

| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | APPEARANCES : |
| 2 | DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN |
| 3 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY |
| 4 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO |
| 5 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO |
| 6 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR. |
| 7 | MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY |
| 8 | TOWN CLERK CABANA |
| 9 | DEPUTY TOWN CLERK SEDACCA |
| 10 | TOWN ATTORNY RA |
| 11 | DEPUTY TOWN COMPTROLLER RAMOS |
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| 1 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I would like to take a |
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| 2 | moment to recognize an incredible organization |
| 3 | that provides bedding, bath and other essential |
| 4 | household items to our less fortunate residents. Page \mid 3 |
| 5 | Thankfully, this meeting is being held at |
| 6 | night unless they young men behind us would be in |
| 7 | class at Garden City High School. |
| 8 | Aiden and Ryan Padala founded the Line Lift |
| 9 | in 2013 while still in Middle School and |
| 10 | Elementary School. |
| 11 | After volunteering to sort cans at the Mary |
| 12 | Brennan in that Soup Kitchen in Hempstead and |
| 13 | informed of the needs of some of our local |
| 14 | shelters, namely the needs for warm bedding and |
| 15 | supplies for Winter months, instead of trying to |
| 16 | skirt responsibilities like preteens sometimes do, |
| 17 | these young men remarkably decided to enact change |
| 18 | and started this small Linen Lift. |
| 19 | Within a week, the boys had collected |
| 20 | hundreds of items. |
| 21 | Recently, Aiden And Ryan completed their 6^{th} |
| 22 | Annual Linen Lift Drive delivering three thousand |
| 23 | three hundred and thirty bed and bath items, three |
| 24 | hundred pounds of toiletries and thirty bags of |
| 25 | tablecloths to the Donald Axin Inn and the Edna |
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| 1 | Moore in Hempstead. |
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| 2 | Committing yourself to Community Service, |
| 3 | especially when you are a student is incredibly |
| 4 | admirable and illustrates the type of people that $Page \mid 4$ |
| 5 | make up our Town. |
| 6 | I am grateful for work that these two young |
| 7 | men do. |
| 8 | Their parents should be very proud and I am |
| 9 | honored that we, the Town Board, can present you |
| 10 | with the citation recognizing the hard work that |
| 11 | you done to help the less fortunate in Hempstead. |
| 12 | (Whereupon, applause from the audience was |
| 13 | heard. Citations were taken. After, the |
| 14 | following ensued.) |
| 15 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening, everyone, |
| 16 | welcome to the Town Board Meeting. |
| 17 | For those of you who have never attended a |
| 18 | Board Meeting before, there are agendas available |
| 19 | in the rear of the Pavilion. |
| 20 | If you like to be heard on matters, please, |
| 21 | fill out a slip and hand it to one of our Public |
| 22 | Safety Officers and indicate what item you would |
| 23 | like to be heard on. |
| 24 | After the meeting is adjourned, the Town |
| 25 | Board will remain in session and listen to |
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| 1 | comments from the public that wish to be heard on |
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| 2 | other matters. |
| 3 | Madam Clerk, will you, please, all the |
| 4 | roll. Page 5 |
| 5 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 6 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here. |
| 7 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 8 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here. |
| 9 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Here. |
| 11 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 12 | COUNCILMN BLAKEMAN: Here. |
| 13 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 14 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here. |
| 15 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 16 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here. |
| 17 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 18 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here. |
| 19 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: My name is |
| 20 | supposed to be the last one. She is first. I am |
| 21 | not second. |
| 22 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, Councilman |
| 23 | D'Esposito, would you, please, lead us in the |
| 24 | Pledge of Allegiance. |
| 25 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I would be happy |
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| 1 | to. |
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| 2 | Put your hands over your heart and in a |
| 3 | loud, proud voice. |
| 4 | (Whereupon, Councilman D'Esposito led the |
| 5 | Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After, the |
| 6 | following ensued.) |
| 7 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I may |
| 8 | have a point of personal privilege for a moment, |
| 9 | Supervisor; Senior Councilwoman Goosby and I have |
| 10 | requested tonight's Hofstra University, right, |
| 11 | here in Hempstead is playing in the finals of the |
| 12 | Colonial Athletic Tournament. |
| 13 | If they win, tonight, they will go to the |
| 14 | NCA Tournament which will not only bring a lot of |
| 15 | money into Hofstra but also a lot of additionally |
| 16 | notoriety and although this is Senior Councilwoman |
| 17 | Goosby's District, my Father was an alum, so, we |
| 18 | are wondering if there is anyway we can get the |
| 19 | game put on these two T.V.'s. |
| 20 | (Whereupon, laughter was heard from the |
| 21 | audience. After, the following ensued.) |
| 22 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am an alum. |
| 23 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: So, am I. So is |
| 24 | Councilman D'Esposito. |
| 25 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, let's adjourn |
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| 1 | and watch the game. |
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| 2 | (Whereupon, laughter was heard from the |
| 3 | audience. After, the following ensued.) |
| 4 | Page 7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you, |
| 5 | please, call the first Public Hearing. |
| 6 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: |
| 7 | "Parking or Standing Prohibitions," in NEAR |
| 8 | Bellerose Terrace, near Bethpage, Inwood, |
| 9 | Levittown, Roosevelt, near Westbury (To amend |
| 10 | Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of |
| 11 | Hempstead) |
| 12 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips |
| 13 | on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would |
| 14 | like to be heard? |
| 15 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 16 | the following ensued.) |
| 17 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 18 | have a Motion. |
| 19 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the |
| 20 | Public Hearing be closed and the Local Law be |
| 21 | adopted. |
| 22 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second. |
| 23 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk. |
| 24 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 25 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
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| 1 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 2 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 3 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 4 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. Page 8 |
| 5 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 6 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 7 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 8 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 9 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 10 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 11 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 12 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 13 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you |
| 14 | call the next Public Hearing, please. |
| 15 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: |
| 16 | "Arterial Stops," in Woodmere (To amend Section |
| 17 | 197-5 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) |
| 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, no response was heard. After, |
| 22 | the following ensued.) |
| 23 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 24 | have a Motion. |
| 25 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, |
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| 1 | I move that the Public Hearing be closed and the |
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| 2 | Local Law be adopted. |
| 3 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second. |
| 4 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk. Page 9 |
| 5 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 6 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 7 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 8 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 9 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 11 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 12 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 13 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 14 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 15 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 16 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 17 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 18 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 19 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please, |
| 20 | call the next Public Hearing. |
| 21 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: |
| 22 | "Traffic Regulations in the Vicinity of Schools" |
| 23 | in Levittown, Oceanside (To amend Section 197-13 |
| 24 | of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) |
| 25 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have |
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| 1 | any slips on this Public Hearing, is there anyone |
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| 2 | that would like to be heard? |
| 3 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 4 | the following ensued.) Page 10 |
| 5 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 6 | have a Motion. |
| 7 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that the |
| 8 | Hearing be closed and the Local Law be adopted. |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the |
| 10 | Motion. |
| 11 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk. |
| 12 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 13 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 14 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 16 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 17 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 18 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 19 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 20 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 21 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 22 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 23 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 24 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 25 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
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| 1 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please, |
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| 2 | call the next Public Hearing. |
| 3 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: |
| 4 | "Loading Zones" near Bethpage (To amend Section $^{ m Page 11}$ |
| 5 | 202-53 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead) |
| 6 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips |
| 7 | on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would |
| 8 | like to be heard? |
| 9 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 10 | the following ensued.) |
| 11 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 12 | have a Motion. |
| 13 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that the |
| 14 | Hearing be closed and the local law be adopted. |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second. |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk. |
| 17 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 18 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 19 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 20 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 21 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 22 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 23 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 25 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
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| 1 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 2 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 3 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 4 | Page 12 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 5 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 6 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please, |
| 7 | call our next Public Hearing. |
| 8 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re: |
| 9 | "School Speed Limits" in Elmont - Dutch Broadway |
| 10 | (To amend Chapter 190 of the Code of the Town of |
| 11 | Hempstead by the insertion of a location into |
| 12 | Section 190-4, Subdivision A in relation to a 20 |
| 13 | mph School Speed Limit) |
| 14 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mimi Pierre Johnson? |
| 15 | MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: Good Evening. |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening, state |
| 17 | your name and address for the record. |
| 18 | MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: Sure, my name is Mimi |
| 19 | Pierre Johnson. |
| 20 | My address is 70 Crystal Street in Elmont, |
| 21 | New York. |
| 22 | Um, first, I would like to say thank you so |
| 23 | much, um, Supervisor Gillen. You have done this |
| 24 | so quickly since the horrific accident that |
| 25 | happened on Halloween in Elmont. |
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| 1 | And, I thank this Body for taking this up |
| 2 | so quickly. |
| 3 | And, I just want you to know that the vote |
| 4 | that a taken tonight, the saving of lives, um, you $Page \mid 13$ |
| 5 | are telling Elmont that you care about our |
| 6 | children. |
| 7 | Um, I think it was enough that one child |
| 8 | died, um, going to school. |
| 9 | We have had three that has, um, passed away |
| 10 | either going to school or going home from school, |
| 11 | um, because our area is not safe. |
| 12 | So, I thank you so much for doing this. |
| 13 | I would request that you, um, add two more |
| 14 | streets to, um, you know Dutch Broadway, so, it |
| 15 | could flow from Dutch Broadway Elementary School |
| 16 | to the High School and for some of you that do not |
| 17 | know Elmont, we have our children from Elementary |
| 18 | School, um, to High School, Junior High School |
| 19 | walking along Dutch Broadway and so there are two |
| 20 | streets from, um, the existent twenty mile an hour |
| 21 | which is on Keegan to Crystal Street. |
| 22 | It is two blocks, but, it is two long |
| 23 | blocks and the sidewalk is not wide, so, you have |
| 24 | children coming from the High School and Junior |
| 25 | High School going back home. |
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| 1 | Um and on November 20^{th} , there was that |
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| 2 | was the same day that we did a walk through with |
| 3 | the Town and the County, so, we can see what these |
| 4 | children have to face that afternoon, um, between $Page \mid 14$ |
| 5 | Keegan and Diamond Street, there was actually a |
| 6 | four-car accident, where one of the cars flipped |
| 7 | over. |
| 8 | And, so, that whole stretch of the road |
| 9 | this vote that you take, tonight, it is so |
| 10 | important that it will save lives, um and really, |
| 11 | I am really happy for once in all the years that I |
| 12 | have been advocating for my community, this |
| 13 | happened so fast, you're talking about signs, U- |
| 14 | turn signs, crossing the street, all of this |
| 15 | happened from October 31^{st} to November. |
| 16 | You can see that it, um, this is a school |
| 17 | zone there. |
| 18 | There are children there, because of the |
| 19 | weather, we could not have the markings on the |
| 20 | ground. |
| 21 | And, I know that is coming in the Spring, |
| 22 | um, but this was huge. |
| 23 | I didn't expect it to be so fast. |
| 24 | So, I just wanted to say thank you and if |
| 25 | you can please add those additional streets, |
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| 1 | so, that it will connect, um, from Dutch Broadway |
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| 2 | Elementary School, all the way to Astor, which is |
| 3 | what this resolution proposes. |
| 4 | Page 15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Johnson. |
| 5 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Thank you for coming |
| 6 | in. |
| 7 | Do we have someone from Highway, here? |
| 8 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Reed is from |
| 9 | Traffic. |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Traffic, okay. |
| 11 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You can speak to Mr. |
| 12 | Reed about the other streets. |
| 13 | MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: He did the walk |
| 14 | through with us. |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Yeah, let's see if we |
| 16 | can add those additional streets. |
| 17 | You know, I grew up in Valley Stream, um, |
| 18 | just about a half a mile away from Dutch Broadway |
| 19 | and, um, believe it or not, when I was a little |
| 20 | kid, there were farms there and, now, it has |
| 21 | gotten very congested. |
| 22 | So, these signs are appropriate and thank |
| 23 | you for your efficacy. |
| 24 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Good Evening, |
| 25 | Supervisor, Senior Councilwoman Goosby and |
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| 1 | Town Board Members: |
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| 2 | Tom Reed representing Traffic Control. |
| 3 | We can review these situations but from my |
| 4 | understanding and my experience being out in the ${\displaystyle Page 16}$ |
| 5 | filed right, now, the current school speed zone |
| 6 | for the Elementary School is within the guidelines |
| 7 | of the State Manual which allows us to establish |
| 8 | the School Zone. |
| 9 | I don't think it could be expanded any |
| 10 | wider but I can check in the field to see if we |
| 11 | can make some adjustments, if not, but I believe |
| 12 | it is at the maximum allowable by law. |
| 13 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Did they explain that |
| 14 | to you? |
| 15 | We are not allowed to extend school zones |
| 16 | beyond the parameters of what is required by State |
| 17 | Law, so, our hands might be tied. |
| 18 | But, see what you can do. |
| 19 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: I will look into |
| 20 | that for you, sir. |
| 21 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We have your contact |
| 22 | information, so, we can follow-up with you, as |
| 23 | well. |
| 24 | MIMI PIERRE JOHNSON: Thank you. |
| 25 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Thank you. |
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| 1 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Tamar Paoli? |
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| 2 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Hi, Tamar. |
| 3 | TAMAR PAOLI: Tamar Paoli, hi, 70 Crystal |
| 4 | Street, Elmont, New York, just to confirm my Page 17 |
| 5 | address. |
| 6 | I also would like to speak on Dutch |
| 7 | Broadway, as well, those three blocks are actually |
| 8 | pertinent because the Elementary School goes to |
| 9 | preschool to 6^{th} grade and the High School goes |
| 10 | from 7^{th} grade to 12^{th} grade, a lot of the children |
| 11 | in Elementary School have their older siblings |
| 12 | picking them up, walking from Elmont Memorial to |
| 13 | Dutch Broadway High School, so, um, if you don't |
| 14 | allow those three blocks, which, um, are it is |
| 15 | very imperative that we add those three blocks. |
| 16 | Because what happens, I live off of Dutch |
| 17 | Broadway, people speed for three blocks and try to |
| 18 | slow down, that can cause an accident, so, that |
| 19 | whole thing from Elementary School to the High |
| 20 | School should really be within the guidelines. |
| 21 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You know what, Mr. |
| 22 | Reed, the current speed limit on Dutch Broadway is |
| 23 | 30. |
| 24 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: That is correct. |
| 25 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: And, the school zone |
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| 1 | is fifteen or twenty. |
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| 2 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It is twenty, sir. |
| 3 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Twenty and the State |
| 4 | Law requires, at least, twenty-five? Page 18 |
| 5 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: You can't go any |
| 6 | lower, the school speed limit can't be any lower |
| 7 | than ten miles below the regular current speed |
| 8 | limit. |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay. |
| 10 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: So, it is thirty, it |
| 11 | can't be any lower |
| 12 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What I am saying for |
| 13 | the area that is not covered by State Law, what is |
| 14 | the lowest speed you can go with the speed limit, |
| 15 | twenty-five? |
| 16 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: It is difficult to |
| 17 | say, the lower speed limit is more difficult to |
| 18 | enforce, as everybody would be |
| 19 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That is not the |
| 20 | question I asked you. |
| 21 | The question I asked you was could we go to |
| 22 | twenty-five with the |
| 23 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: We can look into it. |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: That small, three- |
| 25 | block area? |
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| 1 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: I wouldn't go any |
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| 2 | lower than the current speed right, now, but, we |
| 3 | can look into finding out if it meets the State |
| 4 | guidelines. Page 19 |
| 5 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Look into that and we |
| 6 | have been speaking with Commissioner Ryder with |
| 7 | the NCPD increasing enforcement in this area to |
| 8 | really be a deterrent for people from ignoring the |
| 9 | speed limit. |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, you will get a |
| 11 | memo back to us within a week telling us whether |
| 12 | or not we can go to twenty-five on Dutch Broadway? |
| 13 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Yes. |
| 14 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: For that three-block |
| 15 | area? |
| 16 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Yes. |
| 17 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Okay. |
| 18 | TAMAR PAOLI: Thank you. |
| 19 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. |
| 20 | Joyce Stowe? |
| 21 | JOYCE STOWE: Good Evening. My name is |
| 22 | Joyce Stowe from 1978 Barnum Avenue in the same |
| 23 | area, vicinity of the schools. |
| 24 | I am here, tonight, speaking on behalf of |
| 25 | Tudor Manor Civics and Parkhurst Civic |
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| 1 | Association, why we appreciate the twenty mile per |
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| 2 | hour school speed limit. |
| 3 | We are concerned if a comprehensive study |
| 4 | was done to include the impact of the traffic in ${ m Page} 20$ |
| 5 | the area flowing in the same or the surrounding |
| 6 | direction. |
| 7 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Reed, could you |
| 8 | speak about the study that you did in this area? |
| 9 | TRAFFIC CONTROL REED: Yes, the two roads |
| 10 | in question, Dutch Broadway and Elmont Road and |
| 11 | surrounding area are maintained by Nassau County, |
| 12 | who, I believe are currently doing extensive |
| 13 | traffic study in the area to see what kind of |
| 14 | improvements they can do for both roadways. |
| 15 | JOYCE STOWE: Thank you very much. |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any other |
| 17 | slips on this Public Hearing, is there anyone else |
| 18 | that would like to be heard? |
| 19 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 20 | the following ensued.) |
| 21 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 22 | have a Motion. |
| 23 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I move |
| 24 | that the Public Hearing be closed and the local |
| 25 | law be adopted. |
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| 1 | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second. |
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| 2 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk? |
| 3 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 4 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. Page 21 |
| 5 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 6 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye and I think it |
| 7 | is a wonderful thing. |
| 8 | Just clarifying one issue, Legislator |
| 9 | Solages has indicated he requested a Stop sign and |
| 10 | was denied by the Town in this very area after the |
| 11 | accident, the never occurred. |
| 12 | No Stop sign was ever denied. |
| 13 | And, I applaud, Supervisor Gillen and |
| 14 | Councilman Blakeman who spearheaded this effort |
| 15 | and we should do more efforts like this. |
| 16 | It was a tragedy that happened in Elmont. |
| 17 | The Stop sign was never denied by the Town, on |
| 18 | that note, I vote aye. |
| 19 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 20 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 21 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 22 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 23 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 25 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
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| 1 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
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| 2 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 3 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 4 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please, Page 22 |
| 5 | call our next Public Hearing. |
| 6 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped |
| 7 | Parking On Public Streets" in Elmont, Hewlett |
| 8 | (Biltmore Avenue, Franklin Street, Broadway) |
| 9 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips |
| 10 | on this Public Hearing, is there anyone who would |
| 11 | like to be heard? |
| 12 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 13 | the following ensued.) |
| 14 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 15 | have a Motion. |
| 16 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: I move the Public |
| 17 | Hearing be closed and the proposed Local Law be |
| 18 | adopted. |
| 19 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second. |
| 20 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk? |
| 21 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 22 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 23 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 25 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
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| _ | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 2 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 3 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 4 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? Page 23 |
| 5 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 6 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 7 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 8 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 9 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 10 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, can you, |
| 11 | please, call the next Public Hearing. |
| 12 | CLERK CABANA: Proposed Public Parking |
| 13 | Field Maps in Merrick (Field M-4). |
| 14 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips |
| 15 | on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would |
| 16 | like to be heard? |
| 17 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 18 | the following ensued.) |
| 19 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I |
| 20 | have a Motion. |
| 21 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I |
| 22 | move that the Hearing be closed and the item be |
| 23 | adopted. |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second. |
| 25 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk? |
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| | HEIMIPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 2 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 3 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 4 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. Page 24 |
| 5 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 6 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 7 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 8 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 9 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 11 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 12 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 13 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 14 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 15 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you, |
| 16 | please, call the Administrative Calendar. |
| 17 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Madam Clerk, a |
| 18 | point of personal privilege, I would like to read |
| 19 | a statement. |
| 20 | I would like to state, for the record, that |
| 21 | I am oppose to Counsel to the Board in the Gillen |
| 22 | lawsuit filing a Notice of Appeal. |
| 23 | I firmly believe he is not permitted to |
| 24 | file a Notice of Appeal unless, specifically, |
| 25 | authorized by Town Board vote. |
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| | HENH STEAD TOWN BOARD 5/12/19 |
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| 1 | I was a vocal opponent of MOA in December |
| 2 | of 2017. |
| 3 | I stand by all my public statements. |
| 4 | I agree with my colleagues that Judge $$\operatorname{Page} 25$$ |
| 5 | Marker overreached in her analysis, but, I believe |
| 6 | the proper way to address this judicial activism |
| 7 | is pass our pending Ethics Legislation. |
| 8 | This will save precious taxpayer money and |
| 9 | restore integrity to the Town of Hempstead. |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, I would |
| 11 | like to be heard, as well. |
| 12 | First of all, I am not opposed to filing |
| 13 | the Notice of Appeal provided that the Appeal not |
| 14 | be perfected without further discussion from this |
| 15 | Board. |
| 16 | I understand we are on a deadline to do it, |
| 17 | so, I am not opposed to that. |
| 18 | My feelings are that this should never have |
| 19 | ended up in litigation. |
| 20 | I opposed the MOA with Councilwoman King- |
| 21 | Sweeney, originally. |
| 22 | My thoughts haven't changed except to the |
| 23 | extent Councilwoman Erin King-Sweeney brought up |
| 24 | an issue about the Judge's decision that maybe |
| 25 | problematic. |
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| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | Um, in the meantime, I think what we should |
| 2 | do is engage our Union, the CSEA, we have a |
| 3 | Collective Bargaining Agreement. |
| 4 | It is an ongoing procedure that we are $Page \mid 26$ |
| 5 | always engaged in and perhaps in dealing with our |
| 6 | Union and working through the Collective |
| 7 | Bargaining Agreement, we can come to an agreement |
| 8 | that would obviate and appeal that would be, um, |
| 9 | if not one hundred percent satisfactory to |
| 10 | everybody, it would be something that we all be in |
| 11 | favor of, so, that is my statement on it. |
| 12 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I can also say |
| 13 | that I voted against it, but, I am not in favor of |
| 14 | maybe appealing. |
| 15 | I don't know because what happens is some |
| 16 | statements in there, I am not an attorney, you |
| 17 | guys are an attorney, you fight back and forth |
| 18 | like you want, I happen to be a citizen. I am an |
| 19 | Executive Member of the Association of Council of |
| 20 | the State of New York which is nine hundred and |
| 21 | thirty-three Towns and to me there is something in |
| 22 | this statement that can cause a problem for every |
| 23 | Town in this Country and certainly for the State |
| 24 | of New York, which is the largest Town in the |
| 25 | United States of America. |
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There are other Towns that are also
 involved in this.

We have a National organization which we are part of it and can cause a big problem for us. Anyone can come in, we lose our powers, they can come in and tell us what they want and what they don't want, so, we have one vote each and that is how it should be used.

9 I rather make sure that it is not going to 10 cause any problem for any Town, certainly within 11 this State and others, as well, so, that is my 12 statement.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I will comment by saying, I think justice was delivered last week and we are closing a shameful chapter in this Town's history and I am glad of the decision that the Judge made and I think justice was delivered.

And, I certainly hope we won't be wasting anymore taxpayers' resources on this litigation.

20 Madam Clerk, will you please call the21 Administrative Calendar.

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22 CLERK CABANA: Yes, Supervisor.
23 On the Administrative Calendar, there are
24 Items 8 through 38 on the Calendar and I also have
25 an Item of urgent or emergency nature.

| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | The first item is a bond resolution of the |
| 2 | Town of Hempstead, New York adopted 2019 |
| 3 | authorizing the financing of Highway Road |
| 4 | $\mathrm{Page} 28$ Improvements Project within the Town stating the |
| 5 | maximum cost thereof is thirty thousand thirty |
| 6 | million, appropriating said amount, thereof an |
| 7 | authorizing the issuance of thirty million serial |
| 8 | bonds of said Town to finance said appropriation. |
| 9 | This will be Item Number 39 on the |
| 10 | Administrative Calendar. |
| 11 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Would any of the |
| 12 | Council Members like to sever any of the items on |
| 13 | the Administrative Calendar? |
| 14 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Items 19 and |
| 15 | 21 to be removed, I make a motion removing them, |
| 16 | 21 and 19. |
| 17 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second. |
| 18 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, Madam Clerk, |
| 19 | will you, please, call the roll on removal of |
| 20 | Items 19 and 21. |
| 21 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 22 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 23 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 24 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 25 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
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| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 2 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 3 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 4 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? Page 29 |
| 5 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 6 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 7 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 8 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 9 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 10 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion on |
| 11 | the Administrative Calendar. |
| 12 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the |
| 13 | calendar in its entirety except for 19 and 21 and |
| 14 | I move to include the emergency. |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second. |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Felix Procacci? |
| 17 | FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci. 1165 |
| 18 | Barnes Street, Franklin Square, New York. |
| 19 | On Item 26, was this put out to bid? |
| 20 | Stop the clock, please. |
| 21 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are updating our |
| 22 | Code, is that right, Mr. Ra? |
| 23 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: From time to time, the |
| 24 | Board passes new public laws and new ordinances, |
| 25 | this allows us to place those new laws and |
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| 1 | Codes in the Town Code so they can be |
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| 2 | accomplished. |
| 3 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, Mr. Ra, Mr. |
| 4 | Procacci's question was this put out to a bid? Page \mid 30 |
| 5 | This is a sole source provider. |
| 6 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Sole source provider, |
| 7 | yes. |
| 8 | FELIX PROCACCI: Did the Compliance Officer |
| 9 | review the contract? |
| 10 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Excuse me? |
| 11 | FELIX PROCACCI: Did the Compliance Officer |
| 12 | review the contract? |
| 13 | If I repeat it, please, don't use my time |
| 14 | again because they do that on purpose. |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: General Code |
| 16 | Publishers |
| 17 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: General Code Publishers |
| 18 | are sole source. |
| 19 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: They are sole source, |
| 20 | they are the ones that do it for the State, |
| 21 | correct? |
| 22 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Correct. |
| 23 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: This is from the |
| 24 | State contract, correct? |
| 25 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Correct. |
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| 1 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: To my knowledge, this |
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| 2 | is on the State contract. |
| 3 | They are the only ones that do it, is there |
| 4 | any other group that does this? Page 31 |
| 5 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No. |
| 6 | FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, um, on Item Number |
| 7 | 31, once, again, um, my FOIL-ing request, they are |
| 8 | going to be processing them. |
| 9 | They didn't give me a reason to reject it, |
| 10 | so, currently the way this resolution is written, |
| 11 | you are not listing the people that are actually |
| 12 | taking leave of absences. |
| 13 | So, you are in violation of the law, so, |
| 14 | you are not denying my FOIL request. |
| 15 | You say you are going to process it, that |
| 16 | is what I got back this week, so, why are you |
| 17 | continuing to violate the law. |
| 18 | And, also, going onto other resolutions, |
| 19 | other items in the same category, we are hiring |
| 20 | another Deputy Town Attorney. |
| 21 | My suggestion is we have plenty of Deputy |
| 22 | Town Attorneys that sit here meeting after meeting |
| 23 | and do nothing. |
| 24 | Why can't we better use their time and have |
| 25 | them work on it instead of hiring another person? |
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| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We are actually short |
| 2 | attorneys in the Town Attorney's Office, isn't |
| 3 | that right, Mr. Ra? |
| 4 | We have a number of attorneys that left $Page \mid 32$ |
| 5 | just recently and Mr. Ra, this attorney, Mr. Ra |
| 6 | was an attorney working part-time and is, now, |
| 7 | stepping up to fulltime, is that correct? |
| 8 | TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It is on tonight's |
| 9 | calendar, Supervisor, thank you, that is correct |
| 10 | and we will be it is being worked on. |
| 11 | FELIX PROCACCI: I understand. |
| 12 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: In addition to that, we |
| 13 | are looking for additional town attorneys and we |
| 14 | posed a job listing |
| 15 | FELIX PROCACCI: You can use the ones |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: On the website. |
| 17 | FELIX PROCACCI: You can use the ones over, |
| 18 | here, that are sitting here, that are just |
| 19 | sitting, meeting after meeting and don't say |
| 20 | anything and have them go upstairs and do some |
| 21 | legal work, that is my suggestion because you have |
| 22 | several town attorneys that sit, here, through |
| 23 | meetings and do nothing, so, I am just saying if |
| 24 | you are short attorneys, you can give them some |
| 25 | work to do and go upstairs and do work. |
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| 1 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: My strong |
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| 2 | suggestion to you is not to be disrespectful to |
| 3 | these people that work hard every day. |
| 4 | FELIX PROCACCI: I am just saying that we Page \mid 33 |
| 5 | have people, here, who just sit at meetings and |
| 6 | they are not doing anything. |
| 7 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: They sit here |
| 8 | and are responsive to the residents. |
| 9 | FELIX PROCACCI: They are not doing any of |
| 10 | the work. |
| 11 | Anyway, anyway |
| 12 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I want to echo |
| 13 | FELIX PROCACCI: My time is running out. |
| 14 | John Ciotti |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Your time is not |
| 16 | being changed. |
| 17 | I want to echo what was said by |
| 18 | Councilwoman King-Sweeney and Senior Councilwoman |
| 19 | Goosby, these attorneys are here at our request to |
| 20 | answer questions from the public, so, if there is |
| 21 | an issue, that they are here and we can get |
| 22 | answers for people in the public, including you |
| 23 | and, you know it because they answered questions |
| 24 | many times for you. |
| 25 | So, I think that is very unfair, Felix. |
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| | HEMPSTEAD TOWN BOARD 3/12/19 |
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| 1 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci, we have |
| 2 | Commissioners, here, because we call them down and |
| 3 | they can answer questions for residents, that is |
| 4 | why staff is here for Town Board. Page 34 |
| 5 | FELIX PROCACCI: Understood, understood. |
| 6 | Anyway, you're appointing John Ciotti as a |
| 7 | Community Research Assistant in General Services, |
| 8 | is he related to the former Legislator John |
| 9 | Ciotti? |
| 10 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Felix, getting back |
| 11 | to last week, one of the things that we included |
| 12 | in the budget and this is covered under the budget |
| 13 | that we were going to establish a department which |
| 14 | we had many years ago when I was first here as a |
| 15 | Council Member, a Department that was going to |
| 16 | deal with substance abuse and alcohol abuse |
| 17 | problems that we have, especially among our young |
| 18 | people and suicide prevention, as well and this is |
| 19 | something that we all collectively worked on. |
| 20 | And, quite frankly, I am the one who is |
| 21 | taking the lead because this has been something I |
| 22 | have been passionate about. I have served on the |
| 23 | Board of a non-profit alcohol and substance abuse |
| 24 | program in the Town of Hempstead for almost |
| 25 | twenty-five years. |
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| 1 | I know many people, um, that have been |
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| 2 | devastated by suicide. |
| 3 | There was just recently a sixteen year old |
| 4 | $Page \mid 35$ boy, I think, maybe eighteen years old boy, excuse |
| 5 | me, in Rockville entre who threw himself in front |
| 6 | of a train. |
| 7 | We have an opioid crisis and um and I |
| 8 | recommended both Barry Rolansky and John Ciotti. |
| 9 | John Ciotti is very qualified. |
| 10 | He is months away from getting his |
| 11 | doctorate in this area. |
| 12 | He is very highly qualified in all issues |
| 13 | concerning substance abuse, alcohol abuse and |
| 14 | suicide prevention and he will be a great addition |
| 15 | to the new team that we put together here on the |
| 16 | Town Board to start helping people find answers to |
| 17 | issues that they have in their families with |
| 18 | substance and alcohol abuse. |
| 19 | And, now, with the State on the precipice |
| 20 | and I hope I am wrong, of legalizing marijuana, |
| 21 | there is going to be marijuana all over the place, |
| 22 | in our Parks, in our schools and we better be |
| 23 | prepared for it. |
| 24 | I haven't given up the fight against |
| 25 | legalizing marijuana because I think it is going |
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| 1 | to devastating our State. |
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| 2 | But, we have to be ready for it, as well, |
| 3 | so, I am the one who put forth both names. |
| 4 | I take responsibility for them and I am $${\rm Page} 36$$ |
| 5 | actually proud of them because I think they are |
| 6 | two outstanding individuals. |
| 7 | FELIX PROCACCI: My question was, was he |
| 8 | related to John Ciotti, the ex-County Legislator? |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: He is related to John |
| 10 | Ciotti, who I had the privilege and pleasure of |
| 11 | serving with on the Legislature, a fine family. |
| 12 | They come from North Valley Stream and they |
| 13 | are in my District and I am very proud that John, |
| 14 | God rest his soul, has a son that has decided to |
| 15 | go into service to save lives. |
| 16 | FELIX PROCACCI: Was this |
| 17 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Just a minute, |
| 18 | sir, since you are speaking on that, Councilman, I |
| 19 | have two people, here, who came tonight. |
| 20 | I think it is a very appropriate time for |
| 21 | them to come up and from the cathedral in |
| 22 | Rockville Centre, his name is Reverend Pastor Seth |
| 23 | Awo-Doku. |
| 24 | I would like him to come up, you want |
| 25 | answers, we will give you answers. |
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| 1 | FELIX PROCACCI: I didn't ask any of those |
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| 2 | questions. |
| 3 | I am not even I didn't even ask any of |
| 4 | them. Page 37 |
| 5 | I asked a very simple question. |
| 6 | It is turning into a dissertation. |
| 7 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: You wanted to know |
| 8 | about this, here. |
| 9 | FELIX PROCACCI: I asked one question, |
| 10 | whether he was related and that is it. |
| 11 | It is turning into something. |
| 12 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening, Father |
| 13 | Seth, are we speaking about the administrative |
| 14 | calendar. |
| 15 | FELIX PROCACCI: I don't know. |
| 16 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I asked him to |
| 17 | do this because it is pertaining to it with |
| 18 | marijuana and legalization and we want to know |
| 19 | exactly what we are doing with this person who is |
| 20 | here to handle this problem for us. |
| 21 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Absolutely, I want to |
| 22 | hear from him. |
| 23 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: He can |
| 24 | explain, so we don't have to have Felix worry |
| 25 | about it anymore. |
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| 1 | FELIX PROCACCI: I wasn't worrying about |
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| 2 | it. |
| 3 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Senior Councilwoman |
| 4 | Goosby is very worried about you. Sit back and $Page \mid 38$ |
| 5 | listen. |
| 6 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Let us do |
| 7 | this. |
| 8 | You want to finish your 54 seconds? |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Go ahead, Felix. |
| 10 | FELIX PROCACCI: The answer to your |
| 11 | question is yes. |
| 12 | No jobs were posted in the newspapers that |
| 13 | you are giving everybody a fair chance of getting |
| 14 | these jobs. |
| 15 | It has always been the case. |
| 16 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: This job was not |
| 17 | posted. |
| 18 | FELIX PROCACCI: I think this is unfair. |
| 19 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Qualifications |
| 20 | of the person |
| 21 | FELIX PROCACCI: My God, you can talk |
| 22 | forever afterwards. |
| 23 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You talk a |
| 24 | lot. You talk a lot. I listen to you all the |
| 25 | time. |
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| 1 | FELIX PROCACCI: I only have three minutes. |
| 2 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You can talk |
| 3 | to me. |
| 4 | FELIX PROCACCI: You need to post jobs. Page $ 39$ |
| 5 | We need to give everyone a fair shot of |
| 6 | getting jobs. |
| 7 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I agree. |
| 8 | FELIX PROCACCI: And, also to list this job |
| 9 | as a community research assistant where it doesn't |
| 10 | go into any detail is also disingenuous. |
| 11 | I don't know what they were hired for. I |
| 12 | am just asking very fundamental questions to the |
| 13 | process. |
| 14 | And, I wish I wouldn't get interrupted |
| 15 | constantly when I speak. |
| 16 | I ask very simple questions. I give very |
| 17 | simple suggestions. |
| 18 | (Whereupon, the bell rang. After, the |
| 19 | following ensued.) |
| 20 | FELIX PROCACCI: After |
| 21 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Your time is |
| 22 | up. |
| 23 | FELIX PROCACCI: Yeah, after you |
| 24 | interrupted me when I have to repeat myself three |
| 25 | times that uses up my time. |
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| 1 | Anyway, I will talk later. |
| 2 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: You don't |
| 3 | understand |
| 4 | FELIX PROCACCI: You will leave early - $\frac{Page \mid 40}{-}$ |
| 5 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Oh, I will |
| 6 | leave when I am ready. You don't tell me when to |
| 7 | leave. |
| 8 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Reverend, please. |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Father, we could all |
| 10 | use a little religion right, now. |
| 11 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: That's right, |
| 12 | a little prays, especially for some people. |
| 13 | FELIX PROCACCI: Yes, for you. |
| 14 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I pray all the |
| 15 | time. I pray for you, now. |
| 16 | REVEREND SETH AWO-DOKU: Thank you very |
| 17 | much, my name is Seth Awo-Doku from Saint Agnes |
| 18 | Cathedral in Rockville Centre. |
| 19 | And, I represent the Clergy on the |
| 20 | Rockville Centre Coalition for Youth. |
| 21 | And, I am speaking for all the church and |
| 22 | the Coalition in the area. |
| 23 | We are concerned about the youth and the |
| 24 | welfare of the youth. |
| 25 | Most of us in the clergy, we end up |
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| 1 | cleaning up the end result of drug use and drug |
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| 2 | abuse and the end result is beyond remedy and I |
| 3 | believe we are all well aware of this. |
| 4 | Page $ 41$ We are called when this is going back, |
| 5 | I was telling parishioners on several occasions, |
| 6 | how on several occasions I buried people that I |
| 7 | thought were too young to die, beautiful lives |
| 8 | destroyed forever. |
| 9 | So, when the issue of legalizing marijuana |
| 10 | came up, it became a concern for many, including |
| 11 | the clergy. |
| 12 | And, I am here to speak to you, Council |
| 13 | Members and Town Board and concerned citizens that |
| 14 | we have to think about it very well and talk to |
| 15 | lawmakers in the State in our Counties and, in |
| 16 | the State that it may open the gateways not for |
| 17 | good but for the worse, you can expect. |
| 18 | Marijuana is a gateway drug. |
| 19 | There are people that will deny this and if |
| 20 | it is free and open and people can use it, out |
| 21 | youth will be destroyed before they grow up to the |
| 22 | age where they will be useful to our homes, our |
| 23 | Counties, the State and Nation, so, we need to |
| 24 | think very well of this. |
| 25 | When they start using marijuana, they |
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| 1 | will need more drugs. Once the child or a young |
| 2 | person is hooked to one drug, they want more. |
| 3 | And, there is no limit to what they want. |
| 4 | We can't stop it by then. Page 42 |
| 5 | It is for reasons or for what reasons |
| 6 | are we considering utilizing but there is one |
| 7 | thing we cannot change once a life is destroyed, |
| 8 | we can't bring it back. |
| 9 | There is nothing more precious, more worthy |
| 10 | than any money, the County or the State can gain. |
| 11 | So, I want to bring this across, we, the |
| 12 | clergy, the churches are all slaying no, please, |
| 13 | no. |
| 14 | We need to all get involved. |
| 15 | We are passionate about this and consider |
| 16 | the lives, the productive lives that will be |
| 17 | destroyed. Thank you very much. |
| 18 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much. |
| 19 | Thank you for all your work. |
| 20 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Father, I say amen. |
| 21 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Amen. |
| 22 | REVEREND SETH AWO-DOKU: Thank you very |
| 23 | much. |
| 24 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Okay. |
| 25 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. I do |
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| 1 | not have any other slips on the Administrative |
| 2 | Calendar, is there anyone else that would like to |
| 3 | be heard on the calendar? |
| 4 | (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, |
| 5 | the following ensued.) |
| 6 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, Madam |
| 7 | Clerk will you please call the roll on Items 8 |
| 8 | through 39. |
| 9 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 10 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I vote aye except for |
| 11 | on the personnel calendar, which is Number 31, I |
| 12 | vote no to John Ciotti, as I stated very clearly, |
| 13 | when I voted no for Mr. Polansky, this position |
| 14 | should have been posted and applicants should have |
| 15 | been interviewed. |
| 16 | Additionally, the position in the budget is |
| 17 | for Deputy Director, not a Community Research |
| 18 | Assistant. |
| 19 | Why are we not hiring to fill this position |
| 20 | that was actually created in the budget? |
| 21 | I reviewed Mr. Ciotti's resume, he seems to |
| 22 | be very qualified as a mental health counselor. |
| 23 | We just hired another mental health |
| 24 | counselor as a Director, the Department of |
| 25 | Veterans Affairs and Public Health was |
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| 1 | created to further enhance how we deliver services |
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| 2 | to, among others, our Veterans or, at least, that |
| 3 | is what I thought instead of hiring somebody with |
| 4 | A background assisting Veterans, we are hiring a ${\displaystyle Page 44}$ |
| 5 | second mental health counselor and, now, between |
| 6 | both manger jobs, there is not one Veteran. |
| 7 | I cannot support this and I vote no. |
| 8 | I also vote no on Paul Grilli, the Parks |
| 9 | Department is budgeted for 14 Park Crew Chiefs and |
| 10 | currently there are 14 that are working, to my |
| 11 | knowledge, I understand there was retirement in |
| 12 | the Parks Department but according to what was |
| 13 | budgeted, those vacancies cannot be filled, |
| 14 | otherwise, we will once, again, go over budget on |
| 15 | payroll due to the fantasy of "less savings," I |
| 16 | vote no. |
| 17 | I also vote no on Miguel Serrano. |
| 18 | Currently Traffic Control is at it budgets |
| 19 | staffing level for this position and no |
| 20 | justification was given to my office as to why |
| 21 | this move was necessary, so, I vote no. |
| 22 | Finally, on Item 30, this contract did not |
| 23 | go out to bid. |
| 24 | The RFP rules call for everything over ten |
| 25 | thousand dollars to go out to bid. |
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| 1 | This is a thirty-six thousand dollar |
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| 2 | contract that did not go out to bid, so, I vote no |
| 3 | on that. |
| 4 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 5 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 6 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 7 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 8 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 10 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 11 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye on everybody |
| 12 | including young John Ciotti and mental health is |
| 13 | necessary to taking care of the men and women that |
| 14 | come home with a great amount of injuries post |
| 15 | traumatic disorder that affect the ninety percent |
| 16 | of the men and women that serve in our country in |
| 17 | a war zone being rocketed and mortared each and |
| 18 | every day their lives are on the line and they |
| 19 | come home to their families and they are not the |
| 20 | same person that left. They need the help of |
| 21 | somebody like John Ciotti. There are twenty-two |
| 22 | Veterans a day that commit suicide. They need |
| 23 | help. Somebody has to be there that knows what |
| 24 | they are going through and talk to them and help |
| 25 | them and I vote aye on the whole bunch. |
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| 1 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 2 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 3 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 4 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. Page 46 |
| 5 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion to |
| 6 | adjourn. |
| 7 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we |
| 8 | adjourn. |
| 9 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second. |
| 10 | CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen? |
| 11 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye. |
| 12 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Ambrosino? |
| 13 | COUNCILMAN AMBROSINO: Aye. |
| 14 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Blakeman? |
| 15 | COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye. |
| 16 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito? |
| 17 | COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye. |
| 18 | CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne? |
| 19 | COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye. |
| 20 | CLERK CABANA: Senior Councilwoman Goosby? |
| 21 | SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye. |
| 22 | CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney? |
| 23 | COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye. |
| 24 | (Whereupon, the official meeting of the |
| 25 | Hempstead Town Board was concluded.) |
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| 3 | CERTIFICATE BY COURT REPORTER |
| 4 | I, do hereby certify that the foregoing $Page \mid 47$ |
| 5 | testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town |
| 6 | Board Meeting held on March 12, 2019, consisting |
| 7 | of pages 1 through 47 inclusive is an accurate |
| 8 | transcription of my cryptic notes. |
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| 10 | IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY. |
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