14 Wantagh, West Hempstead, Woodmere in the Town of  
15 Hempstead, Nassau County, New York and adopting  
16 proposed assessment roll for the cost thereof and  
17 calling a Public Hearing thereon.

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

21 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard calling out  
22 from the audience. After, the following ensued.)

23 PATTY HARRIS: Patty Harris, Nostrand  
24 Garden, Uniondale.

25 What areas in East Meadow and Uniondale?

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Toscano,  
2 could you please come forward.

3 COMMISSIONER: Good Evening, Supervisor,  
4 Town Board: Page | 7

5 What this is, is residential sidewalks that  
6 were done and, now, they are taking advantage of  
7 the sidewalk program that the Town of Hempstead  
8 has.

9 This is the assessment to put it on the tax  
10 roll.

11 I don't have it broken down individually by  
12 Town but I can get that for you.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: These would be  
14 individual parcels?

15 COMMISSIONER: Individual parcels.

16 PATTY HARRIS: Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

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

20 (Whereupon, "yes" was heard called out from  
21 the audience. After, the following ensued.)

22 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin  
23 resident.

24 I, too, also would like to know the  
25 locations of the specific parcels in Baldwin,

1 North Baldwin.

2 I am curious as to, I guess, maybe it is  
3 because of the designation, how it is laid out  
4 where you have listed it as "Baldwin" and "North Page | 8  
5 Baldwin," just curious why it is designated that  
6 way?

7 COMMISSIONER: I will check into that,  
8 maybe, I believe it is because the contractors  
9 that we use, they separate these into parcels that  
10 they are working in certain areas at the time and  
11 just be going - - a designation that is made for  
12 the area.

13 I will check on that and get you the  
14 streets in Baldwin.

15 META MEREDAY: Okay, you mentioned  
16 contractors, are these the contractors that you  
17 generally have on tap or - -

18 COMMISSIONER: Yes, that have contracts  
19 with the Town and they went out to bid and they  
20 are the ones with the low bid.

21 META MEREDAY: Okay, this is based on low  
22 bid, this is prior to all the, um, the new  
23 direction in terms of increasing outreach for  
24 Veterans, Minority Women, things of that nature?

25 COMMISSIONER: These contracts are enforced



1 for two years, now.

2 META MEREDAY: Okay, what I am saying is  
3 the process going to be the same or are we going  
4 to be looking at generally the process a little Page | 9  
5 bit differently so it is more inclusive?

6 COMMISSIONER: I am sure we will do the  
7 process and be informed by whatever the Town of  
8 Hempstead, the Town Board requires.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: When do these contracts  
10 expire, do you know offhand?

11 COMMISSIONER: No, I do not.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will get you that  
13 information, as well as, once the contracts do  
14 expire, they will go out to bid in an open and  
15 fair process.

16 META MEREDAY: I am just hoping as far as  
17 the open and fair process, um, the actual  
18 outreach, itself, has to change.

19 You can say it is going to be an open and  
20 fair process, if you are utilizing the same types  
21 of venues and outlets, then, you are really doing  
22 kind of more of the same, so, I am kind of hoping  
23 that we are looking at this from a more  
24 progressive process and open scenario.

25 Thank you.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anyone else  
2 that would like to be heard on this Public  
3 Hearing?

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, <sup>Page | 10</sup>  
5 the following ensued.)

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

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

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

14 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

19 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman

22 Goosby?

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

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1 Madam Clerk, now, call up the  
2 Administrative Calendar, please.

3 CLERK CABANA: Yes, on the Administrative  
4 Calendar, there are Items 3 through 29. Page | 11

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Supervisor, I  
6 have a hand-up that I would like to add a  
7 resolution authorizing an extension of timely  
8 payment of real property tax by certain person who  
9 are furloughed non-paid Federal workers or their  
10 spouses pursuant to Section 925-E of the Real  
11 Property Tax Law.

12 CLERK CABANA: If there is no objection,  
13 this will be Item Number 30.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion on  
15 the Administrative Calendar.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
17 Administrative Calendar in its entirety through  
18 30.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Madam Supervisor?

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes?

22 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I make a Motion on  
23 Item 3, basically adjourning without date  
24 referring to the Compliance Officer.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there a second?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

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4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? Page | 12

5 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

7 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman

13 Goosby?

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

15 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

17 I have a number of slips on the

18 Administrative Calendar.

19 Susan Goldstone?

20 (Whereupon, "I will pass on that," was

21 heard calling out from the audience. After, the

22 following ensued.)

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I would like

24 to recognize the fact that Rosa Parks' birthday.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

1 Susan Goldstone, did you want to speak?

2 I have you on Item Number 8 on the  
3 Calendar. We called the whole Administrative  
4 Calendar.

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5 Anything on the Administrative Calendar is  
6 open to be discussed right, now.

7 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: The audit?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, that is Number 8  
9 on the Administrative Calendar.

10 State your name and address for the record.

11 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: Susan Goldstone. 176  
12 Wauneka Avenue, Oceanside, New York.

13 Um, I am here because we are still a  
14 Superstorm Sandy family that hasn't been home due  
15 to various problems.

16 There have been a lot of problems within  
17 the Town Building Department.

18 Um, I have a whole thing to read.

19 I don't know if you want to really hear the  
20 whole thing, but, basically, it is the inspectors  
21 have been sent to our house for the last two and a  
22 half years and our contractor abandoned the job  
23 and disappeared.

24 Um, and approvals were made on work that  
25 has not been done.

1 Um, every contractor we get to come back to  
2 our house wants to know who I know in the Town to  
3 get all of these things processed because no way  
4 is anything completed in our house. Page | 14

5 Your office, I want to thank, um, Mitch  
6 Kitney (phonetic spelling and Rebecca Sinclair for  
7 speaking with me and seeing some of our papers.

8 Um, Councilman D'Esposito and Matt have  
9 been very helpful recently in getting John Novello  
10 to send inspectors back.

11 I don't understand how an inspector can  
12 come to a house and approve ruffage, um,  
13 sheetrock, fire sheetrock in unconditioned spaces,  
14 framing insulation when you can just look at it  
15 and see nothing has been done.

16 I don't say nothing has been done, but,  
17 everything is missing, now, not one room is  
18 completed.

19 Um, interior and exterior - - yes, I do  
20 have a claim into Consumers, but, these reports  
21 are not being requested to give to consumers  
22 because I have an engineer and architect who  
23 verified every single thing that is missing.

24 Um, I will say, the plumbing finally came  
25 back last week and the two and two and a half

1 years I have been complaining, they finally added  
2 the twenty-two additional items that I said were  
3 not in.

4 I mean I know we are going to get a lot of <sup>Page | 15</sup>  
5 flak, now and definitely not going to get home,  
6 now.

7 My Father passed away. We lived in the  
8 house since 1956 and my Mother is eighty-eight  
9 years old, not in good health.

10 We need to get her home.

11 And, I will say the other issues are with  
12 our other inspector, Doug Mann (as heard) and  
13 Rebecca First, who has been absolutely  
14 condescending, rude and has topped us at every  
15 single corner to get home, making us jump through  
16 hoops and doing things not per Town Code.

17 And, when we asked for certain written  
18 letters that were required by New York Rising in  
19 order to get paid for the driveway, the fill that  
20 we needed in our yard that she refused and we had  
21 to get certain applications and it turned out our  
22 neighbor five years ago or so had done the exact  
23 same thing illegally which she had missed and told  
24 us to piggyback off their applications.

25 We need to speak to somebody to make

1 these corrections and I will say I hate to say; I  
2 don't like to get someone in trouble but Doug Mann  
3 (as heard) - -

4 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the Page | 16  
5 following ensued.)

6 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: Can I finish?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

8 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: There was a story in  
9 Newsday, he was suspended for doing the same exact  
10 things like approving beams and structural beams  
11 in a house that are not there.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, so, are you in  
13 favor?

14 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: Oh, yes, I totally think  
15 there needs to be changes.

16 There needs to be people moved around.

17 I believe inspectors should not always have  
18 the same district or area that they go to.

19 They need to go to different areas.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Thank you.

21 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: Thank you for your time.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If you would like to  
23 hand up that letter, you can give it to Michele  
24 Hanson and she will make a copy.

25 SUSAN GOLDSTONE: Okay, thank you very



1 much.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Elizabeth Treston?  
3 (phonetic spelling)

4 ELIZABETH TRESTON: How does this work?

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5 Good evening, Elizabeth Treston.

6 On behalf of South Shore Recovery

7 Coalition, I want you to vote yes, tonight, on  
8 this outside auditor for the Building Department.

9 There are approximately over ten thousand  
10 homes in the Flood Zone that has one flood plan  
11 manager and a small staff at your Building  
12 Department.

13 All of these papers, this is just half of  
14 what were consider PDA that is not public display  
15 of affection, that acronym is preliminary damage  
16 assessment and your community is unaware that they  
17 are in homes that are substantially damaged.

18 This has led to numerous delays in permits  
19 to rebuild after Superstorm Sandy to hit the South  
20 Shore six years later.

21 We hope procedures would be streamlined,  
22 unfortunately, this is not the case.

23 Please, don't take that to demean anyone  
24 personally.

25 There are systematic flaws as it was

1 addressed by Channel 4 News Team.

2 PDA's are permitted.

3 They do not appear in the homeowner's file.

4 Some of you - - some of your residents, Page | 18

5 your taxpayers are unaware that they are living in  
6 houses in the Town of Hempstead that the Town of  
7 Hempstead Building Department has deemed yellow or  
8 red.

9 That is the color coding that you have used  
10 to signify a substantially damaged home.

11 The SSR has been advocating on a volunteer  
12 basis with these homeowners.

13 Some of you have been proactive in securing  
14 permits and expediting them but how many more will  
15 they discover when they go to do a home  
16 improvement that their house must become FEMA  
17 compliant.

18 We estimate eight thousand four hundred  
19 house have not filed permits.

20 Any potential new homeowner could find  
21 themselves in the yellow or red category and,  
22 again, this is just half of the bunch.

23 I am from a City. Every Town is listed.

24 These are your residents. These are your  
25 taxpayers.

1 As an advocate for those in your community,  
2 I ask you to vote yes to an outside auditor to  
3 assist and to assess your Building Department to  
4 make it better for your communities before FEMA <sup>Page | 19</sup>  
5 comes knocking.

6 Thank you.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
8 comments.

9 And, I would like you to know that we are  
10 moving to get all of those notices into each  
11 homeowners respective files.

12 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I use to represent  
13 Wantagh and Seaford, um, and I got to tell you  
14 there were unscrupulous contractors, tons took all  
15 people's savings and they didn't have licenses and  
16 they left.

17 The people that worked for them did not  
18 have licenses, didn't get paid because they left  
19 without paying anybody.

20 This is a big to do going on with that and  
21 I am going to find out what is going on with it.

22 It is no longer my District.

23 I tell you what, if you are telling me this  
24 is still not done, I will check it out.

25 It might be the Feds. It might be

1 the State.

2 It might be the County. I will check it  
3 out. I will find out.

4 ELIZABETH TRESTON: I am specifically  
5 talking regarding your Building Department.

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6 Contractor fraud is completely another  
7 issue which still needs to be addressed but, this  
8 is regarding Number 8 - -

9 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
10 following ensued.)

11 ELIZABETH TRESTON: - - Looking into the  
12 Building Department.

13 Thank you.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Kevin Moran?

17 KEVIN MORAN: Good evening, my name is  
18 Kevin Moran.

19 I am a resident of the Town of Hempstead.

20 I live in Wantagh, 1407 Fulton Street, but,  
21 I am here as a representative for the Long Island  
22 Builders Institute.

23 Um, I just want to say as an organization,  
24 we fully support the proposed operational  
25 assessment of the Town's Building Department.

1 Um, our organization is fortunate it works  
2 with other Towns, so, we have seen similar  
3 procedures in the past to make their Building  
4 Department work at maximum possible efficiency. Page | 21

5 And, um, we would like for LIBI to be seen  
6 as a resource for thee Town going forward, so, we  
7 can work together and make the Building Department  
8 as efficient as possible.

9 Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr. Moran.

11 I will say that is the goal of this RFP.

12 It is not to cast blame on anyone.

13 It is to take a fresh set of eyes and have  
14 them look at the Department.

15 Anybody can always do better, um, and I  
16 also like to point out that the RFP that was put  
17 out with the consultant, there was a selection  
18 committee that was established.

19 Commissioner Rottkamp, the Commissioner of  
20 the Building Department, he is a part of the  
21 selection committee as was representatives from  
22 the Town Attorney's office and the Supervisor's  
23 office as well.

24 We had two representatives from the Town  
25 Attorney's Office.

1 The process - - there was an interview  
2 process that began in July.

3 Um, at that point, Commissioner Rottkamp  
4 was not in the interviews.

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5 We came back, we brought everybody back in  
6 August, again, and in the second round of  
7 interviews before determining FDI was the right  
8 consultant.

9 FDI is headed by one of their experts,  
10 Patricia Lancaster, who was responsible for  
11 reforming the entire New York City Department of  
12 Buildings which has got an advance technology  
13 Building Department.

14 So, that was the process that was used in  
15 selecting this contractor.

16 Annmarie DiSalvo?

17 ANNMARIE DISALVO: Good evening, my name is  
18 Annmarie DiSalvo.

19 33 Harrison Avenue, Lynbrook. I just  
20 wanted to give my support for this project, this  
21 RFP going out.

22 I deal with the Building Department, not  
23 only personally as a Town of Hempstead resident  
24 but, professionally, as well.

25 And, I think anything that can help

1 Streamline this process, help homeowners, as well  
2 as businesses move through this process at a  
3 quicker pace is an absolute positive.

4 Thank you.

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
6 comments.

7 Robin Archbold?

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

10 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: Robin Archbold. 405  
11 Winston Avenue, Merrick.

12 I am totally for your consulting firm, um,  
13 I feel it is really necessary, um - -

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You're talking about  
15 the Building Department?

16 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: Yes, for the Building  
17 Department, um, um, like what Liz as saying,  
18 moving forward with homes that are, now, finding  
19 out when they - - their permits, um, that they are  
20 substantially damaged after Sandy.

21 I was issued a repair permit for repair  
22 damage on my home that had over five feet of water  
23 in the house and everything was destroyed.

24 Went through the whole rebuild between my  
25 money and my flood insurance money, inspectors

1 came from the Building Department throughout the  
2 entire process, signed off on electrical,  
3 plumbing, at the end of the project, they came to  
4 the Building Department, the final inspection and <sup>Page | 24</sup>  
5 my Certificate of Occupancy and I was handed over  
6 a year later after my house was completely  
7 finished a substantial damage letter and was told  
8 "we will not give you your Certificate of  
9 Occupancy, you need to elevate your home."

10 So, this is why you need some kind of  
11 watchdog.

12 You can't have one person, whether she had  
13 too much on her plate move forward after Sandy or  
14 not, but, you know, this needs, this whole process  
15 that you have needs to be changed.

16 What I found out, less that a year ago,  
17 through investigators was I was given that PDA of  
18 my home and it was marked, "red," and still the  
19 Building Department issued the permits and I was  
20 never made aware my house was being marked, "red."

21 And, it should have been torn down, the  
22 house should have been torn down at the time.

23 And, now, I am in the midst of raising my  
24 house and it has cost me over three hundred and  
25 fifty thousand dollars to do the elevation and



1 several hundred thousand dollars to repair after  
2 Sandy.

3 So, it is a lot of money and other people  
4 are going to be affected down the road when they <sup>Page | 25</sup>  
5 are told they have to elevate their homes.

6 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I am really  
7 sorry you had to do this or go through this.

8 I am not sure where you live in Merrick,  
9 whether you are in Councilman Dunne's District or  
10 mine.

11 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: I think I am in yours.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Presumably, it  
13 is South because - -

14 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: Yes.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: It is affected  
16 by Sandy.

17 Marcus in my office, if there is any help  
18 that he can give you, now, I don't know, you are  
19 on track to completion but if there is a way he  
20 can help you, we will try to move the process  
21 along.

22 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: Thank you, great.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Archbold, thank you  
24 so much for your comments.

25 I am sorry for all the difficulties

1 that you have had.

2 That is the goal to make sure something  
3 like that never happens again.

4 ROBIN ARCHBOLD: That is why I really hope<sup>Page | 26</sup>  
5 this works out.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

7 Rachel Sumerson?

8 RACHEL SUMERSON: Hi, I am Rachel Sumerson.

9 95 Austin Boulevard, East Rockaway, New York.

10 I speak, today, in favor of this.

11 Um, I am here representing those in the  
12 real estate field.

13 Back in January of the year, 2014, Rebecca  
14 First held a meeting on Sandy-affected homes.

15 She said, at that point, that a Town file  
16 would be marked for houses in the flood zone and  
17 permits would not be obtained and future buyers  
18 Will see this in their title searches.

19 In September of 2016, the Town Building  
20 Department came to one of our general meetings for  
21 the Bay Park Civic Association.

22 There were Town Representatives there.

23 I won't mention any names at this point.

24 People were finding out that they were  
25 buying houses that were affected by Sandy and

1 the permits were not obtained and they were told  
2 that they had to go back and had substantial  
3 damage assessment.

4 So, many people were finding out that they <sup>Page | 27</sup>  
5 were substantially damaged, other, thankfully were  
6 not.

7 We mentioned at that point; they really  
8 need to do something about the system.

9 Homeowners shouldn't be finding out after  
10 the purchase this happened.

11 Again, in February, 2017, again, in  
12 September 2017 and October 2018, as a real estate  
13 attorney and owner of a title company, I can  
14 assure you that the only way we can find out about  
15 damage is talk to the homeowners or we can go in  
16 and ask for this preliminary damage assessment but  
17 it is only if we know about it.

18 It is not made public.

19 It is not in the homeowner's files.

20 There is no way for anyone to find out  
21 about this information unless they know about this  
22 internal memo.

23 So, I don't know if the audit will even  
24 find this, but this needs to be fixed and it needs  
25 to be fixed, now.

1 It has been over six years since Sandy.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Thank you  
3 so much for your comments.

4 So just to let you know, when we found out <sup>Page | 28</sup>  
5 about this situation, we have been taking strides  
6 to meet with LIFMAR to make sure that real estate  
7 agents - - my office has met with LIFMAR to make  
8 sure that real estate agents are aware of this  
9 issue, that they should look for these PDA notices  
10 when performing any kind of real estate  
11 transactions on the South Shore.

12 We also have reached out to partners on the  
13 Federal Level to try to see if we might be able to  
14 find out some funding to help some of these people  
15 that have been affected adversely by this issue.

16 In addition, we took what was in a filing  
17 cabinet.

18 We took it out and digitized it in terms of  
19 the numbers of these substantially damaged letters  
20 and PDA's and we are laboring to make sure each  
21 one of these is put into the homeowner's file so  
22 it can be easily found.

23 And, we asked our Building Department to  
24 reach out to title companies to make sure title  
25 companies are getting the information that they

1 need when they do their title searches.

2 But, I still believe we can do more and  
3 that is what we are looking to do and that is part  
4 of the goal of this Ordinance to find better ways <sup>Page | 29</sup>  
5 to make sure that we don't have mistakes like this  
6 happen, again.

7 RACHEL SUMERSON: A couple months ago, I  
8 reached out to one of the research companies that  
9 does the researches in the Building Department and  
10 they said they still are having trouble.

11 They know there is an issue but nothing  
12 turns up that they can put on paper.

13 So, when people go to buy a house, it just  
14 shows what permits and what CO's they have.

15 It doesn't show anything about this PDA.

16 It doesn't show anything about a violation  
17 nor anything like that.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We certainly want to  
19 make sure that doesn't happen going forward and we  
20 are doing what we can.

21 If you have any suggestions, I would be  
22 happy for you to reach out to our office and maybe  
23 get some additional suggestions we need.

24 RACHEL SUMERSON: Look into what Freeport  
25 has done.

1 They have something. Every title search  
2 shows what property was damaged by Sandy and if no  
3 permit was obtained or what permits were obtained.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, thank you.

5 RACHEL SUMERSON: Thank you.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Michael Cascio?

7 MICHAEL CASCIO: Michael Cascio. 193 Birch  
8 Street, Oceanside.

9 I also want to lend my support for this  
10 proposal to the Building Department as both a  
11 contractor and resident.

12 I certainly can speak to insufficiency of  
13 the Building Department, um, that is not to say  
14 that over the years that I haven't worked with a  
15 lot of good people in the Department.

16 We are frustrated by the system, as well.

17 In addition, I am also one of these people  
18 that is in these files, so, I wound up getting my  
19 suspension damage letter in 2018.

20 I know you guys are talking ab out  
21 addressing it.

22 I also encourage you to think about a way  
23 of - - pathway for some of the people that got  
24 caught into this.

25 We are six and a half years out from Sandy,

1 now, the idea that they will have to come back and  
2 tear up their homes to raise them, now, is going  
3 to be a tremendous challenge personally,  
4 emotionally, financially, if there is no funding,  
5 as well. Page | 31

6 Um, I hope that would be part of the audit,  
7 as well.

8 Thank you.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr. Cascio.  
10 Lenny Minervini?

11 LENNY MINERVINI: My name is Lenny  
12 Minervini. I live at 217 Chestnut Avenue, East  
13 Meadow.

14 I am, here, tonight, to support the review  
15 of the Town Building Department.

16 Anything that can make the process of  
17 building a home and improvements more streamline  
18 and efficient can only be a benefit to businesses  
19 and our community.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr.  
21 Minervini.

22 Susan Ryan?

23 SUSAN RYAN: Good Evening, Susan Gordon  
24 Ryan. I live at 100 Neuman Avenue in Point  
25 Lookout.

1 And, I am just, here to support the idea,  
2 um, looking at the whole Building Department, we  
3 have lived in the Town of Hempstead for over  
4 twenty - - well over twenty years.

5 I own a house for, um, since the '50's and  
6 in our community there was always an issue of  
7 getting C of O's and people automatically would  
8 be, "Oh, my God, how long is this going to take?"

9 This was before Sandy.

10 Um, it seems like the Building Department  
11 and I can't address the Ordinance but it just  
12 doesn't seem - - and we just had our house redone  
13 about two years ago and we were very fortunate we  
14 were not affected by Sandy other than the normal  
15 things, not having power for two weeks, but we  
16 didn't have sustained water damage.

17 But, um, there is a real lack of  
18 understanding how the process goes, how many fees  
19 are going to be, um, what the cost of the  
20 different permits are, when redoing it would be  
21 helpful for the Building Department after they  
22 evaluate how to be more effective for the, um,  
23 your consumers.

24 Um, there is no listing ever of what it is  
25 going to cost to kind of redo your house and



1 what are the fees, at least, a kind of menu for  
2 people to get when they are looking at, um, their  
3 budget for the renovating of their house.

4 Um, also computerized, that was always a Page | 33  
5 big issue, um, before Sandy, just trying to get  
6 your C of O, you never know how long it is going  
7 to take.

8 Again, it seems like there is very short  
9 staffing, here.

10 I don't know how the Building Department is  
11 organized.

12 It really doesn't serve the taxpayers, um,  
13 in terms of that.

14 The backlog and Sandy is really difficult.  
15 You just never know when you are going to have  
16 people come in.

17 Obviously, when I was trying to get the C  
18 of O's and try to figure out what was going on,  
19 permits on our house, the only name that ever came  
20 up was Rebecca.

21 I don't know her, but, it just seemed like  
22 she was the only one in the Building Department  
23 that could answer questions.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rebecca First?

25 SUSAN RYAN: That must be the name,

1 I honestly don't know her but that was the only  
2 name and you always had to wait for her to get  
3 back in the office or be able to address it that  
4 is just not an efficient way to run a Department Page | 34  
5 that have so many people with needs and  
6 especially, again, I was very fortunate with the  
7 people that are suffering.

8 I know Liz Treston had a terrible time with  
9 her house and, also the woman that just spoke,  
10 these are emergency situations and there should be  
11 a way for people to be able to streamline, how  
12 they are going to get their answer, um, to their  
13 issues because it is really, you know,  
14 devastating.

15 And, I know there are fourteen hundred  
16 complaints.

17 It is really overdue to have this.

18 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
19 following ensued.)

20 SUSAN RYAN: Look at the Department - - so,  
21 I will stick with my time.

22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

24 Patricia Balassi?

25 PATRICIA BALASSI: Patricia Balassi.

1 I live in Point Lookout.

2 I want to commend you all for the ethics  
3 reform that you are doing and it is bipartisan.'

4 It is wonderful.

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5 And, I hope that it will continue.

6 With the problem of Resolution 8, that it  
7 will be bipartisan and work together, um, also,  
8 um, it is important to have the consultants and  
9 reorganize and some of the stories are just tragic  
10 and I hope that this can be worked out somehow.

11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

13 Felix Procacci?

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

16 This contract to audit the Building  
17 Department is a long-term solution to fix the  
18 numerous problems in the Building Department.

19 Before the Town embarks on hiring another  
20 outside contractor, the officials need to fix the  
21 obvious problems immediately.

22 It is important to note that this  
23 resolution is a reaction to the NBC report showing  
24 incompetence of the Town's Building Commissioner  
25 John Rottkamp.

1 A few years ago it was brought to the  
2 attention of this Board that Commissioner Rottkamp  
3 did not have the qualifications as stated in Town  
4 Code to be the Town's Building Commissioner.

5 And, FOIL-ing all pertinent records, I  
6 asked for and received an official response from  
7 the Town Attorney's Office in the Town's response  
8 written by Chief Deputy Town Attorney Charles  
9 Kovit, he wrote, "engaging statutory construction  
10 is not necessary in this instance."

11 Well, statutory construction is the process  
12 of interpreting the law as it would be interpreted  
13 by the Court of Law.

14 So, in layman's terms, Charles Kovit is  
15 telling me and the public, it is not necessary for  
16 the Town to follow the law as it would be  
17 interpreted by the Courts.

18 After, the discoveries by NBC News, it is  
19 clear that Commissioner Rottkamp doesn't even have  
20 administrative skills necessary to do the job or  
21 the Building Commissioner in such a way to serve  
22 the public goods if his incompetence was not  
23 without consequence.

24 We know about the people whose stories that  
25 were reported on the news, the people who already

1 purchased a home and going to close on a home  
2 tomorrow, who will file a permit sometime in the  
3 near future and be shocked to find that they have  
4 to spend tens of thousands of dollars to have  
5 their house raised.

6 Before more taxpayer money on another  
7 outside consulting firm is spent, the Town should  
8 act quickly to ensure that more homebuyers do not  
9 inadvertently buy a house or close on one that  
10 needs thousand of dollars on unexhibited  
11 construction.

12 The first thing that the Town needs to do  
13 is put out a Press Release to all the major Press  
14 outlets in the area, Nassau/Suffolk and New York  
15 City.

16 Watching people thinking of buying a house  
17 in Hempstead that they need to get the property  
18 designation from the Building Department first and  
19 this should be provided at no charge in the  
20 ordinance of the Freedom of Information Law.

21 We know for a fact that Commissioner  
22 Rottkamp knew about this problem since June, 2018  
23 and did nothing until he was humiliated seven  
24 months later by the same reporter.

25 He knew about the severe problem that

1 would hurt residents and he did nothing.

2 In addition to not having the legal  
3 qualifications to be Building Commissioner, Mr.  
4 Rottkamp does not have the ethical qualifications <sup>Page | 38</sup>  
5 needed - -

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci?

7 FELIX PROCACCI: - - For the job, either -  
8 -

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci?

10 FELIX PROCACCI: He knew about the  
11 situation that would hurt residents and he did  
12 nothing.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci, that is  
14 enough about Mr. Rottkamp.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: It is all true.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Alex - -

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: If I may, you are laying  
18 it all on one Commissioner's doorstep.

19 The responsibility is to make sure that the  
20 work is going to be done.

21 If I gave you money, I would say, what is  
22 going on? What is the process?

23 Where is the problem?

24 Have some responsibility. The contractors  
25 know the fees, so, when you say you don't\

1 know the fees to this matter, if you change what  
2 is happening, I know some contractors they want to  
3 change this and that, that is fine.

4 So, the fees change, so, the price they  
5 gave you in the beginning changes a little with  
6 the fees, labor and they are not the only game in  
7 town.

8 FSBO, For Sale By Owner, LIBOR has no  
9 control over them, so, they fix it up, make it  
10 look pretty on face and they walk away from the  
11 home and it is still falling apart.

12 There has to be a better way to put a red  
13 flag on all of these homes.

14 And, when we do a title search and there is  
15 a red flag and say what is that red flag for and  
16 you look it up and you say, does our Building  
17 Department needs a larger staff?

18 Absolutely.

19 They are ask to take another five percent  
20 cut.

21 They need a larger staff and to get a five  
22 to fifteen percent cut in their budget, so, there  
23 is a number of problems that we have to address.

24 I really truly think this is going to be  
25 one of the first projects that we are going to use

1 our Compliance Officer on.

2 We just hired the guy. I think he should  
3 really get into this and look at it for us and go  
4 over a few things that I noticed that can be  
5 looked at and maybe resolve some of these  
6 problems.

7 So, we hired a great guy to do the  
8 Compliance Officer's job.

9 And, hopefully, I will see what he does and  
10 how he come to us with some of the answers, even  
11 if it is half an answer, it is better than what we  
12 got right, now.

13 The stories you are telling us, what I have  
14 read in the papers, it is not good.

15 It is not fair to the people on the South  
16 Shore that I use to represent.

17 We have to fix this.

18 We can't do this in this Town alone.

19 We need the County and the State and the  
20 Federal Government to give us money, all the way  
21 up the East Coast.

22 We should look into how they did it in  
23 Jersey because they had more property destroyed  
24 than we did.

25 Yes, there is a tremendous problem.



1 I think this should be the first job for  
2 our Compliance Officer to look into this and see,  
3 yes, do we need more people in the Building  
4 Department?

5 Can we do it differently?

6 And, um, go - -

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Commissioner Rottkamp,  
8 are you here?

9 Commissioner Rottkamp, is he here?

10 Just a quick question, Commissioner, did  
11 New York Rising have anything to do with the PDA  
12 determination?

13 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: No. Basically, what  
14 happens was these Preliminary Damage Assessment  
15 Forms were filled out so that Long Island would  
16 get money from the Federal Government in planning  
17 and disaster, that is why all these form were  
18 done.

19 When we went house to house, we went to one  
20 hundred and sixty thousand homes and from the  
21 outside, most people weren't home because at that  
22 that time, they didn't have power.

23 They didn't have heat and there were a lot  
24 of homes that were destroyed so from the outside,  
25 we would look at the house and try to

1 determine if it had some water and possibly their,  
2 um, boiler or hot water heater could have gotten  
3 damaged so we put that as a yellow or if there was  
4 high amounts of water in the home where it would  
5 be designated as red, the purpose of these were -  
6 - only were really to determine so that Federal  
7 money could come to Long Island.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Right.

9 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: As far as the  
10 locations are concerned, people are going to  
11 Closings.

12 So, this information is available.

13 It was available on the computer.

14 As far as some of the changes that were  
15 made, it is on the search use.

16 There are signs in the Building Department,  
17 when people buy a house, they are hiring an  
18 attorney.

19 Every attorney on Long Island knows about  
20 Sandy, okay, so, they know and see the damage.

21 The real estate people know about it.

22 The home inspectors, when I hire a home  
23 inspector who comes to your house to determine if  
24 there was termites and stuff could see if there  
25 was water damage on these homes.

1 So, all of this stuff is available, um, to  
2 somebody who is purchasing the home.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

4 So, New York Rising had nothing to do with <sup>Page | 43</sup>  
5 the PDA Notices?

6 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: That is correct.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: And, New York Rising  
8 does not control the access to the PDA notices, is  
9 that right?

10 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: PDA notices are on  
11 the computers.

12 We had meetings with the title companies.

13 We had meetings, um, with Long Island  
14 Builders Institute explaining the situation to  
15 them, where, how to do it.

16 The real estate companies know about it and  
17 all that information is in the computer.

18 Again, the only thing that does, is tell  
19 you that we think that there was substantial  
20 damage or moderate or no damage to your home.

21 You, purchasing the home or the homeowner  
22 that was there, they are supposed to fill out a  
23 Division of License - - when you purchase a home,  
24 you fill out a Division of License Form through  
25 New York State.

1 It is called a Conditional Disclosure  
2 Statement and in that statement you are supposed  
3 to write down any environmental issue, any damage  
4 to the house that you are supposed to let the new <sup>Page | 44</sup>  
5 homeowner know, so that is also supposed to be  
6 done, as well.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, thank you so  
8 much.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: If I could  
10 add, Supervisor, I did a tour of the Building  
11 Department.

12 There are so many people there. It is so  
13 packed down there.

14 There are not enough people. I know they  
15 are short Code Enforcement Officers.

16 I think they are sore five Code Enforcers,  
17 now.

18 We don't have enough people.

19 There is space. The Communications  
20 Department only has two people in it.

21 There is no reason we cannot move them over  
22 to that area so we can have enough space for them  
23 to work because I can't believe what we have as  
24 far as all of those charts are concerned, if  
25 anything happens we are going to be in trouble.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: That is something - -

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Well, listen,  
3 I went down and I saw it for myself.

4 This is a hazard.

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5 It is a hazard, so, why can't we make more  
6 space for them.

7 We don't have the space and we don't have  
8 the staff, so that is some of the problem, is that  
9 right.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I definitely think  
11 there is structural organization that maybe our  
12 consultant can recommend that would make things  
13 run smooth in there.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We have a  
15 Compliance Officer.

16 We need more people and we need the  
17 Compliance Officer that is why we hired the  
18 Compliance Officer for this type of thing.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We cannot all speak at  
20 once.

21 One at a time.

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

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am speaking.

25 First of all, I know the first time

1 I hear about whomever these people are that you  
2 plan to hire, I have never heard of them, I never  
3 seen them, you know how I found out?

4 In the newspaper and I am on this Board and <sup>Page | 46</sup>  
5 you expect me to vote for some that I don't know  
6 anything about?

7 I think this is terrible. You didn't  
8 invite us to the Press Conference.

9 You didn't send out a Press Release, so, we  
10 could read it and I don't think that is fair,  
11 Supervisor.

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

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I don't want  
15 to say, but I have to, because it is important and  
16 we do what is right for these people that live  
17 here in the Town of Hempstead.

18 I am still speaking - -

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

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is not  
22 nice what you are doing, the whole thing.

23 We have a Compliance Officer, now.

24 The Compliance Officer will go through and  
25 find everything that we need.

1 I am telling you; it is not good.

2 You don't know who these people are. I  
3 don't know who they are.

4 How are you going to know?

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, the RFP that went  
6 out for a consultant was published on our website.

7 It was published on our website. You can  
8 visit on our website.

9 You can see the RFP. It was published and  
10 the full involvement of Department Staff.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No way, not  
12 one person was involved in it, not one person.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The Commissioner of the  
14 Building Department was involved. Two  
15 representatives from the Town Attorney's Office  
16 were involved.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Was anybody  
18 there from the Town Attorney's?

19 I don't want to do this in public, so,  
20 please, don't make me, all right.

21 You're responsible.

22 What you are doing is wrong. How do you  
23 expect me to vote for someone that I don't even  
24 know who they are in the first place?

25 We are all supposed to know what is going

1 on in the Town where money is concerned and that  
2 these people are the right people.

3 We have a Compliance Officer, now.

4 We just hired him last week.

5 Why can't we use the Compliance Officer to  
6 go through and help us get this thing right.

7 I am willing to go down there and work with  
8 him.

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, I don't have  
12 the resolution in front of me but is part of the  
13 Compliance Officer's responsibilities to make  
14 recommendations about the Building Department?

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I would think, I don't  
16 have it in front of me either, I think the  
17 Compliance Officer is going to review contracts  
18 and certainly this is a contract, so, it could fit  
19 under the jurisdiction.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: But, we had Brad  
21 Rogenbergen and Robert Nori, both from the Town  
22 Attorney's Office, as well as the Commissioner  
23 sitting in, experts on contracts and other  
24 Building Department staff sitting in and  
25 reviewing, um, the different applicants.



1           There are three applicants, one just  
2           responded for a financial audit, so they were  
3           disqualified because that is not what we are  
4           looking for.

5           And, between the other two, the consultant,  
6           FTI that was chosen, was with the Commissioner's  
7           recommendation because he liked their approach  
8           better.

9           It was a more collaborative approach, not  
10          just coming in and everybody with a report but  
11          working with the officers in the Building  
12          Department in a collaborative way to try to find  
13          best practices, streamline efficiencies and try to  
14          work together because we can always improve  
15          things.

16          I am talking now - -

17          SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: As soon as you  
18          finish, I have a comment.

19          SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If we award this RFP it  
20          will allow for a full operational audit of our  
21          Building Department, bringing in experts with a  
22          fresh set of eyes and a fresh prospective to work  
23          with our staff to find the error, where  
24          improvements can be made and how we deliver  
25          services to our residents, to our contractors

1 and to developers.

2 They will look at the entire Department,  
3 the workspace, the staffing levels, the current  
4 technology, materials used to determine where  
5 efficiency can be created.

6 I believe that the award of this contract  
7 would be a crucial investment in the future of  
8 this Town and in the future of this Department.

9 Again, the Building Commissioner was part  
10 of the application process.

11 I was not part of the selection process.

12 The Building Commissioner sat there with  
13 two people from the Town Attorney's Office and  
14 they all reviewed the applicants together and  
15 scored them and came to a joint decision that this  
16 was the right company to hire.

17 Again, one of their chief people that will  
18 be working on this project if they are hired,  
19 reformed the entire New York City Building  
20 Department.

21 Our Building Department is one of, if not  
22 the largest in the Country, at this level of  
23 government.

24 They process over nine thousand  
25 applications a year for new and existing homes

1 and seven thousand plumbing permits.

2 Moving forward, this is simply a good thing  
3 to do that will benefit everyone that works in the  
4 Building Department.

5 We want to make your life easier.

6 We want to make you have streamline  
7 efficiency.

8 We want to make things easier for the  
9 Commissioner.

10 We want to get that fresh eyes to say,  
11 "hey, why don't you try this? What do you think  
12 about this?

13 "Will this work for you? Will it not work  
14 for you?"

15 We want to work collaboratively with our  
16 Building Department to find ways to make it easier  
17 so we don't hear complaints trying to improve how  
18 we deliver service, that is what we are all here  
19 for.

20 So, I think this should be an easy yes for  
21 everyone to vote, everyone here.

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

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Listen, I  
25 don't know who these people are.

1 I have never seen them. I never heard of  
2 them.

3 The only thing I know is I found out about  
4 them is in the newspaper, that is not right. Page | 52

5 I am a Member of the Board. I have rights  
6 for the residents that I represent and all of us,  
7 so, therefore, we are supposed to have the right  
8 to vote.

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

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Dorothy, I invited you  
12 to meet with me every week.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, no, no, it  
14 has nothing to do with this.

15 You put this in the paper before I ever saw  
16 it.

17 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Madam Supervisor, I  
18 have a comment to make, Madam Supervisor, I  
19 recognized the concerns of the citizens, here.

20 I commend our Building Department.

21 Um, recognizing that the primary  
22 jurisdiction of the Compliance Officer is in  
23 awarding contracts.

24 I look at the three bids, here.

25 The low bid was thirty thousand

1 Dollars.

2 The next bid was thirty-nine thousand and  
3 the recommended vendor is one hundred and fifty-  
4 five thousand dollars - -

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: What?

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: One hundred and  
7 fifty-five thousand dollars was the high bid.

8 The low bid was thirty thousand. Both bids  
9 were rejected for the recommended one hundred and  
10 fifty-five thousand.

11 That disparity in bid price is causing  
12 great concern.

13 I think this is the right recommendation to  
14 the Compliance Officer.

15 So, I move we adjourn this item without  
16 date for a recommendation from the Compliance  
17 Officer.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second the Motion.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The thirty thousand - -

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: There is a Motion,  
21 please, there is a Motion, please - -

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: From RFP finance - -

23 COUNCILMAN AMROSINO: There is a motion.

24 Mr. Parliamentarian, Mr. Parliamentarian,  
25 there is a Motion on the table.

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Excuse me, could you  
2 please conduct yourself like a gentleman and stop  
3 yelling at the dais.

4 I want to clarify the point that you made; <sup>Page | 54</sup>  
5 the low bid for thirty thousand and they put in a  
6 response to do a financial audit of the Building  
7 Department, that was not what was requested.

8 It was deemed non-responsive and that is  
9 why it was rejected.

10 The lower bid was for a different scope of  
11 work and with the recommendation of our Building  
12 Commissioner that is why they went to FTI  
13 Consultants.

14 It was a more comprehensive and cohesive  
15 and collaborative experience of the audit, that is  
16 why that was selected, not by me, but by the  
17 panel.

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I never said by you.

19 I think those are interesting points, that,  
20 perhaps, the Compliance Officer when he is  
21 reviewing it may ratify, so, there is a Motion on  
22 the table.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Motion on the  
24 table, there is a Motion on the table, excuse me,  
25 there is a Motion on the table.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We still have people  
2 that want to be heard that have waited a long  
3 time, so, I think they should be heard.

4 I already called Alan Kennemer before that <sup>Page | 55</sup>  
5 Motion was made.

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: No, no, you didn't.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, I did.

8 Alan Kennemer, you can come up.

9 I called Alan Kennemer before this Motion  
10 was made.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can I just say  
12 on the Motion, where we are, I don't think we need  
13 to fight that much on this issue.

14 I think there is a general agreement that  
15 we can always do - - we have a bid on the table  
16 for one hundred fifty-five, the thirty, one, was  
17 being rejected as non-responsive and there was  
18 another one for thirty-nine.

19 It could be that the one hundred and fifty-  
20 five is a proper amount.

21 Can we adjourn this for two weeks, have the  
22 Compliance Officer review it and everyone can get  
23 comfortable?

24 I think we are all in agreement that we  
25 have some challenges and, in fact, in my District,

1 I would say we have the bulk of the challenges  
2 considering I represent all Towns on the water and  
3 I respect, especially, the woman from Merrick, who  
4 is in my District, can we adjourn this for two  
5 weeks.

6 (Whereupon, Meta Mereday yelling out from  
7 the audience, "there are residents who want to  
8 speak tonight, you are out of order, residents  
9 that need to speak tonight need to be heard."

10 After, the following ensued.)

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Totally,  
12 absolutely, before we get involved in something  
13 that is unfortunate, absolutely speak.

14 Absolutely vote on the motion but I think  
15 we all realize there is an issue, it is a question  
16 of how to best handle it.

17 (Whereupon, Meta Mereday yelling out from  
18 the audience, "the residents who are here tonight  
19 may not be able to come back in two weeks."

20 After, the following ensued.)

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Absolutely can  
22 speak, promise.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Kennemer, you were  
24 called before the Motion was made, so, you will  
25 have the opportunity to speak right, now.



1           COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Supervisor, can I  
2 make a comment, um, again, you know, everybody  
3 knows that anything could be corrected, anything  
4 could be move forward, have positive results. Page | 57

5           Now, as everyone is aware that on December  
6 31, 2017, the Building Department lost nine Code  
7 Enforcement Officers.

8           Since that time, we received four more and  
9 we are still short five Code Enforcement Officers  
10 to do the job.

11           As everyone is aware, Sandy was an  
12 unprecedented storm that affected the Town of  
13 Hempstead more than anyone else.

14           The Building Department reviewed 6.3  
15 million dollars for the free permits to homeowners  
16 on top of the normal work that we have done.

17           Um, again, you know, if the issues are that  
18 the plans aren't put forward fast enough, then,  
19 obviously, we need more Plan Examiners.

20           If the issue is that we need more Code  
21 Enforcers on the street, then that is what we  
22 need.

23           We were short Inspectors prior to Sandy and  
24 since January, 2018, we are still down five, so,  
25 we did do the 6.3 million dollars of extra

1 work with less people and all our normal work we  
2 normally do, as well.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you,  
4 Commissioner.

5 The purpose of this resolution is not to  
6 castigate, it is to just work together to find  
7 ways to make things easier for everybody, for  
8 residents, for developers and for the people that  
9 work there.

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

12 ALAN KENNEMER: My name is Alan Kennemer.  
13 263 Mercury Street, East Meadow.

14 I am also a Member of the Long Island  
15 Builders Institute, so, I am speaking as a  
16 resident and also as a Member of LIBI.

17 You know, I am not here to be negative and  
18 point the finger.

19 Everybody is saying the right thing. We  
20 have to work together.

21 Everybody coming together and helping the  
22 residents.

23 It will help the Building Industry.

24 It will help the employees that work in the  
25 Building Department.

1           There are constant changes, whether it is  
2 rules, laws, people, technology and not to mention  
3 weather, Hurricane Sandy put us in a tailspin.

4           And, we are still trying to recover from Page | 59  
5 that, so being in the Building Department is not  
6 easy and we know it is not easy.

7           It is constantly changing and tempers  
8 flare, we know that.

9           You talk about changes, I was cleaning out  
10 my garage last weekend, I found a floppy disk that  
11 goes in the computer, I have a fourteen year old  
12 son, he said, "what is that?"

13           I said this is what we used to use in  
14 computers.

15           He is only fourteen years old. Look how  
16 much change is taking place.

17           Changes happen every day. We have to grow  
18 with these changes, um, you know, my job gets  
19 reviewed every year to see what I am doing, how I  
20 am doing it and what can I do better to make my  
21 job easier and better for the company.

22           Um, so, I think change is good. Change is  
23 good.

24           We have to group together, come together  
25 and make sure it is good for everybody.

1 So, I am one hundred percent in support of  
2 this resolution as Kevin stated LIBI is here to  
3 support you if we can aid you in any of that, um,  
4 but, thank you very much. Page | 60

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you so much.

6 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Madam Supervisor, I  
7 like to modify my Motion, I think there is a  
8 Motion on the table and the Parliamentarian should  
9 call it, however, in light of the Majority  
10 Leader's comments and deference to the people that  
11 came down, let's make the Motion and call a vote  
12 on it and suspend the rule to allow public comment  
13 on the adjourned motion, even though it is not  
14 before us, today.

15 We have to suspend the rules to allow  
16 public comment, the adjournment would preclude  
17 public comment but, that is not fair to the people  
18 that came down, so, I suggest we call the Motion.

19 It is a compound motion allowing public  
20 comment if the matter is successfully passed,  
21 adjourned and referred to the Compliance Officer.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Thank you for  
23 saying it more eloquently than I, second.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye, on adjourning  
2 this matter referring to the Compliance Officer  
3 and suspending the rules to allow public comment  
4 to accommodate the people who came down, tonight. Page | 61

5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
6 Motion.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

9 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman  
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I just want to be  
18 clear; I think the Councilman said we would  
19 adjourn this for two weeks.

20 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I thought it was  
21 adjourned without a date, Majority Leader?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The next meeting is  
23 February 26<sup>th</sup>.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I propose to  
25 have it adjourned until the next meeting,

1 if the Compliance Officer, who is here thinks that  
2 is enough time to review, if not, we can always  
3 adjourn it, again.

4 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: That is a reasonable <sup>Page | 62</sup>  
5 expectation.

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: And, I want  
7 everyone to know I want the best for the Town.

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

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: But, I do know  
11 one thing, we have to know who is coming here to  
12 do the work.

13 We have no idea. We are sitting here; we  
14 have a vote. I don't know who they are. I never  
15 seen these people.

16 I don't know, maybe they are the best ones  
17 but I would like to be able to see them and I  
18 would like to also interview them as a Town Board  
19 Member, that is what I am asking.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are we still in the  
21 middle of a vote?

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Nope, we  
23 finished.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote no on the  
25 adjournment because this has been fully vetted by

1 our Town Attorney's Office and by Members of the  
2 Building Department, fully vetted, this applicant  
3 and found them to be most suited.

4 I don't think the delay is in the best Page | 63  
5 interest of the residents of this Town, so, I  
6 vote, no.

7 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: But, the whole  
8 thing is we all have a vote and we are not - - we  
9 need to know what we are doing.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I agree.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We need to  
12 know what we are doing.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, Mr. Ra.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We need to be clear what  
15 the Motion was.

16 Did we adjourn to February 26<sup>th</sup> or did we  
17 adjourn without a date?

18 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Mr. Ra, I believe it  
19 was adjourned to February 26<sup>th</sup> provided the  
20 Compliance Officer completes his review by that  
21 time.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second it.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is already done.

25 Regina Dattner?

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1 REGINA DATTNER: Regina Dattner. 1742 Haft  
2 Avenue, Wantagh.

3 I am, here, as I volunteer at the Shelter  
4 and all the dogs - - I would like the resolutions, <sup>Page | 64</sup>  
5 9 and 10, 13 and 16 to get passed.

6 Um, microchip is an excellent thing for the  
7 dogs.

8 We just had a case where a dog was found  
9 after six years because of the microchip.

10 Um, also, I have to tell you the  
11 Behaviorist, Christie Fanti has been working  
12 diligently with the dogs, unbelievably.

13 She started the nutrition program which has  
14 been fantastic for the dogs and, now, there is a  
15 new program that they are thinking of called Dogs  
16 Play for Life.

17 I think that is excellent.

18 Please vote yes for all of these as far as  
19 the dogs, as far as, um, it has been a long day,  
20 as far as, um, Lynn Tammon, she does a fantastic  
21 job with the rescue and getting the dogs where  
22 they should be.

23 The staff is awesome.

24 I am there seven evenings.

25 I missed you the other day, Ms. Gillen,



1 you came earlier in the day.

2 Um, I welcome anybody that wants to come in  
3 the evening and take a look at the dogs that the  
4 Enrichment Program has done very well. Page | 65

5 I go in kennels every evening and I don't  
6 even hear any dogs.

7 Everybody is so happy compared to how it  
8 was.

9 For some people that are here, I did bring  
10 some volunteer applications for them if they are  
11 interested, we welcome anybody to come and  
12 volunteer and help us with the dogs and the cats;  
13 and that is all.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for  
15 volunteering.

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

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Richard Schurin?

19 RICHARD SCHURIN: Richard Schurin. 167  
20 Jefferson Avenue, Palm Isle, New York.

21 Um, I just want to say that the idea that  
22 you're waiting for a Compliance Officer to approve  
23 an RFP is a farce.

24 This Board operated for years without a  
25 Compliance Officer, approved, you know, dozens, if

1 not hundreds of thousands of contracts without a  
2 Compliance Officer.

3 You are approving contracts, today without  
4 the Compliance Officer looking at it. Page | 66

5 The idea that a Compliance Officer is going  
6 to get involved in the RFP process when you have a  
7 Committee that already, you know, seen the  
8 proposals, sit with them, voted on them and now  
9 you are creating a situation where you are  
10 pretending that a Compliance Officer would be  
11 involved in that process is wrong and not right.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Mr. Schurin, we  
13 are not pretending anything.

14 It is all on public record and there is a  
15 one hundred and ten dollar difference between the  
16 one hundred and fifty-five and the thirty-nine,  
17 so, there is no pretense.

18 There is no farce.

19 The Compliance Officer is here. He will do  
20 his review and we will get feedback and that is  
21 what we are trying to do.

22 This is a democracy. We are trying to  
23 salvage something fully acknowledging that people  
24 have problems.

25 It is not a farce.

1 RICHARD SCHURIN: It is a farce. It was  
2 voted on and considered appropriate and because it  
3 wasn't presented by you, you refuse to vote on it  
4 and refuse to allow it to go forward so residents <sup>Page | 67</sup>  
5 are going to have to wait longer and longer only  
6 because the Majority is not the one presenting it  
7 and you know it is ridiculous.

8 And, like I said, I am an attorney, the  
9 idea that the Compliance Officer is necessary to  
10 review this before you vote, I mean, it is just a  
11 farce and it is creating something in order to  
12 avoid - - to have to take a vote, today.

13 And, you know and everyone should know that  
14 and I want to say this is on the news, they had a  
15 news report on this and the idea that you are all  
16 surprised that something is getting done, I would  
17 ask Ms. Goosby - -

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Excuse me?

19 RICHARD SCHURIN: I would ask you what was  
20 the Board doing?

21 What was the Majority's plan to address  
22 this plan, all this time?

23 At least the Supervisor was doing  
24 something.

25 (Whereupon, applause from the audience

1 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: The  
3 difference; do you see the money?

4 You asked me a question, I will answer it. <sup>Page | 68</sup>

5 First of all, it is important to me that I  
6 know what I am doing.

7 I was elected by the people just for that.  
8 I don't know who these people are.

9 I never seen anybody, as far as you know, I  
10 haven't seen anything.

11 The only way I found out about this was  
12 through the newspaper and I am not supposed to do  
13 - I sit here as a Board Member who has a vote and  
14 that is why I sit here.

15 I don't do things like that. If I had done  
16 that and it came out wrong you will say, oh, you  
17 did the wrong thing.

18 Okay, I want the Building Department to  
19 work well, too, that is why I went down a couple  
20 of times and I go through to see what is going on.

21 They need more space, Number 1.

22 They definitely need that. Everybody is  
23 sitting on top of each other.

24 I want to come down. You come with me, I  
25 will take you down and see what I am talking

1 about.

2 Someone needs to see that. I want it to  
3 work efficiently, too, but I want to know who the  
4 people are we are hiring.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Councilwoman, since  
6 that newspaper article came out you never  
7 contacted me once to ask me anything about this.

8 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Why would I?

9 Let - -

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Let's just be clear.

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Why would I?

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Why would I, if you  
13 said you had no information, you could have asked  
14 me.

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: First of all,  
16 you know I wasn't here. I was away burying my  
17 brother.

18 RICHARD SCHURIN: Listen, I just want to  
19 say people that know how the process works and how  
20 this works, you are not fooling anybody.

21 You can pretend.

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

24 RICHARD SCHURIN: You are not fooling  
25 anyone.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Goosby, did you  
2 meet every single vendor whoever did a contract  
3 with the Town of Hempstead?

4 Did you meet every single vendor that ever <sup>Page | 70</sup>  
5 did a contract with the Town of Hempstead?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Most of them.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You met every single  
8 one of them?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I know all of  
10 these people.

11 We just passed an ethics law.

12 (Whereupon, "six years later," was heard  
13 yelling out from the audience. After, the  
14 following ensued.)

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We are doing  
16 it, now.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Senior Councilwoman,  
18 did you meet with every vendor before you voted on  
19 every contract in the Town of Hempstead since you  
20 have been here?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Not all of  
22 them but I knew about them before they came in the  
23 newspaper.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Diane Madden?

25 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, um, Item

1 Number 10, um, could somebody, please, tell me  
2 with regards to the, um, and I did speak to  
3 officials but I just like to be clear and have  
4 some things on the record, but with regards to the <sup>Page | 71</sup>  
5 euthanasia by owner, is this eliminated from the  
6 fee schedule?

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, Mr. Loccaruba,  
8 would you like to explain.

9 MR. LOCCARUBA: Good evening. This  
10 proposal, this resolution would eliminate the  
11 euthanasia.

12 Any animal that is surrendered to the  
13 Shelter upon evaluation, if it is deemed whether  
14 or - - medical reason or whatever, the Shelter  
15 would have the right once the animal is in their  
16 possession to euthanize any of them.

17 DIANE MADDEN: To be clear, if an owner is  
18 looking to turn in a dog, for whatever reason, for  
19 euthanasia, you are saying they still sign that  
20 euthanasia record, they are just not charge for  
21 euthanasia?

22 MR. LOCCARUBA: I am saying this proposal  
23 would say if you are looking to just have your  
24 animal euthanized, go to your Veterinarian.

25 If you are surrendering the animal

1 to the Shelter, if there is a medical issue or  
2 other issues with that animal and the  
3 determination is that it needs to be euthanized,  
4 the Shelter will do the euthanasia in a humane Page | 72  
5 process.

6 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, the animal shelter  
7 will do intake if the owner is intending on  
8 euthanizing the animal and the shelter determines  
9 that - -

10 MR. LOCCARUBA: They do that any way.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are doing that  
12 because we are a no-kill shelter, is that right,  
13 Mr. Loccaruba?

14 MR. LOCCARUBA: It is part of the reason,  
15 yes.

16 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, so, I just want to  
17 understand that the public can still go to the  
18 shelter, is this still a service or is this no  
19 longer a fee and the shelter determines who gets  
20 euthanized?

21 MR. LOCCARUBA: I guess it is not an  
22 encouraged process at the shelter.

23 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, so, the service is no  
24 longer there, I support that.

25 MR. LOCCARUBA: If an animal needs to be



1 Euthanized for whatever reason, it will still  
2 happen at the shelter, okay.

3 DIANE MADDEN: All right, um, thank you.

4 Number - - Item Number 15, um, I just  
5 wanted to thank the Board, especially because if  
6 you recall several months ago, um, Laura Gillen  
7 put up a resolution to charge the taxpayers  
8 somewhere between nine and ten thousand dollars  
9 for, um, training, that is available through Grant  
10 money and thankfully, the Animal Farm Foundation  
11 has provided that Grant money.

12 There are, by the way, millions of dollars  
13 in Grant money.

14 I do support this resolution and I  
15 encourage the training, certainly, the volunteers  
16 need more training, um, and this is a program that  
17 will benefit the animals overall.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would like to thank  
19 Rebecca Sinclair for that Grant.

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

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms.  
23 Sinclair.

24 DIANE MADDEN: That is interesting.

25 (Whereupon, applause from the audience

1 was heard. After, the following ensued.)

2 DIANE MADDEN: But, I would like to thank  
3 Mr. Steven - - who works at the animal shelter  
4 who has secured many Grants for the Animal  
5 Shelter, particularly the cats.

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6 I want to point that out because you are a  
7 divider.

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

10 DIANE MADDEN: Um, Item Number 16, again,  
11 and this maybe a question for your, Mr. Ra, I just  
12 wanted to clarify this is terrific microchipping,  
13 but, again, we discussed this regarding the, um,  
14 hopefully not circumventing the spay/neuter law  
15 that is in place.

16 The mandatory spay/neuter law - -

17 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
18 following ensued.)

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I does not. The  
20 spay/neuter law is still in effect.

21 DIANE MADDEN: Right, it is in effect for  
22 this particular microchipping, does that indicate  
23 that some of these animals will be spayed  
24 immediately if they are found, that they  
25 immediately go through the process of intake and

1 Mandatory spay/neuter?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: First of all, we do not  
3 discuss this, now - -

4 DIANE MADDEN: One of the Town Office  
5 Agencies - -

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6 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know. I am sure  
7 the Department will get the system, come up with a  
8 process for spay/neuter and microchipping.

9 I am not aware of what - - how they are  
10 going to do it.

11 DIANE MADDEN: Because the issue that  
12 arises if the animals are returned through the  
13 microchipping, this particular service that really  
14 it is contrary to trying to humanely deal with the  
15 over population of animals, so, that is the  
16 concern, so, I did deal with one of the officials.

17 I was told they were going to clarify their  
18 police and procedures.

19 It is not in this written resolution.

20 It is very important, that it is, um, I did  
21 not check the resolution. Please make sure that  
22 it is the case.

23 MR. LOCCARUBA: Can I just clarify that,  
24 Supervisor?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Sure.

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1 MR. LOCCARUBA: Currently, there are no  
2 chip readers.

3 This Resolution is to promote microchipping  
4 of animals. Page | 76

5 This is still a good thing.

6 We want people to chip their animals while  
7 we work towards getting scanner for the trucks.

8 We will work with the Town Attorney's  
9 Office and Shelter staff to make sure the  
10 spay/neuter laws are enforced.

11 DIANE MADDEN: That they are not  
12 circumvented.

13 MR LACCARUBA: Correct.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Valerie Lampe?

15 VALERIE LAMPE: Valerie Lampe, Baldwin, um,  
16 first of all, I just had a question with regards  
17 to the Compliance Officer.

18 What is this person's name?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Tom Wildig, he is right  
20 behind you.

21 If you could stand.

22 VALERIE LAMPE: Thank you.

23 Um, okay, secondly, I commend the Board for  
24 tabling the vote with regards to the audit,  
25 especially, because of the huge discrepancy

1 amongst the bid awarded versus potentially one  
2 hundred thousand dollar-plus savings.

3 Um, I know everyone gets up in arms with  
4 regards to contracts and making sure that, you Page | 77  
5 now, we are not just handing off one hundred and  
6 fifty-five thousand dollars if we can get the same  
7 work done for a much more reasonable price.

8 Um, the Shelter, I am enthused actually to  
9 see the items in the resolutions and while we are  
10 on the topic of thanking people, you know what, I  
11 look at things from, I hope an from an objective  
12 standpoint, I sit back and I learn from people and  
13 I listen.

14 I never claim to be an expert. This is  
15 something I learn about every day; animal welfare  
16 and I met a lot of great people who I consider to  
17 be friends.

18 Now, um, Diane Madden, I want to thank  
19 you for not only writing legislation but also for  
20 alerting the Board months ago to the fact that we  
21 did not have to spend ten thousand dollars had she  
22 not interfered earlier that money would have been  
23 spent.

24 I also want to thank her for mentioning to  
25 the Supervisor about the forfeiture fund which

1 saved a lot of animals because no one thanked her  
2 for all of her knowledge and expertise that she  
3 has lent to you and shared for the best interest  
4 of the animals.

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5 She also shared earlier during your first  
6 few months of your Administration, her knowledge  
7 and expertise with Rebecca Sinclair.

8 So, Rebecca, although you were  
9 acknowledged, you should thank Diane Madden for  
10 sharing her expertise with you.

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

13 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, let's be fair and  
14 while we are at it, you know, the volunteer  
15 program at the Shelter, someone mentioned grabbing  
16 a leash.

17 I heard this line before. I want to say  
18 this, I am happy to grab a leash and I said this  
19 publicly before, as soon as you fix the problems  
20 that stem from the top, the mismanagement, the  
21 abuse and the patronage jobs which you complained.

22 Are you saying, now, because last time you  
23 backtracked - -

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have - -

25 VALERIE LAMPE: Okay, keep repeating

1 yourself, I will keep repeating myself.

2 You campaigned on abuse, mismanagement and  
3 patronage jobs.

4 Your words, two meetings ago, you tried to <sup>Page | 79</sup>  
5 backtrack with an "oopsie."

6 You don't get to do that.

7 You don't get to take back and back pedal  
8 on your words.

9 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
10 following ensued.)

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
12 comments.

13 Pat Cohs?

14 PAT COHS: I wasn't intending on speaking,  
15 however, when I heard such bad stories about the  
16 Building Department and concerns of some of my  
17 neighbors, I wanted to say something.

18 Bayville Boulevard in Oceanside, my husband  
19 is not here, um, when the storm hit 2012, I  
20 reached out to FEMA and Freeport Rec. Center and  
21 there were many advisors and I elevated my house.

22 I actually dealt with that first in  
23 December of 2012 and I had to prove to her that I  
24 was substantially damaged when I did my homework  
25 with FEMA.

1 My house was lifted and I was back in my  
2 home September, 2013, before, um, New York Rising  
3 even got a chance to visit my house.

4 But, what I wanted to share, Becky First Page | 80  
5 told me the permit - - it was a messy situation,  
6 but, she did help me, but, what I wanted to share  
7 as I learned more about my flood insurance costs  
8 as a community, I, um, spoke to Linda Reed, in  
9 person, who I don't believe is any longer  
10 involved, here, but a lovely woman and I explained  
11 or I asked why is the Town of Hempstead the  
12 largest Town in the Country with a huge Flood Map  
13 in it, not part of the community discount program  
14 for FEMA?

15 Because it is based on how many substantial  
16 homes you have or how many substantially improved  
17 homes you have.

18 It makes a difference with flood insurance  
19 for someone, whether they are paying four thousand  
20 dollars a year versus three hundred dollars a year  
21 and she reached out to Becky First at the time and  
22 the answer which came back to me within the hour  
23 was, "Well, FEMA is beyond small municipalities,  
24 now, they don't have time for us."

25 Now, I said, well, now is the time



1 Everyone is dropping their money and doing all  
2 these things to fix their houses, we don't want to  
3 hear two years later that your house needs to be  
4 elevated.

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5 So, the entire community can get a  
6 community discount on their flood insurance, which  
7 is a long time five years, ten years, fifteen  
8 years out which would have an economic impact on  
9 the Town of Hempstead.

10 So, I am sorry it wasn't picked up at that  
11 point but I will tell you, um - - I have forty  
12 seconds left, anyone who is able to do this job  
13 for thirty thousand dollars, I don't believe it is  
14 possible, this is a very hard project.

15 It really needs to be done correctly and on  
16 Long Island I would be impressed if anyone could  
17 do that job.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You're talking about  
19 the consultant?

20 PATTY COHS: Correct.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

22 PATTY COHS: Thank you.

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: The information we gave  
24 you was the information that was at hand at that  
25 time.

1 PAT COHS: Correct.

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: She did a great job.

3 PAT COHS: That was back in 2012.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you and I like to Page | 82

5 add, I have the utmost confidence that the  
6 selection committee really thoroughly vetted these  
7 vendors and really did a good job to ensure that  
8 the taxpayers' best interests were going to be  
9 served by the selection of FTI.

10 Marsha Berrios?

11 MARSHA BERRIOS: Marsha Berrios, Levittown.  
12 I would like to talk about the, um, animal  
13 program.

14 Um, so, first, I am going to stir a few  
15 people behind me with what I am going to say.

16 But, I have a point to make, um, and let me  
17 just say that you're not your dog's Mom and Dad  
18 and you're dog is not your baby or your fur baby.

19 Dogs and Humans are two different species  
20 and they behave very differently.

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

23 MARSHA BERRIOS: We have wonderful  
24 relationships with dogs, a natural relationship  
25 with the, but, um, they are different.

1 They play differently with each other than  
2 they do with us.

3 They can relieve each other's stress in a  
4 way that we can't possibly do. Page | 83

5 And, um, they can relax together in a way  
6 that we can't do with them.

7 So, I think this Play for Life Program will  
8 be a wonderful thing to get enforced at a Shelter.

9 And, I think it will benefit us in many  
10 ways as a Town, as a Shelter, as a community.

11 Um, first of all, it will give the dogs to  
12 - - how can we say this - - to let them, the real  
13 dog emerge because they will be able to do the  
14 things that they can't do while they are in cages.

15 Our building is not a good building for  
16 long-term residents for dogs because we have a  
17 tiny aisle with dogs facing each other.

18 This is very, very stressful for dogs.

19 It is not a good situation.

20 They can see each other but they can't  
21 interact which is very bad for dogs.

22 So, if they can get out of that into a play  
23 yard, where they can become a real dog, just so  
24 their inner dog comes out, there will be more  
25 opportunities for them to get adopted because

1 they will be able to go into homes with another  
2 dog in a home which a lot of them can't do right,  
3 now, because they are not properly socialized with  
4 each other and they can become properly socialized  
5 with each other. Page | 84

6 The other thing is by relieving the stress  
7 that this is going to do for them, it will bring  
8 down a lot of medical issues which is caused by  
9 stress just like people.

10 A lot of stress in dogs will present a lot  
11 of medical issues because of that stress, so, that  
12 is another advantage.

13 Um, and it is very good for this Grant,  
14 which I don't think people think about, that is  
15 when you are applying for Grants, people look at  
16 applications for Grants, they look at what other  
17 Grants have been given to that entity in the past  
18 and, um - -

19 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
20 following ensued.)

21 MARSHA BERRIOS: I am sorry, but we can get  
22 more Grants, is what I am saying.

23 Can I have one more second?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

25 MARSHA BERRIOS: Okay, so, what I am

1 thinking of Grants and I talked about that last  
2 time is what if we could get a Grant for  
3 artificial turf and play yard, this is my little  
4 prop, just what we have, now in our play yards. Page | 85

5 It smells a little bit.

6 It is not poop. It is not poop; I promise  
7 you.

8 This is what we have, now.

9 I wrapped it into two bags. These are our  
10 tennis balls we throw in the play yard, is what  
11 they look like.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay.

13 MARSHA BERRIOS: And, this is a toy, brand  
14 new, people donate these things.

15 It costs a lot of money and I am sure it is  
16 not helpful to the dogs.

17 It is not good for us so and, then, what  
18 about solar panels.

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, thank you.

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

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Marsha, we have met  
23 several times in Levittown at my office and with  
24 my staff and she has got common sense.

25 The play yard is such a great idea.

1 She does her homework.

2 She is very, very passionate.

3 She does a lot of research on animals.

4 I am so glad that you came down, today.

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

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Barbara, I am sorry, I  
8 don't know how to say your name, Trevouledes.

9 BARBARA TREVOULEDES: Barbara Trevouledes.

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

12 BARBARA TREVOULEDES: I will make this  
13 quick. Barbara Trevouledes, Merrick, New York.

14 First, I would like to thank Supervisor  
15 Gillen and this Board and everyone involved for  
16 the new awning being installed over the outdoor  
17 exercise pens at the Shelter.

18 So, excited when I saw that, today.

19 The dogs will, now, have Shelter when it  
20 rains and sun when they are out in the pens.

21 We have been asking this for years and we  
22 are so thrilled that it is finally getting  
23 installed.

24 Regarding Resolution Number 16, licensing  
25 and renewal, this resolution provides

1 free microchipping voucher for all dogs being  
2 licensed in the Town or having their licenses  
3 renewed.

4 This is a great idea and I strongly support <sup>Page | 87</sup>  
5 this resolution with some modifications.

6 This week a family from Queens was reunited  
7 with their dog Milo who went missing six years  
8 ago, thanks to microchipping.

9 In a case such as this, a family from  
10 Queens would not register their dog with the Town  
11 and therefore they would not be eligible for this  
12 free microchipping voucher.

13 In order to have more pets reunited with  
14 their owners, I feel that all dogs, all dogs and  
15 cats should be microchipped before leaving the  
16 Shelter rather than just the one being licensed.

17 Thank you.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you.

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

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Meta Mereday?

22 META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday. First, I  
23 have a question and hopefully my time can be saved  
24 because I need more clarification what the  
25 additional Item 30 was, that was added on?

1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It has to do  
2 with the fact many of the residents within the  
3 Town of Hempstead work for Federal Government and  
4 they were laid off so they were not paid, so, Page | 88  
5 therefore, they are behind as far as money and so  
6 forth is concerned, we are asking if the  
7 government signed into law the first of this month  
8 that we would be able to delay the payment for  
9 those as far as taxes are concerned.

10 The taxes are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month,  
11 if you don't pay taxes on time, you have to pay a  
12 penalty, so, we are trying to do - - this Board  
13 will pass it to make sure that they get ninety  
14 days reprieve, that is what that is about.

15 META MEREDAY: Thank you for clarification  
16 because I asked at a previous meeting if these,  
17 um, last minute add-ons, for whatever reason, I am  
18 not trying to question, I am not trying to judge  
19 it, just make it difficult for residents to  
20 understand what is presented if we are just  
21 hearing about it.

22 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It was just  
23 passed by the government on the 1<sup>st</sup> of this month  
24 and we want to do this at this meeting. It was  
25 passed the 10<sup>th</sup>.



1 META MEREDAY: Right.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That is why it  
3 has to be done.

4 META MEREDAY: I meant if there were copies <sup>Page | 89</sup>  
5 of those handouts, so we can have that.

6 Just a suggestion, just a suggestion.

7 With regard to Item 8, I am, um, definitely  
8 appreciative of the discussion because I think the  
9 public really needs to hear these things that are  
10 being discussed.

11 I also thank Senior Councilwoman Dorothy  
12 Goosby for mentioning the fact that on the 4<sup>th</sup>  
13 would have been 106<sup>th</sup> birthday for our legendary  
14 icon and activist, Rosa Parks and that is why I  
15 wear this hat for the month.

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

18 META MEREDAY: And, the truth about Rosa  
19 Parks and why it matters to your diversity  
20 initiative, that is from me.

21 I will bring that up in Public Comment.

22 So, I think we do need to give the  
23 Compliance Officer an opportunity to review these  
24 types of scenarios where this happened in the  
25 past.

1 And, I was one of those - - two Supervisors  
2 before you, sitting there, brought up the issue  
3 that we needed a Compliance Officer, the same way  
4 that I advocated for the County and finally got an  
5 Inspector General in the County.

6 So, these are things that we definitely  
7 need.

8 I appreciate you bringing in some outside  
9 viewpoints but I do think that we need to work  
10 with what we have internally just to give them a  
11 chance to try to move those things forward.

12 As I stated before, with regard to a number  
13 of these contracts, I would like to see at some  
14 point where it is an MBE or Veteran-owned business  
15 listed in that.

16 I am still very disappointed with the  
17 slowness of the process of including Veteran-owned  
18 business in the outreach process, as well as  
19 Minorities and women-owned businesses who also  
20 live and struggle in this Township.

21 So, again, I am looking forward to seeing  
22 that.

23 The number of items that are listed here  
24 for the animals and animal shelter, I think it is  
25 definitely commendable and admirable but, again,

1 the invisibility and the lack of several same type  
2 of programs and services for our Veterans and  
3 their families continues to be a disservice.

4 I don't know how many ways I can say it. Page | 91

5 I don't know how many times I can ask for  
6 it.

7 And, I mentioned it in a couple of other  
8 meetings and I think Councilman Dunne must have  
9 misheard me, I am not saying park a mental health  
10 van in front of a Veteran's house, but a mobile  
11 help.

12 We have vans for everything.

13 We need to start together something that is  
14 a little more mobile, a little more flexible, a  
15 little more accessible.

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

18 META MEREDAY: On a continuous basis for  
19 our Veterans.

20 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
21 following ensued.)

22 META MEREDAY: Thank you. This is one of  
23 those few time I stayed within three minutes.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: All

1 Right, is that it? Any other comments?

2 (Whereupon, "yes, I filled out a card. I  
3 did, too," was heard calling out from the  
4 audience. After, the following ensued.)

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5 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, no, for  
6 the Administrative Calendar? All right.

7 KEVIN McKENNA: Kevin McKenna. (Phonetic  
8 spelling.) On the ethics - -

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You are asking  
10 about the ethics, it is going to be on the 26<sup>th</sup>,  
11 that is when we will discuss it.

12 KEVIN McKENNA: It is not that.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: The date is  
14 the 26<sup>th</sup>.

15 KEVIN McKENNA: It is an item, here. I  
16 have the right under the Open Meetings Law to  
17 comment on this.

18 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Not today, not  
19 today, we will do it next week, next meeting.

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is being called for  
21 the 26<sup>th</sup>, the resolution is called for a Public  
22 Hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup>, if you want to comment, sir,  
23 you can comment on the date that it is being  
24 scheduled to.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No,

1 no, no, would you, please.

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Gentlemen, do not touch  
3 him.

4 (Whereupon, "we have civil rights," was Page | 93  
5 heard calling out from the audience. After, the  
6 following ensued.)

7 KEVIN McKENNA: Can, then - - I walked in  
8 the room and hour and a half ago, the woman at the  
9 front desk asked me if I wanted to speak on any of  
10 these resolutions, why is it - - why can't I?

11 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Because it is  
12 called for a Public Hearing, sir, you will have an  
13 opportunity.

14 KEVIN McKENNA: Why is it on, here?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: It is called  
16 for a Public Hearing.

17 KEVIN McKENNA: I understand that, but it  
18 is on this agenda today.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That's right,  
20 it is called for a Public Hearing.

21 You will have an opportunity. We have not  
22 published it yet.

23 KEVIN McKENNA: I understand. It is on  
24 this agenda, today.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That

1 is right, it is.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Sir, do you have a  
3 concern about the date of the Hearing or is it  
4 about the actual ethic package?

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5 KEVIN McKENNA: I don't know what the  
6 ethics package is.

7 Why don't you let me spend one minute and  
8 say what I want to say.

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am just telling  
10 you what the rules are, that is all.

11 If you want to speak on the date, then  
12 speak, now.

13 If you like to speak on the ethics package,  
14 you can speak at Public Comment.

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Councilman, if I might,  
16 sir.

17 KEVIN McKENNA: Mr. Town Attorney, can you  
18 just tell me if I can't?

19 I am very familiar with the Open Meetings  
20 Law.

21 Can you tell me why it is on today's  
22 calendar and why I can't say something about it?

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Can I mention two  
24 things, here, Number 1, the resolution on the  
25 calendar today is to call a Public

1 Hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

2 You can speak on whether or not you think  
3 the Public Hearing should be on the 26<sup>th</sup> or you can  
4 talk about the date or you can wait until the  
5 Public Comment Session, which is going to start in  
6 a little while or you can speak at that time on  
7 anything you want.

8 So, no one is going to prevent you from  
9 speaking.

10 Right, now, we are talking about the items  
11 that are on the Administrative Calendar.

12 KEVIN McKENNA: You still didn't answer my  
13 question.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I just did.

15 I said you can speak at Public Comment.

16 KEVIN McKENNA: Why is it on the resolution  
17 calendar?

18 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is a resolution  
19 calling a Public Hearing on the 26<sup>th</sup>. You can  
20 speak about the 26<sup>th</sup>.

21 KEVIN McKENNA: That is what I am going to  
22 speak on.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You don't like  
24 the 26<sup>th</sup>, you want it changed?

25 KEVIN McKENNA: It has nothing

1 to do with the date.

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

4 KEVIN McKENNA: You're spending more time Page | 96  
5 telling me I can't speak, why don't you let me  
6 speak?

7 I don't have time for Public Comment. I  
8 can't stay for Public Comment.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Ms. Rori  
10 Gordon?

11 KEVIN McKENNA: You know what, since you  
12 wasted my time, here, can you reset that for three  
13 minutes, I will speak on different resolutions.

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: No, sir. Ms.  
15 Gordon is speaking. I am telling you this is on  
16 the 26<sup>th</sup>.

17 KEVIN McKENNA: I accept your ridiculous,  
18 um, whatever. I am not going to speak on it.

19 I want to talk three minutes about a  
20 different resolutions.

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: All right, go  
22 ahead, which one is it?

23 KEVIN McKENNA: I like the Supervisor to be  
24 here.

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: She



1 is not here right, now.

2 I am taking charge.

3 KEVIN McKENNA: It is a scary thought you  
4 are taking charge. Page | 97

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Your time is running.

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Time is  
7 running.

8 KEVIN McKENNA: I just want to let the Town  
9 Board that that, um, I am from Syosset, obviously  
10 and I am the Felix Procacci of the Town of Oyster  
11 Bay.

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

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Really.

15 KEVIN McKENNA: My name is Kevin McKenna  
16 and I have to tell you that walking in here, I am  
17 really impressed with a lot of the ways that you  
18 do things, here, especially when you walk in  
19 having two nice ladies at the desk saying that you  
20 can sign these sheets and you can speak about  
21 these resolutions.

22 Um, and I am also very, very happy - - I am  
23 also very happy to hear a Town Board that speaks  
24 that has thoughts and speaks, um, I was very, very  
25 - - being an outsider and not coming from

1 here, it is so obvious, it is so obvious how you  
2 had to figure out and believe me, I am not - - I  
3 am not for Laura Gillen or Republican or Democrat  
4 - -

5 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
6 following ensued.)

7 KEVIN McKENNA: It is so obvious how you  
8 needed to nitpick on this Supervisor that  
9 explained to you the reasons why the prices were  
10 lower and told you that, meet with her on a weekly  
11 basis and you chose not to do that.

12 Why don't you explain to the public why you  
13 chose not to meet with the Supervisor - -

14 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Sir.

15 KEVIN McKENNA: Rather than wait for the  
16 meeting in order to say, "I saw this in the  
17 newspaper," why didn't you call her up and talk to  
18 her?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Sir, I am  
20 sorry, you have to go.

21 Rori Gordon?

22 (Whereupon, "you wasted our time," was  
23 heard called out from the audience. After, the  
24 following ensued.)

25 KEVIN McKENNA: I want to

1 Compliment the Supervisor with what she is trying  
2 to do.

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Sir, your time  
4 is up. Page | 99

5 All right, Ms. Rori Gordon.

6 (Whereupon, Supervisor Gillen returned to  
7 the dais. After, the following ensued.)

8 KEVIN MCKENNA: Supervisor, I wanted to  
9 compliment you with what you are trying to do and  
10 you are dealing with frauds.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, sir.  
12 Ms. Gordon?

13 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon. I am here to  
14 speak on Item Number 8.

15 The Town Board was made aware of the  
16 Building Department situation as of June, 2018.

17 The Town has not implemented a plan to  
18 rectify approximately 12 thousand homeowners whose  
19 homes needs to be raised.

20 A meeting is taking place for title  
21 companies, according to NBC's P.C. Chang's report,  
22 what happens if I decided to purchase a home in  
23 Merrick and have narrowed it down to three homes,  
24 if I was the average Joe, how would I know what to  
25 look for?

1 I am passing up to you a document from the  
2 Committee on Open Government.

3 Would you take that up, please? Thank you.

4 It is an advisory opinion.

5 The Town of Hempstead is charging  
6 constituents twenty-five dollars to obtain a cert.  
7 sheet or certified Certificate of Occupancy when  
8 the charge is twenty-five cents a page.

9 The Town is violating State Law.

10 The Town has done nothing to make the  
11 public aware their homes are in violation.

12 What about people that are Closing on homes  
13 tomorrow or individuals who are renovating their  
14 homes, now to find out after, New York Rising has  
15 closed out funds and they are responsible to spend  
16 a minimum of one hundred grand to raise their  
17 domicile?

18 Not all are - - the Commissioners are  
19 culpable for their egregious situations.

20 The Town Board are guilty, as well.

21 I have not seen a Press Release, a mention  
22 of this issue on any of the Town Board Members  
23 FACEBOOK pages or on the Town website.

24 Where is the media on this?

25 The Town Board provides for all

1 Records of any kind, whereas, the Building  
2 Department must and fails to meet laws set forth  
3 records retention and disposition schedule, NU-1  
4 New York State Title 8 NYCRR appendix A-185.11, <sup>Page | 101</sup> it  
5 is so appointed as to the responsibilities of the  
6 employees of the Building Department.

7 It even covers the way the files are to be  
8 documented down to the format and the size of the  
9 font.

10 Preliminary Assessment Notices were not  
11 entered into the computer system.

12 If the Commissioner has excellent computer  
13 skills, according to his resume, why didn't the  
14 Town of Hempstead set something up, immediately  
15 following Sandy?

16 Being in this position since 2007, I find  
17 this appalling and unacceptable.

18 Has the Department of State been notified  
19 of the severe mismanagement of the Building  
20 Department?

21 Why isn't the Department of State sending  
22 forensic investigators to sort out all the  
23 malfeasance of the Department?

24 It is long overdue.

25 The Building Department must be put under

1 State investigation.

2 To simply - -

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

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5 RORI GORDON: To rewrite Town Code as  
6 suggested in Ms. Chang's T.V. report is just a  
7 quick fix.

8 I don't believe any of you should be given  
9 a pass, whether you are on the Board or in the  
10 Building Department.

11 Thank you.

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

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Jeffrey Greenfield?

15 JEFFREY GREENFIELD: Jeffrey Greenfield,  
16 Citizens Taxpayer, 66 year resident of Rockville  
17 Centre, 44 year First Responder, 44 insurance  
18 professional, past President of three major  
19 associations.

20 I haven't been here in a few years. I  
21 enjoy the spirited debate.

22 Dorothy, I am sorry that individual  
23 attacked you. I applaud you and commend you for  
24 upholding your duties as a Senior Council Person  
25 on this Board to make sure before any money

1 is spent, any decision is done, that there was a  
2 thorough vetting of it by you and other Council  
3 people, here.

4 I think that is fine and I don't know why Page | 103  
5 it called for that and I was offended being in the  
6 audience, having been attending public meetings  
7 since I was sixteen years old.

8 It is not necessary.

9 I am here seeking a redress of my grievance  
10 with respect to the way I was treated in the RFP  
11 process.

12 And, unfortunately, during the RFP process  
13 for insurance consultant, there was no spirited  
14 debate.

15 So, I can't be here on the 26<sup>th</sup> because I  
16 have an elderly Mother in Florida and, um, I  
17 commute back and forth to take care of her needs.

18 So, I know it is not the proper time for  
19 the Public Hearing, just a few comments with  
20 respect to that.

21 I was solicited by Adam Haber to put in a  
22 bid on consulting for insurance.

23 I questioned the process before.

24 I went through the time and effort to put  
25 in a bid.

1 I was told that the two low bidders would  
2 be interviewed before the selection was made.

3 I was never consulted for an interview.

4 I was never asked for an interview.

5 I was sitting on a flight delay in  
6 Charlotte Airport and I am reading the Town Board  
7 agenda and found out that you already voted.

8 That is no way to treat anybody with  
9 respect to consulting contracts, any time.

10 So, what you did today, I applaud.

11 Also, I have some questions with respect to  
12 the ethics law and how it is going to treat - -

13 (Whereupon, "you can't talk about that,"  
14 was heard yelling out from the audience. After,  
15 the following ensued.)

16 JEFFREY GREENFIELD: Let not the audience  
17 rule me out of order, let the Town Attorney rule  
18 me out of order, if it is out of order.

19 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the  
20 following ensued.)

21 JEFFREY GREENFIELD: I want to make sure  
22 with respect to the consulting, at any time, if  
23 this ethics law is going to apply to that, that is  
24 all I want to ask.

25 And, also when can I get a copy of the



1 Insurance Consultant's report?

2 And, I also have another problem that I saw  
3 in Newsday, that the insurance consultant was also  
4 given a bid on insurance.

5 So, I have a problem with that wearing two  
6 hats, where he is the consultant and the  
7 successful bidder.

8 It is not in the best interest of the Town  
9 an I hope that you address that with respect to  
10 that.

11 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
12 following ensued.)

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your  
14 comments, Mr. Greenfield.

15 JEFFREY GREENFIELD: Thank you for your  
16 time.

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you, well said.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Raychel Ryckman Martino?

19 RAYCHEL RYCKMAN MARTINO: Good Evening,  
20 everyone, Raychel Ryckman Martino.

21 I am a proud of the Town of Hempstead  
22 Animal Shelter Volunteer.

23 I have been walking dogs at your Town  
24 Shelter for the past three years.

25 And, recently, I started fostering one of

1 your twelve year old senior cats that has some  
2 medical conditions that I am tending to.

3 I also have two dogs of my own, one from  
4 the puppy mill and the other was rescued from his  
5 own bad situation but they all have issues due to  
6 lack of proper socialization and guidance before I  
7 acquired them.

8 Speaking about, um, Number 15, so, although  
9 I am not a professional, um, like many of my core  
10 volunteers, we do have first-hand experience and  
11 understanding of dogs and their behaviors.

12 We are hands on, true animal lovers and  
13 advocates.

14 With that being said, I want to say, thank  
15 you very much for putting Play For Life group back  
16 up for a resolution.

17 It is an extremely important program for  
18 your Shelter dogs.

19 Tonight, I brought along a photo of your  
20 Shelter residents and my friend JJ.

21 He is a five year old American Bulldog mix  
22 and today, he is four hundred and seventy-six days  
23 living behind bars in a crowded, noisy Shelter,  
24 uncomfortable and very much alone.

25 JJ was given up by his owners and

1 surrendered to the Shelter four hundred and  
2 seventy-six days ago.

3 He came from a home almost two years ago  
4 with another dog, so, that is four hundred  
5 seventy-six days without that dog with no social  
6 interaction he had been accustomed to.

7 Currently, the only socialization he gets  
8 is from other dogs barking or growling at him  
9 through bars on his way in and out of the Shelter  
10 to get a breath of fresh air.

11 This is a sad story for many in our Shelter  
12 residents that are good with other dogs.

13 The Play For Life socialization group is a  
14 win-win across the board.

15 It will help dogs continue their  
16 socialization skills and grow better social skills  
17 throughout the living benefits of this program.

18 All of this support of Shelter dogs being  
19 more quickly adopted by broadening their adaptable  
20 criteria and allowing them to be adopted by owners  
21 that already have dogs in their homes.

22 It will also help to keep them more calm  
23 and relaxed because they will be mentally,  
24 physically stimulated in play groups, so, when  
25 they go back into the kennels, they will be

1 tired and very similar to tired children.

2 When you have a tired dog, you have a more  
3 peaceful dog, a dog that will be better on meet  
4 and greets, a dog that will present better in a  
5 kennel, a dog that won't be returned after being  
6 adopted.

7 And, the best part is because of the Grant  
8 donated by an amazing organization, Animal Farm  
9 Foundation, it is not going to cost taxpayers or  
10 the Town one single penny, hence, the win-win.

11 I very much look forward to all of you  
12 passing this amazing opportunity and program with  
13 your Shelter dogs.

14 It can only benefit them in the long-run.

15 I truly believe none of you will be  
16 disappointed in making that decision.

17 Thank you very much for your consideration.

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

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much.

21 Liz Fox?

22 LIZ FOX: Hi, my name is Liz Fox and I live  
23 in East Meadow, New York.

24 I have been a resident of the Town of  
25 Hempstead for, approximately, forty-five out of

1 my fifty-plus years.

2 I actually - - Resolution 15 and 16, I  
3 would like to speak about.

4 I am very active in helping rescues, but I <sup>Page | 109</sup>  
5 also run the Disaster Unit for Nassau County for  
6 the Animals, people's pets.

7 I ran the Sandy Shelter afterwards and we  
8 had five hundred and seventeen animals, most of  
9 whom came from the Town of Hempstead residents.

10 We only took care of the pets and we did  
11 take some dogs from the Town of Hempstead.

12 If these animals - - I will start with 16,  
13 if these animals were microchipped, we weren't  
14 able to find out who the microchip was registered  
15 to at the time, but, we were able to read the  
16 microchips and, at least, get the animals to who  
17 they belonged to.

18 One of the things we need to do if we do  
19 this microchip program is to make sure people  
20 understand they have to register the microchips.

21 We took in one of the rescues, we took in a  
22 dog three weeks ago in Franklin Square.

23 The dog was starved.

24 It was definitely a stray dog.

25 It is eight months old and still had baby

1 soft paws.

2 All she wants to do is love people.

3 There is no microchip. There was no  
4 collar. We did report it to the SPCA but nobody Page | 110  
5 ever stepped forward.

6 So, we couldn't track down whose do it was  
7 to find out why this dog was starved.

8 We, then, got a call from a construction  
9 crew that called us and said, "please, come, get  
10 this dog. It is eating out of garbage," because it  
11 saved his life that night because it was one of  
12 those nights.

13 It was below zero.

14 So, I am very much in favor of the  
15 microchipping process and as a rescue person, I am  
16 also very much in favor of this dogs Play For Life  
17 Treatment Program.

18 I am mostly in rescues. Both of my dogs  
19 were rescues and one of them was not adoptable in  
20 the beginning because they said he was too  
21 aggressive.

22 He was just aggressive in general.

23 All he wants to be is loved and my other  
24 dog is fine.

25 With this program, it will make it

1 easier for people to be able to adopt these  
2 animals and rescues, to help you adopt out the  
3 Town of Hempstead animals.

4 That is about all I have to say. Thank Page | 111  
5 you.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

9 Okay, I do not have any more slips on the  
10 Administrative Calendar.

11 PEARL JACOBS: Good Evening, Pearl Jacobs,  
12 Uniondale representative of Nostrand Gardens Civic  
13 Association.

14 Item 8, I am in favor, totally in favor of  
15 this proposed outside auditor for the Town of  
16 Hempstead Building Department.

17 I do empathize with my neighbors, um, whose  
18 homes were affected by Superstorm Sandy.

19 I have a friend who is still going through  
20 post Superstorm Sandy but, um, speaking on behalf  
21 of Uniondale, the Uniondale community, um, the  
22 homes in Uniondale, we are affected by sustained  
23 neglect by the Department of Building.

24 Uniondale Community currently has a backlog  
25 of hundreds of complaints and many of these

1 Complaints have been left unaddressed until most  
2 recently Building Code Enforcement has been almost  
3 non-existent in Uniondale.

4 As I have said many times before, the lack <sup>Page | 112</sup>  
5 of Building Code Enforcement in Uniondale has  
6 strongly contributed to the sustained quality of  
7 life, deterioration in Uniondale.

8 An investigative audit is required in order  
9 to bring about positive change to the Building  
10 Department.

11 Perhaps implementation of better practices  
12 could bring about an improved Building Department.

13 And only an audit would determine this, so,  
14 I am solely in favor of this proposed audit.

15 Thank you.

16 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You know what  
17 happened, Ms. Jacobs, you remember you asked me to  
18 meet with you, the three of you every Monday and I  
19 refused to do that, I told you I could not do  
20 that.

21 And, you asked the Supervisor and the  
22 Supervisor said, "yes, just talk to my people."

23 So, then, what happened from then on is  
24 that I never got anymore of the problems that you  
25 had.



1 You didn't come to me. She had two people  
2 that came to your meetings who were there to  
3 address them, so everything sort of fell through  
4 the cracks and, now, you have someone there that  
5 will report to me who will check all of the  
6 things, sanitation and so forth is concerned and  
7 we will work with those through buildings, what  
8 you need.

9 And, we have always done it that way and it  
10 worked out well.

11 So, maybe we should change back to what we  
12 were doing.

13 We appreciate that.

14 PEARL JACOBS: Yes, we will speak on it and  
15 I would like to thank you, Senior Councilwoman  
16 Goosby because I was surprised last night, Mr. Roy  
17 Gunther, Code Enforcement Officer, he was at our  
18 Nostrand Gardens Meeting last night, which was  
19 very well attended.

20 And, I do thank, you know, the Town and  
21 Supervisor Gillen for the Code Enforcement  
22 Officer, for Sanitation - -

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: She didn't do  
24 that but I got that for you.

25 PEARL JACOBS: I said you first.

1 So, let's not get into this tonight.

2 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I want you to  
3 make sure if you let my office know, we will take  
4 care of this.

5 We follow through.

6 PEARL JACOBS: So, this started, the New  
7 Year.

8 Senior Councilwoman Goosby, I have been on  
9 the Board and Vice-President and President of the  
10 Nostrand Gardens Civic Association for ten years  
11 and many, many things have fell through the  
12 cracks, but, you know, I can't go back.

13 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: We are going  
14 forward, that is why I am asking you, please, make  
15 sure it comes to my office so we can address it.

16 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, but I do want it on  
17 record that I am solely in favor of the outside  
18 audit.

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You can do  
20 that. You have the right to do that.

21 PEARL JACOBS: For the Building Department.  
22 Thank you.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Jacobs.  
24 Ms. Califano?

25 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Hello, Domenica

1 Califano.

2 I am just a little, um, confused about what  
3 has happened, here with the Animal Shelter.

4 The individual that you were trying to hire <sup>Page | 115</sup>  
5 that is suing the Town of Hempstead is this the  
6 way of Anthony D'Esposito giving paybacks to shut  
7 people down when they are against him?

8 We, as taxpayers of Nassau County, it has  
9 been a disgrace just as Resolution 17 and 18,  
10 Island Park and South Side is under water.

11 Why is this individual getting all of this?

12 Can someone explain not me why he is  
13 getting this while Oceanside and Island Park is  
14 still under water?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Um, this is the  
16 easement, this is a developer. Building  
17 Commissioner?

18 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Do you know who the  
19 developer is?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, you know about  
21 this?

22 This is about the easement, so the  
23 developer is developing condominiums and Mr. Ra  
24 you can jump in if I speak incorrectly, there is  
25 an easement and outflow drainage pipe.

1 The developer has agreed to reconstruct a  
2 new drainage pipe, so, they temporarily - - we  
3 have to give the easement back to them so they can  
4 construct the piper and send the easement back to <sup>Page | 116</sup>  
5 us, convey the easement back to us so we can  
6 monitor and manage the pipe. Is that correct?

7 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Is this the individual  
8 that also received a street in Island Park?

9 Is this the individual that closed down a  
10 gas station, Stan's Service Station because of his  
11 political connections with the D'Espositos?

12 As a taxpayer in Nassau County that  
13 Anthony doesn't even own a home in Nassau County,  
14 why is this person at his fundraiser, gives money  
15 away to him.

16 These are favors that are being paid out.

17 It is the same place that has Ted Fishing  
18 Station in Point Lookout, with Island Park Fire  
19 Department and Deputy D'Esposito gave away the  
20 taxpayer's property, forced Ted's Fishing Station  
21 to purchase this piece of property where there was  
22 no road name to it.

23 It is the same number, 17 and 18, where  
24 half of Island Park and Oceanside is under water,  
25 how he was pushed forward is because of his

1 big donations to his campaign.

2 It is a little disturbing, just to see what  
3 goes on as I said before and as other taxpayers of  
4 Oceanside and Island Park are scared to come and  
5 speak because of the retaliation from D'Esposito  
6 and his clan.

7 It is a disgrace. Your office is well  
8 aware of all that is going on.

9 Half of Island Park and Oceanside is still  
10 under water.

11 Did you walk down Oceanside alone?

12 Did you drive down Long Beach Road and  
13 Austin Boulevard, how bad cars are?

14 His friends that opened a restaurant - -

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Califano, this is  
16 just about an easement.

17 DOMENICA CALIFANO: I know, I am just  
18 saying just in Island Park, alone, on Austin  
19 Boulevard, all of his friends that opened  
20 restaurants, they get favoritism, they park their  
21 vehicles on top of sidewalks.

22 Does anyone see, as taxpayers, here, in  
23 Nassau County what is really going on?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: If that is happening,  
25 please - -

1 DOMENICA CALIFANO: So, is Anthony  
2 D'Esposito lying, we called and told the next day  
3 one of the new restaurants that don't even have  
4 permits for valet parking, okay, they put cones Page | 118  
5 out, a young girl that was driving got scared, hit  
6 the cone and the valet people said, we are allowed  
7 to park, here.

8 We have permission from Anthony D'Esposito.  
9 This is going on in Island Park and  
10 Oceanside.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Califano, this is  
12 not on the Administrative Calendar.

13 If you have any complaints, you can call my  
14 office.

15 DOMENICA CALIFANO: We have called your  
16 office several times and Anthony D'Esposito's  
17 office.

18 We have called, covered up from the  
19 corruption connections that they have.

20 If you go down Austin Boulevard and Long  
21 Beach Road, you would see for yourself or anyone  
22 here.

23 (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the  
24 following ensued.)

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Who did you speak to in

1 my office?

2 DOMENICA CALIFANO: Um, I will let you  
3 know. I have it all written down.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can speak with Mr. <sup>Page | 119</sup>  
5 Pitnick, Mitch, where are you?

6 You can speak with Domenica and she will  
7 take your information.

8 Okay, I do not have any other slips on the  
9 Administrative Calendar.

10 Yes?

11 GABBY STRACHER: Gabby Stracher, student at  
12 BOCES and, um, I hope that you support resolutions  
13 9 and 15, um, since they are in the best interest  
14 of animals.

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

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. All right,  
18 I do not have any more slips on the Administrative  
19 Calendar, is there anyone else who would like to  
20 be heard?

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

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, Madam  
24 Clerk, will you, please, call the role.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

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1 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Recognizing Items 3  
2 and 8 have been adjourned, I vote on all the other  
3 items.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I vote aye on all  
6 Items except for Items 22, the one pertaining to  
7 Tim D'Esposito, where I recuse myself.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

9 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I vote aye on all except  
10 for Item 19.

11 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman  
14 Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I vote aye on  
16 all except Item 19 and 3 and 8, I don't have to  
17 worry about those.

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote aye except for  
20 Item Number 22 with respect to Mr. Lang, he is  
21 part-time to fulltime.

22 This is no comment on Mr. Lang's  
23 performance as a worker or no comment on him,  
24 personally, however, we are required by Court  
25 Order to move people from part-time to fulltime



1 pursuant to a TOZNER list.

2 Mr. Lang is not on the TOZNER list. We  
3 have 30 people that we must move from part-time to  
4 fulltime this year pursuant to the Court Order. Page | 121

5 Mr. Lang, again, is not on that list and  
6 all we budgeted for is moving people from the  
7 TOZNER list, so, I vote know as to Mr. Lang.

8 May I have a Motion to adjourn.

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move that we  
10 adjourn.

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

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

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino?

15 COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

22 CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman

23 Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

**HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 2/5/19**

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the  
Hempstead Town Board for February 5, 2019 was  
concluded.)

**HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 2/5/19**

CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER

I, do hereby certify that the foregoing  
testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town  
Board Meeting held on February 5, 2019, consisting <sup>Page | 123</sup>  
of pages 1 through 123 inclusive is an accurate  
transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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