

**TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD**

**ONE WASHINGTON STREET**

**TOWN HALL PAVILION**

**HEMPSTEAD, NEW YORK 11550**

**February 25, 2020**

**10:30 A.M.**

**BEFORE: DONALD X. CLAVIN, JR.**

**SUPERVISOR**

**APPEARANCES :**

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- DEPUTY SUPERVISOR/COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN
- SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY
- COUNCILMAN CARINI
- COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO
- COUNCILMAN DUNNE, SR.
- COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA
- TOWN CLERK MURRAY
- TOWN ATTORNY RA

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning,  
2 everybody. I like to welcome everyone to the Town  
3 Board Meeting.

4 For those that have never attended a  
5 Meeting before, we will first have our Public  
6 Hearings followed by the Decision Calendar and the  
7 Administrative Calendar.

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8 There are meeting agendas available in the  
9 rear of the Pavilion if you wish to be heard on  
10 any of those matters, please go to the rear of the  
11 Pavilion and just fill out a form.

12 After the Meeting is adjourned, the Town  
13 Board will stick around to hear any residents who  
14 have to address the Board on any matters.

15 Madam Clerk, please, call the roll.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Here.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Good Morning, Kate, I  
20 am here.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Good Morning, Bruce.

22 Councilman Carini?

23 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Good Morning, here.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

25 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I am here.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Here.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Here.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Good Morning, Kate,  
I am here.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Please stand for the  
Pledge of Allegiance and I ask Commissioner Ryder  
that joins us, here, to lead us in the Pledge of  
Allegiance.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RYDER: Hand over your  
heart.

(Whereupon, Nassau County Police  
Commissioner Ryder led the Assembly in the Pledge  
of Allegiance. After, the following ensued.)

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,  
Commissioner. Very good for not being mic-ed up,  
good job.

Madam Clerk, if you, please, call the first  
Public Hearing.

CLERK MURRAY: Petition of Commissioner of  
Buildings to demolish & remove the one and one  
half story wood frame one family dwelling with  
attached garage & remove all litter & debris

1 from property - Levittown - North side of Booth  
2 Lane, 258 feet East of Block Lane, a/k/a 33 Booth  
3 Lane- Department of Buildings.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have a number of Page | 5  
5 slips on this, Joseph Tighe, do you want to come  
6 up and give your name, please. Thank you.

7 You said it was "Tighe."

8 JOSPEH TYE: Tighe.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Have a seat on down,  
10 here and state your name and address for the  
11 record.

12 That would be great. Good Morning.

13 JOSEPH TIGHE: I am a Manhattan resident  
14 but I stay a few days at 39 Booth Lane, Levittown.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Speak closer to the  
16 mic.

17 JOSEPH TIGHE: My Mother lives at 39 Booth  
18 Lane, Levittown, which is two houses away from  
19 this house.

20 This house is a disaster and it has been  
21 for way, way, too long.

22 All these letters they keep posting with  
23 Diane's name and Diane has been dead ten, fifteen  
24 years.

25 Racoons, possums are all over the place.

1 I am afraid for my Mother to sit out in the  
2 backyard on a nice spring night.

3 This is ridiculous. They have squatters  
4 living in the house. There is someone that goes <sup>Page | 6</sup>  
5 in the back shed which is a disaster.

6 Enough is enough with this house.

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner Rottkamp,  
8 Commissioner.

9 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,  
10 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

11 Yes, that is why this is before the Town  
12 Board this morning, so that we can move ahead with  
13 demolishing this property.

14 JOSEPH TIGHE: We love that, thank you.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. We hear  
16 you.

17 George, I can't read your last name,  
18 Mullane, Esq., if you can come up, give your name  
19 and address for the record, we appreciate it.

20 ATTORNEY MULLANE: George Mullane, Frenkel,  
21 Lambert, Weiss, Weisman & Gordon. 53 Gibson  
22 Street, Bay Shore, New York.

23 Um, my client is the mortgagee of the  
24 property and this is the first Notice that we  
25 received regarding the violations.

1 So, we are just requesting an extension of  
2 time to look into this situation.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Commissioner?

4 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Yes, Supervisor, <sup>Page | 7</sup><sub>my</sub>  
5 recommendation to the Town Board would be to  
6 proceed with this Hearing and we will work with  
7 the applicant, if we can move forward with it,  
8 but, just because if they filed the paperwork,  
9 they won't have possession of this house for  
10 years.

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: All right, thank you.

12 ATTORNEY MULLANE: Thank you very much.

13 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Felix Procacci? Name  
14 and address for the record, please.

15 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Give your address for  
17 the record.

18 FELIX PROCACCI: I don't give my address.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Okay, thank you.

20 FELIX PROCACCI: One question, has the  
21 rodents - - has it been inspected that this  
22 property is rodent free before they do the  
23 demolition?

24 Because it is my understanding that I think  
25 it is a Nassau County Law that before you

1 demolish a house, all the properties must be  
2 rodent free.

3 So, I just wanted to know if the Town  
4 verified that it is rodent free?

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Rottkamp?

6 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: We make sure that  
7 is done.

8 FELIX PROCACCI: So, you couldn't go ahead  
9 with this resolution before you do that first?

10 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Now, the Town Board  
11 is giving me permission to knock it down, so,  
12 after the paperwork is corrected, then, at that  
13 time, when they file for the demo permit, they  
14 file with a letter stating that there are no  
15 rodents on the property.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

18 I don't have any slips on this matter, is  
19 there anybody else that wishes to be heard?

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

22 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
23 Motion.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion that we  
25 close the Hearing and adopt the item.



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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
call the next item.

CLERK MURRAY: Petition of Commissioner of  
Buildings to demolish & remove the two-story wood  
frame, one-family dwelling with attached two-car  
garage & remove all litter & debris from property  
- Merrick - East side of Tyrus Court, 147 feet  
South of Jerusalem Avenue, aka 971 Tyrus Court -  
Department of Buildings.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips

1 on this matter, would anybody wish to be heard?

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

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a <sup>Page | 10</sup>  
5 Motion.

6 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
7 Public Hearing be closed and the Item be adopted.

8 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: So moved.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

12 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

14 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
24 call the next item.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:

1 "Regulations and Restrictions" to limit parking in  
2 Inwood, Oceanside, Roosevelt, West Hempstead (To  
3 amend Chapter 202 of the Code of the Town of  
4 Hempstead)

5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips  
6 on this matter, would anybody wish to be heard?

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

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
10 Motion.

11 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
12 Public Hearing be closed and the Item be adopted.

13 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second the motion.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

19 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, can I hear  
4 the next item, please.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:  
6 "Parking or Standing Prohibitions" in Bellmore,  
7 Franklin Square, Inwood, Oceanside, West  
8 Hempstead, near Westbury (To amend Section 202-1  
9 of the Code of the Town of Hempstead)

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips  
11 on this matter, would anybody wish to be heard?

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

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
15 Motion.

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
17 Public Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the  
19 motion.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

25 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

2 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

3 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

6 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
10 call the next item.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:  
12 "Arterial Stops" in West Hempstead (To amend  
13 Section 197-5 of the Code of the Town of  
14 Hempstead)

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips  
16 on this matter, does anybody wish to be heard?

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

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
20 Motion.

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move that the  
22 Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
24 Motion.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
call the next item.

CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Local Law Re:  
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SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips  
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1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: I make a Motion to close  
2 the Hearing and adopt the item.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
19 call the next item.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed amendment of  
21 Subsection 429 (A) of Article XLII of the Building  
22 Zone Ordinance of the Town of Hempstead in  
23 relation to residential density for multifamily  
24 and mixed-use buildings - Town of Hempstead.

25 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any

1 Slips on this matter, does anybody wish to be  
2 heard?

3 Come on up. Have a seat and give your name  
4 and address.

5 And, you are no stranger and nice to see  
6 you.

7 META MEREDAY: Meta J. Mereday, Baldwin.

8 I had some questions, I need a point of  
9 clarification with regard to, um, the purpose for  
10 this and what the potential impacts would be as  
11 there are certain communities that seem to have  
12 very dense population of housing developments and  
13 others do not?

14 And, because we have a need for affordable  
15 housing, I want to know how this is going to be  
16 impactful down the road as we look to increase the  
17 numbers of affordable housing projects for our  
18 residents who, you know, need to downsize or  
19 whatever.

20 So, if I can get some clarity.

21 ATTORNEY REGINA: Rich Regina, Counsel to  
22 the Town Board.

23 When the BMX Overlay District was first  
24 created beginning in August of '18 in the  
25 community meetings and in the communications



1 with civic associations, Chamber of Commerce,  
2 other community leaders, there was originally  
3 maximum residential density cap numbers for multi-  
4 family and mixed-use buildings in each of the  
5 subject districts.

6 In July of 2019, those numbers were removed  
7 and in the Ordinance that was adopted last month,  
8 each application would be reviewed by the Town  
9 Board for those numbers.

10 The Baldwin Civic Association contacted the  
11 Town Board and sought clarity and they sought in  
12 their words, um, clear and concise density  
13 language as initially offered.

14 They wanted the numbers back in and that is  
15 what the purpose of this amendment is.

16 META MEREDAY: Okay, I had a feeling the  
17 genesis of this was from Baldwin.

18 But, again, I just want to make sure that  
19 this is not something that, again, is going to be  
20 flipflopping back and forth based upon what  
21 specific needs are for other communities because,  
22 again, we have a problem with regard to affordable  
23 housing.

24 And, because often developers come to the  
25 table and they say they need to make a certain

1 amount of money to get the return on the  
2 investment.

3 The affordability of the housing, then,  
4 becomes an issue.

5 And, then, we have the same situation that  
6 we have right, now.

7 So, I just want to make sure that this is  
8 not going to again limit maybe less connected  
9 developers that may have smaller projects so that  
10 they are not limited because of the regulations to  
11 have a certain number of affordable housing within  
12 their complex where they don't have a capacity for  
13 high volume multiple projects across the board.

14 So, I just want to make sure that is going  
15 to be clear.

16 Because we don't want to get in any  
17 additional type of litigation or address the fact  
18 that we still have a housing crisis throughout the  
19 Township.

20 ATTORNEY REGINA: That is understood. The  
21 BMX Overlay District only applies to the  
22 designated eighty-seven (87) acres along Grand  
23 Avenue in Baldwin.

24 META MEREDAY: Okay, for this particular -  
25 -

1 ATTORNEY REGINA: Yes.

2 META MEREDAY: - - Regulation?

3 Okay, great, thank you.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. Does

5 anybody else wish to be heard?

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

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
9 Motion.

10 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
11 close the Hearing and adopt the resolution.

12 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

14 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

16 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

18 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

20 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

22 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

24 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

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1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
3 call the next item.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed renewal of a  
5 contract for furnishing fire protection within the  
6 Green Acres Mall Fire Protection District  
7 (Incorporated Village of Valley Stream)

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8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I don't have any slips  
9 on this matter, does anybody wish to be heard?

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

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
13 Motion.

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

16 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Second.

17 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

19 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

20 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

22 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

24 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

1 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

3 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

5 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

6 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
7 call the next item.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed renewal contract  
9 for furnishing fire protection within the Mill  
10 Brook Fire Protection District (Incorporated  
11 Village of Valley Stream)

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do not have any slips  
13 on this matter, does anybody else wish to be  
14 heard?

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

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
18 Motion.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I move the Public  
20 Hearing be closed and the item be adopted.

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: I second the  
22 motion.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

2 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

3 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

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5 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

7 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

9 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

11 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
13 call the next item.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Proposed Incorporation of  
15 the Merrick Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. - Merrick  
16 (Merrick Fire Department)

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I do have a slip on  
18 this matter, Salvatore Sapienza.

19 SALVATORE SAPIENZA: Good Morning.

20 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Good Morning, Mr.  
21 Sapienza, (Phonetic spelling) if you come down and  
22 have a seat and give your name and address, we  
23 appreciate, for the record.

24 Thank you.

25 SALVATORE SAPIENZA: Salvatore Sapienza.

1 55 Merrick Road, Massapequa, New York.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Sapienza.

4 SALVATORE SAPIENZA: I am here to speak in <sup>Page | 23</sup>  
5 favor of this proposal that incorporates the three  
6 fire companies which constitutes the Merrick Fire  
7 Protection District and they are in favor of this.

8 They believe that this incorporation will  
9 enhance their ability to obtain Grants going  
10 forward and also facilitate the rendition of  
11 emergency medical services because it is difficult  
12 with the certificate in need in one fire company  
13 that to move the ambulances between different fire  
14 houses, they believe that this project or this  
15 incorporation will enhance the ability of the  
16 ability of the fire department to provide fire  
17 services going forward and, the Merrick Fire  
18 Protection District.

19 And, I would just like to correct the name,  
20 it should be the Merrick Volunteer Fire Department  
21 would be the correct name.

22 I apologize, there were going to be members  
23 from the Fire Department but, unfortunately, they  
24 got called away for other business and they  
25 couldn't be present.

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1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I appreciate it, Mr.  
2 Sapienza.

3 I don't have any other slips on this  
4 matter.

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5 Is there anyone that would like to be  
6 heard?

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

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
10 Motion.

11 COUNCILMAN CARINI: I move this Hearing be  
12 closed and the Motion adopted.

13 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Second the Motion.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

17 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

19 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

21 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

23 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

24 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

25 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.



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1 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

2 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

3 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
4 call the Decision Calendar.

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5 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor, we have two  
6 items on the Decision Calendar.

7 The first is the application of 7-ELEVEN,  
8 INC. to permit and demolish the (2) two existing  
9 one-story buildings and construct a new one-story  
10 2,580 feet of convenience store with fuel canopy,  
11 four (4) multiple product dispensers providing  
12 eight (8) fueling stations and associated  
13 underground tanks, additional site work for  
14 parking and landscaping and a trash enclosure -  
15 NORTH BELLMORE - North side of Jerusalem Avenue &  
16 100.07 feet East of Bellmore Road.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Could I have a Motion.

18 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Just being clear, this  
19 is in North Bellmore on Jerusalem Avenue, on  
20 Bellmore Road and Jerusalem Avenue and Bellmore  
21 Road.

22 I make a motion that we pass this.

23 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Second the  
24 Motion.

25 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Close the Hearing and

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Pass it.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

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COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
call the next item on the Decision Calendar.

CLERK MURRAY: The second decision is the application of PATH LAND HOLDINGS, LLC for a permit to include existing gasoline service station with "GSS" District and demolish the existing one-story building with basement and construct a new, one story, 2996' convenience store without basement with eight (8) multiple product dispensers providing sixteen (16) fueling stations, additional site work for parking approximately, 33,572 feet of landscaping and a trash enclosure are also proposed no automotive repairs, bodywork, automotive painting or

1 automotive sales will occur - near BETHPAGE - East  
2 side of Hicksville Road & South side of Central  
3 Avenue.

4 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can I have a Motion. Page | 27

5 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: This is the one at the  
6 end of Wantagh Avenue and Hicksville Road which I  
7 am making a Motion that this matter be adjourned  
8 without date.

9 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

11 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

13 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

15 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

17 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

19 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

20 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

21 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

22 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

23 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

24 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Just to be clear on  
25 this, it was passed.

1 Just to be clear, it has been opposed by  
2 the residents in my area.

3 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: It has been adjourned.

4 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: It has been adjourned <sup>Page | 28</sup>  
5 without date because people in my District, I  
6 represent, are up in arms about it.

7 And, I don't represent this company.

8 I represent the people of my District and  
9 that is why we are not going forward with this at  
10 this time.

11 Thank you.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Madam Clerk, please,  
13 call the Administrative Calendar.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor, we have 63 items  
15 on the Administrative Calendar.

16 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Do any Council Members  
17 wish to sever any items?

18 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, I would  
19 like to make a Motion that we sever Item Number 40  
20 from the Calendar and with your permission we call  
21 this Hearing, first.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have a number of - -  
24 Item Number 40, a vote to sever.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

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CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I have a number of  
slips on this Item Number 40.

We will start with Commissioner Patrick  
Ryder. Good Morning, Commissioner.

POLICE COMMISSIONER RYDER: Good Morning.  
And, I want to start off by thanking the  
Supervisor and the entire Board for giving this  
opportunity, here today to speak to you on  
something that is very important to all of us  
residents, here in Nassau County.

I want to especially thank Councilman  
D'Esposito.

1 We reached out to him with this issue, this  
2 Resolution that is going to be in front of you,  
3 today and hopefully get your support.

4 Back in 1939, Police Officer Alexander  
5 Benedict was investigating a burglary here in  
6 Nassau County, protecting the people, complete  
7 strangers that we go out and put our lives on the  
8 line for every day and while doing that  
9 investigation, he was shot and tragically killed  
10 in the line of duty.

11 There have been forty men and women that  
12 have paid the ultimate sacrifice here in Nassau  
13 County, those that have died serving the people of  
14 Nassau County putting their lives on the line.

15 They lay in gravesites throughout, not  
16 only, here in Nassau County, the Town of  
17 Hempstead, but, throughout the Country.

18 And, every year during Police Week, we go  
19 out and we take care of the sites.

20 We go out and maintain them and we service  
21 them.

22 Back in 1952, Officer Benedict's family had  
23 all passed on and the gravesite has not been  
24 maintained and there were bills that had built up  
25 at that gravesite and that is why were are

1 here, today.

2 Four of those Members that are buried in  
3 the Greenfield Cemetery, those that have been  
4 maintained and take care of, Officer Benedict's Page | 31  
5 has not.

6 Because of that, we have gone to our PBA  
7 and thankfully they are replacing the gravestone  
8 at the site.

9 But, the maintenance needs to be done.

10 This can only be done when the back bills  
11 are paid and maintenance is taken care of, and  
12 that is what is in front of you, today.

13 I leave you with this one quote, "A Nation  
14 that does not honor its heroes will not long  
15 endure."

16 Abraham Lincoln said that.

17 Officer Benedict is not only a Member of  
18 the Service of the Nassau County Police Department  
19 that paid that ultimate sacrifice but he is also a  
20 World War I Veteran and to leave his gravesite in  
21 a condition that it is and, again, the people at  
22 the Greenfield Cemetery have been nothing but  
23 professional working with our Department.

24 So, I again, commend them, but to leave  
25 that gravesite, that is not how we show

1 gratitude.

2 We must take care of those who paid that  
3 ultimate sacrifice.

4 We must take care of our Veterans and we Page | 32  
5 must continue to - - obviously, the law  
6 enforcement community, my men and women, here in  
7 our Department, all came here today to let you  
8 know the importance that we always remember those  
9 that have fallen and made the ultimate sacrifice.

10 That Resolution is in front of you, today,  
11 to waive those bills going forward and in  
12 remembrance of our Members.

13 And, again, that will long endue the  
14 government, here in the Town of Hempstead, as our  
15 great President Abraham Lincoln said.

16 So, I thank you for your time.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you,  
18 Commissioner.

19 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Thank you,  
20 Commissioner.

21 And, Supervisor, if I may, I just want to  
22 say that those of us in this room, those of us  
23 that are here today from the Nassau County Police  
24 Department that have taken the oath.

25 We always vow to never forget those



1 that have been before us, those that have paid the  
2 ultimate sacrifice.

3 And, I just wanted to thank you and the  
4 Board for considering this today. Page | 33

5 I want to give a special recognition to  
6 Craig Berland (Phonetic Spelling) who was retired  
7 from the Police Department, who was the one that  
8 reached out to my office to get this going working  
9 with the International Police Association Region  
10 5, the Nassau County P.D. Foundation, Commissioner  
11 Ryder and his office, um, this is our way of  
12 paying tribute and making sure that we never  
13 forget, um, the dedication and the commitment of  
14 Alexander Benedict, who gave his life on February  
15 3, 1939, not only for this County and for the  
16 people that they are sworn to protect, but also  
17 after coming home and fighting in World War I.

18 So, I want to thank you all for your  
19 consideration.

20 And, I know I speak on behalf of  
21 Commissioner Ryder and the entire Nassau County  
22 Police Department that I urge you to support this.

23 Thank you and God Bless you guys.

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Supervisor, if I may  
25 be heard.

1 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Yes.

2 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: First, I want to  
3 thank Commissioner Ryder and his outstanding  
4 staff, first of all, for making Nassau County a Page | 34  
5 safer place.

6 I know in my District and I think all the  
7 Members of this Town Board feel the same way that  
8 the Nassau County Police Department is extremely  
9 responsive to the needs of our constituents.

10 So, I want to thank you for that.

11 I want to thank you for bringing this to  
12 our attention.

13 I want to commend Councilman D'Esposito for  
14 leading the charge of the Town Board on this.

15 On a personal level, you know, law  
16 enforcement and homeland security are very  
17 important to me.

18 I lost my nephew on 911, who was a Court  
19 Officer, who was participating in the evacuation  
20 of Tower 2 at the World Trade Center when it  
21 collapsed on him.

22 Unfortunately, we don't have any DNA with  
23 one of the families that recovered DNA, so, we  
24 don't have a place to bury my nephew.

25 So, it is his resting place.

1 So, this is very sensitive to me and I  
2 appreciate this.

3 In addition, I recently found out that  
4 through Ancestry.com - - this is not a  
5 commercial, but, it is fascinating, my great Uncle  
6 was a World War I Veteran, got the Purple Heart  
7 and I found out where he was buried and  
8 coincidentally, he was buried in the same cemetery  
9 that my Mother and Father who were both World War  
10 II Veterans.

11 My Mother was in the Army.

12 I am one of the few people that can say  
13 both their parents were Veterans.

14 I recently found that he was buried in the  
15 same cemetery as my Mom and Dad.

16 So, I know how important this is to  
17 maintain the legacy of somebody like Police  
18 Officer Benedict and those that followed him.

19 So, thank you very much for bringing it to  
20 our attention.

21 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Supervisor, if I may  
22 also just briefly, in my forty-five years in  
23 government and the County, here in the Town, I  
24 have gone through twelve different Commissioners  
25 in Nassau County Police, of all the Commissioners,

1 I never had - - we never had an incredible  
2 Commissioner like Patty Ryder.

3 Sir, your opioid campaign is phenomenal,  
4 second to none.

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5 The case on drugs, you took the lead on  
6 that, too.

7 You are unbelievable and for our humble  
8 Chambers to have you here finally is very  
9 important thing, especially remembering the forty  
10 people that were killed in the line of duty and  
11 that is humbling for all of us.

12 And, it shows how important it is that you  
13 are here.

14 God Bless you.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Supervisor, if I may,  
17 Commissioner Ryder, welcome, today.

18 I had the pleasure of serving on your  
19 Community Council and I also served twenty-two  
20 years as a Police Officer, so, this means a lot.

21 Thank you Councilman D'Esposito for taking  
22 the lead as always.

23 Um, we have to remember our people.

24 We should never forget our fallen heroes.

25 Thank you, Commissioner, Councilman

1 D'Esposito, um, Supervisor Clavin and the Nassau  
2 County PBA.

3 Thank you.

4 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Supervisor, can I <sup>Page | 37</sup>  
5 say something, I have a question, Commissioner  
6 Ryder, are those crazy socks you are wearing?

7 POLICE COMMISSIONER RYDER: Sold. These  
8 beautiful socks, they are for the fallen.

9 They represent everybody that have made the  
10 ultimate sacrifice, Firemen, Police Officers, my  
11 Brothers who work for the Johnfield Foundation and  
12 for those officers from 911 who still suffer from  
13 cancer.

14 So, thank you.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

16 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I say that for a  
17 reason, I took notice that in reference to the  
18 bond between Police Officers in our community,  
19 there was somebody else here that has crazy socks.

20 I like for him to step forward and show him  
21 his pair.

22 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: You're talking  
23 about me?

24 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the  
25 following ensued.)

1 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Yes.

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

4 (Whereupon, Councilman D'Esposito shows his <sup>Page | 38</sup>  
5 socks. After, the following ensued.)

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

8 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: I declare my fellow  
9 Councilman Anthony D'Esposito the winner.

10 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the  
11 following ensued.)

12 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I am very  
13 happy to be here and be apart of this and  
14 certainly, I welcome for you to come into  
15 Greenfield Cemetery because it is in my District.

16 POLICE COMMISSIONER RYDER: Thank you.

17 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Thank you so  
18 much.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: And, before I make a  
20 Motion, I just want to commend all of you and all  
21 law enforcement when I look back at the history of  
22 Valley Stream, my Grandfather was in the Valley  
23 Stream Police Department before there was a County  
24 and some of you might have know my Uncle Harry or  
25 my cousin Claudio along the way.

1 And, you are smiling too much, so, I know  
2 that you definitely did.

3 You provide a great service and I think you  
4 have a real level of support and clearly see from <sup>Page | 39</sup>  
5 this Town Board that is always going to work with  
6 you both past, present and future.

7 But, for all of you in law enforcement, we  
8 thank you.

9 We thank you for remembering all those who  
10 gave the ultimate sacrifice.

11 And, as I said, more importantly, you have  
12 friends in the Town of Hempstead, both residents  
13 and Board Members alike, so, thank you for  
14 everything that you do.

15 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Supervisor, if I  
16 may, I make a Motion authorizing the installation  
17 of the memorial gravestone for Nassau County hero  
18 Alexander Benedict.

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I second the Motion.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I second the  
21 Motion.

22 (Whereupon, laughter was heard. After, the  
23 following ensued.)

24 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I don't mess with  
25 Senior Councilwoman Goosby.

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1 Please reflect she seconded the Motion.

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If this is the only  
3 fight we will have here, the two of you seconding  
4 the Motion, it is a good day for us.

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5 This is great.

6 Madam Clerk.

7 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

8 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: I proudly vote aye.

9 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

10 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

11 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

12 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Absolutely, aye.

13 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

14 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

15 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

16 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Absolutely proud to say  
17 aye.

18 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

19 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Very proud to  
20 vote aye.

21 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

22 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

23 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you all.

24 (Whereupon, a standing ovation was observed  
25 by all. Applause from the audience was heard.



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1 After, the following ensued.)

2 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Can I have a Motion on  
3 the remainder of the calendar.

4 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: So moved. Page | 41

5 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

7 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye - - Oh, I am sorry,  
8 my apologies.

9 I have a couple of slips. We will start  
10 with Felix Procacci.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci.

12 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Name and address for  
13 the record, please.

14 FELIX PROCACCI: Felix Procacci.

15 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: No address, again?

16 FELIX PROCACCI: No.

17 What is the Resolution 8020 that there are  
18 corrections for?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: What number is it?

20 FELIX PROCACCI: Please, stop the clock.

21 Number 57.

22 HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SAMMON: The  
23 Master Resolution, Supervisor.

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Sammon, I am sorry?

25 HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SAMMON: I

1 Believe he is asking about the Resolution that  
2 refers to the amended resolutions that are on  
3 today's calendar.

4 These are individuals that were on the  
5 payroll as of January 1, 2020.

6 But, conversion in the software system, the  
7 names were not printed out on the resolutions the  
8 Town Board voted on.

9 We will add those names in the resolution.

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

11 FELIX PROCACCI: These were the resolutions  
12 that were voted on in January 21<sup>st</sup>?

13 HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR SAMMON: These  
14 will be added to that resolution, the 21<sup>st</sup>  
15 resolution.

16 FELIX PROCACCI: I did bring that up at the  
17 February 4<sup>th</sup> Meeting, that there were errors on it,  
18 I think, actually, on the January 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting,  
19 saying, there were errors and you came up here and  
20 spoke that there weren't.

21 Now, you are adding those, okay.

22 Um, also, um, Items 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36,  
23 all the same question for all of these, 39, 46 and  
24 48, um, the issue is that these are all contracts  
25 of professional services over twenty thousand

1 dollars, over ten thousand dollars, so, they  
2 require bids in none of these cases?

3 Going back to February 4<sup>th</sup>, when they were  
4 printed, the other ones were printed, you never Page | 43  
5 listed the bidders, the other bidders on these  
6 contracts.

7 You just said, you know, "There were ten  
8 bids. There were six bids. There were two bids."

9 Why aren't they listing the competing bids?

10 That is one thing.

11 And, also, when were these contracts put  
12 out to bid to start with?

13 Can you stop the clock.

14 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHRIST: Supervisor,  
15 Members of the Town Board, Johnathan Christ,  
16 Deputy Commissioner, Department of Planning and  
17 Economic Development.

18 I believe all of those items that you are  
19 pointing out are, um, requirement contracts for  
20 the Department of Planning.

21 They go out by RFP.

22 They are, um, companies that we use to run  
23 our programs, our Federal programs.

24 We follow strict guidelines.

25 They go out by RFP in Newsday, Long Island

1 News and on our website.

2 Um, we get numerous respondents and our,  
3 um, committees are made up of three to five  
4 employees that look through each proposal,  
5 evaluates each proposal, bring in the respondents  
6 for interviews and they are scored and these  
7 contracts are awarded based on the scores from the  
8 evaluations and we follow strict HUD regulations.

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9 FELIX PROCACCI: I looked at the RFP bids  
10 on the Town's website and I couldn't find any of  
11 these.

12 Can you direct me to where they are?

13 And, second question is, has the Compliance  
14 Officer reviewed any of these bids?

15 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHRIST: They should be  
16 on the website.

17 FELIX PROCACCI: I can't find them.

18 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHRIST: Originally,  
19 they went out, back in August of 2019, back in  
20 September of 2019 and as the evaluation process  
21 went forward, um, recommendations were made to the  
22 Commissioner of the Department at the time and  
23 resolutions were sent over here, but, it was a  
24 different administration at the time, so, we are  
25 going through a process of putting on the correct

1 names of the administrative, um, um, Supervisor  
2 and the new Board Members.

3 And, it has taken a little bit of time.

4 They are all retroactive to January 1<sup>st</sup>. Page | 45

5 FELIX PROCACCI: Has the Compliance Officer  
6 reviewed them?

7 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER CHRIST: I couldn't  
8 answer to that.

9 FELIX PROCACCI: Okay, also, what is  
10 missing from the various positions and occupations  
11 is the Town's Majority still hasn't selected an  
12 Ethics Board Member and this is, I think it is  
13 going on seven, eight months, now.

14 So, I don't know what is taking so much  
15 time.

16 But, um, I will take a look at the website  
17 and try to find out where these bids are.

18 Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you.

20 Have a nice day.

21 James Riff. I hope I said it right.

22 JAMES RIFF: People say my name wrong all  
23 the time.

24 I live in Franklin Square. I don't feel  
25 comfortable giving the address.

1 The reason why I am here, I saw there was a  
2 resolution online about assessing a house and, um,  
3 um, Nassau County Land Reports about six months  
4 ago and it was already an assessment for Board  
5 demolition and everything on the house.

6 And, now, I see that it is up, again for  
7 another vote.

8 It has already going to take place.

9 When I owned the property, I paid for it  
10 twice and, now, and, now, I am sorry, the problem  
11 I am having, now, the bank is coming after me.

12 I already paid for it twice and I see it  
13 is on for a fourth or fifth time.

14 If you go to the Nassau - - to the U.S.  
15 Land Report, it shows that it was already assessed  
16 and put on.

17 I am actually waiting, um, for Nassau  
18 County to give me - - they said it was so much  
19 paperwork put on the assessment and it will take  
20 time to print it all out and give me a copy of it.

21 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: That is Number 7 on the  
22 calendar.

23 Do you know which one it was on the  
24 calendar?

25 Commissioner Rottkamp?

1 COMMISSIONER ROTTKAMP: Good Morning,  
2 Supervisor, Members of the Town Board:

3 This is a special assessment, um, for the  
4 fence that was put around the property for the demolition. Page | 47  
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6 Um, the job was, obviously, completed.  
7 This is just the paperwork following up on the  
8 fence, as he stated, the demolition and boarding  
9 up were already done.

10 This is just for the fence that was put  
11 there.

12 JAMES RIFF: If you actually go to Nassau  
13 County for the fence and already I actually went  
14 down there and saw the records from the Nassau  
15 County Department and they showed me that was  
16 already assessed, the demolition and everything.

17 A company called Gabby, Inc., they are  
18 supposedly, it was part of the contract.

19 And, they said that everything was assessed  
20 onto it, part of the contract that - -

21 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: So, you are claiming  
22 it was paid already?

23 JAMES RIFF: It was paid four times because  
24 I paid when I owned the property, it was already  
25 assessed with the taxes.

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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Hold on a second,  
2 sir, can somebody meet with this gentleman, now  
3 and try to sort out the issue to see whether or  
4 not it is paid.

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5 JAMES RIFF: All you have to do is go to  
6 the Nassau County - -

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: We will get somebody  
8 to work with you.

9 Steve, where is - - Steve will put you in  
10 touch with the right person and we will figure it  
11 out.

12 JAMES RIFF: I know already from the right  
13 person.

14 It is through Maureen O'Connell's Office.

15 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: What do you want us  
16 to do?

17 JAMES RIFF: I am trying to figure it out  
18 how are you putting it on the calendar?

19 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am trying to help  
20 you, have somebody meet with you to try to figure  
21 it out.

22 JAMES RIFF: Oh, I wanted - - all right.

23 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Do you want the help?

24 JAMES RIFF: Yes, that is fine.

25 I misunderstood.



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1 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: I am just trying to  
2 help you and have someone meet with you right,  
3 now, and try to figure it out.

4 JAMES RIFF: Thank you, sir.

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you very much.

6 Diane Madden?

7 Name and address. How are you?

8 DIANE MADDEN: Diane Madden, Hempstead.

9 Um, I will just take one, specifically  
10 piggybacking on some issues that Felix just  
11 brought up, but, Item Number 36, um, some of these  
12 names really sound all too familiar and I really,  
13 obviously, I was hoping for some change.

14 But, in any case, um, there were, according  
15 to the records, six responses for this contract,  
16 can anyone tell me if the person that, um,  
17 assuming will win this contract, was that the  
18 lowest bidder?

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Deputy Commissioner?

20 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER: Item Number 36 is for  
21 Attorneys in the Department of Planning.

22 Um, I don't know exactly how many  
23 respondents we had.

24 I know there were more than - - the award  
25 of the contract was to, I believe, six - -

1 no five are being awarded, okay.

2 Mr. Davis has a specialty in, um, in, um,  
3 residential replacement or commercial replacement.

4 During the condemnation process, these are <sup>Page | 50</sup>  
5 requirement contracts and we often don't even use,  
6 um, the contracts throughout the year, but, we  
7 need to have them in place to run the programs.

8 DIANE MADDEN: So, in other words, it is a  
9 one hundred thousand dollar contract but this  
10 particular Attorney may not do any work,  
11 therefore, will not submit a claim for, is that my  
12 understanding, is that correct?

13 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER: If he doesn't do any  
14 work, he will not submit any claim forms.

15 DIANE MADDEN: Okay, because, you know, for  
16 me, personally and hopefully throughout the  
17 campaign, we did a lot of campaigning at  
18 synagogues, churches and religious organizations  
19 and I just find it troubling we are not seeing any  
20 names when I use to go into congregations, I would  
21 ask the people if they had received or were  
22 getting any jobs in Hempstead.

23 And, no hand were raised.

24 So, I do find it concerning that it is the  
25 same names over and over again.

1 And, it makes the appearance that there are  
2 kickbacks with some of these contacts and that  
3 concerns me.

4 And, it should concern you, Supervisor, Page | 51  
5 based on the number of times you made comments  
6 during that campaign.

7 This doesn't just come as a cost to  
8 taxpayers because taxpayers, they don't have  
9 sudden onset of amnesia after Election Day.

10 They are watching, most are watching. The  
11 cost comes at Election time.

12 So, please, remember that and do a better  
13 job of outreaching to the public and to the voters  
14 where you campaigned to secure some of these  
15 contracts.

16 Thank you.

17 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Madden.

18 Mary Ellen Kreye?

19 Good Morning.

20 MARY ELLEN KREYE: Good Morning. Mary  
21 Ellen Kreye. 436 Locust Avenue, Uniondale.

22 I want to thank you for finally, finally,  
23 finally putting the, um, Youth Project Grants from  
24 the CBBG on the agenda and looking forward to  
25 receiving the funds which already have been

1 spent by us.

2 And, as you well know, most of our  
3 organizations in Youth Services, do not have a,  
4 um, excuse me, endowment, so, we are constantly Page | 52  
5 playing catching up.

6 And, we are very much going to appreciate  
7 it. Thank you.

8 Um, I think that is all for, now.

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you, Ms. Kreye.  
10 Ms. Mereday? Good Morning.

11 META MEREDAY: It is still morning. Meta  
12 J. Mereday, Baldwin.

13 As I was sitting, here, looking at a list  
14 of twenty (20) open and abandoned residences in  
15 Baldwin, um, I am going to applaud the Board for  
16 Resolution Number 40.

17 I, too, have relatives who are buried in  
18 Greenfield towards the back of Greenfield  
19 Cemetery; three generations of my relatives  
20 including my great Uncle who served in World War  
21 I.

22 He doesn't have a designation in that  
23 cemetery.

24 Again, I will leave that there, with regard  
25 to the treatment of African Americans who

1 served this Country in all Wars in founding of the  
2 Country.

3 I have some concerns that were shared  
4 earlier with regard to the contract process.

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5 And, taking opportunity, liberally, as the  
6 Supervisor knows, I was one of the few residents  
7 who stayed through it, the one County meeting in  
8 the evening, um, but I do have some concerns that  
9 were voiced earlier with regard to seeing the same  
10 names with these contracts.

11 Even looking up, I was pleasantly surprised  
12 to see there was, at least, one person of color  
13 that received a contract, but, guess what, I am  
14 not jumping up and down with great excitement.

15 That we are in 2020, we are still,  
16 unfortunately, doing business as usual as Diane  
17 Madden so eloquently stated, we are hoping for  
18 something different.

19 Um, there is truly been a revolving chair  
20 in the Supervisor's spot, as you are, now, the  
21 fourth Supervisor that I have sat before.

22 Um, residents need to have some kind of  
23 consistency and some kind of stability in their  
24 leadership.

25 So, I will leave that part there.

1 I do have a question, as it pertains to the  
2 item on the agenda, 41, I had a question about and  
3 just wanted to get some clarity, again, with the  
4 SEQRA. Page | 54

5 But, um, I have a question on 54, I just  
6 like to know where is the report?

7 Um, with regard to the boring study, can  
8 someone speak to that?

9 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Rich?

10 COMMISSIONER: Good Morning, Supervisor,  
11 Members of the Town Board:

12 All reports related to the Grumman Plume  
13 are on file in the Public Repository which is at  
14 the Bethpage Public Library.

15 Um, the soil borings have been done for  
16 twenty years and are tested quarterly and all the  
17 results are filed there.

18 META MEREDAY: Okay, is that information,  
19 is the public aware the plume is spreading passed  
20 Bethpage?

21 COMMISSIONER: Yes, every meeting, twice a  
22 year with the Navy and Grumman, are public  
23 meetings, advertised in the community and everyone  
24 of those meetings it starts off with an  
25 information sheet that tells people where the

1 Repository is.

2 META MEREDAY: Okay, thank you.

3 And, with regard to the contracts for the  
4 legal services, I see that there is one hundred <sup>Page | 55</sup>  
5 thousand dollars, is that just a blanket fee for  
6 Attorneys?

7 And, in fact, do they actually use all of  
8 that money?

9 Can someone speak to that?

10 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Mr. Ra?

11 TOWN ATTORNEY RA: I am sorry, I didn't  
12 hear the question.

13 META MEREDAY: It seems to be a blanket fee  
14 set up, here for the Attorneys that are listed,  
15 here at one hundred thousand dollars.

16 COMMISSIOENR: If you are speaking to the  
17 contracts at the Department of Planning and  
18 Economic Development, yes, they are one hundred  
19 thousand dollars and they are requirement  
20 contracts.

21 So, we only expend money based on work that  
22 is needed.

23 So, they have to put in a claim once they  
24 do work for us.

25 They can do one hundred thousand dollars

1 worth of work. They can do zero. At the end of  
2 the year it varies depending on projects that we  
3 are working on any given year.

4 META MEREDAY: Okay, again, but, my  
5 question has to do with what is the outreach?

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6 Because you might as well - -

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

9 META MEREDAY: - - Put the same names.

10 COMMISSIONER: No, again, the outreach is  
11 we follow strict HUD guidelines and we advertise  
12 in Newsday and Long Island Business News, as well  
13 as, the Town's website and these people often have  
14 expertise in what they do for us, what our  
15 programs require.

16 So, there is a level of expertise that they  
17 bring or a history.

18 We interview everybody that responds.

19 And, they are evaluated and they are  
20 scored.

21 META MEREDAY: I understand that HUD  
22 guidelines are very specific, also as it pertains  
23 to diversity and outreach.

24 So, those three publications do not.

25 COMMISSIONER: All our RFP's encourages



1 Women and Minority and Veteran-own businessowners  
2 to participate in our programs.

3 META MEREDAY: I didn't get to finish my  
4 point.

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5 COMMISSIONER: Okay.

6 META MEREDAY: The encouragement and the  
7 direct outreach, for example, the utilization of  
8 Spanish language publications or culturally  
9 relevant publications that is more than  
10 encouragement, that is best effort.

11 So, that is a difference between, just  
12 saying, on a small eight point type disclaimer and  
13 actually physically and fiscally being more  
14 responsible in doing outreach to increase a more  
15 cultural diverse workforce.

16 COMMISSIONER: I do reach out to the Nassau  
17 County Office of Minority Affairs.

18 META MEREDAY: Thank you.

19 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Thank you. I don't  
20 have any other slips on the Administrative  
21 Calendar, does anybody else wish to be heard?

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

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: If not, may I have a  
25 Motion.

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1 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move the  
2 Administrative Calendar.

3 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

4 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

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5 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

6 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

7 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

8 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

9 COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

10 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

11 COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

12 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

13 COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

14 CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

15 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

16 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

17 COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

18 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: May I have a Motion to  
19 adjourn.

20 SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: I move we  
21 adjourn.

22 COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Second.

23 CLERK MURRAY: Supervisor Clavin?

24 SUPERVISOR CLAVIN: Aye.

25 CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Blakeman?

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COUNCILMAN BLAKEMAN: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Carini?

COUNCILMAN CARINI: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman D'Esposito?

COUNCILMAN D'ESPOSITO: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Dunne?

COUNCILMAN DUNNE: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Senior Councilwoman Goosby?

SENIOR COUNCILWOMAN GOOSBY: Aye.

CLERK MURRAY: Councilman Muscarella?

COUNCILMAN MUSCARELLA: Aye.

(Whereupon, the official meeting of the  
Hempstead Town Board held on February 25, 2020 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 February 25, 2020, consisting of pages 1 through 60 inclusive is an accurate transcription of my cryptic notes.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I SET MY HAND THIS DAY.



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