

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD

ONE WASHINGTON STREET

TOWN HALL PAVILION

HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550

JUNE 11, 2019

7:00 P.M.

BEFORE: LAURA A. GILLEN,

SUPERVISOR

APPEARANCES :

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DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN (ABSENT)

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY (ABSENT)

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COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO

COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.

MAJORITY LEADER/COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA

TOWN CLERK CABANA

DEPUTY TOWN CLERK TUMMINELLO

TOWN ATTORNY RA

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1 (Whereupon, citations and photos were taken
2 as the Hempstead Town Board honored the Chaminade
3 High School Baseball Team. They are the
4 Nassau/Suffolk Catholic High School Athletic
5 Association champions for the 17th time and the
6 first since 2015. Present were Head Coach Mike
7 Pienkos and Assistant Coaches; Jack Lyons, Jorge
8 Vargas & James Ballin. After, the following
9 ensued.)

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10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Good Evening,
11 everybody. We will, now, begin our regularly,
12 scheduled Town Board Meeting.

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

17 There are meeting agendas available in the
18 rear of the Pavilion.

19 If you like to be heard on any matter, fill
20 out a form and give it to the Public Safety
21 Officer and we will call on you to be heard.

22 After, the meeting is adjourned, we will
23 honor our custom and remain in session to hear
24 public comments on any other matter.

25 During this Town Board Meeting, we ask

1 People to behave in a civilized manner.

2 If you yell out from the gallery, you will
3 be given a warning.

4 If you yell out after that, you will be Page | 4
5 asked to leave by a Public Safety Officer.

6 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the
7 roll.

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Here.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Here.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Here.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I ask Councilwoman Erin
19 King-Sweeney to lead us in the Pledge of
20 Allegiance.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Please rise and
22 join me, hand over your heart.

23 (Whereupon, Councilwoman King-Sweeney led
24 the Assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance. After,
25 the following ensued.)

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, Madam Clerk,
2 will you, please, all our first Public Hearing.

3 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
4 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in ^{Page | 5}
5 East Meadow, Franklin Square, Uniondale, near
6 Valley Stream (To amend Chapter 202 of the Code of
7 the Town of Hempstead)

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

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

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I
14 have a Motion.

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that the
16 Hearing be closed and we vote on the item.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

19 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

21 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

25 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

3 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you, ^{Page | 6}
5 please, call our next Public Hearing.

6 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
7 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in East Meadow
8 (To amend Section 202-1 of the Code of the Town of
9 Hempstead)

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

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

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16 have a Motion.

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18 the Hearing and vote on the item.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

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22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

2 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

3 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

4 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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5 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

6 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you,
8 please, call our next Public Hearing.

9 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
10 "Arterial Stops" in North Bellmore, North Merrick
11 (To amend Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of
12 Hempstead)

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

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

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19 have a Motion.

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21 Hearing be closed and we vote on the item.

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
call our next Public Hearing.

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

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

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

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have a Motion.

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that the
Public Hearing be closed and we vote on the item.

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

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SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please
call the next Public Hearing.

CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
"Vehicle Speed Limit" in East Atlantic Beach -
Beech Street - (To amend Chapter 190 of the Code
of the Town of Hempstead by the insertion of a
location into Section 190-11 in relation to a 25
mph speed limit)

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

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

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Hearing none, may I

1 have a Motion.

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I
3 move that the Hearing be closed and the item be
4 adopted. Page | 10

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

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you
19 call the next Public Hearing, please.

20 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:
21 "School Speed Limits" in Woodmere - Peninsula
22 Boulevard - (To amend Chapter 190 of the Code of
23 the Town of Hempstead by the insertion of a
24 location into Section 190-4, Subdivision "A" in
25 relation to a 20 mph School Speed Limit)

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

4 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After, ^{Page | 11}
5 the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move that the
9 Public Hearing be closed and the local law be
10 adopted.

11 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second the
12 Motion.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

14 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: 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: Councilman Muscarella?

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please
25 call the next Public Hearing.

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CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law Re:

"Regulating the advertisement of age-restricted products within one thousand feet of schools, Parks, playground and duly licensed child day-care centers" (To enact a new Section 121-3 (E) of Chapter 121 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Rolanski, are you going to speak on this Hearing?

DIRECTOR ROLANSKI: Good evening, my name is Barry Rolanski. I am, here in my capacity as the Director of Substances Abuse for the Town of Hempstead.

I hold a graduate degree in Psychology.

I am certified as an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Counselor by the State of New York, as well as Prevention Programs.

Prior to assuming this position, I served 42 years as Executive Director of the local New York State Licensed Medical Supervisor for Outpatient Treatment Program working with families confronting substance abuse and other behavioral and emotional stages.

We also provide contract services, social work for public school-age and private schools in Nassau County.

1 Some brief comments, I would like to
2 present some context for the legislation and you
3 will find a longer version in the comments in the
4 package that I presented as part of the record and ^{Page | 13}
5 ask that it be given to the Board.

6 Also, submitted are copies of studies that
7 were reviewed and some correspondence received
8 from community school superintendents.

9 One particular comment is worth reading
10 before I begin, the superintendent of schools in
11 the community, as a result of the explosion of
12 vaping on our youth wrote, "we had more students
13 suspended during 2017/2018 school year than the
14 total of the last seven years."

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Doctor, may I interrupt
16 you for a moment, do you want to move all those
17 documents that were distributed to the Board be
18 made a part of the record?

19 DIRECTOR ROLANSKI: Yes, please.

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Thank you.

21 DIRECTOR ROLANSKI: Public policy has spent
22 50 years in the effort to educate and guard
23 America's youth in the approach to the drug
24 nicotine, tobacco and smoking behavior.

25 The success of this effort was visible

1 in restaurants, public places of assembly and
2 people's homes.

3 There was also a decrease in adolescence
4 use of combustible nicotine products that is until ^{Page | 14}
5 2014 when e-cigarettes, also known as, vaping came
6 on the scene and now has become the most commonly
7 used tobacco product among youths.

8 1.5 million students used e-cigarettes in
9 2018 versus 2017, that is a 78 percent increase
10 among High School students and that is a 48
11 percent increase among medical school students,
12 children 12 to 15.

13 This is frightening data, actually,
14 terrifying when you realize that it is a profound
15 undermining of decades of a public health policy
16 that has successfully deglamorized, restricted and
17 decreased the use of tobacco products.

18 Research-based scientific data informing
19 public policy on how to address this.

20 What we know about nicotine, now, is
21 different than what we knew in the 1950's.

22 Research on brain functions helps us
23 understand that the adolescence brain works
24 differently than a fully mature brain.

25 Children of a lesser developed brain where

1 executive functions like decision-making are
2 maintained, children will make high risk and
3 impulsive decisions because of this.

4 Tobacco retailers, vape retailers have a Page | 15
5 great influence placed on adolescences not yet
6 addicted are willing to try risky behavior on a
7 whim or impulse or on an opportunistic dare.

8 However, once the nicotine gets into the
9 brain, all bets are off which child will walk away
10 from experimentation and who will develop the
11 illicit addiction.

12 United States youths are using cigarettes,
13 identified marketable high consistent findings,
14 adolescences that use e-cigarettes compared to
15 those that do not are in high risk of
16 transitioning to traditional cigarettes.

17 We know the health consequences about
18 nicotine but there are gaps in knowledge about
19 vaping because of the - - because the vaping
20 research demonstrates deeply disturbing facts.

21 A few weeks ago, Dr. Willow of Stanford
22 University Cardiac - -

23 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
24 After, the following ensued.)

25 DIRECTOR ROLANSKI: - - Journal of

1 Cardiology Research demonstrated that difference
2 flavoring in e-cigarettes, liquids, were
3 responsible for damaged interior walls of the
4 blood vessels, not the nicotine but the flavorings^s themselves.
5

6 And, it is the flavorings that are the very
7 thing that manufacturers use to attract children
8 to vaping.

9 Sixty-eight percent used flavored e-
10 cigarettes in 2018 than in 2017 and twenty-eight
11 percent used e-cigarettes twenty times or more
12 days in 2018 versus 2017.

13 Once, again, without public policy, we are
14 finding children to a lifetime of consequences
15 that can be ameliorated with the policies that are
16 presented before you this evening.

17 Adolescences are affected by marketing
18 communication because they actively search for
19 clues in advertising that help conform to peer
20 relationships.

21 They want to look the right look.

22 Frequent exposure creates favor and images
23 that sometimes is desirable, socially accepted.

24 Because young people see vapes as easily
25 accessible, they may also believe it is condoned

1 or sanctioned by the community peers but when e-
2 cigarettes were introduced, manufacturers put
3 forth the idea that vaping was an effective smoke
4 sanction, safer than combustible tobacco. Page | 17

5 Research indicates that children heard the
6 word "safer than cigarettes," this message
7 interpreted permission by adolescents to use
8 vapes.

9 Manufacturers sweetened the pie by
10 producing vaping liquids like vanilla, caramel
11 tobacco.

12 Marketing strategies targeted youths.

13 And, in the same article in the Journal
14 included that the volume of e-cigarette
15 advertising significantly increased the
16 probability of being a smoker.

17 Another study concluded that retailers
18 clustered around schools maybe more dangerous on
19 children's use of the e-cigarettes.

20 We reviewed the Journal articles on studies
21 demonstrating the impact of nicotine on the brain
22 and the chemical and structural changes initiated
23 by nicotine use, the addictive nature of nicotine,
24 the chemical found in vaping liquids, the path of
25 vaping to traditional tobacco product, the

1 impact on students in relation to proximity to
2 retailers near their school, the marketing of vape
3 products and how children vaping are located and
4 shaped by advertisement.

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5 Researchers informed us that adolescents re
6 susceptible to marketing and that marketing can
7 and do target children.

8 But evidence-based and scientific-data is
9 essential and critical.

10 And, I believe such research supports the
11 legislation that is before you.

12 The legislation is supported by something
13 more profound than the research programs.

14 We always believed that if something is not
15 right, it is wrong.

16 E-cigarettes - -

17 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

18 After, the following ensued.)

19 DIRECTOR ROMANKSI: - - requires companies
20 to market their product in a manner that tests the
21 boundaries of the way community's conscious should
22 approach children and drug use; targeting
23 children, marketing to a brain not fully
24 developed, attracting young people to falsely
25 present substances like liquid vape knowing

1 that medical consequences of use will have tragic
2 outcomes is wrong.

3 And, this wrong is what the legislation
4 before you, tonight seeks to correct.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
6 presentation.

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: May I say something, I
8 want to thank you for the research that you
9 provided before us and let you know we received
10 letters of support for this from the School
11 District in my area, from the Levittown School
12 District, High School and Division Avenue High
13 School and the School Board.

14 Um, they specifically, um, thanking us for
15 doing this, Dr. Toni McDonough.

16 She is the Superintendent.

17 Island Trees School District, which is in
18 my District. They said, "that whatever we can do
19 to make vaping more difficult, I am in full
20 support.

21 "Thank you for taking the lead on this and
22 please continue your leadership in this area, Dr.
23 Murphy, Island Trees."

24 Also, I take part in the schools I just
25 mentioned and I got to tell you, they are

1 facing the same problem.

2 I represented them for 22 years as a
3 Legislator and for the last two years and as a
4 Town Councilman, I have a small portion.

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5 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes, Dr. Kora,
6 who is Superintendent, also has voiced support for
7 - - strong support for this legislation.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Also, I love what you
9 give us, studies about tobacco near schools, AJS
10 public access, their studies, tremendous studies
11 talking about UCLA studies, um, things - - Orange
12 County, California which is riddled with kids
13 smoking, it is so scary, the Science Director,
14 elsefere (phonetic spelling) is a study group that
15 does the scientific studies on behavior science,
16 American Council of Pediatrics, issues from the
17 FDA Commissioner, from Adolescent Health, from - -
18 I tell you, you supplied us with so many different
19 studies that prove that this is necessary.

20 And, I thank you for being here, tonight
21 and I thank you for supplying us with the studies
22 to back up what we have been saying and what we
23 have been hearing from the children.

24 I hear from Middle School children, from, I
25 don't want to say the name of the schools.

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1 They are scared because they see their
2 friends doing it and they are afraid to tell them
3 to stop because they don't want to make enemies
4 over their friends and the parents are scared to ^{Page | 21}
5 get the kids to come up here and say, "can you
6 help us, please."

7 We have to do something. Shame on us if we
8 don't.

9 So, thank you for giving us some ammunition
10 so we can pass this, hopefully, without any
11 problem.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you so much.

13 I have a number of slips of those that
14 would like to be heard on this.

15 We have Harsual Kirane, M.D.?

16 DR. KIRANE: Good evening. I am Dr.
17 Harsual Kirane.

18 I am an addiction Psychiatrist. On the
19 Faculty at Hofstra/Northwell School of Medicine
20 and Medical Director of Wellbridge.

21 On behalf of Wellbridge, it is my privilege
22 to participate in this important community
23 discussion and I would like to thank Mr. Rolanski
24 and the esteemed members of the Town Board for the
25 invitation.

1 Briefly, Wellbridge is a holy unique
2 addiction research center set to open in Calverton
3 later this year.

4 Our commitment is to the advancement of Page | 22
5 addition care and to make frontier of science more
6 accessible.

7 Our duty is to protect population and
8 promote wellbeing, which brings me to tonight's
9 task at hand.

10 Wellbridge supports the enactment of
11 regulations on advertisement of age-restricted
12 products and proposing the new law.

13 Nicotine is a simple molecule with the
14 uncanny capacity to complicate and lead to complex
15 medical and social problems.

16 This is especially the case for vulnerable
17 segments of our community, such as, minors.

18 Adolescence is a remarkable phase of life
19 with profound development of both emotional and
20 cognitive sides of the mind.

21 As the adolescent brain is still developing
22 in many crucial ways, it is exclusively sensitive
23 to the impact and affects of the nicotine - -

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Could I interrupt you
25 for one second, is this slide show part of

1 your presentation?

2 DR. KIRANE: No, sir.

3 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Actually, listening and
4 great we have slide show going on at the same Page | 23
5 time.

6 I am sorry, Doctor, please, continue.

7 DR. KIRANE: No problem, I believe Mr.
8 Rolanski provided these slides.

9 And many of the concepts that are contained
10 in there, I will also be reinforcing, so, please,
11 use your eyes and ears all you can.

12 Basic science studies with animal models
13 have revealed nicotine may cause permanent affects
14 on brain structure and function.

15 Nicotine acts on cold and emergent pathways
16 which play a central role in the emotional system
17 of the brain.

18 And, disruption in these systems lead to
19 long-term difficulty with learning, memory and
20 motivation.

21 These very changes can also increase the
22 vulnerability for addiction later in life, not
23 only to nicotine products but to potentially other
24 substances.

25 A large and growing body of evidence

1 exists, examining the impact of nicotine, tobacco
2 and tobacco-related products.

3 These products have dramatically expanded
4 in the past decade.

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5 Highlighted by some of the comments Mr.
6 Rolanski already made but this ranges from
7 products, such as, e-cigarettes from vaping
8 devices and continue to be accelerated in its
9 revolution with new technologies and targeted
10 marketing, driving demand among children and
11 adolescents.

12 I like to highlight a few key findings from
13 this body of context utilizing the new proposal
14 and, again, reiterating some of the concepts that
15 were said earlier in these slides.

16 Per the CDC - -

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

19 DR. KIRANE: - - Tobacco products - -

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Doctor, I am so sorry,
21 but we really are trying to stick to our three-
22 minute rule, tonight, if you could wrap up your
23 comments as quickly as possible, I would
24 appreciate it.

25 DR. KIRANE: Sure, I highlight this, then,

1 Um, and this is from a study in JAMA Pediatrics in
2 2014, use of the e-cigarettes was associated with
3 higher odds of cigarette smoking, higher odds of
4 established smoking, higher odds of planning to Page | 25
5 quit smoking among current smokers but among
6 experimenters, lower odds of abstinence and
7 conventional cigarettes.

8 Use of e-cigarettes does not discourage the
9 use of cigarettes among adults.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Doctor, I
11 appreciate it.

12 Maybe you could submit your comments for
13 the record that would be helpful, as well.

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I have one quick
15 question; COPD is that in any way enhanced by
16 smoking these e-cigarettes?

17 DR. KIRANE: Yes, absolutely.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It is part of it, right?

19 DR. KIRANE: Smoking cigarettes and COPD
20 certainly is worsened and intensified by using
21 these e-cigarettes.

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you, Doctor.

23 DR. KIRANE: In closing, I simply will say,
24 thank you for this opportunity and Wellbridge
25 certainly looks forward to contributing to

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1 informing the public dialogue on addiction and
2 smoking to be a source of hope for all.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much,
4 Doctor.

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

7 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Moses Weintraub?
8 State your name and address for the record.

9 MOSES WEINTRAUB: My name is Moses
10 Weintraub. I am sixteen years old and I am here
11 tonight to share some of my experiences with Juul.

12 The first time I heard of Juul was the
13 Summer when I was going to 9th grade, one of my
14 friends casually brought it up, but because I was
15 trying to fit in, I did not ask him what a Juul
16 was.

17 I thought a Juul - - I believe a Juul was,
18 "cool" and since it has an assortment of many
19 flavors, kids are excited by the fact they can
20 choose many flavors.

21 First and only time I ever juuled was last
22 Summer.

23 I was at a sleep-away basketball camp, in
24 mu bunk when a kid took out his Juul and started
25 passing it around.

1 I saw my bunkmates Juul and quickly thought
2 that I had to fit in, I had to do it.

3 I had no clue how to do it properly, so,
4 one of my bunkmates showed me how it was done. Page | 27

5 After a couple of buffs, I felt like the
6 nicotine take effect on my brain.

7 This thought scared me into never Juuling,
8 again.

9 A few months a go I arrived home late from
10 the gym and my Mom told me a story about my sister
11 and Juul.

12 She was twelve years old and was in the
13 recess yard in Middle School when she saw a cool-
14 looking hard drive on the ground.

15 She took it home that day and showed it to
16 her friend after she plugged it into the computer
17 and her friend explained "Judy, that is a Juul,
18 don't you know what that is?"

19 My sister was freaked out by the thought of
20 Juul and threw it away.

21 When I found this out, I knew she was very
22 angry because I could have gotten it and sold it
23 to a friend for a good profit, after sleeping off
24 this thought, I changed my mind but felt angry
25 because on the inside I realized an innocent

1 Twelve year old girl was in control of a device
2 that had as much nicotine as a pack of cigarettes.

3 This led me to join PAY because I didn't
4 want other people to have the same experience. Page | 28

5 I viewed other twelve year olds could be
6 thrust in the same situation.

7 They will make a mistake, smoke it and get
8 hooked on it and spend the rest of their life
9 hooked on nicotine.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for sharing
11 your experiences with us.

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

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Are either of your
15 parents, here, tonight?

16 MOSES WEINTRAUB: No, my Aunt is here.

17 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Your Aunt. Everybody in
18 your family should be very, very proud of you.
19 God Bless you.

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

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Phillip Fuhrman?

23 PHILLIP FUHRMAN: Hi, um, my name is
24 Phillip Fuhrman. I am sixteen years old and I am
25 going into my Junior year in High School.

1 I started Juuling at the end of 8th grade,
2 which, now, probably is around two years ago.

3 I tried to quit multiple times, but, it is
4 extremely hard thing to do. Page | 29

5 It is hard not to say not to taking a hit
6 of a friend's Juul, but, it is really hard when I
7 am walking back and forth from school and I see a
8 deli or smoke shop that "Juul is sold, here," sign
9 outside.

10 I remember it being very hard to stay
11 outside the store and not purchase a Juul.

12 There have been times when I was on the
13 first, second or third week of not Juuling and on
14 my way home from school and I see a deli with a
15 "Juul sold, here," sign outside.

16 If I had a craving at that time, I would
17 have gone in and purchased a Juul, a pack of pods.

18 I feel as though if there is no sign that
19 reminded me or told me there was a Juul being
20 sold, there, I would not have gone in and bought
21 the device.

22 And, I could have possibly - - could have
23 quit sooner than I did.

24 I am here because I want to help other kids
25 who are going through what I went through.

1 And, I feel as though this ban of
2 advertising e-cigarettes and vaping products like
3 Juul near school and Parks to help kids quit and
4 kids who haven't started in the first place away ^{Page | 30}
5 from the product.

6 Thank you very much.

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

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: You and the other
11 students are from PAAE what does it stand for?

12 PHILLIP FUHRMAN: Parents against the
13 Advancement of E-cigarettes.

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Is that an organization
15 that people can contribute to?

16 PHILLIP FUHRMAN: It is an organization
17 that my Mom and my friend's Mom and my other
18 friend's Mom started.

19 The two of them are back there and they
20 will probably be speaking later.

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: We will get that out to
22 the folks so they can contribute. You are doing a
23 damn good job. You guys are really, really good.

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

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ruthanne McCormack?

2 RUTHANNE McCORMACK: Good evening, thank
3 you everyone for letting us speak about this
4 important topic.

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5 I want to update you.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: State your name and
7 address.

8 RUTHANNE McCORMACK: Ruthanne McCormack,
9 Rockville Centre Coalition for Youth.

10 Um, to further, um, check with compliance
11 of the Juul pods in our Town, I did a compliance
12 check and every brick and mortar store in
13 Rockville Centre was still selling the flavor
14 Juul, even though November 13, 2018, the company
15 pulled it from the shelves.

16 So, I want to submit my notices that were
17 sent out to all the stores.

18 The railroad is actually going to take care
19 of the vendors that have newsstands in their
20 lobbies since they are responsible for that.

21 I sent them to the railroad, today. I have
22 an update for you on the, um, recreational
23 marijuana and the new developments that are going
24 up in Albany.

25 I will read a letter that I proposed.

1 All the latest and most troubling chapter
2 in the rush to legalize marijuana is the bi-
3 proponents that have eschewed transparency and
4 disdain public input and legislative debate.

5 They want to skip all bi-agenda in Albany
6 in a tactical move called the "Big Ugly."

7 The "Big Ugly," is one of the big end of
8 session B ill that rolls together both good and
9 bad legislative proposals into a big matzah ball.

10 In the "Big Ugly," are State and Assembly
11 Members that would be steamrolled into having a
12 vote for legalization, even if they are opposed to
13 it.

14 And, fat-sitting electives would be let off
15 the hook presenting they opposed it but had to
16 vote for the Bill's good provisions.

17 What the "Big Ugly," would ignore is that
18 over the past few months, legalizing marijuana
19 proposals in New York are far more complexed,
20 complicated and yes, ugly, than what the public
21 thinks they are.

22 Proponents indicate that the public favors
23 it.

24 Would respondents feel the same if they
25 actually knew what is in the legalization Bills?

1 They should educate themselves and fast.

2 Alarming not only does the public not
3 know what is in the proposals, now sitting on
4 Albany's Legislative's desks, but neither do any ^{Page | 33}
5 legislators themselves.

6 Anyone who thinks they know what
7 legalization means should read the Bills now
8 festering before the State and Assembly if they
9 think we were to legalize pot, you will be in for
10 more of a shock.

11 How about watching virtually every aspect
12 of New York's normal business oversight to not
13 only allowing industry but actively promote it.

14 Sure, let's provide marijuana businesses
15 with zero interest taxpaying finance loans that
16 other small businesses can't get not matter how
17 hard they try.

18 Let's reject Amazon high-tech, high paying
19 jobs so we can encourage pot peddling in our local
20 community streets, street corner stores where
21 future job opportunities for our youth.

22 How about allowing these pot stores to be
23 located within two hundred feet of your local
24 school and, then, actively, encouraging them to
25 hire drug offenders to run these stores your

1 Children will pass to and from school every day?

2 Sure, how a bout allowing them to six
3 homegrown plants per residence with no size limit.

4 Try regulating that.

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5 And, the Bill's sponsors say they want to
6 prevent illicit drug use.

7 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
8 After, the following ensued.)

9 RUTHANNE McCORMACK: Are they kidding?
10 How about affirmatively prohibiting our
11 local law enforcement - -

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. McCormack, I am
13 sorry, I am going to have to ask you to wrap your
14 comments up.

15 RUTHANNE McCORMACK: I sent it to all of
16 you, so, you can read it.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

18 RUTHANNE McCORMACK: Thank you, so far as
19 with what you are doing, as far as the vaping.

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

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Meredith Berkman?

23 MEREDITH BERKMAN: Hello, thank you so much
24 for having me.

25 I am Meredith Berkman. I am co-founder of

1 Parents Against Vaping E-cigarettes.

2 And, you heard from some of the kids that
3 are with us, tonight.

4 We are a National grassroots group.

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5 We started a year ago, three Moms, one of
6 my co-founders is here with me and we started this
7 group because we discovered that our own teens
8 were Juuling and at the time we didn't know what
9 it meant.

10 And, we started doing our own research and
11 very quickly as we put the pieces together, we
12 realized that we were, um, in the early days of
13 what, now, is very publicly, um, confirmed to be a
14 public health crisis and, you know, it is a public
15 health epidemic and one of the most serious
16 adolescent public health crisis that this country
17 has faced for decades.

18 So, we are incredibly grateful for the bold
19 leadership of Erin King-Sweeney for suggesting
20 what makes sense.

21 You heard some of the numbers and you know,
22 I won't go into them.

23 You have seen them. You have heard them.

24 Um I am going to speak from the heart as a
25 Mother of four kids, um, four teens, I should say.

1 And, tell you that this is a disaster.

2 If we don't hold these companies
3 accountable like Juul and the gang, big tobacco
4 companies, 2.0 and Juul is constantly mentioned
5 because it is marketing over seventy percent of
6 the entire e-cigarette industry.

7 Um, if we don't hold a company like Juul
8 accountable for using flavors, which you heard a
9 little bit about and social media marketing to
10 target our youth, so, that they can have an entire
11 new generation of customers with their nicotine-
12 delivery devices, if we don't hold them
13 accountable and take action to protect our kids
14 and we see only about the kids, then, we should
15 really be ashamed of ourselves.

16 And, we are not the society or the Country
17 that we want and should be.

18 So, this piece of legislation proposed by
19 Erin King-Sweeney makes sense.

20 It makes sense practically to protect kids
21 from seeing these advertisements because the
22 research proves that four out of five kids are,
23 now, using these e-cigarettes and kids who see
24 them are much more likely to be initiated into the
25 e-cigarettes.

1 So, I want to thank you for common sense
2 and moral legislation that I hope will pass this
3 evening and in a Town that we know cares about its
4 kids and its families.

5 And, I hope to see it repeated in many
6 other places.

7 What we learned from testifying in States
8 around the Country is that things happen from the
9 bottom up.

10 So, thank you very much, again, for having
11 us and thank you, I hope, for supporting and
12 passing this very important legislation.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I can't thank
14 you enough and kids for coming from the City,
15 tonight, out, here and for all of your efforts
16 throughout the Country.

17 Um, what I am so particularly bothered
18 about with Juul and its other vaping companies is
19 the amount of millions of dollars being spent
20 including Federal money to lobby Congress and
21 others throughout the United States to get these
22 products on the shelves.

23 It is disgusting. It is not Republican.
24 It is not Democrats.

25 There are high-ranking people from the

1 Former Obama Administration, former Bush
2 Administration, people who are racking in big
3 bucks being lobbyists and essentially working to
4 kill our children.

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5 And, I am so morally offended by these
6 people and I pledge to you this is the beginning
7 of a long journey against the vape.

8 They will go the same way they did with
9 tobacco goes, if I have anything to do with it.

10 So, I can't thank you enough, your
11 leadership and the fight has just begun.

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

14 MEREDITH BERKMAN: Right back at you.
15 Thank you very much.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Berkman,
17 thank you for your advocacy on behalf of our
18 children.

19 I, too, have four children and I am very
20 much aware of this problem, serious problem,
21 serious risk it proposes to all our children.

22 So, I thank you for being a part of this
23 organization for coming here to testify, tonight.

24 Thank you so much.

25 MEREDITH BERKMAN: I just want to make

1 one final comment, as we all know, this is not a
2 partisan issue.

3 This is a kids public health issue.

4 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

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5 After, the following ensued.)

6 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Just want to add one
7 step to this, Flacker is very big in the Bronx,
8 um, it is the same as the Juul, but, it makes you
9 hallucinate.

10 There are people running around.

11 They take their clothes off.

12 They go in the middle of the street and
13 they run in front of cars.

14 They hit their heads against buildings.

15 Flacker is a hallucinate that is just like
16 Juul and sold along with Juul.

17 So, there are other stuff coming out and it
18 is coming out rapidly because Juul did so well, it
19 made so much money.

20 These people are starting to get into the
21 business, too.

22 So, thank you for carrying the torch for
23 our kids.

24 MEREDITH BERKMAN: Thank you so much.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, the next slip

1 is from, I think, Caleb Mintz.

2 Sorry if I didn't read that correctly.

3 CALEB MINTZ: Thank you for having me.

4 I am Caleb Mintz. I am a seventeen year Page | 40
5 old and I am with Parents Against Vaping E-
6 Cigarettes, today.

7 So, I am, here, today with my Mom and the
8 grassroots movement, Parents Against Vaping E-
9 cigarettes.

10 Um, the first time I saw Juul, I was
11 immediately enticed, the sleek, modern-looking,
12 um, um, design made this device appear like a hard
13 drive.

14 And, although my instincts that have been
15 forged many years hearing the dangers of nicotine
16 at school health announcements, I still
17 experimented with Juul, as did many of my peers.

18 As you know, Juul has become so prevalent,
19 I know it too well, the smell of minted pods and
20 many Juul pods.

21 Anyway, Juul has become the universal
22 language among teens.

23 Previously, if I am visiting a new Town
24 making conversation among kids consists of sports
25 and T.V., now, I can reassure myself if I say,

1 Do you have a Juul or do you have an extra pod, I
2 immediately connect with another kid.

3 I believe the extent of Juul is far worse
4 than many believe previously with regard to Page | 41
5 cigarettes.

6 There was a stigma associated with kids
7 that smoked cigarettes.

8 These kids were often characterized as
9 risk-takers and rebels.

10 Juul has become so widespread in schools
11 that there is no specific group you can pinpoint
12 with Juuls.

13 It is no longer a specific group with
14 Juuls.

15 It is almost as if, at least, one teen from
16 every social group uses Juuls.

17 I would say that the stigma associated with
18 cigarettes and nicotine has been lifted because
19 there is a lack of combustibility is one of the
20 reasons that kids found cigarettes gross.

21 Um, the device looks sleek and modern and
22 having been tested by the FDA.

23 I recognized that my generation is not the
24 priority.

25 Preventing younger kids from Juuling is

1 a priority but I can't help but feel as if my
2 generation is going to be defined as damage
3 control for this epidemic.

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
5 comments.

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

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Do you find kids doing
9 it in the hallways or in class, too, at least,
10 doing it effects the ability to make the team or
11 stay on a team?

12 CALEB MINTZ: For sure. I have many
13 friends that were previously, you know, solid
14 runners and able to compete in track and field and
15 I would say if you start Juuling, you will notice
16 that people's lungs start to hurt and they don't
17 have as much stamina as they use to.

18 And, you can attribute that to Juul.

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Thank you so much and
20 Mom, you should be proud of him.

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

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Dorian Fuhrman?

24 DORIAN FUHRMAN: Thank you. Hi, hello, my
25 name is Dorian Fuhrman and I am one of the co-

1 Founders of the Parents Against Vaping E-
2 cigarettes.

3 Thank you, Councilmember King-Sweeney for
4 proposing this important legislation. Page | 43

5 Um, as it occurred, we are in the middle of
6 what the United States Surgeon General has called
7 the youth vaping epidemic where kids as young as
8 11 are using e-cigarettes with the 48 percent
9 increase in Middle School students using e-
10 cigarettes and 78 percent of High School students.

11 We need to find a way to slow this epidemic
12 down.

13 Of course, banning e-cigarettes, of course,
14 which hook our kids is essential in order to
15 prevent new kids from trying e-cigarettes.

16 After all, eight out of ten kids who use e-
17 cigarettes started with a flavor.

18 However, it is essential to regulate and
19 restrict advertising as well between '98 and 2016
20 tobacco spending to market products at locations
21 increased by eighty-five percent from 4.7 billion
22 dollars to 8.7 billion dollars.

23 Now, over ninety percent of all tobacco
24 companies marketing budgets are spent at point of
25 sale including the price discounts which account

1 for two thirds of all tobacco industry spending on
2 cigarette advertising and promotions.

3 Point of sale tobacco promotions work, that
4 is why they spend that money.

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5 They increase in purchases and enhance the
6 urge to purchase among recent quitters.

7 They are strongly associated with the
8 initiation of youth.

9 Um, excuse me, the point of sale promotions
10 and discounts are more common at tobacco retailers
11 near schools where teens are likely to shop.

12 Convenience stores, for example, are
13 popular among teenage shoppers and purchase
14 significantly more tobacco advertising and
15 promotions compared to other stores.

16 2014 and 2016 the percentage of Middle
17 School and High School students exposed to retail
18 advertising and e-cigarettes increased from
19 fifty-five percent to sixty-eight percent.

20 This advertising exposure of e-cigarettes
21 among youth often lead to subsequent and
22 established combustible cigarette smoking and are
23 more likely to start smoking regular cigarettes
24 and other substance abuse behavior.

25 E-cigarette retail locations clusters

1 where schools and universities which results in
2 easy access to e-cigarettes among youth as you
3 heard from my son advertising will draw young
4 people in even when they don't plan to purchase
5 the product.

6 And, repetition will initiate even the
7 youngest child into normalizing, familiarizing
8 themselves with these products.

9 Thank you.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you so much for
11 your representations and for your efficacy.

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

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Next we have Shetal
15 Shah?

16 SHETAL SHAH: My name is Shetal Shah. I am
17 a Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical
18 Children's and Maria Fareri Hospital in
19 Westchester but I am a lifelong resident of Long
20 Island.

21 So, I am a Pediatrician and I serve as
22 volunteer Vice-President and Legislative Chairman
23 of the Long Island Chapter of American Academy of
24 Pediatrics which represents fifteen hundred
25 Pediatricians in our region with over five hundred

1 Members in Nassau County, alone.

2 As a Member of the National American
3 Academy of Pediatrics Section on Tobacco Control,
4 I work with over sixty-eight thousand of my
5 colleagues to promote, inform and scientifically
6 based policies that serve the health of our
7 regions children.

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8 And, we are strongly and passionately
9 asking the legislature to pass this measure.

10 I think the epidemiology of vaping has been
11 discussed several times but I do want to point out
12 that in 2018, the study by Cachel Dokin (phonetic
13 spelling), our colleague which was done at Stony
14 Brook University and used a sample of Long Island
15 Youths, specifically, not National tobacco data
16 found that the incidence of vaping among Middle
17 and High Schoolers was eighteen percent and to
18 discuss the impact of vaping nationally, forty
19 percent of Middle and High Schoolers who routinely
20 use electronic cigarettes report doing so because
21 of the flavoring.

22 But, on Long Island, that number is
23 actually sixty-three percent based on the study
24 done by Dr. Dokin.

25 Despite restrictions on advertising

1 Cigarettes, childhood exposure and tobacco
2 marketing is ubiquitous.

3 The American Academy of Pediatrics and
4 American Lung Association reports that traditional ^{Page | 47}
5 advertising for electronic cigarettes increased
6 two hundred percent from 2011 to 2013 and reached
7 approximately twenty to twenty-four million
8 children annually in 2014.

9 The last year for which there was reliable
10 FDA data, the tobacco industry spent one hundred
11 and twenty-five million marketing electronic
12 cigarettes to youth, alone.

13 The campaign for tobacco free kit reports
14 that eighty percent of Middle and High School
15 students, 20.5 million youth have been exposed to
16 e-cigarettes advertisements from, at least, one
17 source.

18 And, the regamost control trial, which is
19 the gold standard for scientific investigation,
20 demonstrated exposing adolescents to e-cigarettes
21 adds to a fifty percent higher intention to use or
22 experiment with these products.

23 At the point of sale, sixty-eight percent
24 of Middle School and High School students have
25 been exposed to e-cigarettes in stores and

1 Exposure to one source of advertising increases
2 the risk of initiation by 1.5 to 3 times.

3 I think based on the data detailing the
4 meteoric rise of electronic use in our area among ^{Page | 48}
5 Middle and High School children and the role of
6 advertising, marketing in place attempting our
7 youth to begin the use of the electronic cigarette
8 we are asking the Town Board to take action.

9 Any restrictions on advertising these
10 products will pay both short and long-term
11 dividends for our children.

12 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
13 After, the following ensued.)

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Nicely
15 done.

16 SHETAL SHAH: I told you I had ten minutes.
17 I crossed stuff out as people were talking.

18 If I could make one other comment, I have
19 been a lifelong resident of Long Island, but, I
20 have been Chairman of this Committee, Legislative
21 Committee for ten years and one of the things I am
22 most proud of is that Long Island has been the tip
23 of the spear.

24 It has been very proactive in protecting
25 their children when it comes to the dangers

1 of tobacco and the Town of Hempstead is no
2 different.

3 You guys were the second Town in 2017 to
4 enact Tobacco 21 legislation which led to a Page | 49
5 steamroll effect that led other Towns; Long Beach
6 and other Towns to promote the legislation.

7 And, finally, after ten years got Nassau
8 County to actually take action last year, so, I
9 ask you to beholding yourself to that
10 responsibility and to take action not on behalf of
11 the fifteen hundred Pediatricians but for all the
12 patients that we care for daily.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Doctor.

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

17 Please, come forward.

18 JANIS BLAKE: Hello, I didn't realize the
19 topic was on the agenda. My name is Janis Blake.
20 I am in Elmont.

21 I have a seventeen year old nephew. He
22 lives in Indiana. I live here. I don't see him
23 much.

24 His Mother died. His Father, um, my
25 brother is what use to be known as a "Bum" and

1 he smokes. His Mother smoked. So, basically,
2 this kid got no shot.

3 I contact him once in awhile and I talk to
4 him. Page | 50

5 And, I went on his Facebook page and he has
6 gotten something in his mouth and I am like,
7 "Hunter, what are you doing? Are you putting on
8 lipstick," because I don't know anything about
9 that.

10 I don't smoke. I don't drink. Oh, he
11 said, "Oh, no, I am vaping."

12 And, I said, "Oh, okay," because I don't
13 want to freak him out.

14 So, I said, "You really shouldn't be doing
15 that." "Yeah, you know, but I am doing it." I am
16 like, "Okay."

17 So, fast forward, I see him, again, um,
18 February and I am like, "Hey, Dude, are you still
19 vaping?"

20 He is like, "Oh, no, I am not anymore," and
21 I am like, "Why not?"

22 He goes, "Well, I dropped my thing and it
23 broke so, you know, I just didn't get another
24 one."

25 So, my point is if this stuff is not

1 Readily available to these kids, they are not just
2 going to get one and my nephew has no money.

3 He doesn't get money from my brother,
4 obviously, and, um, so, if they are not there or ^{Page | 51}
5 in their face, they are not going to pick it up,
6 you know.

7 Thank you.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
9 comments.

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

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else
13 that would like to be heard on this item?

14 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Good evening.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Could you please state
16 your name.

17 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Oh, yes, it is
18 Wilhelmina Funderburke, Roosevelt, New York.

19 Um, I like the legislation. I think that
20 is great. It is terrific but, I am just wondering
21 are we going to do something about the vape shops
22 because in Roosevelt, we have three of them in a
23 one square mile.

24 Advertising is one thing and I get that, to
25 me, that is a start, but I need to hear what we

1 are going to do about these vape shops that are
2 set up because vaping, um, you know, with the
3 advertisements that is there, but, these shops
4 that are set up, they are not only going to be
5 able to sell vape material, but, also marijuana.

6 To me that is great, I applaud it but, what
7 are we going to do?

8 That is one thing I asked you the last time
9 that I was here.

10 I just want to know what we are going to do
11 with those shops because they are in the guideline
12 of being too close to schools, too close to Parks.

13 We are only one square mile.

14 We don't have a lot of space and we have
15 three of them, so, I am wondering what are we
16 going to do about shopping.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I like to get
18 rid of them as much as possible.

19 In the context of this legislation, I asked
20 the Legal Department to start drawing up
21 restrictions on the sale of vape shops, how do we
22 protect our children?

23 And, this was the first opportunity. This
24 is legally defensible and we can move forward with
25 it.

1 Obviously, you can see the tremendous
2 support from the Board, from the community, but
3 for me, this is the first of many restrictions
4 that I plan on placing on vaping, as far as I am ^{Page | 53}
5 concerned.

6 I never want to see a Juul ever, again in
7 my life and I am going to do all that I can to put
8 vaping out of business.

9 So, if you can come up with ideas, anyone
10 else can come up with ideas, anything to stop
11 children and vaping, I am all about.

12 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: And, that is a
13 good thing, but, we are talking about real estate.
14 These shops are open.

15 It is a good idea.

16 I think instead of asking, I will propose
17 something and work as a team.

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes.

19 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: To me we need to
20 put a hold on the shops.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Everything
22 should be on the table.

23 Everything should be an option.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Mr. Ra's office is
25 working and trying to find a way for us to do

1 it legally so we are not taken to Court.

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Just to
3 clarify, Councilman Dunne, if vape companies want
4 to take us to Court for protecting children, I Page | 54
5 welcome that challenge.

6 I can't wait to see them in Court, if they
7 are audacious enough to try to take us to Court
8 for protecting our children.

9 Bring it on.

10 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: You know what, I
11 am going to hold you to that because sometimes in
12 our community, we kind of get left behind.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Hold me to it.

14 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: I will hold you to
15 it. We want to get those vape shops out.

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yep, done.

17 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Make sure out
18 children can go to the school, walk to school
19 without walking passed those shops, so, I thank
20 you.

21 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: If you could
22 see some of the grotesque comments that I had in
23 my Facebook, when I proposed this legislation, if
24 you ever need an incentive to fight against them,
25 look at my Facebook page, they are disgusting.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Funderburke, I just
2 spoke with, um, our Town Attorney, Mr. Ra, about
3 whether or not vape shops are addressed in our
4 zoning code and I don't think they are, but, that ^{Page | 55}
5 is something that we can look at together to add
6 into our zoning code to restrict where those shops
7 can be opened up.

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

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

11 Is there anybody else that would like to be
12 heard? Yes?

13 HEIDI SANFT: Good Evening, my name is
14 Heidi Sanft.

15 I am the first Vice-President of the
16 Nostrand Gardens Civic Association, Uniondale.

17 I didn't plan on discussing the issue of
18 Juul.

19 I don't know much about it.

20 Now that I am, here, I must tell you
21 something.

22 It is not good.

23 Um, I had a younger brother who was a
24 developmentally disabled adult.

1 I was his co-guardian and he goes to HRC
2 social group.

3 HRC is a highly, respected, not-for-profit
4 that does wonderful things for the developmentally ^{Page | 56}
5 disabled.

6 So, I take him to social groups,
7 approximately, every other week.

8 Again, this is from, actually, East Meadow
9 - - on East Meadow Avenue.

10 It is in a storefront and they do wonderful
11 things as a group in East Meadow.

12 There was, um, a Sweeny's store that
13 recently closed but I couldn't help but notice
14 that a vaping store opened there.

15 And, I really didn't know much about what
16 the vaping thing is, but, I thought what is a
17 vaping store?

18 I knew it had something to do with smoking
19 but right next to it is a HUB site for the
20 Developmentally disabled.

21 It is actually for those who, um, are
22 augmenting, so, you have wonderful people carefree
23 on a daily basis, adults, like I said, it is one
24 of the Nassau HRC Hub sites.

25 Based on the information that I heard,

1 today and I started reading on my cellphone
2 because I wanted to know more.

3 I think it is a travesty that this vaping
4 shop is right next to the HRC Hub site. Page | 57

5 And, it needs to - - I don't think it
6 belongs there.

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Thank you for
8 your comments.

9 Mr. Town Attorney, um, in light of what she
10 is saying, could we potentially amend this
11 legislation to incorporate that situation?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Certainly.

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Right, now, we
14 have in the legislation, um, if their
15 advertisements are within one hundred feet - - I
16 am sorry, one thousand feet of schools, Parks,
17 playgrounds, and duly licensed childcare centers,
18 is there any other terminology we could us to
19 incorporate this type of scenario?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We will certainly look
21 at that. Yes, we can.

22 We can incorporate other terminology.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Can we do that,
24 now?

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I second the Motion.

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1 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: What language
2 could we use to incorporate an HRC type of
3 scenario?

4 HEIDI SANFT: They shouldn't be within a Page | 58
5 certain distance, not just the HRC, there are
6 other non-for-profits.

7 I can go on and on.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Right, we are
9 concerned about people who are incredibly
10 impressionable who we should be protecting and it
11 seems to me an HRC scenario and others like that,
12 we should be able to target them, as well.

13 Can we amend that, now?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We can say HRC's,
15 schools for developmentally disabled - -

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Schools with
17 abilities.

18 HEIDI SANFT: Hub sites, workshops and
19 every - -

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It will say - -

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: What about if we -
22 - HRC is, at some point, it is licensed by the
23 State of New York, correct?

24 So, can we put any location that is
25 licensed by the State of New York?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Well, then, you will get
2 into all kinds - -

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: We have schools
4 already on there. Page | 59

5 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: You will jeopardize the
6 legality, the constitutionality of the law if it
7 is too vague.

8 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: What language
9 can we use to satisfy these concerns?

10 This is definitely within the spirit, it
11 seems to me, schools and daycare centers,
12 facilities with developmentally disabled children
13 and adults.

14 HEIDI SANFT: Yeah.

15 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Good.

16 HEIDI SANFT: Yes, thank you so much.

17 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Done.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion and he
19 seconded it, are we good?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Why don't we do a vote
21 on that so that way if we go forward, the public
22 knows.

23 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I am glad you
24 came tonight.

25 HEIDI SANFT: Again, I had no intentions

1 of speaking. Thank you so much.

2 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Thank you.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you
4 call the roll on the amendment to this item. Page | 60

5 You can still speak. We will vote on the
6 amendment, first.

7 (Whereupon, "Schools with special
8 education," was heard calling out. After, the
9 following ensued.)

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: They fall under the same
11 thing.

12 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I am saying
13 facilities, schools are incorporated already.

14 (Whereupon, "okay," was heard calling out
15 from the audience. After, the following ensued.)

16 (Whereupon, "HRC, their headquarters is in
17 Bethpage, they are all over the place," was heard
18 calling out from the audience. After, the
19 following ensued.)

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Can we
22 have a clarification what the amendment is, we are
23 going to add, the language, because there was some
24 discussion about it.

25 Just clarify if you would.

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1 ATTORNEY REGINA: I have the Board adding
2 HARC, schools and facilities for the
3 developmentally disabled adults and children.

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Good.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: May I have a Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Mr. Regina, could
7 you just read that one more time, I am sorry.

8 ATTORNEY REGINA: I have HARC, schools and
9 facilities for the developmentally disabled adults
10 and children.

11 HEIDI SANFT: That is good, are there
12 others, you know, people - -

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: You could go on and
14 on, do you want to research - -

15 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What I suggest is - -
16 this is really not the greatest way to draft
17 legislation.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I agree with that.

19 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Why don't we go with it,
20 now and if we have to amend later on, we can.

21 HEIDI SANFT: Okay.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I make a Motion
23 to amend the legislation to include the language
24 Mr. Regina just read.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

2 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for your
13 comments.

14 All right, Ms. Kreye?

15 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye,
16 Uniondale.

17 I was hoping to get this added to the
18 amendment, which would include youth service
19 agencies.

20 Certainly, for example, we have our
21 Uniondale Community Council Youth Project, um, and
22 we have Summer Camp and so on or 7 through 12
23 years old, this is something you would not want to
24 have in a place like that.

25 And, the young lady over, here is

1 suggesting instead of "disabled" using the word,
2 "challenged" - -

3 (Whereupon, "challenged children and
4 adults," was called out from the audience. After,
5 the following ensued.) Page | 63

6 (Whereupon, "children and adults should be
7 protected by the government and youth programs and
8 activities," was heard calling out from the
9 audience. After, the following ensued.)

10 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: We are having difficulty
11 hearing from you and you are saying some really
12 incredible good things.

13 I would like you to come up to the mic.

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Could I make a
15 suggestion, being that we are on an amendment that
16 we already have on the calendar, maybe we stick
17 with that and take the ideas and at the next Town
18 Board Meeting, we add it, would that work?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I think it is a good
20 suggestion, Councilman.

21 Is there anybody else that would like to be
22 heard on this Hearing?

23 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin
24 resident, 911 responder and I do suffer from COPD,
25 in fact, I never was a smoker is the reason,

1 Unfortunately, I am sitting here, today, I admire
2 the young people, um and their parents and
3 guardians and supporters.

4 Councilman Dunne, you offered to help
5 people fundraise, I got three non-profits, I am
6 just saying.

7 I am in support of this, um, just hoping
8 that, you know, again, we can kind of broaden the
9 scope, um, as today is very historic as they are
10 starting the Hearings in Congress, um, with regard
11 to, um, reorganizing the September 11th, um,
12 funding, um, and giving that permanence because it
13 is much needed.

14 We are twenty-three Senators short, so, if
15 anybody knows anybody in the fifty States outside
16 the northeast, reach out.

17 We need those twenty-three Senators.

18 We need to protect the families, um, the
19 survivors of those, our first responders and
20 volunteers and clean up crew and residents who are
21 impacted, um, not only at ground zero, at the
22 Pentagon and in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

23 So, this is momentous for people.

24 As the previous speaker, particularly the
25 young lady from Roosevelt, where I was born

1 and raised said, there is a concern in Minority
2 communities with regard to how this type of
3 legislation and I was one of those years ago, um
4 and we won't talk about who is the majority and Page | 65
5 who was the minority, um, at the time, but, years
6 ago, when the vaping was becoming explosive and
7 community residents were questioning our elected
8 officials as to how this was going to, you know,
9 be monitored and how young people were going to be
10 protected because we wouldn't have this explosion
11 of vaping intrusions if our elected officials had
12 listened, again, to the voices of the community,
13 um, who are right here where those things are
14 taking place.

15 But, moving forward, I am hoping that we
16 will all work together to address this issue, to
17 put some restrictions on these facilities and
18 being a part of the first precinct council, the
19 community council.

20 Our Police Officers are already dealing
21 with challenges with these facilities and these
22 stores.

23 They are not only providing currently, um,
24 illegal substances for people of the age group but
25 they are running other operations that are not

1 legal behind the scenes.

2 So, if we take one method of commerce that
3 does not mean they are not going to resort to
4 others.

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5 So, we need to think full and complete and
6 comprehensive with whatever we plan to do in this
7 regard and I am definitely for it, but let's just
8 not make it a photo opt - -

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

11 META MEREDAY: - - protect our young people
12 and those of us, the many of us who have physical,
13 um, mental and emotional challenges.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

15 META MEREDAY: You are welcomed.

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: This is not a photo op.
17 If we could shut every vape right, now, with
18 legislation, we would do it, but, we have to do it
19 legally.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else
21 that would like to be heard on this Public
22 Hearing?

23 LIZ BOYLAN: Good Evening, my name is Liz
24 Boylan, Rockville Centre.

25 Thank you, um, Erin for your foresight

1 on this legislation.

2 I just want to clarify something with the
3 vaping, um, in the new Bill that is being reviewed
4 regarding marijuana, they make a distinction that ^{Page | 67}
5 smoking is one thing, vaping of cigarettes are not
6 considered that, so, if you are in facilities
7 where it says, "smoke free," you have to
8 physically state "no smoking, no vaping, no e-
9 cigarettes," and that is really important,
10 especially when you are, you know, restaurants,
11 hotels, so, I hope that is also something that you
12 will take into account.

13 And, I think you passed a resolution for,
14 um, the Parks, but, if - - I don't know how
15 businesses will get that, but they need to
16 specifically state that because vaping is not
17 considered smoking, um, as the lady said from
18 Roosevelt, I believe personally, because the
19 vaping stores are popping up all over if marijuana
20 is realized, it will be a boondoggle for them.

21 And, vaping with marijuana is very, very
22 powerful and it hits you like more than twenty
23 joints, so, I hope that this will be a message to
24 people who, um, we need to protect our youth.

25 And, I really thank you for doing that.

1 They are our leaders of today, as you can
2 see from the three young men that spoke so
3 eloquently, tonight.

4 So, thank you for listening.

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5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

6 Is there anybody else that would like to be
7 heard on this Public Hearing?

8 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: Ariel Schwartz, West
9 Hempstead.

10 Um, I just like to say, I am very much in
11 support of this legislation.

12 I am also in support of legalization of
13 discrimination but I think that regulating
14 advertisements is a good thing.

15 Um, I think we need to be careful.

16 We need to be careful not locking people up
17 who should not be locked up for non-violent
18 offenses.

19 We need to be careful of protecting people
20 who are vulnerable, particularly communities of
21 color because it has been proven that people of
22 color are more often locked up for non-violent
23 drug offenses.

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Schwartz
25 but we are talking just about the vaping

1 Legislation right, now.

2 We are not talking about the marijuana.

3 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: Vaping legislation I am in
4 support of. Page | 69

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you very much for
6 your comments.

7 Is there anybody else that would like to be
8 heard on this Public Hearing?

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

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

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Supervisor, I
14 like to close the Public Hearing and vote on the
15 item.

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

18 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I like to thank
20 Councilwoman King-Sweeny on her leadership on this
21 issue.

22 I like to thank the parents, the students
23 of the different health care professionals that
24 came forward and made such compelling
25 presentations this evening.

1 Thank you for your advocacy on behalf of
2 our children.

3 As a Mother, I know this is truly a
4 national crisis and one that must be addressed Page | 70
5 head on.

6 And, so, I proudly vote yes in favor of
7 this item.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I vote aye, as well
10 and I also like to submit a letter for the record
11 from Dr. Harrington, Superintendent of the
12 Oceanside Schools, um, who is in support of this
13 legislation.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

15 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I am voting aye on this
16 one major step, but, there is more to come, aye.

17 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

18 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye, and I like
19 to thank the Supervisor, the parents, the Board,
20 the kids, the Doctors and Mr. Rolanski for your
21 strong support and vape is known as Tobacco 2.0
22 preys on our children.

23 I am delighted to say no to this morally,
24 bankrupt and repugnant multi-million dollar
25 industry.

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1 The passage of today's legislation is just
2 the beginning as a Mom of a 14 year old and 10
3 year old, I am personally committed to doing all I
4 can to readily the vaping industry to the ash of ^{Page | 71}
5 history.

6 The fight has just begun.

7 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Great job, well
9 said, well done, I like to say to the children who
10 came forward that the pure of heart won us out and
11 thank you for speaking today and it is an eye.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, all right, Madam
13 Clerk, will you call our next Public Hearing.

14 CLERK CABANA: Proposed Local Law to be
15 entitled "Whistleblower Protection Act" in order
16 to establish procedures to protect employees who
17 disclose illegal or improper governmental
18 activities from retaliation in the form of adverse
19 personnel actions (To establish Chapter 36 of the
20 Code of the Town of Hempstead)

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I move to adjourn this
22 item, the Whistleblower Protection Act until the
23 next meeting which will be July 2, 2019 and I am
24 please that my office was able to reach an
25 agreement with the rest of the Town Board on

1 Language, how we can best protect Town Employees
2 who report or disclose information that they
3 reasonably and in good faith believe to be a
4 violation of any law, rule, policy or regulation. Page | 72

5 This will be a crucial and important step
6 in addressing and adding transparency to Town
7 Hall.

8 I remain steadfast in my commitment to this
9 legislation, however, when I brought this
10 legislation forward originally in August of 2018,
11 it was tabled but one person stood with me against
12 tabling this legislation, that was Senior
13 Councilwoman Dorothy Goosby.

14 She could not attend tonight's meeting and
15 she has asked that we adjourn so her voice could
16 be heard and she could express her opinions about
17 this legislation, so, because Councilwoman Goosby
18 has asked to adjourn this to July 2nd, I think this
19 is a good idea.

20 So, I make this motion to adjourn until
21 July 2, 2019.

22 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

24 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

25 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

2 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

3 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

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5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Um, aye, I am
8 delighted that we all are coming together on this
9 Whistleblower Protection and I think it is
10 appropriate to honor the wishes of Senior
11 Councilwoman Goosby.

12 I think I have missed more Town Board
13 Meetings in my brief five years than she has in
14 her entire career and we owe her that,
15 respectfully to the next meeting.

16 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, Madam Clerk,
19 please, call the next Public Hearing.

20 CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped
21 Parking on Public Streets" in Baldwin, Elmont,
22 Franklin Square, near Island Park, Merrick,
23 Oceanside (Pilgrim Avenue, Stone Street, Cloud
24 Avenue, California Place South, Frankel Boulevard,
25 Tilrose Avenue)

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

4 Felix Procacci?

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

7 I really want to bring up the fac that
8 normally you get to speak on the adjournment, that
9 has happened in the past.

10 On that previous Hearing, the Whistleblower
11 Law, the public should have been able to speak on
12 the adjournment just like you did with the
13 Woodmere Club legislation, when it was adjourned,
14 you gave the public a chance to speak and many did
15 speak on it.

16 And, you didn't give the public a chance to
17 speak on the adjournment.

18 I ask that you open up the Hearing and let
19 the public speak on the adjournment.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Ra, is that
21 procedural, we already voted on the adjournment?

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: My recollection is that
23 the people did speak on Meadowbrook, on the golf
24 course, so, I think in this instance, Mr. Procacci
25 maybe correct.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, should I just
2 allow or open up the Public Hearing, again?

3 Do I just allow Mr. Procacci to speak?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We could, basically, we ^{Page | 75}
5 can ask, basically, if anybody wants to be heard?

6 The matter will be adjourned in any event.

7 FELIX PROCACCI: I do agree with the
8 adjournment and, you know, the reason why and the
9 reason why I wanted to speak on it is I feel the
10 law as written - - please, stop the clock.

11 The law as written isn't worth the paper it
12 is printed on and will do nothing to protect
13 employees.

14 The case will be settled like they always
15 have been settled in the past with protracted
16 litigation.

17 The Town has deep pockets and can outlast
18 virtually any Plaintiff in a lawsuit.

19 The law says an employee should report,
20 file a complaint with the Town Attorney or the
21 Town Supervisor.

22 History has shown reporting any wrongdoing
23 with the current Town Attorney is an exercise in
24 futility and reporting wrongdoing to a Town
25 Supervisor that doesn't have any power

1 to take action without approval of the majority of
2 the Board is also a waste of time.

3 I will give you an example; there have been
4 numerous investigation at the Animal Shelter, Page | 76
5 people have been transferred out and demoted, but,
6 when you FOIL the investigations of the Animal
7 Shelter brought up previously, they were not even
8 first.

9 They told me it was six months.

10 There were so many and, then, I said, well,
11 I don't need all that paper, give me the titles,
12 the dates of those investigations.

13 And, I was told that was privileged
14 information.

15 So, the fact that you are going to have
16 secret trials where the public is not present is
17 just not going to work.

18 As I have said before, the only way you can
19 have real ethics legislation, real whistleblower
20 law, it has to be out of the hands of this Town,
21 this Town Board, Town Attorney and it has to be an
22 independent agency, completely separated from this
23 governing body.

24 It wouldn't work if you just want to
25 campaign on this issue, it might sound good to

1 some people who are uninformed but the reality is
2 any employee who reports wrongdoing based on this
3 law should have his head examined because they
4 would just bury themselves and that is why people
5 do it.

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

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Procacci, there is
9 a provision in the law that will allow outside
10 investigation to go forward.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: But it is initiated by the
12 Town Attorney and Town Supervisor.

13 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, you are suggesting
14 we don't pass any laws, are you suggesting that?

15 FELIX PROCACCI: It won't make a
16 difference. It doesn't make a difference if you
17 pass one or not.

18 I agree you pass a law, but, as written, it
19 is not going to work.

20 It doesn't matter whether this gets passed
21 or not.

22 It is just additional paper, that is all.

23 It is - -

24 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
25 After, the following ensued.)

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

3 (Whereupon, "I signed in" was heard.
4 After, the following ensued.)

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5 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday. I was
6 definitely looking forward to speaking with regard
7 to this.

8 And, my question is, well, my questions,
9 you mentioned there was some changes, you had some
10 discussions as far as the changes - -

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

12 META MEREDAY: When will that be available
13 for the public to review?

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It will be posted in the
15 next week or so.

16 META MEREDAY: Next week or so, okay, for
17 those who would not be able to make the July
18 meeting, I definitely agree with regard to the
19 recommendations and rationale for the adjournment.

20 I definitely agree with that but many of us
21 may not be able to make it for that July 2nd
22 Hearing and just hearing that there have been some
23 changes that I think we need to be able to review
24 before we can make any comments.

25 Um, now that we know that it is going to

1 be available in a week or so, do we submit our, um
2 points of comments to you or who would we submit
3 them to?

4 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We can have comments Page | 79
5 read into the record so if you can't be here, Ms.
6 Mereday, you can submit a comment on it and we can
7 have it made part of the record.

8 META MEREDAY: Okay and I would hope that
9 this would be kind of maybe a first step towards
10 the overall process.

11 I gather this is just providing a framework
12 because I, basically, have to agree with the
13 previous speaker, um, because the way it looks,
14 now, it is more like whistling in the wind
15 legislation versus a whistleblower protection.

16 So, we want to make sure that the
17 residents, those that have to come forward of the
18 protections, the resources and the support and the
19 way it is laid out, currently, there is no comfort
20 level because of past history in this Township and
21 the continuing scenarios and relationships that
22 have not fully been vetted out of the process.

23 The comfort level and the integrity has to
24 be, I mean, it just has to be above and beyond at
25 this point because we have to make sure that

1 this is done correct.

2 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

3 META MEREDAY: I appreciate you being able
4 to do that and I look forward to getting the Page | 80
5 information within the week.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Mereday.

7 Is there anybody else that would like to be
8 heard on the adjournment of this item?

9 (Whereupon, "I signed in," was heard
10 calling out from the audience. After, the
11 following ensued.)

12 VALERIE LAMPE: Number 8 - - Valerie Lampe,
13 Baldwin, um, excuse me, Number 1, with regards to,
14 um, this terminology and perhaps Mr. Ra you can
15 help me but I think that since you guys are going
16 to reword some of this, um, one of the things that
17 causes a lot of ambiguity is with regard to the
18 Hempstead Animal Shelter and what is the
19 delineation between volunteers and employees.

20 Now, I understand the obvious factor in
21 terms of compensation.

22 What I don't understand is volunteers are
23 often, they have to sign some type of protocol.

24 It requires them to follow certain policies
25 and procedures, such as, social media policy.

1 But, if in fact, there is unequal
2 treatment, in other words, let's use the best case
3 in point that I can think of, there was a
4 volunteer that called a private citizen who is Page | 81
5 here, tonight, Diane Madden a "twat."

6 We all remember that, right?

7 And, we had to fight for about three months
8 for that volunteer to get any type of even a slap
9 on the wrist.

10 And, then, there was also a volunteer
11 around the same time that got into a verbal
12 disagreement with an employee at the Shelter and
13 she was suspended for three months and we had to
14 fight tooth and nail to get her back in.

15 So, that is one example of unequal
16 treatment and I am curious to understand how this
17 whistleblower protection act is going to help
18 volunteers to get equal treatment, especially, at
19 the Shelter?

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

22 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: So, I would respectfully
23 say to you this is not on the matter of the
24 adjournment.

25 Your questioning is far afield for that.

1 And, I would have to review the law to see
2 whether or not those particular instances would be
3 covered by a whistleblower law.

4 VALERIE LAMPE: To a point, I think the Page | 82
5 whistleblower protection act should encompass
6 volunteers.

7 I think it should include private citizens
8 and I am asking you guys, since you are adjourning
9 this issue and we have Felix over, here, who is
10 saying that it is not "worth the paper it is
11 written on," that maybe everybody can go back to
12 the drawing board and make it a little bit
13 stronger.

14 It also should include, if I could
15 recommend something, it should include what is the
16 ramification for an elected official to reach out
17 to someone's employer like Bonnie Bodasher
18 (phonetic spelling) and have her job and
19 livelihood put on the line.

20 An elected official should not be able to
21 do that.

22 This whistleblower protection act should
23 include us all including private citizens.

24 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Just so we are clear, I
25 didn't say it won't cover it, it might not cover

1 the exact situations that you put forward, that is
2 I have to look at it and discuss it.

3 VALERIE LAMPE: This way the wording can be
4 - - it can be improved and ready to be passed, so, ^{Page | 83}
5 that we don't have to go back to the drawing
6 board, yet, again.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: We can also amend it at
8 the Public Hearing like we did, today.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody else
10 that would like to be heard on the adjournment of
11 Public Hearing 8?

12 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: Ariel Schwartz, Hempstead.
13 I actually signed in for Number 8, um, I am in
14 support of the adjournment because I think that
15 the full Board should be able to vote on this.

16 I am also in support of the Bill, um, I
17 agree with Felix that it is not enough.

18 Um, I think there are a lot of people, you
19 know, on the Town Council, you know, who prefer to
20 run the Council more like a mafia gang than an
21 actual government and you know, I believe that
22 this law is a good first step in addressing that.

23 More needs to be done.

24 There is a whole culture that needs to be
25 changed, so, let's adjourn for now and next

1 Meeting, um, let's pass it and, um, let's go
2 further.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms.
4 Schwartz.

5 I will point out to you in August, I put
6 forth a whistleblower protection act.

7 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: I am aware of that.

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It was tabled
9 indefinitely, so, the only way I got it back on
10 the agenda was by mimicking the State Law that is
11 currently in place, so, that is what was put
12 forward and the only way I could get it on was
13 having a totally different whistleblower law than
14 I originally proposed.

15 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: I am aware of that.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

17 ARIEL SCHWARTZ: I am aware of that and
18 when I was talking about the mafia ring, I was not
19 talking about you, I was talking about the other
20 Members of the Board.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, thank you.

22 Is there anybody else that wants to be
23 heard on the adjournment of Public Hearing 8?

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Do we have to
25 vote, again, on the adjournment?

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TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, will you call the next Public Hearing, please.

CLERK CABANA: Proposed Revised Public Parking Field Maps in Bellmore (Field BE-14A)

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

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

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

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

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

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1 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk, please,
4 call the next Public Hearing.

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5 I believe we never voted on 9, we have to
6 go back on Public Hearing 9.

7 Let's go back to Number 9.

8 CLERK CABANA: Should I read it?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

10 CLERK CABANA: Proposed "Handicapped
11 Parking on Public Streets" in Baldwin, Elmont,
12 Franklin Square, near Island Park, Merrick,
13 Oceanside (Pilgrim Avenue, Stone Street, Cloud
14 Avenue, California Place South, Frankel Boulevard,
15 Tilrose Avenue)

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I do not have any slips
17 on this Public Hearing, is there anyone that would
18 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 D'ESPOSITO: I move that the
24 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

25 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I second the

1 Motion.

2 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

4 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, that concluded

13 our Public Hearings.

14 Madam Clerk, will you, please, call the
15 Administrative Calendar.

16 CLERK CABANA: Yes, there are Items 11
17 through 78 on the Administrative Calendar.

18 I also have three resolutions that are of
19 an urgent or emergency nature, the first
20 resolution is a resolution authorizing the
21 ratification and affirmation of an artist
22 engagement agreement with New York Heat
23 Entertainment in conjunction with the Town's
24 Annual salute to Veterans.

25 This will be Item 79.

1 The second resolution is a resolution
2 authorizing the execution of a lighting sound
3 system service agreement with EKO Productions
4 Entertainment in conjunction with the Town's
5 annual salute to the Veterans.

6 This will be Item 80 on the calendar.

7 The third resolution is a resolution
8 establishing a panel of architectural and
9 Engineering and Surveying Consulting firms
10 pursuant to the Town's procurement policies and
11 procedures.

12 This will be Item 81 on the calendar.

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

16 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I move to amend
17 Item 65 on the advice of Ethics Counsel, Steven
18 Leventhal, who is here, tonight to include family
19 members of a Town employee's spouse throughout the
20 various code, sections rather than in the
21 definition section of "relative."

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Second.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk.

24 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Um, I haven't really

1 had a chance to review this but it doesn't sound
2 controversial. I think there will have to be a
3 further amendment to the definition of "relative,"
4 um, but I will vote aye right, now, until we amend ^{Page | 89}
5 it further.

6 You are amending the language?

7 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Yes.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

9 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

10 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

11 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

13 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

14 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

15 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is there anybody that
17 would like to sever anything?

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

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: No? Okay, may I have a
21 Motion on the Administrative Calendar.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I move the
23 Administrative Calendar in its entirety.

24 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I have a number

1 of slips from citizens that would like to be heard
2 on the Administrative Calendar.

3 First is Felix Procacci.

4 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci, Franklin ^{Page | 90}
5 Square.

6 Um, on the Code of Ethics, calling the
7 Hearing, I think that needs to be put off.

8 If my recollection is correct, I don't
9 believe we ever voted on a Board for the rules
10 since it was enacted.

11 I don't know, do we have a citizen person
12 sitting on the Board for the law?

13 I don't believe that has been done, if I
14 remember correctly.

15 So, I think that needs to be taken care of.

16 I am not sure - - it is not even on the
17 website who I would speak to.

18 I searched extensively for all the
19 different words; I couldn't find it.

20 Also, another thing, I believe the answer,
21 now, maybe at the end, but has the Compliance
22 Officer reviewed all the contracts and contents of
23 this Administrative Calendar,

24 And, um, on Number 66 regarding the
25 Department of Occupational Resources, um, that

1 law that is going to be, you know, it is calling
2 of the Hearing, I just want to make people aware
3 that it is already State Law and has been State
4 Law since February 2, 2012 that all items that are ^{Page | 91}
5 going to be voting on all administrative items
6 need to be on the calendar.

7 I looked at the three employees that got,
8 you know, gave themselves jobs at that Alcott and
9 they each got twenty percent raises over seven
10 years.

11 And, I searched my Administrative Calendars
12 going back to 2012 and I haven't found their name
13 appearing once.

14 I haven't found the word "Alcott,"
15 appearing once.

16 And, it is already State Law.

17 So, calling a Hearing for something that it
18 is already State Law that all the details when
19 people retire, that is an administrative item that
20 needs to be put on the calendar.

21 We are not doing that.

22 I know we have a difference of opinion on
23 the leave of absences but nobody has given me a
24 legitimate reason on that and I don't want to
25 discuss that.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Wait, can you pause it.

2 I want to tell you, Mr. Ra, you did

3 instruct that people going on leave, their name

4 should be listed in response to your comments.

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5 However, for some reason, it was not done
6 this meeting.

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It will be for the next
8 meeting.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: And, the retirements too
10 and the raises?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

12 FELIX PROCACCI: Because all of these
13 raises, twenty percent raises for three employees,
14 none of the raises were on any of the
15 Administrative Calendar going back to 2012.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Was the wording
17 "raises" not coming up before the Town Board? I
18 think that seems to be the way they operated
19 before.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: They are Town Employees.

21 It says, "Hempstead."

22 They are not listed.

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: They are Town
24 Employees, but they are working for the Department
25 of Occupational Resources which is Federally

1 Funded.

2 Mr. Ra, you can jump in if I am speaking
3 incorrectly.

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Supervisor, here is what ^{Page | 93}
5 I would say, anything that has to do with the law,
6 there is a Federal investigation ongoing.

7 You shouldn't be talking about it at all.

8 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Well, but I would
9 like - - I mean, Mr. Sammon, can you comment where
10 they - -

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It doesn't come before
12 us.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am just asking.

14 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: My opinion is you
15 shouldn't even be discussing it at all.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Okay.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, just to go along
18 those lines and I don't agree with that.

19 We had a person during the Administrative
20 Calendar discussing the Woodmere Golf Club, which
21 is also pending litigation, which we shouldn't
22 have talked about it, but, we talked about it for
23 twenty minutes just because I wanted to know.

24 The thing is they got payouts from the Town
25 of Hempstead, so, those payouts should have

1 | been part of the Administrative Calendar, all
2 | those things should have been, if it is Hempstead
3 | funds being used, it should be on the
4 | Administrative Calendar.

5 | That is just the way it is.

6 | Um, you don't have to talk about it, that
7 | is fine with me.

8 | I am just bringing it up, I would like to
9 | see all the retirements, all the expenditures, all
10 | the contracts being examined by the Compliance
11 | Officer and put on the website.

12 | (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
13 | After, the following ensued.)

14 | SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Mr.
15 | Procacci.

16 | Meta Mereday?

17 | META MEREDAY: Meta Mereday, Baldwin
18 | resident.

19 | First, before I get started, is there any
20 | background information on Number 81, since it was
21 | added as an emergency?

22 | We are talking about Town procurements.

23 | We, again, the public needs to be able to
24 | review these of things to speak intelligently when
25 | we get to this point, um - -

1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We will try to get you
2 some information.

3 META MEREDAY: I appreciate that, thank
4 you. Page | 95

5 Item 14, just the transfer of funds, just
6 curious as to what that program is when we are
7 talking about affordable housing.

8 We don't have affordable housing, so, I am
9 just curious as to who closing costs related to
10 affordable housing does that entail?

11 I asked previously with regard to the
12 vendors on a number of these contracts, why we are
13 not being told the amount of the contract.

14 It is not like that should be a secret and
15 if possible if any enactments that are focusing on
16 diversity are actually in place with any of the
17 vendors.

18 Thank you so much. (papers handed to Ms.
19 Mereday.)

20 Anh of these vendors are actually
21 minorities, women, veterans, um, physically
22 disabled, physical handicapped, whichever is the
23 politically correct terminology because I think
24 terminology and labeling is something that we
25 really have to take into consideration.

1 Um, and we have to make sure that we are
2 sensitive to everyone as far as how they like to
3 be called and how they like to be designated.

4 So, I think that is definitely important. Page | 96

5 Um, Item 21, the execution of personal
6 services contract in Human Resources, um, again, I
7 am just curious as to how these designations take
8 place, how certain contracts are being awarded.

9 Item 40 and 45, just concerns me greatly
10 with various consultants, particularly when you
11 are talking about on-call, that, again, that
12 almost speaks to, again, that lack of inclusion
13 and using, you know, the same people.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: So, this is important
15 in the changes of the procurement policy that we
16 passed last year when we made professional
17 services contracts open and competitive so we put
18 out an RFQ, Requests for Qualifications for any of
19 the vendors that are listed here, these various
20 departments to submit their list of
21 qualifications.

22 They were reviewed by a bi-partisan panel,
23 so, what they are doing is of all the consultants
24 that submitted their qualifications that are
25 qualified by a bi-partisan panel that includes

1 Members of the Town Board Majority and Town Board
2 Minority and representatives from the various
3 departments came together.

4 They reviewed all the applicants and so, Page | 97
5 now, what we are doing is allowing our different
6 departments to work with any of the vendors that
7 are on that panel that we, now, established.

8 So, it is more open. There are more people
9 on there. It could be somebody that has done
10 business with us in the past, but, they had to
11 submit qualifications but they had to be deemed
12 qualified.

13 META MEREDAY: So, in other words, I have
14 to go to the Town list and pull this up to
15 actually see what the qualifications are for these
16 consultants whether they are veterans, minorities,
17 women owned.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: We put out an RFQ about
19 a year ago a long time ago, nine months ago.

20 The RFQ is submitted on our website. It
21 was published at one point.

22 When it was active, it was published on the
23 website, the RFQ.

24 META MEREDAY: Okay, but, it is not active
25 anymore.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: No, because we had - -
2 there was a deadline to respond, people responded
3 and they came in and they were reviewed by our
4 Town.

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5 META MEREDAY: Once these contracts are
6 actually in place, will the public know who these
7 various consultants are is what I am asking you?

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

9 META MEREDAY: Okay.

10 49, again, just in terms of approaching
11 site plans or in conjunction, um, does the Town
12 have any weight with regard to discussions on, um,
13 again, housing criteria, affordable housing,
14 senior housing, accessible housing for veterans
15 and things of that nature?

16 Item 52, if it is an issue that is being
17 investigated, why wasn't 52 severed or tabled?

18 I am just concerned about that.

19 And, just, lastly, I know my time is almost
20 up - -

21 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.

22 After, the following ensued.)

23 META MEREDAY: - - 54, again, professional
24 services, I mean are we looking at professional
25 services, as well as, part of this Item 81 or

1 was that just for architects, for that type of
2 professional services?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: 54 is actually
4 retaining a law firm to do exactly the type of Page | 99
5 outside investigations you were talking about or
6 Mr. Procacci.

7 META MEREDAY: So, something that we would
8 definitely need for, basically, the
9 whistleblower's standpoint, but, I am just saying,
10 again, my request with regard to these vendor
11 contracts, we are not breaking any laws by putting
12 the value of the contract and whether the company,
13 the vendor is a minority firm, a women-owned firm,
14 service disabled or veteran business.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

16 META MEREDAY: That is why I keep asking
17 that.

18 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Ms. Mereday, Mr. Tuman
19 can give you some more information about the
20 vendors that have responded.

21 Mary Ellen Kreye?

22 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Mary Ellen Kreye,
23 Uniondale.

24 On Item Number 24 and 25, these, um, are
25 for, um, Kellenberg and I am so happy to see that

1 they are working on various things for our young
2 people.

3 However, I am wondering if the Town
4 requires some kind of site plan indicating where
5 the threes are and the same thing for, um, Number
6 49, because we have had this awful example at
7 Holly Patterson where a beautiful outlay of trees
8 was just obliterated, that is the only word for
9 it, obliterated.

10 We try to see that there would be some kind
11 of effort to save some of those trees and I can
12 not believe that the construction required that
13 every single tree be taken down.

14 It is just horrible, absolutely horrible.

15 So, I am hoping that somehow or other,
16 there will be an effort to require a plan
17 including the trees even if you don't have that
18 much power to require them to keep some of them,
19 so that is one.

20 On Number 32, about the, um, asphalt and
21 the various - - actually, 33, um, town roads, we
22 have a horrible example on Maple Grove where some
23 utility ran a series of cuts in the tarmac, so,
24 that it comes down.

25 It is probably as wide as this table and,

1 then there are sections which come out.

2 It is almost impossible to drive down that
3 street and drive on the right side of the road.

4 I don't know what and it has been for
5 several months, now.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Was that National Grid,
7 Ms. Kreye, do you know?

8 MARY ELLEN KREYE: I have no idea, however,
9 it is really unfair to the people of the area
10 since, as I say, the come out, it is impossible to
11 drive on the right side of the road without
12 constantly going over this and I have not gotten
13 out to see how deep the, um, excavation is but it
14 is certainly my car can take a lot but it is very
15 rattling.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: You say that is Maple
17 Avenue?

18 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Maple Grove.

19 On Item 27 and, um, also 36 and 37, I
20 recently was at the Nature Study Center in
21 Oceanside, I want to compliment the Town - -

22 (Whereupon, the three-minute bell rang.
23 After, the following ensued.)

24 MARY ELLEN KREYE: - - On the fabulous
25 situation there and the efforts that were done

1 to, um, mitigate the problems that Sandy caused,
2 so the new boardwalk is really beautiful.

3 I have been there several times.

4 This was very interesting because the
5 Biologist, Michael, took us on a tour.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Great, I am glad you
7 enjoyed it. Thank you for your comments, Ms.
8 Kreye.

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: And, Ms. Kreye,
10 thank you for participating in our Blue Ribbon
11 Commission on Zoning.

12 It was nice to see you and I look to many
13 more meetings.

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Rori Gordon?

15 RORI GORDON: Rori Gordon, Hauppauge, New
16 York.

17 Um, on Number 70, are the Parks being
18 inspected by the Building Department?

19 Stop the clock.

20 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I am sorry, what was
21 your question?

22 70 is calling for a Public Hearing.

23 RORI GORDON: Right.

24 Are the Parks inspected by the Building
25 Department?

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: I don't believe so.

2 Are they, Mr. Ra, they have to be compliant
3 to code?

4 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: What is the question? Page | 103

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Does the Building
6 Department inspect any improvements which are made
7 in our Parks?

8 RORI GORDON: The Parks in general?

9 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No.

10 RORI GORDON: They are a place of public
11 assembly, why aren't they?

12 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know the last
13 time building a Park.

14 The answer is does the Building Department
15 going to have jurisdiction. If we were building a
16 Park, yes, the Building Department would have to
17 oversee the construction.

18 The Town would not have to get building
19 permits like everybody else. Does it? Silly to
20 pay yourself.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Well, we would have to
22 be compliant.

23 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes.

24 RORI GORDON: How would we know the Parks
25 are compliant if nobody is inspecting them?

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1 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: No, no, I mean, let's
2 back up, okay, I don't know the last time that we
3 built a Park, however, when we were going to build
4 a Park.

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5 RORI GORDON: If the Park is thirty years
6 old, doesn't the Building Department go in and
7 check them out?

8 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Commissioner Rottkamp,
9 do we do inspections of the Parks, from time to
10 time?

11 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: The Parks
12 Department of the Town of Hempstead does it.

13 RORI GORDON: The Parks Department from New
14 York State, how about the Parks Department from
15 the Town of Hempstead, the Town of Hempstead
16 Parks?

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: He just said that
18 inspectors go out from time to time.

19 RORI GORDON: From New York State, I am
20 sorry, from where?

21 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: The Town of Hempstead,
22 he is the Town of Hempstead Commissioner.

23 He said, the Town of Hempstead Parks
24 Department looks at the Parks.

25 RORI GORDON: So, I can FOIL that

1 Information that is where I am going with this?

2 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Yes, you can FOIL it.

3 I don't know that they exist, but, you can
4 FOIL it.

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5 RORI GORDON: Why don't they exist if he
6 inspector did a report?

7 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I don't know. I don't
8 know how the Parks Department conducts those types
9 of inspections.

10 Yes, you can FOIL it if it exists. You can
11 FOIL it.

12 RORI GORDON: Well, on that, are there any
13 public buildings that are owned by the Town of
14 Hempstead, where people are working in, that are
15 Town of Hempstead buildings, do they get
16 inspected?

17 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: From time to time, yes.

18 RORI GORDON: So, theoretically, there is
19 an inspection report on file?

20 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: Theoretically, I don't
21 know.

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do you want to speak
23 about the Parks Department?

24 RORI GORDON: I am more interested if they
25 get inspected?

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1 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Which number are we
2 on, now?

3 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: 70.

4 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Calling for a Page | 106
5 Public Hearing.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: On the Parks.

7 ATTORNEY REGINA: The Fire Marshal comes in
8 and inspects the building.

9 RORI GORDON: I am talking about public
10 safety, not about fire, that is two different
11 things.

12 Public Assembly is not done by the Fire
13 Marshal, it is done by the Town of Hempstead,
14 public assembly.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All right, Ms. Gordon,
16 can we move on because that is not really what the
17 Public Hearing is about.

18 RORI GORDON: Well, you are going to go
19 into doing work and I want to be able to FOIL to
20 see if the work - -

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Right, what is on
22 the calendar, today, is calling a Public Hearing,
23 so, usually, the comments that are taken on
24 something calling a Public Hearing is if there is
25 an issue with the date.

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1 RORI GORDON: Okay, I apologize.

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: You don't have to
3 apologize.

4 RORI GORDON: Why not? I rarely do.

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5 Um, the Local Law, 64 and 65, it is like a
6 combination, what is the deal with this?

7 We have a Building Department - -

8 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is also calling for
9 a Public Hearing.

10 RORI GORDON: Oh, okay.

11 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: All of those are
12 calling for a Public Hearing.

13 RORI GORDON: Okay, I will be back, thank
14 you.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you, Ms. Gordon.

16 I do not have any other slips on the
17 Administrative Calendar, is there anybody else
18 that would like to be heard on the administrative
19 items?

20 PEARL JACOBS: Pearl Jacobs, Uniondale,
21 representing the Nostrand Gardens Civic
22 Association.

23 Um, the first question would be Item 11,
24 what is the nature of this event?

25 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: There are a number

1 of vents going on; one of them is Franklin Square.

2 It is an annual feast for the Sons
3 Sancarlino.

4 In Merrick, it is a Chamber of Commerce Page | 108
5 marketplace.

6 In Roosevelt, it is a community gathering
7 for the Evangelical Church and the same for
8 Uniondale.

9 PEARL JACOBS: I guess more specifically
10 regarding the nature, is it like an, um, I see
11 this is what, the Chamber of Commerce and
12 Evangelical Church, is it outdoor service?

13 That is what I wanted to know.

14 I don't think it is a party or anything
15 like that or festival.

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am sorry, which
17 item are we on?

18 PEARL JACOBS: Item 11, I just wanted to
19 know the clarification regarding the nature of the
20 gatherings.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: It is just listed as a
22 community gathering for the church.

23 Um, Madam Clerk, do you have any more
24 information about this?

25 CLERK CABANA: No.

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1 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: The clerk handles these
2 permits and she would be happy to follow-up on
3 that.

4 PEARL JACOBS: Thank you.

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5 Do you know the date and time?

6 CLERK CABANA: Call me.

7 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, I will call you on
8 that.

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: And, Uniondale, the
10 gathering - -

11 PEARL JACOBS: Do you know how about
12 Roosevelt?

13 Do you know the date?

14 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, that is a bunch of
15 them, June 23rd, then, June 30th, June 16th, there
16 was June 9th and June 2nd.

17 PEARL JACOBS: All right, thank you.

18 If you have any further questions, I will
19 call you.

20 Item 57, um, limited parking, um, I would
21 like to know where in Uniondale this is proposed?

22 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Again, this is calling
23 for a Public Hearing, so, the Public Hearing, it
24 will be at the next Town Board Meeting.

25 I would be happy to follow-up with you

1 on the locations in Uniondale.

2 PEARL JACOBS: Can I ask a general
3 question, does the Town of Hempstead Employee
4 parking violations, um, enforcement officers, are ^{Page | 110}
5 they traffic enforcement officers?

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Our Public Safety
7 Officers will enforce parking restrictions in Town
8 lots, in Town parking lots.

9 PEARL JACOBS: In Town lots.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Do we do the
11 enforcement on - -

12 ATTORNEY REGINA: Special parking
13 districts.

14 PEARL JACOBS: What I am trying to refer to
15 here is at the Uniondale - - at mu meeting, my
16 civic meetings, that is the number 1 complaint
17 where residents are constantly complaining about
18 parking, no signs are there.

19 Um, you know, people parking illegally, it
20 says "two hour parking," they stay there all day.

21 I have brought this to the Nassau County
22 Police Department, they try their best but you
23 know, Police Officers are limited in what they can
24 do.

25 Their calls are prioritized, so, they

1 can't stay all day and deal with parking issues,
2 that is why I asked about, um, the Town of
3 Hempstead Parking Enforcement Officers and they
4 are not allowed to come out in communities and - Page | 111

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: They enforce parking
6 restrictions in our lots and special parking
7 districts.

8 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, thank you.

9 Item 77, what improvements are proposed for
10 the Uniondale Water District?

11 I think I need clarification on that.

12 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Again, this is calling
13 for a Public Hearing.

14 The Public Hearing will be at the next Town
15 Board Meeting.

16 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, I have a question
17 regarding Item 39, um, is this Item 39, does that
18 relate to GPS Technology?

19 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Mr. Tuman, would you
20 like to speak on this?

21 This is getting our own license to use GPS
22 technology.

23 We have been using it but we have been
24 borrowing - - working with the County on their
25 license and this will help all our departments

1 Employ this technology.

2 Mr. Tuman, do you want to speak a little
3 bit more about that?

4 COMMISSINER TUMAN: Yes, so, we already use ^{Page | 112}
5 GPS, the Town uses it multiple ways throughout all
6 the departments.

7 This is kind of an effort to unionize our
8 efforts among the different departments, so, we
9 are all on the same page all using the same
10 technology and doing it in a more efficient way
11 that saves money for the Town.

12 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, thank you.

13 I am interested in 61, that would be a
14 Hearing?

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes.

16 PEARL JACOBS: Okay, thank you very much.

17 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Yes, thank you so much.

18 Yes, Ms. Funderburke?

19 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Hi, my issue is
20 Number 11, um, I know you don't have much
21 information but those of us who live there in
22 Roosevelt have a little bit more information, they
23 are holding church outside on Sundays in the
24 parking lot.

25 Now, for religious - - I think it is

1 unfair for those of us who live in the community
2 on Sunday, the speakers are loud.

3 I live approximately eight blocks from the
4 parking lot and I can hear every word in my home. Page | 113

5 I think it is unfair. They already had
6 some dates and now they want to give them another
7 six or seven dates and I think that the parking
8 lot, um, community-wide events, affairs, something
9 like that sit out there hours and hours and hold
10 church.

11 I think it is unfair to the community.

12 And, when these types of things come before
13 the Board, it should be asked if it is a
14 religious event or something and not to
15 discriminate against, but, you know, everyone
16 shouldn't have to be privy to your religious
17 stance, at that point, especially on Sunday it
18 goes all day.

19 I think it starts 10:00 o'clock in the
20 morning and it is done 3:00 or 4:00 o'clock in the
21 afternoon, um, and it is not just one church, so,
22 it has been a couple of churches.

23 I think, um, there is one church that does
24 it for the entire Summer and you can't even go to
25 the parking lot to go to the food store

1 because it is so inundated with people kind of
2 hanging out.

3 And once - - even though you are not in a
4 church, you can sit in McDonalds there and just Page | 114
5 have everybody hanging out.

6 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Is this in the parking
7 lot in front of Western Beef?

8 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: Correct, correct
9 and so that is why.

10 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Are you saying it
11 interferes with the businesses?

12 I am surprised we haven't heard about this.

13 WILHELMINA FUNDERBURKE: It interferes not
14 only with business, it interferes with us that
15 live there, I mean you know, it should be held on
16 your property but not in public areas where
17 everyone has to be privy to it and that is again,
18 I am not saying things where I feel it is a bad
19 thing but I am just, you know, for me and my
20 neighbors, we complain all the time.

21 But last year when they were having these
22 evangelical - - it is very loud.

23 It is noting that is quiet. It is a very
24 loud, um, situation and just for me, I think that
25 these types of things, the parking lot is there

1 and you want to do a Fair, okay, but the whole
2 church, seven, eight hours, I don't think that is
3 fair.

4 So, you really should look at that before ^{Page | 115}
5 approving it, get all the information because we,
6 um, have had the ability to kind of go and see and
7 I can tell you, it is not just a public gathering,
8 whatever, they have listed.

9 Um, Ms. Mereday had the actual copy of it
10 and it is, um, definitely church.

11 If you look, it is on the bottom, it says,
12 "Spanish" um, so, it is a church.

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

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you for
16 expressing your concerns.

17 Is there anybody else that would like to be
18 heard on the Administrative Calendar?

19 BARBARA MICHALESKI: Barbara Michaleski.
20 You can hear me? (calling out from the audience.)

21 I am a retired teacher. You can tell. I
22 would just like to give you a point of interest,
23 community gathering is not a religious gathering,
24 so, you need to designate the difference.

25 Community gathering is for all to attend.

1 A religious gathering, for those that
2 practice, that religion, if it is being done
3 affecting a community, you really have a problem.

4 So, I want to let you know.

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. Thank you
6 for your comments.

7 Madam Clerk, is there a way that we can
8 distinguish on the permits going forward so we
9 know exactly what is happening.

10 Ma'am, if you would like to be heard,
11 please come forward.

12 EVELYN QUANTO: Evelyn Quanto, Roosevelt,
13 Long Island, New York.

14 And, I like to have a copy of the agenda
15 ahead of time, so, I can be more clear.

16 Everybody has their opinion and we are
17 entitled to freedom of speech. I attend those
18 rallies at the church and they have programs and
19 they bring groups and different people together.

20 You have to look at what is the intent of
21 these different various programs and I feel that,
22 um, because when I went to the church, I told them
23 at the church, you all need to get out into the
24 community and meet the people and educate the
25 people.

1 So, they can, um, have more information on
2 what you are doing, what is going on and different
3 programs so they can - - the children and the
4 people that live there know what is going on.

5 I was a person that went to Sunday school
6 every Sunday, but, today many children don't go to
7 Sunday school and they don't get their training
8 and stuff, educating and training young people and
9 exposing them to everything that is positive that
10 can help to develop them and their spirit and
11 their personality so they can have their full
12 potential challenge and it - - you have people and
13 that is the only positive gathering that they get
14 with reference to worship and all being exposed.

15 If it is positive, you have to look at it
16 and they have programs for children, the public,
17 helping schools.

18 It should be part of the government
19 funding, not the property taxes, the burden to
20 educate the children of the country, so that they
21 can develop their full potential.

22 There are a lot of things that have to be
23 done and improved, that is what I am saying,
24 alliance, things like that, you have to let the
25 people know so they can prepare if it is going

1 out too far that maybe have a concern but I attend
2 rallies from different groups all over the country
3 and if we don't understand, we can't have
4 gatherings and people show up and we will be in
5 the trouble we are in now at this point in this
6 country.

7 You have to look over your back. If we
8 don't start training and educating people - -

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

11 EVELYN QUANTO: - - working together and
12 showing up, here and respect and have
13 responsibility and accountability, we are in
14 trouble and that is where we are at, now.

15 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you.

16 EVELYN QUANTO: I have 77. I have been in
17 different parts of the World, former volunteer, a
18 former ambassador to South Africa and different
19 places but, here, there are challenges in the
20 United States of America.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Thank you. I am so
22 sorry, I have to ask you to wrap up your comments.

23 Thank you for sharing your thoughts with
24 us.

25 Thank you.

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1 All right, is there anybody else that would
2 like to be heard on the Administrative Calendar?

3 (Whereupon, no response was heard. After,
4 the following ensued.) Page | 119

5 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, Madam Clerk, will
6 you, please, call the roll on the Administrative
7 Calendar.

8 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

9 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: With respect to the
10 Administrative Calendar, I will vote yes on Item
11 11 but I do think that we need to explore a
12 greater oversight of what exactly we are giving
13 permits for.

14 I vote aye on the balance of the
15 Administrative Calendar with the exception of
16 Number 34 to which I vote no.

17 Item 52, the Alcott Contract, I disagree
18 with and I vote no.

19 I will reserve any further comments. There
20 is an D.A. investigation going on.

21 And, Item Number 56, I vote yes on all
22 personnel matters except Douglas Napp.

23 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: With the exception,
25 let's see, I vote aye with the exception

1 of Item Number 34 which I vote no and the
2 explanation is that I have been advised and the
3 Board has been advised by Commissioner Toscano, it
4 does not conform to the Apprentice Program, not Page | 120
5 only do I vote no, I ask the Commissioner and the
6 Department of Highways to reject the bid. Put it
7 back out with the correct language and Item 52 I
8 am voting no because under Town Code Section 64-5,
9 sub A, the Commissioner's signature, alone,
10 authorized the contract and the Town Board does
11 not need to approve it.

12 Everything else, I vote aye.

13 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

14 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Okay, on Item 34, again,
15 there is no Apprentice Program, I think also that
16 this kind of building can be done by somebody
17 local rather than New York City and we should try
18 to get, again, veteran-owned or locally-owned
19 businesses to do this kind of work.

20 It is not really rocket science. We should
21 rebid it and put it out to as many people as
22 possible and get a veteran-owned business to make
23 this facility for us.

24 And, Union, it is not a Union Apprentice
25 Program, so, no on 34.

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1 Regarding 52, I am voting no because,
2 again, Town Code 64-5A, the Commissioner's
3 signature, alone, authorizes the contract.

4 The Town Board does not need to approve
5 that, so ,I am voting no on that, also.

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6 So, those two items are no.

7 Everything else I vote yes.

8 CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

9 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: I vote yes with
10 the two exceptions I vote no on Item 34 and no on
11 Item 52.

12 CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I vote no on Item
14 34; I vote no on Item 52.

15 I vote aye on all the other items.

16 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Okay, may I have a
17 Motion to adjourn.

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I make a Motion to
19 adjourn.

20 COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Second.

21 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Madam Clerk?

22 CLERK CABANA: Supervisor Gillen?

23 SUPERVISOR GILLEN: Aye.

24 CLERK CABANA: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

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CLERK CABANA: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilwoman King-Sweeney?

COUNCILWOMAN KING-SWEENEY: Aye.

CLERK CABANA: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

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

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I, do hereby certify that the foregoing
testimony in the matter of the Hempstead Town
Board Meeting held on June 11, 2019, consisting 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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